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A HORRIBLE MURDER.—Yesterday morning our citizens were shocked by the announcement that Mr. F. M. Wright, for ten years a prominent citizen of St. Joseph, had been murdered on the evening previous on the Gentryville road, about four miles from town. The circumstances are briefly, as we gathered them, about as follows:

Mr. Wright had bought a negro, probably in Gentry county, and was bringing him to this city in a buggy. When he had reached a point near the farm of Mr. Thomas Hubbard, about four miles north-east of this city, it appears the negro, taking advantage of a moment of inadvertence, with a pistol in his own possession, or one seized from the person of Mr. Wright, shot him through the head, inflicting a wound which proved fatal almost instantly. The negro then made his escape, and the horse attached to the buggy proceeded a few hundred yards to the premises of Mr. Hubbard, where the condition of the murdered man was discovered.

The report of the pistol was distinctly heard by persons at Mr. Hubbard's, and the evidence that the negro committed the crime is his flight, and the fact that Mr. Wright's watch and a large sum of money was found upon his person, nothing having been taken but some papers, among which is supposed to be the bill of sale of the negro.

Parties were dispatched in pursuit of the murderer, and a reward of $500 has been offered by M. H. Wash and Wm. M. Carter for his arrest. It is hoped he may be brought to speedy justice. A special messenger has been dispatched to St. Louis for Mrs. Wright, who is at present in that city, and until her arrival the remains will probably be preserved.—[St. Jos. Gazette, 13th.

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