

Baraboo Wis Jan'y 8/91
Judge A. G. Tourque
Mayville N. Y.

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of sending
the enclosed cut from the Sauk
County Democrat published at
this place, issue Jan'y 8/91 -

This may be as the Rev. Gent. has
stated it, but as Democratic papers
and speakers told so many out-
right falsehoods during the fall Campaign,
especially in this state, the chances are
this is of the same cloth -

You are no doubt overburthened
with such matter, but as you seem to
be the only one labouring effuently in the
cause of the black man and of the nation in
its connection with him, it seems to be well to send
them - You will of course only make use of such
as you ^{admit} ^{to} and judgment accept -
Yours Respectfully
Chas. H. Williams

A Southern Political Murder.

The Southern people, irrespective of party affiliations, are more hot-blooded than we Northerners and more easily resort to blows and bullets. Now and then loss of life is the result, and the Republican spokesmen frequently point to the occurrences as the murder of Republicans for political reasons, and as arguments for supporting the party that favors the taxation of the masses for the benefit of the classes. A recent case of this kind was the killing of Matthews, the Republican postmaster at Carrolton, Miss. Since the first report the Baptist minister of that place has written to the U. S. Senator George at Washington, whose home is also at Carrolton, the following letter, which may be an example of how true such reports generally are:

"At the request of some of our best citizens I write to give you the particulars of a recent unfortunate occurrence in our town. At 3:30 p. m. on the 25th J. P. Matthews, our postmaster, was shot and instantly killed by W. S. McBride, our druggist. We wish to inform you and through you the postoffice department, that there is not the slightest political importance to the unfortunate killing. It was simply and purely a personal difficulty between the two young men. Mr. Matthews has been drinking much of late. He and Mr. McBride were warm personal friends. But on the night of the 24th Matthews was in McBride's drug store making some Christmas purchases and they fell out and had an altercation about a plush dressing case worth a few dollars. Matthews became exasperated and struck McBride on the head with his pistol, inflicting an ugly flesh wound. On the morning of the 25th Matthews was drinking and walking up and down the

streets with a Winchester rifle in his hands. He was arrested by Sheriff McCain and put up a forfeit of \$100 for his appearance at the mayor's court next morning and was enjoined to stay in his office. He had just a short time before passed the drug store and stopped at the door and looked in and in a loud tone told McBride he was ready for him. When released by the sheriff he went to the post office, but in a few minutes seized his gun and came out on the street and, with gun in hand, proceeded toward the drug store. When he reached the south corner of the hotel gallery, at the north corner of Jackson's grocery, McBride stepped out of the drug store on the pavement and shot him in the breast with a load of buckshot, killing him instantly. McBride surrendered to the authorities and gave a bond to appear before the circuit court."