

# Horrible Murder!

## 12 NEGROES MURDER A CONSTABLE.

### THE LEADER IS LYNCHED!

On Thursday States Attorney R. D. Jones brought the startling news to this town of a horrible murder perpetrated by twelve burly negroes, at Powell's store in Somerset County and about seven miles from Pocomoke City. The unfortunate victims of the brutes were Constable Carver who was killed out-right and his brother officer of the law McCready, who was terribly beaten.

Twelve colored men from Virginia who had been picking berries for Frank Barnes and had received the pay for their work on Wednesday, went to Powell's store on the evening in question and began to drink bad whiskey. They were soon boisterously drunk. District Constable Carver and McCready happened along and Carver made an effort to quell them, at the request of the storekeeper, when he was set upon by the men, who beat him to death with beer bottles. McCready went to his aid when he first saw him in danger but he himself was knocked down almost instantly and was beaten so badly that his life is despaired of. After the fiends had killed Carver they slashed him with knives and razors and otherwise mutilated his body. They then left the scene of their deviltry. The news of the murder spread rapidly and in a few hours ten of the men were lodged in Princess Anne Jail, which building was surrounded by the excited populace many of whom breathed threats of lynching. At Pocomoke City the other two negroes were arrested and placed in the town lock-up. It is thought these were innocent, and the story they told of running away as soon as they saw Carver and McCready attacked is generally believed. It need be no surprise if the news is received that the ten men in Princess Anne Jail have been lynched for the people there are in a fearfully excited state of mind.

### LYNCHED!

The young colored man who carries the mail between Snow Hill and Princess Anne has just informed us as we are going to press (Friday at noon) that about 150 white men forced their way into the jail this morning about 2 o'clock and shot and cut to death the ring-leader of the gang. He says he went to the jail and viewed the body of the lynched negro.