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"The Mountain Eagle." Jasper, Alabama. 24 October 1900

Monday Jim Smith, A Negro Desparado, Shot and Killed W.H. Barrentine, a [?]
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Monday evening Jim Smith, a negro desparado, shot and killed W.H. Barrentine, a prominent and well-known white man, in Norris' restaurant at Oakman. The difficulty we are informed arose between Jim Smith and a negro wench named Emma Simpson in the wine room of Ed Chambarden's saloon. The negro woman was knocked down and her screams attracted the attention of Policeman Jones and Mr. Barrentine, who rushed to the [?] to quiet the trouble. The negro we are told had a pistol of his own and managed in some manner to disarm Marshall Jones. The negro shot first at James Norris, who knocked the pistol down; then at Barrentine. The shot aimed at Barrentine took effect in the abdomen and produced death instantly. This is the second white man murdered by negroes in Oakman is less than a year and both fell in a few feet of the same spot. In both instances the murderers have made their escape. The news from Coal Valley and Oakman is that the community is in an uproar, the people are excited and indignant. Henry Barrentine, the murdered man was about 50 years old and has lived near "Days Gap" all his life. He leaves a family to mourn his tragic and untimely death.

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