

Later from Texas.

We have Galveston papers of the 31 and Houston of the 4th inst., from which we glean the subjoined intelligence:

The Smith and Miller affair, the particulars of which appeared in our previous summary of Texas news, is thus alluded to in the *Civilian* of the 3d:

Smith and Miller, the parties arrested last Saturday, in attempting to steal a boat, and, as was believed at the time, deserting to the blockading vessel, have been examined before Justice Trueheart, and held to answer the charge of grand larceny; no conclusive evidence of treasonable designs being proved against them.

We learn from the *News* that their bail was fixed at \$2000 each.

A COLD-BLOODED SCHEME OF ROBBERY AND MURDER.—An outrageous and cold-blooded murder has just been developed and published in Hardin county, of which the *Civilian* publishes these particulars:

Three men, named Willis, Magins and Chester, formed a plan to rob and murder a citizen named Dark, residing on Balson's prairie, and proceeded to the house for the purpose. Chester commenced the attack by raising a gun to shoot Dark. The latter knocked the gun aside, and the discharge wounded his wife, though not seriously. He then seized a gun and shot Chester dead. A faithful negro man of Dark then came to the assistance of his master, but was shot and badly wounded by one of the remaining robbers. Dark, having another loaded gun at hand, succeeded in putting them to flight. The alarm being given, a company from Liberty turned out, caught Magins in Hardin and Willis in Jasper county, and hung them both.

They confessed that it was their intention to kill the whole of Dark's family, and they named three or four others whom they intended to murder and rob. Willis was a young man who had lived in Jefferson and Hardin counties some four years, and was well thought of before the occurrence. Chester is looked upon as a leader in the horrible work thus fortunately brought to an end.

We also extract from the *Civilian* the annexed items:

The amateur concert for the benefit of the Lone Star Ridge, of Galveston, now in Virginia, on Tuesday evening last, at Casino Hall, was a decided success. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, with an appreciative and gratified audience, who testified their approval at the close of almost every piece.

We learn from the *Herald* that Capt. Kampmann's fine company, consisting exclusively of San Antonio Germans, has been mustered into service. It has been sent to Camp Verde, to relieve Capt. Buquer's company, which is ordered to the Rio Grande.

The *Citizen* says that seven large wagons, ten mules to each, passed through Columbus on Wednesday, from Chilbeahue, laden with copper.

Maj. R. A. Howard has contracted to furnish 20,000 Texas beavers to the Confederate army. They are to be delivered at New Iberia, La.

The San Antonio *Ledger* has suspended publication.