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A Virginia Judge Lynched on the Bench

THE SHERIFF, DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND A WHITE WOMAN WERE ALSO LYNCHED

THE HALLS OF JUSTICE A SLAUGHTER HOUSE

SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE JURY SHOT DOWN. THE MOB WAS ORDERLY.

The killing of the judge on the bench and the sheriff, district attorney, a young white woman and the maiming of several members of the jury in the court house at Hillsville, Virginia, last week is the legitimate result of the continued inhuman cold-blooded butchering and burning-alive of defenseless Negro men and women in this country by mobs.

White men are beginning to reap what they have been so diligently sowing. Negroes by the hundreds have been lynched for being Negroes. Here a whole court in this so called Christian country, was lynched for the crime of finding white criminals guilty of crime.

By killing a white woman the mob showed the same disregard for her life, that they show for the lives of Negro women. The Associated Press, which has made mobs popular, by making their bloody crimes deeds of heroism calls the members of that mob bandits and their lynching "assassination," because the mob's victims are white men and women. No class has done more to make that Virginia lynching possible, than the officers of the law, themselves. In the immunity offered white murderers from punishment, when Negroes are victims, has made a farce of the courts of

justice and brought the law into general contempt.

A few weeks ago a mob in Tennessee went into the sheriff's office and in his presence, finished slaughtering a number of Negroes that it had attacked in the street. The Negroes charged with murder were unarmed and in the custody of the law. In Georgia, a Negro convicted of murder, standing up before the Judge, who was pronouncing the sentence of death upon him, was shot down by a member of a mob. The shot failing to kill the prisoner, he left a trail of blood from the bench on which sat the unjust Judge, to the gallows, which were in readiness. The man who attempted to murder the Negro was not even haled into the court for contempt.

The courts, by their actions, say that white men have a right to murder Negro men and women if they want to, the time, place and manner of the killing is left to white men's selection. White men who murder Negroes will murder white folks and will be just about as careless as to the time or place.

All Were Armed.

If there is anything connected with that mob that challenges the admiration of anybody, it is the fact that the people they lynched were all armed. That was unusual and something new in mob proceedings. The usual way is to have the officers of the law disarm the victims and turn them over to the mob. That mob evidently regarded it as cowardice to have their victims disarmed and

then bravely (?) lynch them.

The mob was orderly aside from the fuss in the court house, there was no other disorder. Having completed its work, the members of the mob, who were able to ride mounted their horses and rode out of town. The old way of beating and maiming the women, children and friends of the mob's victims, wrecking property, etc, was not allowed. This shows progress even in lynching. This is the only country in the civilized world where the people propagate and protect mobs; and nobody has been more lenient to mobs than the courts. If lynchings are to continue, is there any reason why courts should be exempt from their operations in this country where all men are supposed to be equal? Lynching is murder, whether the victims are black or white, poor or rich. Gentlemen, either the country or your mob law must go.

A WHITE LIBERTINE FLOGGED

"It seems that a few weeks ago several white apple peddlers visited Boley, Okla., and remained over night. One of the white men made himself very friendly and familiar after nightfall with several of Boley's Negro citizens, and finally suggested that a colored girl be brought to entertain him. He was promptly knocked down by the Negro young men and thoroughly thrashed. He ran from Boley and took refuge at Okemah, a white town nearby. He got sympathy by telling the officers he had been beaten and robbed by Negroes at Boley. The white officers went

to arrest the Boleyites and their treatment was magnified by the Okemah Ledger, a white journal, into a race riot."

"The colored paper, the Boley Progress, says: 'Any white gentleman who comes to Boley will be given courteous treatment, whether he comes on business or sightseeing.

"The citizens of Boley realize that the white people of the country have helped them and are yet helping them, and we are not ingrates, neither are we all criminals, but we are not fools.

"The low-down, insignificant night-riding jackasses, who seem to be a cross between a hyena and a coyote, and who would lynch a Negro man in the daytime and would hunt for Negro women at night, might as well understand that Boley doesn't give a corrugated whoop in hell for their presence, and this atmosphere won't produce the woman they are looking for.'"

POLITICS DECLARES ROBINS

"You must bring the morality of the men and women in the churches out of cold storage and get it in action if you wish the church to be a world service.

"Unless the church is ready to go into politics and industry for social service the kingdom for which it prays will never come.

"Unless the church is ready to go into the strain of the modern world through collective action, it betrays the civilization for which it stands.

"We've got to solve the problem of social service at our own city doors—we cannot run away, for it is here and now.

"The church must get an awakened Christian conscience which will be a function in industrial work."—Raymond Robins in address before Ministerial union in Men and Religion Forward Movement.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Dr. John M. Moore of N. Y., a prominent worker in "The Men and Religion Movement" spoke to a large audience at the Y. M. C. A., last Sunday.

TRY TO BURN CHURCH

The attempt to burn the Metropolitan Baptist Church, colored, in Pasadena, a few days ago, is to be regreted. If colored people are to have churches of their own, which is their right, they ought to build them in Negro settlements.

