

The Cotton Crop.

The growing crop of cotton has deteriorated largely in the past ten days, according to the best information we can obtain, which is chiefly owing to the unfavorable weather. The extremely hot days forced much of the cotton to open prematurely, and there is a total absence of blooms, cutting short the top crop. Rust has appeared in many localities, and much damage is expected therefrom. The caterpillar has made its appearance in this vicinity.

Deaths.

We regret to announce the death of Maj. George W. Rankin, which occurred at his residence near Blabton on Saturday last, after a brief illness, of intermittent fever. Maj. Rankin was a prominent and influential citizen in his neighborhood.

Mr. James H. Land, of Rock Mills, died on Friday night, and was buried with Masonic honors at the Baptist graveyard, in this town on Sunday morning. He was a member of Furman Lodge, No. 170.

We hear of several deaths among the colored people of this vicinity, during the past week, from the prevailing fever.

Homicide.

We are informed that a negro named Nelson Wright, was murdered on last Friday night about four miles west of Williamston, near Beaverdam Creek. It appears that a party of negroes gathered around a whiskey wagon, which was passing through the neighborhood, and after indulging freely in the liquor, some difficulty arose among the party, and a general affray ensued, which resulted in the said Nelson Wright being stabbed in the back with a knife, which penetrated the region of the heart, killing him almost instantly. It is alleged that a negro named Robert Robinson inflicted the wound upon the deceased. An inquest was held upon the dead body of Wright, under E. J. Pinson, Esq., Trial Justice and acting as Coroner, and a verdict was rendered in accordance with the facts already stated. Robinson made his escape, and remained at large until Tuesday morning, when he was arrested, brought to Anderson, and committed to jail.

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