

Lake Charles, <sup>La</sup> June 25/98

To Mr Touge, Mayfield on Chautauque

My dear Sir; You will find enclosed  
an account ~~of the~~ of  
Mississippi's way of respecting  
law and order, and still they  
are holding conventions to invite  
Northern immigrants to come here.  
If you receive a letter warning  
you not testify what you know  
about a murder case you better  
remain at home when you are  
perjured to appear at court. Now  
let me tell you something about  
the southern man, they will kill  
murderers every one of them. There  
is no law down here. Our  
Church down here approves

devers. You cannot find a jury to convict any one if the friends of the criminals wish them not to do so. We have laws here that were passed by our last legislature that cannot be enforced. The violators defy any grand jury to make a case against them. Now let me tell you plainly how that is done. For instance, take our Sunday Law, it is against the law to keep any liquor saloons open on Sunday under penalty of \$25 or more. A grand jury is empaneled composed of the leading bankers, merchants and Church hypocrites and even here and there an ex-member of the last legislature who voted in favor of the law, all the violators have to do is to band themselves together and inform them (the jurors) that they (the violators) will ruin their business if they make a case against them. The grand jury leaves the matter for the next grand jury to consider and so on. But if a poor innocent Negro is charged he is always guilty before a trial is given him.

## **MURDERED BY WHITE CAPS.**

### **Robt. Buckley, a Witness, Assassinated on His Way from Court.**

Purvis, Miss., June 23. — (Special.) — The circuit court is still in session at Columbia, and whitecapism is receiving special attention. Last night Robert Buckley, a young white man who was a witness against the whitecappers, was waylaid and murdered while on his way home from court. One of the murderers was recognized by Buckley's brother, who was with him at the time, and to-day William Purvis was arrested, charged with having committed the crime. John Horne came down this morning from Meridian, with his bloodhounds, to try and run down Purvis' confederates, who made their escape.

#### **ANOTHER ACCOUNT.**

Magnolia, Miss., June 23.—(Special.)— News reached here to-day that Robert Buckley was assassinated by white caps four miles north of Columbia, in Marion county, yesterday evening. Buckley was a witness against some men charged with white capism, and was warned that he would be killed. As he was waylaid and shot to death yesterday, on his way home from court, it is believed that they have carried their threats into effect.

## **DISASTROUS FIRE IN CHICAGO.**

**One Man Missing — Four Others Burned.**