DUARTE AND MONROVIA

Mr. J. L. Edmonds, Jr., will visit Duarte and Monrovia on Saturday, the 30th of this month. All subscribers will be visited. Please be ready.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Elgin of 1366 East 18th street, entertained in honor of the 26th birthday anniversary of their son, Monroe. Covers were laid for twelve.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan H. Adams died at their residence, 845 East 9th on the 17th. Funeral services were held Monday, Rev. E. W. Kenchin officiating. The family has the sympathy of all.

WESLEY CHAPEL NOTES

Twelve infants were Christened last Sunday. Mr. Gabriel Bowers was baptised.

Mr. William Cooper entertained the Literary Society Tuesday evening with a stereopticon show. Quite a crowd turned out. All were well pleased with the show.

Hear the Williams Jubilee Singers at the Shrine Auditorium, Tuesday evening, March 26th.

QUITTING FOOL'S PARADISE

Speaking of the death of a prominent colored man which took place in this city recently, the speaker said: "All Texans who appreciate the death of Mr. _____ rise. Not knowing the import of the language, a big bunch arose. Some people will keep themselves in the lime-light no matter how ridiculous. Rev. J. A. Stout delivered his farewell address, which brought forth many expressions of sorrow and a few tears. How the city could worry along without Rev. Stout was voiced by many. Mr. A. J. Jones the near-chief and local colored Rockerfeller, took the speakers and mourners seriously and, failing to see how the city could go to pieces, while he (Jones) remained in it and feeling somewhat piqued at being apparently overlooked, arose and said: "Lincoln and McKinly died, and the world didn't stop; I am glad Rev. Stout is going; I think we can worry along, I'll be here."

The scribbler decided to quit "foolin" and go off and make a man of himself, and handed in his resignation.

That provoked another fake burst of lamentations and resolutions.

One of our colored attorneys has been looking after that nurse-training affair at the County Hospital for some time in the hope of adjusting it. The F. P. has decided to invite the other colored attorneys to come down and discuss the matter and tell them whether the attorney handling the case is pursuing the proper course. Fortunately, our attorneys would not be guilty of such a violation of professional ethics.

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Mrs. S. A. Wright's entertainment at the Y. M. C. A., for the benefit of the Working Girls Home, was quite a success. Santa Monica was well represented.

Mr. Boyd Carter, who has been in San Diego for several months, has returned home for an indefinite visit.

Pleasant visitors on the beach Sunday were Messrs. Reuben Lewis and a friend, Herbert Hunter Smily.

Our Santa Monica correspondent is alright. She knows just how to say things.—Editor.

Mr. S. Bedney of Los Angeles is preparing to build an apartment house on his lot on Sixth street between California avenue and Washington street.

Mrs. Alex. Williams of Sixteenth street is seriously ill in the Santa Monica Hospital.

Miss Hazel Brown, Alberta Muse, Edna Adams and Mattie Dudley were in the city Friday evening assisting the Sojourner Truth Club in an entertainment at the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Wm. Dumas from Georgia near Atlanta in visiting his daughter at nineteenth and Utha streets.

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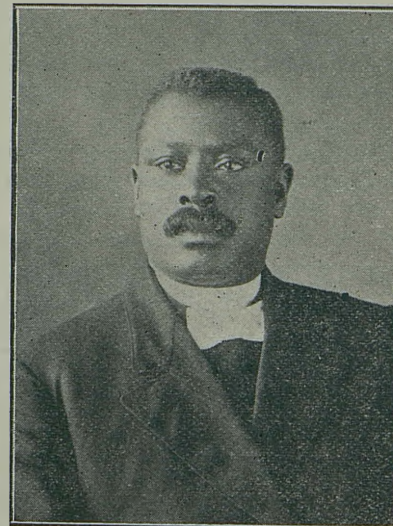
Linwood is the center of a rapidly growing community with a street railway system second to none in the country, Linwood road separates Linwood acres from the city of Watts, and is two blocks from Abila, a prosperous colored settlement with two churches and several business houses.

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The presence of such a man in the community would have a very wholesome effect, as the young men our law schools are turning out, are very largely gentlemen of culture; and that is why, whenever possible, our professional men should make their homes in communities largely populated by Negroes. The homes of such people are modern and their home life elevating—the paramount needs of all communities. Go to Linwood young men, and grow up with that community. Buy your home there and live there. The lives of our educated people should not be wasted on the "desert air"

Mrs. Edson spoke to a good-sized audience at the Lyceum last Sunday on the tuberculin test for milch cows. The audience was small, but what it lacked in quantity it made up in quality. It was composed of men and women who represent high ideals, leaders of thought and progress among our people. Men and women who are studying the problems that

are confronting the people of the country, and in this way are fitting themselves to aid in their proper solution. The number of colored people, both young and old, who make it a business to keep away from any place where there is a chance to learn something useful, is sadly, large. The speech was intensely interesting and one that every Negro man, woman and child should have heard. The fact that our young people are dying off rapidly and out of proportion to their numbers, every opportunity to learn how to preserve their health and prolong their lives ought to be eagerly sought. Mrs. Edson will speak again on this subject.



