

TWO MURDERERS.. LYNCHED.

HANGED TO A TELEGRAPH POLE AND THEIR BODIES FILLED WITH BULLETS.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Feb. 14.—John Kelly, the negro who murdered J. T. McAdams on the streets in this city last Tuesday night, was captured at Rison, Ark., a little station on the Cotton Belt, twenty miles south of Pine Bluff, about sunset this evening. The capture was made by Town Marshal J. E. Harrison and the night operator, W. A. Hughes. The news was telegraphed to Chief of Police Nelson here, who replied by urging them to bring the prisoner to this city on the first train.

News of the capture spread rapidly through the city, and also that Kelly would reach here on a freight train, and a crowd commenced to congregate. The train reached the yards about 9:35 P. M. and was met by a mob of 500 people. As soon as the prisoner was identified there was a cry of "To the Court House!" The officers in charge of the prisoner made a show of resistance and demanded that they be allowed to lodge their man in jail. The crowd, however, increased to a thousand or more, and soon had the murderer in their possession. At the Court House a rope was soon displayed and cries of "Hang him!" were raised. The prisoner was called upon to speak and say if he was guilty. His explanation was incoherent and not satisfactory. A rope was speedily put over the crosspin of a telegraph pole, and John Kelly was soon hanging forty feet in the air, his body riddled with bullets. The execution took place in the full glare of several electric lights, and was witnessed by about 10,000 people, many of them being women who were hemmed in by the crowd on their way from church.

The crowd, thinking the prisoner's protests of innocence a ruse to protect himself, seemed satisfied with their work, and as the lifeless Kelly swung in the air there were cries of "Lynch Cuthbert Harris, his accomplice!" A rush was made for the jail in the rear of the Court House, and men with axes commenced breaking in one of the windows. They soon effected an entrance and the guilty Harris was quickly pointed out by the other prisoners. He pleaded to be heard, but his words were not heeded. "Hang him! hang him!" was the cry, and he was quickly taken to the front of the Court House. Another rope was secured and the body was jerked into the air. Simultaneously there was a fearful and oft-repeated fire of weapons and the man was a corpse. Both men were hanged from the same telegraph pole, and their bodies are now dangling in the air a few feet apart.

After the mob had dispatched Harris it started toward the jail again to get a negro who murdered Station Agent McKemie of Wabbaseka, Ark., two weeks ago, the rumor having spread that he had been captured and was in the Pine Bluff jail. Mayor H. King White mounted the steps of the Court House and called upon the crowd to listen to him. He assured them that McKemie's murderer had not been captured, and called upon the people to disperse, which they finally did about midnight.