

Hall Down Your Flag.

A Flaming Lie.

Lynching Must Stop.

So long as men are executed in this country without the formality of trial, and without due process of law, the United States cannot, with truth, be called "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Until the law of lynching is righted, until every man charged with crime is given a hearing before a jury of his peers, the flag that waves above us is too much like a flaming lie, and our boasted civilization has in it too much braggadocio.

No matter who the criminal, or what the crime, there is but one way to inflict punishment, and that is by the method laid down in the statute books of the land.

We may be horrified at outrage and shocked by the doing of evil deeds by cruel and evil men, but nothing can be more shocking than have been the scenes of burning, hanging and shooting that have disgraced the nation in more than one state of the American Union. And it is with unspeakable sorrow that *The Times* is compelled to admit that no section of the country is entirely free from these outrages against the law of the land and against public decency and order.

California has had more than her share of lynching bees, and justice is clamoring for the punishment of the guilty in this regard, the while they go unwhipped thereof.

We cannot ignore this monstrous state of affairs. And it is difficult for an American to look his fellow-men of other nations in the face so long as our courts are unable to convict.

We may talk about the Philippine question, the tariff question, and the thousand and one other things that are the subject of consideration, but the burning question of the hour is the crime of lynching. It must be stopped, and the utmost authority of the several states and of the nation must be put forth to that end.

The matter has been tentatively touched upon in Congress; the move-

ment must become general and vigorous. No true American wants to submit to the reproach of other peoples. "Haul down your flag until it shall be made to mean in fact what you claim it stands for!"—*Times*.

The Southern lynching season is started out with more than characteristic briskness this summer. Congress, being still in session, it might be worth the while of the national law makers to look into the question a bit, with a view to making it possible for a man, even though criminal and vicious no end, to be permitted to live in these United States until a jury of his peers has sat on his case, and decided that he is ripe enough to hang. Picking negroes from the brush and putting them into the burning is scarcely proper in a land which boasts of its civilization, and bases its mode of civil and criminal procedure upon law and order. These few remarks are aimed directly at any part of the country, North or South, where Judge Lynch holds court in continuous session, and issues his judgments by the rope or torch, and not by word of mouth. This lynching business ought to stop, and to must stop.—*Times*.

THE PRESIDENT REBUKES THE MOB LYNCHING EVIL

Is it only in the Army of the Philippines that Americans sometimes do acts that cause the rest of America regret? (Cries of "Oh, no.") From time to time there occurs in this country, to the deep and lasting shame of our people, lynchings carried on under circumstances of inhuman cruelty and barbarity—a cruelty infinitely worse than any that has ever been committed by our troops in the Philippines; worse to the victims, and far more brutalizing to those guilty of it. The men who fail to condemn these lynchings, and yet clamor about what has been done in the Philippines, are indeed guilty of neglecting the beam in their own eye while taunting their brother about the mote in his. Understand me. These lynchings afford us no excuse for failure to stop cruelty in the Philippines. Every effort is being made, and will be made, to minimize the chances of cruelty occurring.

But keep in mind that these cruel-

ties in the Philippines have been wholly exceptional, and have been shamelessly exaggerated. We deeply and bitterly regret that any such cruelties should have been committed, no matter how rarely, no matter under what provocation by American troops. But they afford far less justification for a general condemnation of our army than these lynchings afford for the condemnation of the communities in which they have taken place. In each case it is well to condemn the deed, and it is well also to refrain from including both guilty and innocent in the same sweeping condemnation.

In every community there are men who commit acts of well nigh inconceivable horror and baseness. If we fix our eyes only upon these individuals, and upon their acts, and if we forget the far more numerous citizens of upright and honest life, and blind ourselves to their countless deeds of wisdom and justice and philanthropy, it is easy enough to condemn the community. There is not a city in this land which we could not thus condemn if we fixed our eyes purely upon its police record, and refused to look at what it had accomplished for decency and justice and charity. Yet this is exactly the attitude which has been taken by too many men, with reference to our army in the Philippines, and it is an attitude both absurd and cruelly unjust.

"DARKEST UNITED STATES."

