Blanc Brothers, Executed in 1897; Stabbed Scott Storekeeper 52 Times

“Never read yellow back novels or bad books!” Four thousand people gathered in Lafayette to witness the execution of two Frenchmen about a half century ago and heard these words from the lips of one of the condemned men. Those still living have never forgotten that drama-packed moment.

The crime was the murder of Martin Begnaud, a storekeeper. This photo was obtained through the efforts of A. Wilmer Darke, district judge of Lafayette.

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