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WHITE FRONT.

A Killing in Pickens County.

Dr. Thos. F. James, of this city, was killed in the Six Mile section of Pickens County on Wednesday night. His son, Hamp James, was desperately wounded at the same time. There is an element of mystery about the affair, and the reports reaching this city have been very meagre, the Six Mile section being somewhat remote from railroad stations and telephones.

The killing was done by Sam Lanier, a young white man, who has surrendered to the sheriff of Pickens County. Lanier's wife seems to have been primarily the cause of the trouble. The presence of the young man with Dr. James is against the theory that there was undue intimacy between Mrs. Lanier and the senior James. The probable explanation is that whiskey was section being reported as being affected by blockade liquor, and Dr. James seems to have rested under the imputation in that section of being an informer, as he was formerly connected with the revenue service.

Dr. James, as he was commonly called, was well known in this city, having resided here at two or three different periods and coming here frequently when living in Anderson County. He was about fifty-five years of age and was a native of Anderson County. He practiced extensively in Anderson and Pickens Counties. Lately he moved his family to this city, but spent most of his time in Pickens, on a farm near Six Mile Mountain. He leaves a wife and eight children.

Bob James, a son of the deceased, returned yesterday from the scene of the tragedy. He heard part of the testimony at the inquest and talked with some of the witnesses. His story removes some of the weird features of the case as regards Dr. James. The story he got is that Dr. James and Hamp went to the home of Sam Lanier, who is a tenant on their place, to spend the night. Lanier and his wife, who is a nurse, had a quarrel, and Hamp in attempting to go to the house, a difficulty with Lanier. Hamp was stabbed three times, once in the left arm and twice in the side. The physicians think the knife penetrated the lungs. The woman insisted that she was going to leave the place and go to her father's, and disregarded all remonstrances. She went out and hitched up Dr. James' horse. Hamp was getting weak and Dr. James took him to the buggy, and the two men, with the woman, went to the home of Tyler Eades, Mrs. Lanier's father, one mile distant. Arriving at the house the woman got out first and started to the house. As she got clear of the horse and buggy, two shots were fired from behind at her feet and she fell away. Hamp was hit in the head and face by several shots and could not tell accurately about the shooting. He did not hear his father groan or make any noise whatever.

When Tyler Eades reached the buggy he found Dr. James dead on the seat, having simply fallen back, his head hanging over the rear of the buggy. Two loads of No. 3 shot struck him in the breast and in the face. The breast was horribly torn up and the eyes were shot entirely out. Lanier told Eades what he had done. Hamp James' condition is desperate and his brother thinks his chances for life are very slight. The stabs are his worst wounds. The woman testified that Dr. James stabbed Hamp and that she was dragged by the James into the buggy, but got out before reaching her father's. Little is known of Lanier, as he came into that community only a year ago. He and his wife have not lived happily during their short married life.—*Greenville Mountaineer, 18th inst.*

Squarely for Expansion.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Nov. 15.—A special to The Banner from Florence, Ala., says that General Joe Wheeler, in a letter to Hon. W. J. Wood, of Florence, stating his views on the Philippine question, says:

"I am delighted with the Philippine islands. I have no doubt that a little push and energy this fall will crush out the Aguinaldo insurrection. Out of 9,000,000 of people in these islands, I do not think he has more than 20,000 soldiers, and in a square fight 5,000 Americans would tear them to pieces. All that is necessary to crush them out at once is for the army to get at them and keep at them until the work is done.

"The evil features of these islands have been exaggerated to our people. Their extent is so great from north to south and the variation of the altitude is such that there is a great variety of climate and variety of productions. Americans will find this an excellent field for their energies and the wealth producing powers of these islands under American influence will be very great.

The action of some people in the United States in asserting that the people of the Philippines ought to have independence does a great deal of harm and assists Aguinaldo in maintaining the insurrection, as he publishes all assertions by Americans of that character, and he tells his supporters that if they hold out until winter independence will be given them. It also has a bad effect in this—that people who are disposed to be favorable to us and who desire us to govern them, are afraid to assert themselves before election, because they know that if they should do so and the Americans should abandon them, they would be in great danger of their lives and all probability their property would be confiscated.

"On the 9th of September I had a little fight with the enemy at this point, but it did not amount to much, although as important as some other engagements which have been dignified in the papers as fights. I am sorry to say that much which appears in the papers of the United States is gross exaggeration. I expect to be on hand for congress. With high regards, truly your friend, JOE WHEELER."