BERLIN, June 14.—A pamphlet by Felix Baumann is having an extraordinary large circulation "In Darkest United States," and contains extravagant descriptions of the immorality alleged to exist in American cities. There are long chapters on New York, Chicago, New Orleans and San Francisco.

The writer has raked together accounts of cruel lynchings, police bribes and the sale of justice in cities. He contends that the United States is more deeply immoral than any other country in the world, and warns Germans, especially women, against emigrating to such an evil atmosphere. The black cover of the pamphlet is conspicuous on every news stand. The Stars and Stripes are emblazoned on it.

BURDETTE ON "LUCK."

"I believe that some people are born lucky and others unlucky. If a young man spends more money for neckties and yellow shoes than he does for books, he is very apt to be unlucky in his literary ventures. If a girl finds her rhymes in the ceiling and counts the measure of her lines on her finger tips, she will be unlucky when she tries to earn her living by writing poetry. If a young man endeavors, steadily and persistently, to support himself by playing ping-pong and billiards and wondering where he can borrow \$5, he is liable to be unlucky in business. If a girl learns to dance by note, but is content to spell by ear, she will have hard luck keeping a place as stenographer, even in a place that spells socks 'sox,' and cigar 'seegar."

"If a young man goes to bed at midnight and breakfasts at 9 o'clock, I know he will have bad luck when he applies for cashier in the new bank. If a girl starts at 2:25 to catch the 2:20 train I know she will have bad luck keeping her engagements. If a man forgets to put a stamp on his letter he is going to have bad luck with his correspondence. If it takes a woman half a minute to say her prayers and an hour and a half to dress, she may be a stunner on the street, but she will be a mighty poor Christian. If a young man buys his clothes on credit all the year, and has a running account at every livery stable and restaurant in town, he will be the unluckiest man in California on January 1. If a woman walks into a new building to see what the sign, "Danger, Keep Out," is put up for, she will be just lucky enough to have a hod full of mortar fall on her flower-garden-hat. If a young man ships a cargo of ice to the Klondike and a carload of oranges to Riverside, he is handcuffed by bad luck in his speculations.

"If a girl with a salary of \$40 a month spends \$20 for clothes, \$ for board, \$5 for amusements, and the rest for incidentals, she will come crying to you by-and-by to tell you that she is the unluckiest individual that ever lived.

"In short, if you are lazy and shiftless and foolish and stupid and empty headed, you are born to bad luck, hard luck, the worst kind of luck. An un-

lucky person is simply a person who can't be trusted, in religion, in business in politics. There is no mystery about bad luck. An unlucky person is simply a person who chooses to do unlucky things.

"But if you get to the office a little before it is opened, aren't afraid to dust your own desk, sweep out the store better than the porter, wear old clothes until you can pay for new ones, know more about the goods you are selling than you do about the newest fad in vaudeville actresses, can't tell Bob Fitzsimmons from the new soubrette, if daily you are finding out what you want to do and how to do it, you are born to good luck, and you can't help it. It isn't so very lucky to be bitten by a dog, but it's deadly bad luck to keep a dog that bites you every time it sees you."

WASHINGTON'S WORDS OF WISDOM.

"It is always easy for a race to yield to the temptation of crushing and with holding opportunities from a weak race—to be deceived by the false doctrine that it lifts itself up in proportion as it keeps others down. The central idea that I wish to impress is that this Nation will be strong in its citizenship just in proportion as, in its growth, it uplifts nearly ten millions of black people. It will grow weak in proportion as it yields to the temptation of neglecting or degrading these people of African descent."

Thinking of the duty of his own race to itself, he said:

"We must ever keep in mind that our future recognition is largely within our own hands. It is not what we say of good concerning ourselves, or what others may say of evil regarding us, that, in the long run, is going to hinder or help us. It is going to be what we actually accomplish. By our fruits men will judge us. As a race we must learn not to be deceived or discouraged by the superficial or temporary. The real question with us as a race is whether each year we are gaining in property, intelligence, high character, and in the confidence and respect of our neighbors, black and white. It is the quiet, persistent, eternal, unostentatious effort to prove our worthiness that is going to win,

With the Negro it will be as with the white man. He will weaken himself and degrade his soul if he permits race hatred to control or guide him. Love for all men and hatred for none must be the mainspring of life."—Western Christian Advocate.

