

GIRL DISAPPEARS.

Miss Ethel Johnston, of Spartanburg, Missing.

Spartanburg, Feb. 17.—Kate Parham, of this city, and Walter Johnson, of Inman, were arrested to-day on the charge of abducting Miss Ethel Johnston, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson, who live at 430 Magnolia street.

Miss Ethel Johnston has been missing since Tuesday morning. Her father is now out in Tennessee looking for her, there being reason to believe she is about Knoxville. The warrants for the arrest of the Parham woman and Walter Johnson were sworn out yesterday before Magistrate Kirby by Mrs. Johnson, mother of the young lady, who is supposed to have been abducted. Kate Parham's bond, which was fixed at \$200, was made good by J. W. Bryant. Walter Johnson was locked up in default of bond. The hearing will be held Saturday.

The abduction of Miss Johnston is a mysterious affair. The young lady is of a highly respectable family. Her father is a member of the firm of Johnson & Burnett, the well known lumber dealers.

Miss Johnston left home Tuesday morning with her books, presumably for school. She went to Maddox drug store, where \$10 had been left for her by Walter Johnson, the young man of Inman, who is now in jail on the charge of aiding and abetting in the abduction. She got the envelope in which Johnson had placed a \$10 bill, and was seen to tear open the same on the outside and take the money out. She went to the Southern depot and took passenger train No. 9. The conductor says that she paid her way to Asheville. Near Asheville Miss Johnston made inquiry about the connection for Knoxville.

DIES ON GALLOWES.

Marietta Negro Says He Died "Just Like the Apostles Did."

Marietta, Ga., Feb. 18.—Willard Webb, the negro who was convicted at the March adjourned term of Cobb superior court for criminal assault, was hanged in the Cobb jail at 11.24 o'clock to-day. Sheriff McKinney pulled the trigger.

Webb was composed to the last and walked to the gallows the coolest man that witnessed the execution. Webb was convicted on the statement of the assaulted party. Two other white women swore to an alibi. Public opinion was divided in regard to his guilt. He was charged with assaulting a white woman, near Vinings. The prompt action of Sheriff McKinney saved possible violence at that time. He was brought to Atlanta jail, but has been in Marietta jail for the last two months.

Efforts to secure the intervention of the State pardon board and the governor failed only a few days before his execution.

He made the following statement on the gallows:

"I am glad, cheerfully glad, before God and before the people, and I would be glad if more people than is here now could hear me. This is my last request or earth before man and before God and this is my last talk with anybody, and I am dying in the truth and I am dying for something I don't know anything more about than a dead man.

"I am thankful I am not dying for crime. I am dying to give satisfaction to the people. I am just as clear of ever committing a crime as any other man in the world. There is not a man in the world more innocent than I am.

"I have not got any prejudice against you people. I am dying just like the apostles of the Lord did. They died when they were perfectly innocent, and I am dying the same way. I thank you for all your kindness."

BURIED AT ST. GEORGE.

Remains of J. F. Blount, Killed in Wreck, Brought from Macon.

St. George, Feb. 17.—The remains of Mr. J. F. Blount, the young traveling salesman who died as the result of injuries received in the wreck on the Georgia, Southern and Florida Railroad, near Macon, Ga., were brought to St. George this morning for interment. The funeral services will not be held until to-morrow morning, awaiting the arrival of a brother of the deceased, who resides in Virginia.

Although Mr. Blount was not a resident of St. George, his family lived here a number of years ago, and were highly regarded by the older citizens of the town. The remains will be laid to rest in the family plot in the local cemetery.

The death of the young man was doubly pathetic, since, according to newspaper reports, he was to have been married in about a month. He met his death, it is understood, in the vicinity of the home of his fiancée, and she was one of the first to reach his side after the accident.

Sherman on the Negro.

Ellenton, S. C. Feb. 12, 1910. Editor Bamberg Herald—Dear Sir: Inclosed you will find letter of Gen. Sherman to Gen. Halleck. Secretary of War Stanton and Commander in Chief of the Army Grant had been urging Sherman to protect the negroes and enlist those suitable for service in the army is what brought forth this letter. It is to be found in war records, vol. XLVII, pages 36 and 37. If of sufficient interest you can publish. Yours truly, R. C. BRABHAM. Savannah, Ga., Jan. 12, 1865.

Major Gen. Halleck—My Dear Friend: I received yours of Jan. 1st about the "negro." Since Mr. Stanton got here we talked over all matters freely, and I deeply regret that I am threatened with that curse to all peace and comfort—popularity. But I trust to bad luck enough in the future to cure that, for I know enough of "the people" to feel that a single mistake made by some of my subordinates will tumble down my fame into infamy. But the nigger? Why in God's name can't sensible men let them alone? When the people of the South tried to rule us through the negro and became insolent, we cast them down, and on that question we are strong and unanimous. Neither cotton, the negro nor any single interest or class should govern us. But I fear, if you are right, the power behind the throne is growing. Somebody must meet it or we are again involved in war with another class of fanatics. Mr. Lincoln has boldly met the one attack. Now let him meet the other. If it be insisted that I so conduct my operations that the negro is consulted, of course I will be defeated, and then where will be Sambo? Don't military success imply the safety of and vice versa? Of course that cock-and-bull story of my turning back negroes that Wheeler killed them is all humbug. I turned nobody back. Jeff C. Davis did at Ebenezer Creek forbid certain plantation slaves—old men, women and children—to follow his column, but they would come along, and he took up his pontoon bridge, not because he wanted to leave them but because he wanted his bridge. He and Slocum tell me that they don't believe Wheeler killed one of them. Slocum's column (30,000) reports 17,000 negroes. Now with 1,200 wagons and the necessary impediments of an army overloaded with two-thirds negroes, five-sixths of whom are helpless, and a large proportion of them babies and small children, had I encountered an enemy of respectable strength defeat would have been certain. Tell the president that it is such an event defeat would have cost him ten thousand times the effort to overcome that it now will to meet this new and growing pressure.

