

**COLOE LINE IN DENTON.**

**Shiloh Votes the Negro Out of the Neighborhood in Mass Meeting.**

DENTON, Tex., Jan. 3.—The neighborhood of Shiloh, a space of country four or five miles square, eighteen miles southeast from Denton, has been thrown in a state of confusion. In that settlement a year ago there resided no negroes. Lately, however, certain planters there have been bringing them in for farm labor from Louisiana, and this has caused hard feelings to exist among the young citizens of that immediate neighborhood.

The climax was reached when anonymous communications were received by the importers of the negroes, threatening their lives and also the lives of the negroes should the importation and further employment of them be continued. The older heads saw that this would not do, and a mass meeting was called to discuss the matter. The proceedings of that meeting are here given:

SHILOH, Tex., Dec. 26.—The mass meeting called to meet at Shiloh, Tex., on the above date met and Elder Sam McKelvey was elected chairman and C. A. McMeans secretary.

Mr. McMeans stated the object of the meeting, which was to see whether the people wished McMeans and others to employ negroes and if a majority were opposed to having negroes employed in our community, then he would abide by their decision.

A motion was made and seconded that all who favor the negro being employed "by us" stand on the left and those opposed on the right of the chairman.

The vote was unanimous opposing the negro being employed. SAM MCKELVEY, Chairman.

C. A. McMEANS, Secretary.

The minutes were ordered printed in two of the county papers.

The chairman of the meeting is a Primitive Baptist pastor and the secretary a deputy lecturer of the state alliance. The former came out in a card relating the circumstances, which in his opinion, a majority of the citizens thought made such a meeting necessary.

He states that in their midst are many good citizens who made considerable sacrifices to get their families from among the negroes in the negro belt. When they got here they found this to be a white man's country. They settled here and have been living in contentment, undisturbed by the negro. But recently a lot of negroes have been brought in and a few of the citizens had promised them employment. This has caused some hard feelings between neighbors. There have also been some threats of violence made by parties unknown to the public, but we suppose they must have been made by young men who had sisters living at Shiloh and in view of these facts the old men and cool heads thought best to take the steps they have, hoping thereby to prevent violence, to adjust the negro question amicably, to restore friendship and good feeling that has so long pervaded our section of country.

He further stated that the men who have employed the negroes are regarded as gentlemen and good citizens, but a majority think they have taken a wrong step. However the majority do not indorse the threats that have been made, but will use their influence to prevent the execution of those threats. At the same time they would kindly request the gentlemen who have employed negroes on farms in their neighborhood to dispose of the negroes as soon as they can for the sake of peace.

No further trouble is anticipated, as the importers are abiding by the decision of the majority and are getting rid of the negroes.

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