AN UNCROWNED QUEEN.

The Negro woman is indeed an uncrowned queen in adversity, and lifts her head as far above abuse, slander and insult as the lofty mountains kissed by the pure airs of heaven, tower above the swamps and marshes which lie at their base.

Our female element, under mother influence, attends school and church, eschews the brothels, stays at home and works, and, to our shame, is the backbone of the Negro race today.

Were it not for the Negro woman, the outlook would be dark. I am aware of the breadth of my speech when I say that the world has never furnished a higher womanhood under like conditions than the Negro woman of the South. With strong appetites and passions, penniless, often houseless, practically left to shift alone, amid debasing influences in the race and out, exposed everywhere, stumbling, falling, rising, fleeing—she goes on, washing, cooking, plowing, sowing, reaping—educating her children, building the cottage, erecting churches and schools—often supporting husband and son—this black woman deserves the admiration of the whole world.—W. H. Council. From Pacific Coast Appeal.

Those who are studying the Negro problem ought to go and look over the situation in Jamaica. It would give them great light upon the pathway. The Jamaica slaves received their freedom in 1838. Today, many, if not most of the leading merchants, tradesmen, postoffice and minor railroad officials, conductors and motormen, engineers, civil engineers, and teachers in graded schools are men in whose veins runs colored blood. They are in the main agreeable and well informed, and many of them are educated and refined. The tradesmen and conductors are more courteous and considerate than the majority of those of white skin occupying similar positions in America. A few weeks in Jamaica will convince the most skeptical that the colored man is capable of development through educational methods.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

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THE PRESIDENT RETALIATES.

Elsewhere in this edition will be found the President's forceful castigation of the mob and its promoters. But the cause called forth the President's scathing rebuke detracts much from its value as an appeal to the law and order element of the country. To attract the attention of the world from the unspeakable atrocities perpetrated upon colored American citizens in the South, by lawless whites, Senators Tillman and Carmack have raised a great howl about atrocities practiced upon the Filipinos by our soldiers. The constant howl of these mob leaders, Tillman and Carmack, about outrages by the army in the Philippines goaded the President into retaliating, hence his speech denouncing mob violence in this country. He says in effect to Tillman and Carmack, "When the people whom you represent and for whom you speak stop burning negroes at the stake and torturing them in a manner

that savages would not permit, the army of which I am chief will cease to imitate you and your followers in the Philippines." He did not speak as one having authority. As the head of a great nation he did not demand the enforcement of its constitution and laws. It puts him in the attitude of saying, "If you speak against lawlessness in the army, I will speak against it at home. If your mobs let the army alone, I will let you alone." The president's chair has had a weakening effect on its occupants in recent years. Men who are governors of states ordered mobs shot down, bowed to mobs as president. Unless the President changes his method of attack he will never command the respect of the mob. Through Tillman and Carmack the mob will still tantalize him.

THE TIMES.

The position of the Los Angeles Times on the lynching evil is sound and patriotic. The strong appeal of the Times to the national government to take a hand in this matter, looking to a stop of these disgraceful occurrences shows a love of country and a determination to defend its honor, regardless of the feelings of a vicious public sentiment. Of course it is only negroes that is being burned alive and shot and hung like brutes and the outspoken manner of the Times against these outrages upon defenseless colored American citizens, when compared with the silence or equivocation of too many of the other papers, does not prove that its brave editor loves the negro any better than they, but loves his country more. The every report of shooting and hanging of negroes by mobs and periodical burnings at the stake with slow fires in the presence of women and children, then auctioning off the charred flesh for souvenirs must make this nation appear in eyes of foreigners as a gigantic mob. And that is not all, unless this thing is stopped it is only a question of time when the mob will dominate what is left of the country. Truly the greatest question before the American people today is the lynching question. Either the laws will have to protect all of the people or they will protect none of the people.

GOV. GAGE WILL BE RENOMINATED.

The renomination of Gov. Gage is now conceded. The great body of voters believe him to be honest and sincere and the fight that is being made upon him by Spreckels, De Young et al, will only bring him in closer touch with the people.