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A Cotton Crop of 8,700,000 Bales.

On the heels of the government estimate of a 9,000,000-bale cotton crop The State has received from Latham, Alexander & Co. of New York a circular letter, bearing date November 15, which indicates a crop of 8,700,000 bales. This firm is one of the oldest and most responsible in the cotton trade and its annual statistical review is a standard book of reference. In its circular it says that having received many letters of inquiry as to the probable total cotton crop of the United States it mailed 4,200 letters to selected and reliable correspondents covering every cotton-growing country in the South—banks, bankers, cotton commission merchants, brokers, proprietors of public gins, railroad agents and planters—and received 2,800 replies of average date November 7. These Latham, Alexander & Co. consider "as reliable as any information that can be obtained." Tabulated that show the following results:

The average of 297 letters makes the decrease in Alabama 17 per cent., indicating a crop of 961,970 bales as compared with 1,159,000 bales for the last crop year.

Arkansas, 240 letters; average estimated decrease 30 per cent., or a crop of 583,800 bales. Last year, 834,000 bales.

Florida, 23 letters; average estimated decrease 10 per cent., or a crop of 63,000 bales. Last year, 70,000 bales.

Georgia, 566 letters; average estimated decrease 19 per cent., or a crop of 1,244,100 bales. Last year, 1,536,000 bales.

Louisiana, 116 letters; average estimated decrease 14 per cent., or a crop of 507,400 bales. Last year, 590,000 bales.

Mississippi, 299 letters; average estimated decrease 12 per cent., or a crop of 1,339,300 bales. Last year, 1,522,000 bales.

North Carolina, 233 letters; average estimated decrease 23 per cent., or a crop of 448,910 bales. Last year, 583,000 bales.

South Carolina, 258 letters; average estimated decrease 22 per cent., or a crop of 789,350 bales. Last year, 1,022,000 bales.

Tennessee, 135 letters; average estimated decrease 23 per cent., or a crop of 318,780 bales. Last year, 414,000 bales.

Texas, etc., 623 letters; average estimated decrease 31 per cent., or a crop of 2,452,950 bales. Last year, 3,555,000 bales.

The sum of these averages for the whole South indicates a crop of 8,700,000 bales against 11,275,930 for the last crop year.

Latham, Alexander & Co. add that 2,140 of the 2,800 correspondents report that the crop has been more rapidly marketed, or shipped to market as quickly as in former years, and 442 correspondents report that from 5 to 15 per cent. more than last year has been held on plantations, towns and cities for higher prices.

"Our special agents," they say, "who have been sent through the South for the past month to ascertain the true condition of the cotton crop fully confirm the foregoing estimates."

If the replies from other States average as conservatively as those from South Carolina, the crop of the South as a whole will be below rather than above the estimate of 8,700,000 bales, for our own guess at the crop of this State would be between 700,000 and 750,000 bales.

It is only a matter of time when Europe will begin to buy eagerly and heavily at advancing prices. For those who can hold cotton it is still the best thing to hold.—*The State.*

One Big Meteor Anyhow.

CHESAPE CITY, ILL., November 16.—By the falling of an aerolite, seven miles south of Crescent City, the residence of John Meyers was partially wrecked and the neighborhood was panic stricken. The meteor came from a point in the sky a little east of south and struck the north end of the house, flying eastward as it fell. The aerolite buried itself in the ground about three feet from the foundation of the house.

LONDON, November 16.—In Russia the Leonid displays caused a panic in many places. It was believed that the end of the world had come. Churches were open all night long and hundreds of thousands spent three nights in the open air, fearing earthquakes and a general cataclysm. There are rumors that in some villages Russian parents murdered their children to relieve them from an expected worse fate. There was rather a brilliant meteoric display between 2 and 5 o'clock Thursday morning at Berlin.

The Belated Star Shower.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., November 19.—Strange phenomena, supposed to be the first of the meteoric shower disturbance, was observed here on night between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock. The fiery messengers made their appearance directly overhead. As many as ten meteors were seen, all of which were in the red and orange, resembling comets. They first appeared as glowing lights and at times would glow a fiery red and then fade away, repeating this a number of times before they finally disappeared. During the lurid period the central body could be easily seen, the light radiating throughout the entire mass, which appeared to be about three feet long and six inches wide. It was also observed while the glow was on that these strange bodies appeared to be moving, the agitation being easily distinguishable with the naked eye. The entire zenith was overcast, although outside the area the sky was clear.

