

A Colored Indignation Meeting.

A PROPOSED MASS-MEETING TO CONSIDER THE CASE OF WILLIAM M. ELLIS, THE COLORED MAN CLUBBED BY POLICEMAN HARROVER.

A number of colored citizens assembled at Carson's Hotel last evening to discuss the case of Wm. M. Ellis, the colored man who was struck over the eye by Officer Harrover last Friday evening while the officer had him under arrest on a charge of disorderly conduct near the corner of 10th and I streets northwest. John W. Freeman was chosen chairman, with W. H. Jones as secretary. Col. Perry Carson stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of taking some steps toward investigating the assault made upon Wm. M. Ellis by Officer Harrover without any provocation.

Mr. Freeman in addressing the meeting referred to the victim, Ellis, as an old man who suffered from rheumatism, and who could have been arrested by a sixteen-year-old boy; but he said he was assaulted and clubbed and sent to Providence Hospital to die. He wanted to see that justice was done.

A STATEMENT THAT EIGHT COLORED MEN HAVE BEEN KILLED HERE BY POLICEMEN.

Robert Gunnell spoke of the number of persons that had been assaulted by police officers. He referred to the case of Addison Coleman, who was killed by Officer Shehan, and said that eight colored men had been shot and killed in the District by policemen, and that none of them had ever been punished.

A COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE.

On motion of Col. Carson Messrs. B. C. Reed, Jas. Washington, and Chas. Johnson, were appointed a committee to investigate the case and report at the next meeting, which will be held at the same place next Wednesday.

PROPOSED MASS-MEETING.

Mr. Carson said to a STAR reporter that there would be a public mass-meeting held, which would be arranged at the next meeting, and that the colored people intend to investigate the case thoroughly and see that justice is done, and, if necessary, they will lay the matter before the President.

Ellis is referred to by Mr. Freeman as being an old man, but the blotter at the first precinct station gives his age as twenty-five years. Col. Carson says he is about forty-five years of age, and has been in the Navy Department for eight or ten years.

WHAT THE POLICE SAY ABOUT THE ELLIS CASE.

The police say that the so-called assault was justifiable; that the prisoner resisted and put his hand behind him as though he was about to draw a revolver, or some weapon from his hip pocket, before the officer struck him.

Saturday morning when Ellis was in the office of Mr. Cahill, his counsel, the wound on his head bled profusely, and he was taken to the Providence Hospital very weak from loss of blood. He was there attended by Dr. Luce, who thought Ellis would probably be able to leave the hospital in about two weeks.

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