

119 Burford St.
Dallas, Tex.

Feb. 2^d 1893.

Hon. Albion W. Tourgee,
Mayville, N. Y.

Dear Friend:-

The daily
press has no doubt informed you
of the torturing ^{and} burning alive of
Smith, the Negro ravisher ^{and} murderer,
(?) at Paris, Texas on the 1st inst.

Do you wish to learn the particulars?
Write to Rev. A. C. Garner, 601 N. Rush
St. Paris, Texas.

Send enclosed in an envelope that
has not your return ^{thereon} card; ^{and}, if possible,
mail your letter, to him, on train as
the post-mark on envelope might place
Mr. Garner under suspicion.

Ever since the ^{next} killing of those three
colored men at Paris ^{and} the exposure of
the perpetrators of the deed by you, every lead-
ing colored man, within a radius of twenty-
five miles of that city, has been "spotted"
^{and} things are extremely critical there with the colored
people. I heard that the negro who followed
Smith to Arkansas was paid to do it

and is in full sympathy with this mode of
punishment for crime, especially to-
wards colored people - being himself ~~an~~
a mulatto having ^{white} brothers in Paris who
figured prominently in the outrageous af-
fair.

I wish to know the present number
of the American C. E. R. Ass'n. I hope soon
to be able to send you another list of names.

Will you be kind enough to send ~~me~~ ^{some}
blanks. I mean application blanks.

When I return the names, will send
stamps enough to cover cost of
~~standing~~ the above as it is not convenient
for me to do so now.

May God bless you and ^{richly} reward
your labor, which is but for the com-
mon good of the American people,
is the prayer of your

most grateful servant,

Eli C. Freeman.

FATE OF A FIEND.

(The Dallas Times-Herald)
The Murder of Little Myrtle
Vance Avenged.

RED HOT IRON BARS

PLUNGED INTO THE WRITHING AND
QUIVERING MASS OF FLESH.

Henry Smith Executed on the Public Square in the City of Paris This Afternoon in the Presence of a Great Multitude of People—His Crime Appalling. Special to the Times-Herald.

PARIS, Tex., Feb. 1.—This city and in fact the entire surrounding country, has been in a wild frenzy of excitement ever since little Myrtle Vance, the three-year old white child was abducted, outraged and murdered by Henry Smith, the fiendish negro. When the news came last night that the demon had been captured at Hope, Ark., that he had been identified by B. B. Sturgeon, James T. Hicks and many others of the searching party, the city was wild with joy over the apprehension of the brute. Hundreds of people poured into the city from the adjoining country and the word passed from lip to lip that the punishment of the fiend should fit the crime—that death by fire was the penalty Smith should pay for the most atrocious murder and terrible outrage in Texas history. A special train left here last night with 100 armed men to meet Sturgeon and return with the prisoner to this city.

All the forenoon the city has been in a fever of excitement. It was announced at 11 o'clock that the guard and the prisoner would arrive in Paris at 12:45 and it was quietly agreed upon that he should be executed in a public manner and in such a manner as would strike terror to the heads of evil doers, young and old.

Ready for Him.

PARIS, Tex., Feb. 1, 12:35 m.—Five thousand people, many of them armed, surround the depot. There is no boisterousness, but there is a determination in the hearts of all that the death of Myrtle Vance shall be avenged and that there shall be no tedious delays, no sharp tricks of criminal lawyers to evade justice. A great float drawn by six horses is parading the streets.

Will Burn Him.

Special to the Times-Herald.
PARIS, Tex., Feb. 1, 1:40 p. m.—The train has arrived and the crowd is now on the square with Smith. He will be burned in one hour by the populace, that mode of punishment having been decided upon.

The Final Execution.

Special to the Times-Herald.
PARIS, Tex., Feb. 1, 2 p. m.—A vast crowd of men met the officers having the negro Smith in charge to-day at the Texas & Pacific depot and took him away from them without trouble.

They placed Smith on a float drawn by six horses and he was driven around the public square and then down Clarksville and Church streets until they reached the open prairie just south of town where Smith was placed on a high platform that had already been erected during the night.

The crowd is now torturing him to death by jabbing red hot irons into his body.

Smith has confessed the crime, but says he did not know whose child it was when he did it. There were, perhaps, 10,000 people present.

HENRY SMITH CAPTURED.

He Was Caught by a Deputy Sheriff in Arkansas.

TEXARKANA, Tex., Feb. 1.—Henry Smith, the negro who on last Thursday murdered the 3-year-old white girl, Myrtle Vance, at Paris, was captured at Hope, thirty miles north of here, by Deputy Sheriff Ed Gardner of Paris. It was expected that he would be brought to this city, but the officers, remembering the fate of Ed Coy, who perished at the state in February last, concluded that it would be safer to keep the prisoner at Hope during the night than to put him in reach of the Texarkana populace.

Fully a thousand men were at the depot when the train came. Excitement here is almost as great as when Coy was burned, but it is thought the officers will be permitted to take the prisoner to Paris as per present programme. The mayor and sheriff at Paris will meet the prisoner here and assist to escort him to that place.

The trail which was followed and led to the hiding place of Henry Smith was discovered by one of the Paris searchers, William Carzine, a colored man, who found that Smith had been seen at Ramsey's mill, near De Kalb, Bowie county, late last Saturday evening. Carzine made this discovery Sunday morning and at once informed the rest of the searchers, some of whom followed the trail and made the arrest near Hope, Ark.

Carzine is in town and is in great glee over the capture. When asked what disposition would be made of Smith when taken to Paris he replied that he was in favor of skinning him alive and sending his hide to the World's fair.

It is reported quietly among the officers at midnight, that Smith will be brought through here en route to Paris on a special train in order to avoid a crowd and possible violence at the hands of the population here.

Will Make the Appointment.