Great crowds gathered at the street corners and many were recalled at the strange sight. A number of negroes resorted to prayer as a means of protection from the stars, which they feared would reach the earth.

The assistant to the sheriff of Salt Lake City for the past two years is a woman, Miss Claire Helena Ferguson. She is refined and beautiful, but brave and unflinching in the performance of her duties, and has carried no less than 106 lunatics to the asylum, a distance of fifty miles, and has had some narrow escapes from death with them.

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STATE NEWS.

—It is rumored that ex-Governor John Gary Evans will make Spartanburg his future home.

—The State Conference of the Methodist Church, South, will be held this year at Orangeburg, beginning Dec. 6.

—R. W. Mitalam, Waterloo, is making efforts to organize a company to build a \$200,000 cotton mill in the town.

—In the Democratic primary in Charleston last week Mayor Smyth was renominated by a handsome majority.

—The handsome residence of Gen. J. Walter Gray in Greenville was destroyed by fire last Monday afternoon. Partly covered by insurance.

—Magistrate J. W. Peterson, of Laurens, was found dead in his chair. He had been in good health, and death is said to have been caused by apoplexy.

—The new organization known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Workers (an offshoot of the W. C. T. U.) held its first annual State convention in Columbia, S. C., Nov. 9 and 10.

—William Walker, a colored boy about twenty years old, fell from his bicycle at Etta June while riding at a rapid rate, and broke his neck. Death was instantaneous.

—The Clemson foot ball team will play the Georgia Technological Institute at Greenville, S. C., on November 30th. Both teams in fine shape and an interesting game is anticipated.

—Izab Bell, of Due West, died from the effects of an over-dose of morphine. He was a middle aged man, son of Mr. Marion Bell, and leaves a widow and several children.

—The new Presbyterian Church at Greenwood was dedicated at Greenwood last evening. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. W. Moore, D. D., of Richmond, Va. The building cost \$18,000.

—Two negroes will be hanged in Darlington county this week for rape. The horrible crime committed a month ago in Darlington will be recalled. This will be the first legal hanging for that crime that has probably ever occurred in this State.

—It is expected that Admiral Dewey and bride will spend a part of the winter in Aiken as guests of Hon. W. C. Whitney. Mr. Whitney is having eight rooms at the Aiken residence and everything put into shape for his occupancy.

—W. P. Powell, of Oconee county, who was convicted of a violation of the dispensary law, will be pardoned as soon as the proper papers can reach Governor McSwenney. Had health is the reason for the pardon.

—There are over three and a half millions of acres of swamp land in the lower part of South Carolina, and some enterprising speculator should organize a company and drain these swamps. The Gov. McSwenney would become the great corn State of the South.

—Governor McSwenney has received a commission from President McKinley appointing him a member of the committee on the national celebration of the establishment of the seat of government in the District of Columbia. The first meeting of the committee will be held in Washington on Dec. 21st next.

—At Rock Hill last Friday an aged negro woman was heard calling for help from her cabin. Persons on going into the house found the woman sitting on the fire in the chimney. She had got out of bed to get some water and had fallen into the fire and was unable to extricate herself. The doctors say the burns will be fatal.

—The milking contest at the State fair was quite interesting. Mr. J. H. Wharton won the first prize with one of his Jersey cows, which milked 31 pounds of milk in a day. The second prize was won by Mr. A. P. Haskell, whose cow milked 29 3/4 pounds. It may be noted that eight pounds is allowed to the gallon of milk.

—Governor McSwenney has received a letter from a farmer at Gaddy suggesting that he recommend to the Legislature to establish a State Keweenaw institute for drunks. He is a great believer in the treatment and thinks if such an institution is conducted something like the asylum great good would be accomplished.

—Nelson Rogers, a bad negro, and one who has made a number of crimes, was found in a dying condition on Main street at Bennettsville. He had been clubbed into insensibility and his skull fractured in several places. The assault was made shortly after dark in front of the Adams house, where people are always stirring. The affair is a mystery.

—J. J. Tinsley, ex-clerk of the board of county commissioners of Spartanburg county, who was arrested in Charleston last week, was brought to Spartanburg and taken before the special committee of the grand jury, before whom he made a clean breast of everything. He was locked up in the county jail. The committee is very deficient as to the number of irregularities or the amount involved.

