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The Weston, Mo., Chronicle gives this account of the killing of Joe Albright at Platte City: "Last Saturday the negroes of Platte county held a picnic at Platte City which wound up in the shooting of Joseph Albright, a young white man at Platte City, by Oscar Bowen, colored, of Weston. It seems as if Bowen had been a scrap with a man named Hull and was ejected from a saloon. Shortly after this Bowen met Albright and without a word of warning opened fire on him, thinking it was the man Hull with whom he had had a difficulty. He fired three shots, two of which took effect in Albright's bowels. This was at 12:15 Sunday night. Immediately after the shooting Bowen and his companions, who were with him, ran out of Platte City, crossing the Platte river bridge, making their escape. Sheriff Dillington at Weston arrested Squire Farris, Oliver Bowman and Frank Date on the charge of aiding and abetting the escape of Oscar Bowen. Albright was a young man about 26 years old, and had no relatives in Platte county, his parents residing in Virginia. For the past few years he delivered ice for Scott Yates. Oscar Bowen is a worthless young negro, 23 years old and has been in several scrapes before. Young Albright died from the effects of his wounds Tuesday morning at 1 o'clock and his remains were buried that evening."

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