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A NORTH CAROLINA TRAGEDY.

The Fatal Results of a Colored Family Feud—A Man Lynched by a Colored Mob—Selecting a Victim by Lot.

(Special Dispatch to the Sunday News.)

CHARLOTTE, November 10.—A special from Mount Mourne, Iredell County, to the *Charlotte Observer* this evening, gives the particulars of a lynching which occurred Wednesday night. A few nights before Julius Frazier was killed by Lawrence White, both colored. White was arrested and held for examination. Wednesday night a body of negroes took White away from the guards and hanged him to a tree, leaving his lifeless body dangling from the limb. Both these outrages occurred in Rowan County. The particulars of the whole affair are about as follows: On Wednesday night four negroes—the two Frazier brothers and two White brothers—met near Mount Mourne and got into a difficulty. Julius Frazier and Lawrence White, engaged each other in a fight. The brother of each combatant standing by ready to take sides. Frazier was the aggressor, and, advancing upon White, knocked him over the head with a club. White was staggered by the blow, but rushing upon Frazier with an open knife plunged the blade into his throat severing the jugular vein and causing instant death. The two Whites and surviving Frazier were taken into custody and escorted to the house of Mr. Jos. F. McLean, where they were placed under guard and held for a preliminary trial.

On Thursday the case was heard by a magistrate, who ordered that all three be taken to the jail at Salisbury, and it was while the guards were making ready to carry their prisoners to the jail that

the mob came up and surrounded the house. It was some hours after dark, and neither the guards nor their prisoners had any thought of the terrible scene that was soon to be enacted. Their first intimation of any danger was when the tramping of feet was heard outside, followed by a knock at the door. As the door was opened the inmates of the house were confronted by a mob of about sixty-five men, the foremost among whom rushed over the guards and securing the three prisoners rapidly departed. It appears that the lynching party were friends of the murdered Frazier, all colored, and their idea was to avenge the murder by the death of one or the other of the Whites. After some consultation among themselves, they finally decided to release Frazier and the elder White, but to seize Lawrence White and hang him in atonement for the murder of Frazier. It is said that for a time the mob were undecided upon which of the two Whites to hang, but finally settled the matter by drawing lots, and the sacrifice fell upon Lawrence, the younger brother. This question settled, the mob started for a stretch of woods with Lawrence White, releasing the other two prisoners. On reaching the woods a rope was produced, one end of which was knotted around Lawrence White's neck and the other was thrown over a limb. The pitiless hands of the mob drew the helpless negro well up from the ground, tied the rope around the trunk of a tree and left the body swinging to and fro in the stillness of the moonlight night. Friday night a party of searchers found the body hanging to the limb, and set a guard by it to await the arrival of the coroner. The scene of the lynching was almost in sight of Mr. McLean's house. Efforts are now being made by the officers of the law to capture the lynchers.