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## SOUTHERN STATES ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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**A Colored Politician Given a Sound  
Thrashing at Carencro**

**For Having Been Too Liberal in the  
Use of His Tongue.**

**The Populist Camp Meeting Promises  
to be an Immense Affair--Shoot-  
ing Affair in Concordia.**

Lafayette, La., Aug. 13.—It was currently reported this morning that Felsmar Paddio, the well-known negro politician, had been lynched last night by the people in Carencro. As nothing definite could be ascertained here to the truth or falsity of the report, the Picayune man visited the town of Carencro for the purpose of getting full information of all happenings relative to the alleged occurrence. The facts as gathered from most reliable sources are as follows: Yesterday evening Paddio and a number of followers entered the town of Carencro and, after visiting several places, went to the store kept by Mr. Louis Deligble, where sat Justice of the Peace Frank Abbadie, reading a newspaper. Without any provocation whatever, the insolent negro began to heap a torrent of abuse on Judge Abbadie, calling him a thief and applying other vile and derogatory epithets to the officer. Judge Abbadie was dumfounded and for several minutes could not collect his thoughts sufficiently to answer the impudent negro. He then very calmly ordered Paddio and his crowd to leave the town, and that immediately. This seemed to anger the negro and he renewed his attack upon the judge, saying: "You are a — thief; you stole my papers out of the post office. You can't say that you were drunk, for you have quit drinking!"

The negro and his company then went to another portion of the town and boasted of the insults they had heaped upon Judge Abbadie, who, in the meantime, had sworn out a warrant for Paddio's arrest before Mayor D. A. Dimitry on the charge of assault and disturbance of the peace. Constable Alex Arceneaux arrested Paddio and lodged him in the town jail.

This was about 5 o'clock. Mayor Dimitry fixed the bail at \$100 for the two charges. This bail was not forthcoming and Paddio remained in jail. About 9 o'clock a large crowd collected around the jail and taking Paddio thence administered to him a severe castigation. The negro was not killed, but the punishment he received must have rendered him almost helpless.

The indignation aroused by the gross and altogether unprovoked assault upon Judge Abbadie, taken in connection with the previous insolent and overbearing conduct of the negro, was the prime cause and justification for the extreme measures adopted by the citizens of Carencro.

As to Paddio's whereabouts or his present condition, nothing can be learned, but he was dismissed with the injunction to avoid Carencro in future.

The victim, Felsmar Paddio, has for a long time played a conspicuous part in the politics of this parish and has figured to some extent in state and national affairs. He has occupied subordinate positions in the New Orleans custom-house under Republican regime and was a delegate last year to the St. Louis nominating convention. Several years ago, during the regulators' troubles, he left the parish and remained away for some time, but subsequently returned.

The facts above were gleaned from personal interviews with the officials and citizens of Carencro. There appears to exist general satisfaction that the insolence of the negro had met with so severe and well merited resentment.