I know the fact that all natural emotions swing as the pendulum. These Southerners pulled Sambo's pendulum so far over that the danger is it will on its return jump off its pivot. There are certain people who will find fault, and they can always get the pretext; but, thank God, I am not running for office, and am not concerned because the rising generation will believe I burned 500 niggers at one pop in Atlanta or any such—nonsense. I profess to be the best kind of friend to Sambo, and think that on such a question Sambo should be consulted. They gather round me in crowds, and I can't find out whether I am Moses or Aaron, or which of the prophets, but surely, I am rated as one of the congregation and it is hard to tell in what sense I am appreciated by Sambo—in saving him from his master, or the new master that threatens him with a new species of slavery. I mean state recruiting agents. Poor negro—Lo, the poor Indian! Of course sensible men understand such humbug, but some power must be invested in our government to check these wild oscillations of public opinion. The South deserves all she has got for her injustice to the negro but there is no reason why we should go to the other extreme. I do and will do the best I can for negroes, and feel sure that the problem is solving itself slowly and naturally. It needs nothing more than our fostering care. I thank you for the kind hint and will heed it so far as mere appearances go, but not being dependent on votes I can afford to act as far as my influence goes, as a fly wheel instead of a mainspring. With respects &c., yours, W. T. SHERMAN.

Hunter Shot by His Dog.

Albany, Ga., Feb. 17.—Paul H. Jones was accidentally shot to-day and may lose a hand and part of an arm as the result. He was riding to a hunting field in an automobile when his dog pressed the trigger of a shotgun with its paw, sending the lead into his master's arm. President Joseph S. Davis of the Albany Trust company narrowly escaped death from the charge.

CRAZY MAN'S DEED.

Kills His Children, Wounds Nurse, and Shoots Himself.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 19.—George Stephens, aged 38 years, engineer on the Louisville and Nashville railroad, evidently crazy at the time, this morning at 6 o'clock shot and killed three of his little children, shot and wounded his old negro nurse and then blew out his brains. He was the son of Robert Stephens, a prominent mine operator of this district. He did not work yesterday, but laid off and last night upon returning to his home is said to have taken some morphine for some reason. He did not sleep any during the night.

At 6 o'clock this morning he entered the room where the old negro nurse had the youngest child, Jamie, 18 months old, on her lap, and pulling a pistol, shot the child to death. The bullet went through the little baby's head and struck the nurse in the head, inflicting a dangerous wound. The crazed father then shot his two little daughters, Mary Elizabeth, aged 7 years, and Blanche, aged 4 years, to death and then shot himself. A 10-year-old son escaped from the house. A note was left by the father saying:

"I'm to blame for it all." About 15 months ago Stephens' wife died. This had something to do with his condition also, the death affecting him.

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Young Woman Injured.

Orangeburg, Feb. 18.—Miss Katheline Castleberry, daughter of William M. Castleberry, a foreman in the Orange cotton mills, was seriously, and it is feared fatally, injured yesterday morning at her home on Amelia street.

Miss Castleberry was sitting on the banister railing, talking to her mother and a girl friend, when suddenly she lost her balance and fell backwards to the ground. The unfortunate young girl struck three sharp pointed sticks which had been placed in the ground to trail vines up to the piazza, and these sticks penetrated her stomach. Her injuries are serious, and it is gravely stated that they may prove fatal.

Physicians were called in and the wounds were stitched. If no internal trouble sets in, it will be only a matter of a short time before she will completely recover. At present, however, only time can tell the final result.

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BRIDGE WATCHMAN KILLED.

Southern Railway Employee Meets Death at Congaree River.

Fort Motte, Feb. 17.—Thomas Jefferson, night watchman for the Southern Railway Company, at Congaree River Bridge, was killed at an early hour this morning. It is not known how the accident occurred. The steamer City of Columbia arrived at the bridge at about 5.30 o'clock, and the draw was opened for it to pass. On arrival of train No. 15 at 6 o'clock no signals were found, and the draw bridge was partly open. The crew closed the draw, and seeing no signs of the night watchman, passed over the bridge. After this a freight train from Columbia arrived, and after a search for the watchman they found him lying under the draw on the rock foundation, with one arm pinioned under a turn of the draw. He was yet alive, but unconscious and died shortly after he fell though on the foundation is that while trying to close the draw he fell through on the foundation and caught on the iron turn table to keep from falling to the river below. On arrival of train No. 15 a few minutes afterwards, when the draw was closed, it caught his arm. It being dark he was not discovered lying underneath the track.

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