Rev. W. J. J. Byers, pastor of A. M. E. Zion church, will address the Lyceum next Sunday, the 24th. Rev. Byers is one of our able, progressive ministers. Everybody is invited. 4 p. pm.

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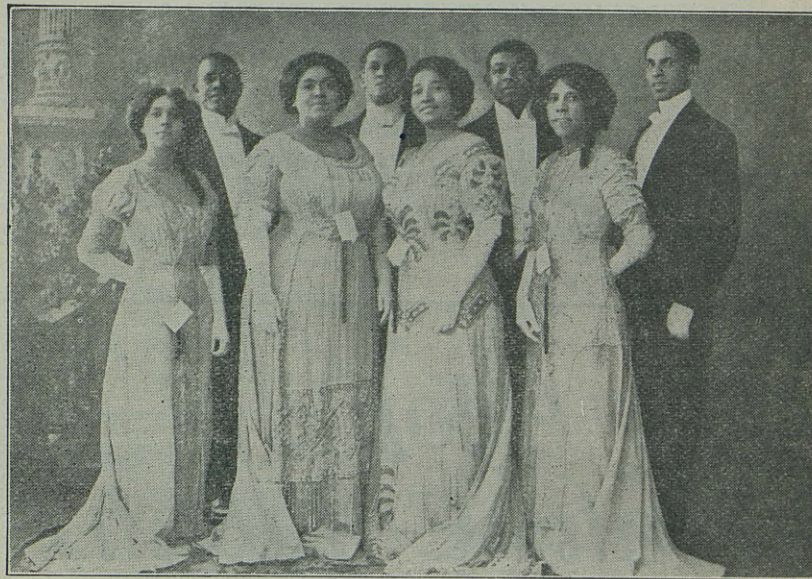
Judge York, Rev. Renold E. Blyght, Rabi Hecht, Mrs. Clara Shortridge Foltz and other prominent speakers will speak at the mass meeting to be held at Blanchard Hall on Broadway, Wednesday evening, at 7:30, March 27th. The object of the meeting is to protest against the refusal of the Board of Supervisors to admit colored girls to the nurse-training school at the County Hospital.

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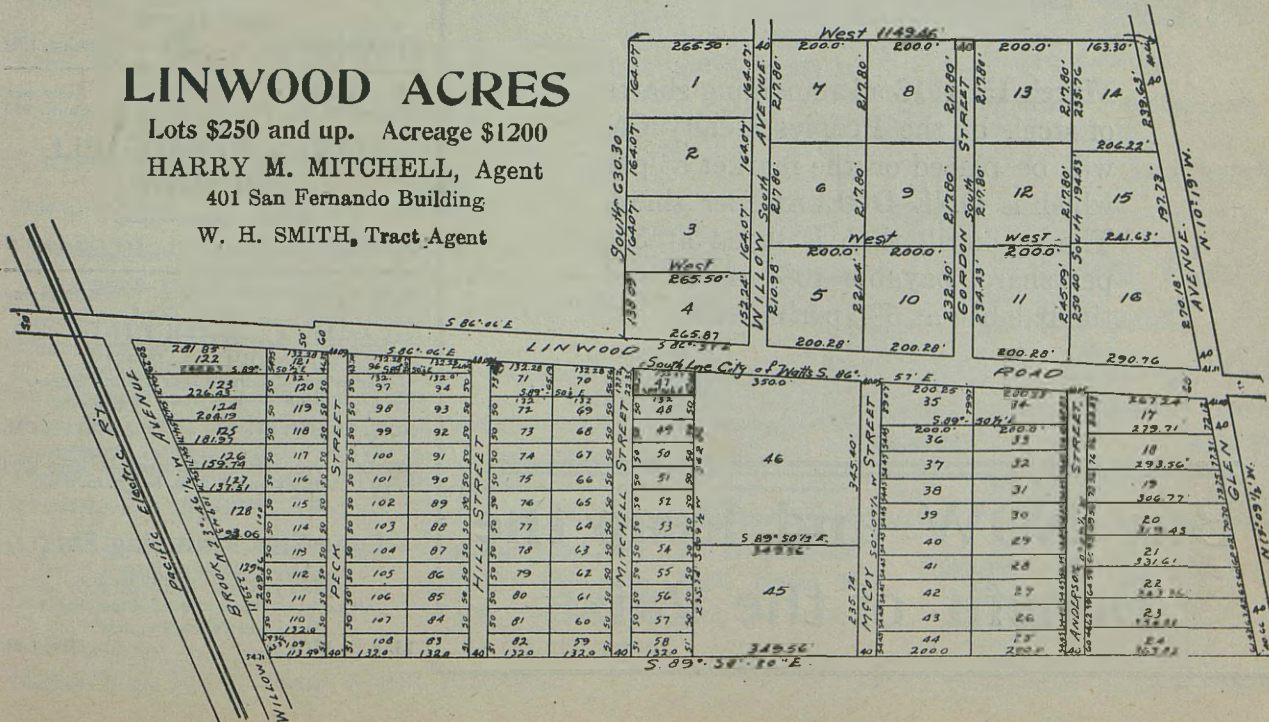
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