Ex-Rev. Kelley, whose penchant for honey-fugling around weak-minded women, when the men are at work, was held under a \$2000 bond to answer in the superior court of San Francisco for seduction. He made a proposition to marry the girl to escape the pen, but she indignantly refused. Having failed in the matrimonial proposition he may set up the "Breckenridge" plea. It is difficult to estimate the moral injury that an idle immoral minister can inflict upon a community. Imagine an idle, immoral, well-fed minister with a salary of \$100 a month running around loose among the thoughtless young church women!

A MOTHER'S AWFUL DEED.

In a fit of insanity a Mississippian white woman killed her six children and set her home on fire on the 15th. It was a sad tragedy. If the truth was known that unfortunate woman may have witnessed the cruel lynching of some negro or heard some one, possibly a relative tell of the gallant part he played in a burning at the stake. She bound her four-months-old baby to the bed post and burned it alive. It is an incident worthy of note, that for every negro burned at the stake, 15 to 20 white persons lose their lives in accidental fires, being in most cases cremated alive.

MARRIED A WHITE WOMAN.

The recent announcement that a colored brother had taken unto himself a white wife caused great excitement among the colored population and brought forth a hurricane of unfavorable comment. If the white people were as bitterly opposed to the mixing of the races as the Negroes are, the mulatto crop wouldn't be worth gathering. This is another case in which the white man is the aggressor, with now and then a white woman who retaliates by fastening on to a black spouse. Not satisfied with taking all of our handsome maidens, they have commenced taking our men. It is just awful!

THE MAN WITH THE PITCHFORK.

Two forces met, there was a crash;
But Southern weapons did not clash.
With open hands and fists they tore;
But still there was no loss of gore.

It seems an unsolved mystery
That dignified old chivalry,
Which always boasts of honor bright,
Engaged in a plebian fight.

The pitchfork knight, so full of ire,
Opens indiscriminate fire;
His hatred, like an evil spell,
Is always raising strife and h—l.

This fire-eater from the South
Finds it hard to shut his mouth;
He's learned to use his pitchfork well,
And he delights to raise a h—l.

But the time is drawing nigh
When he must lay his pitchfork by;
He cannot take it Over There;
He'll be obliged to leave it here.

From heaven's gate he will be spurned,
Because he wanted Negroes burned;
He'll find his unrelenting hate
Will surely meet the sinner's fate.

It's hoped that when his pitchfork's
gone
He'll sink into oblivion;
There, where no Negroes will be
lynched,
But where all the pitchfork knights
are singled.

Old Pitchfork Knight, farewell, fare-
well!

You'll go where darkened spirits dwell,
O'er there on night's Plutonian shore,
Where pitchforks will be used no more.

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GOOD BOOKS.

What a beautiful world this is to one who enjoys the companionship of good books. To him there is nothing useless, nothing homely, nothing hopelessly bad. In the darkest hours of the night the mental vision remains bright. Books bring the past and the present into each others embrace. Through their medium we stand in the presence of the people of long ago, sharing their joys and sorrows, their hopes and fears. We hear Abraham say to Lot "Let there be no strife betwixt me and thee." We see the mother of Moses put him in the ark of bullrushes and place the precious cargo in the Nile. We gaze in silent admiration as the mighty army of Cambyses passes by and think although these gallant boys will change the geography of the world, many of

them will not pass in grand review when the conquering army returns.

We witness the battle between Caesar and Pompey. The sad fate of the latter arouses our keenest sympathy. What a lesson it teaches! How transitory is human power and greatness! Only turn the musty pages of those silent old books called histories, and a long train of nations, statesmen, warriors, orators, pass in grand review. Who could be idle or lonesome in the presence of such an animated scene? If it were not for books, perpetual darkness would cover all the historic past and the benefits we derive from a knowledge of man's struggles and achievements from the dawn of his existence to the present would sleep with him in voiceless silence. Books, like the deeds of the defenders of human rights, are monuments that time can not pulverize—stones of everlasting remembrance. Good books are friends that you can not bore; they always receive you graciously and give freely the best they have in store. They purify the soul and inspire it with lofty aims. While shutting you in from the vulgar and the vicious, they extend your horizon and broaden your sphere of usefulness. In the presence of the noisy, gossiping multitude they enable you to hold communion with and enjoy the companionship of the brightest minds of all ages. You walk, as it were, through the open door into the presence of authors, poets, philosophers, orators and statesmen and receive from their lips treasures of wisdom gathered by a life time of laborious self-sacrificing researches. A knowledge of books lends a charm to the barren landscaps, an angel peeps from every stone, every tree an object of study and companionship, gives speech to every flower and the passing brook sings an inspiring song as it journeys on to the ocean, scattering blessings with an ever increasing abundance.

