

NEGRO STAMPEDE—We learn from the New Orleans Delta, of the 5th inst., that there was a stampede of one hundred and fifty negroes from the plantations along the coast below the city. On the 4th the Delta says:

This morning, about 4 o'clock, a portion of the above number, supposed to be 25 or 30, were met by the police of the Third district about Montegut street, where a running fight took place, extending up to St. Ferdinand street. The negroes were armed with cane knives, scythe blades, and clubs. When they saw the police, the leader of the gang called to them to come, that they were drilled. The police, finding that the negroes were determined to resist, opened on them with their pistols and closed in with their clubs. They captured fourteen and killed one. Of those captured nine were so badly wounded that they had to be sent to the hospital. Five of them were pronounced mortally wounded. All of this party belonged to Mr. Morgan, whose plantation is about twenty-eight miles below the city. Four of the policemen were wounded, but to what extent we were unable to learn. There seems to be a lack of disposition on the part of some connected with the Third district police station to allow the public to be made acquainted with the doings of the police, except through certain quarters.

The body of the dead negro was lying at the station, awaiting the arrival of the coroner. The other five we saw in the lock-up. They are all hail, hearty, sprightly looking negroes, notwithstanding their doleful tales about being overworked and under-fed. That, however, is usually the case with negroes; and it not unfrequently happens that those best cared for make the most complaints.

We understood that one of the negroes stated that two Frenchmen induced them to leave the plantation by telling them that if they could get to the city they would have plenty to eat and nothing to do.

Those in the lock-up denied that they intended to fight, but said they expected to be locked up in some jail where they could make complaint against the overseer. Still they were found with arms in their hands. The one who put in this plea, on being asked why he had a cane-knife in his hands, answered that he picked it up where some of his comrades dropped it. And, notwithstanding his desire to be locked up, he attempted to escape by flight, when he was brought to by a stone which struck him in the back.

As this party passed the Barracks it is stated two of them were stopped. Some of their cane-knives being covered with blood, it was supposed they had a fight before they met the police.