

skeletons were found.

BIRMINGHAM, April 24.—News came to town last night of a desperate piece of highway work by three negro robbers, some seventeen miles in the country. Yesterday afternoon Martin Phillips and Drew Tanner, two countrymen, on their way to town, were seated on a bridge across Five Mile Creek, when the negroes came up and asked them for change for a ten dollar bill. Phillips took out his pocket book to give them the money, whereupon one of the negroes snatched it, and the three took to their heels. The white men had pursued them some two hundred yards when one of the thieves, Otis Brown, produced a pistol and shot Tanner in the breast. Tanner was carried to Douglass' mill near by, where medical attention was given him. The negroes got away with their booty.

News reached the city this afternoon that Otis Brown was found dead this morning, some two miles from the scene of his crime, with three bullet holes in his body. Nobody undertakes to give any particulars of the killing. It is only known that there were white men on his track last night.

Tanner Shooting - Otis Brown

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