—The farcical enforcement of the income tax law is being emphasized every day by the returns that are being made. The News and Courier has been looking into the matter and finds that there is no record of the money received from the income tax other than that from the settlement sheets and from that source the following figures have been derived: Abbeville, nothing; Aiken, \$118; Anderson, \$24,797; Cherokee, \$74,177; Chester, \$49,286; Darlington, \$98,055; Horry, nothing; Kershaw, nothing; Lancaster, \$23,722; Laurens, nothing; Lexington, nothing; Marlboro, \$32; Newberry, \$24; Oconee, nothing; Orangeburg, \$30,606; Pickens, nothing; Sumter, \$79,205; Union, \$70; Williamsburg, \$16; York, \$188.

—The committee that was appointed at the Chester convention of Confederate veterans last summer to suggest changes and amendments in the pension laws of South Carolina met in Columbia last week. This committee agreed to recommend to the legislature as follows: The abolition of the township boards and placing the authority to grant pensions exclusively in the hands of county boards elected by a convention of delegates from each township, delegates to be chosen by Confederate survivors residing in the respective townships. In the main, this committee considered the present pension law just and proper. These recommendations will be formulated and submitted to the legislature in January.

General News Items.

—Fifty-eight national banks have been organized in the United States this year.

—In the past fiscal year 14,693 postmasters were appointed, 2,955 post-offices were established and 1,565 discontinued.

—It is reported that the administration is preparing to enter an imperial partnership with Great Britain to control the Samoan Islands.

—Melbourne, Australia, recently experienced the first fall of snow in its history. It came late in the Australian winter and was heavy enough for the children to make snowballs.

—Oklahoma has an anti-horse thief association, with 115 lodges. They succeeded in capturing 155 horse thieves in the past two years, but it is not stated how many they lynched.

—This government last year had printed and sold 2,500,000,000 two-cent stamps, enough when placed end to end to girdle the earth at the equator and go over half-way around again.

—It is said the Administration for political reasons, will not ask congress to enact legislation at the coming session for the permanent increase of the army. Secretary Root's report, it is believed, will contain no recommendation for an increase.

—The United Daughters of the Confederacy will undertake the erection of a splendid monument to Jefferson Davis in Richmond, Va. This memorial will cost \$150,000, and about three-fifths of this amount is in hand or subscribed.

—Americus, Ga., is much wrought up over the refusal of the Christian Scientists to submit to vaccination, and the mayor has sentenced one of the most estimable ladies of the city to thirty days in jail. The outcome will be watched with interest.

—Mary Fears, a 13-year-old negro girl, was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter in the superior court at Laurinburg, Ga. She killed her sweetheart, Sam Chappel, at West Point, Ga., Saturday night. She will be sent to the State prison farm.

—The latest information from Manila states that the Americans are now moving against the Filipinos rapidly. A great campaign is being waged in the northern part of Luzon, and it is thought that Aguinaldo is now surrounded by our troops.

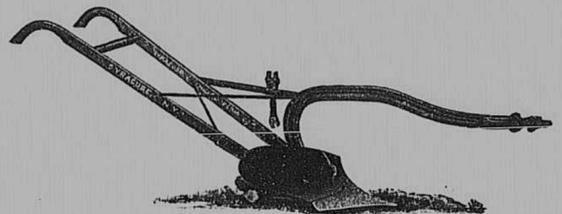
—H. C. McDonald, vice president of the Standard Oil Company, has the distinction of being the highest paid hireling in the United States, and probably in the world. His salary is \$200,000 per annum, \$16,666.66 per month, \$884 for every day in the year, Sundays included.

—The oldest woman in the world, according to official census reports, lives in Hawaii, and is 124 years of age. Her name is Keopolele Apau, and her claim to advanced age has been thoroughly investigated by Hon. Alatau T. Atkinson, the general superintendent of the Hawaiian census.

—The largest locomotive ever built has just been completed for the Michigan Central Railroad. It is of the twelve driving wheel type and can haul 2,000 tons. The boiler measures seven feet one inch in diameter over the jacket and its entire line is nine feet eight inches above the rails.

—Voltaire said nearly one hundred years ago in a boastful tone, "before the beginning of the nineteenth century Christianity will have disappeared from the earth." The Boston Transcript calls attention to the fact that since he uttered those words over two hundred million have been added to the Christian church, and the same room in which Voltaire uttered those words is now a depository of Bibles.

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