The young man who early cultivates a taste for reading pure literature will become an educated man whether he attends college or not and will have power and influence in his community, whether it is cultured or rustic. Books are cheap. A few good ones well read will give weight to your opinion, and before you know it your influence will be in demand. Have a good book always handy, give it only

your spare moments, that is the time you spend in idleness or worse—standing on street corners listening to foolish talkers—do this, and time will do the rest.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH TEXAS?

Was the negroes in Texas freed by immortal Lincoln or some one else? If Lincoln freed these people why do they celebrate the 19th of June as emancipation day? For the land's sake somebody ought to set these people right in this matter. Every year about this time a yellow circular emanates from the Eagle's nest announcing a great celebration. This circular usually contains the names of every minister in town, generally mis-spelled and the name of every colored person that can be found on the great register. This is done without the knowledge or consent of the parties whose names are used, and done to induce feeble-minded men and women to quit work and loaf around some park and eat stale refreshments so that some fellow can get a rake off. How the ministers can allow their names to be misspelled and thrown around in the rubbish is hard to understand. Have you seen the last circular? Like its predecessors, it is noticeable only for its independent orthography and lawless phraseology. Only the fact that the Eagle man is trying to poise as a leader caused The Liberator to notice this matter. We are measured by our leaders. We would not be surprised to find the names of some colored preachers on a prize fight committee. Holy fathers, your names are getting mighty common! The old "finance committee" is not dead. The last quit work Eagle circular can be found at the park museum.

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The campaign will soon be open. Look out, for colored campaign buffoon will be in evidence with his characteristic speech. The negro who quits his work to do politics will be overlooked when the time comes to give out spitoon jobs.

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It is better to raise cabbages in your front yard than weeds. The crop of a kind heart is good deeds.
If the Republican party cannot pro-

tect the Negro in the enjoyment of his constitutional rights, when it is in his power, it could serve him better in retirement, as it would then have time to agitate. The wrongs of the Negro enlists much sympathy from the G. O. P. when it is out of power. It wouldn't be a bad thing if the party could get into a sympathetic mood.

If your brother gains a little notoriety by trying to do good, don't let it arouse envy; let him have your endorsement. You cannot elevate your-

self by finding fault with others. If you can't put your shoulder to the wheel, don't try to pull the other fellow's away. It is not the fault finder, but the one who sets examples, that leads the multitude.

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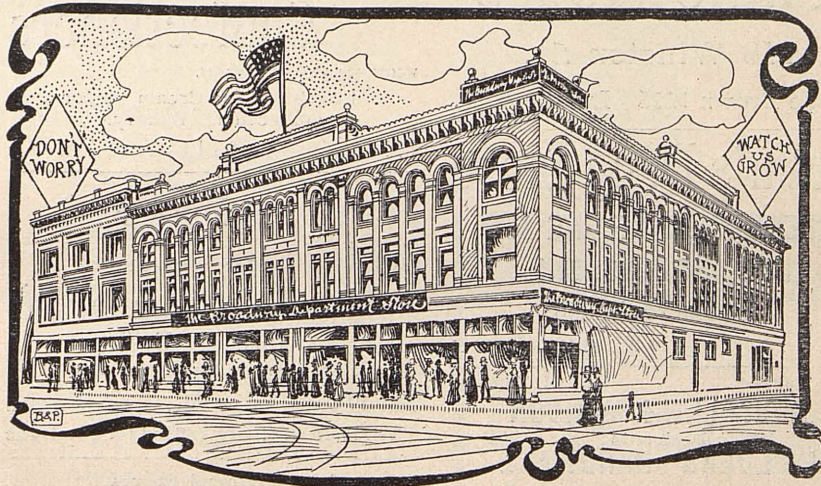
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