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NOT A LYNCHING CASE.

In Wilkes county, Ga., last week, a party of Negro men and women were having a social dance. They were committing no crime, were only engaging in a common form of amusement and recreation, but in the midst of the entertainment the place was invaded by a mob of drunken white rowdies, who with weapons assaulted the men, who insulted the women, and attempted to take charge of the affair to suit themselves. Naturally the Negroes resented this, and the consequence was that two of them were killed. Now will there be any lynching, any burning at the stake, of these murderers? No, and there should not be, although the provocation is great. But how would it have been if the case had been reversed, if a gang of drunken Negro toughs had thus broken in upon, assaulted and insulted a company of white dancers, and killed two of their number? How many Negroes would then have been lynched? The Atlantic News, a white man's government paper, but one with a conscience, is moved to say that this affair was "shameful," and continues:

"And for their own sakes the good people of Wilkes county, the white people, should see to it that the offenders are required with such swiftness and such force as to forever deter a repetition of anything of the sort. We who proclaim the lawlessness of the Negro and who suffer direfully because of it, can expect nothing else from the black man when such an example is set him and such provocation offered as was offered by the Wilkes county rowdies. And because the effects of such behavior is sure to redound upon the helpless and the innocent as well as blacken the name of the southern white man generally, such acts as the one in question should be punished by white hands with the utmost rigor. Wilkes county, the heart of the most aristocratic section of Georgia, owes it to herself and to the state to punish these offenders." This is pretty fair, for a southern paper, but the language might have been a good deal stronger if the shoe had been on the other foot.

TUESDAY'S ELECTIONS.

Elections in most of the states will take place next Tuesday. The complexion of the next House of Representatives is the most interesting and important general feature. While the result seems somewhat in doubt, the better and more impartial opinions are that the Republicans will retain control of the next House, though by a decreased majority perhaps, not more than 15 or 20, instead of nearly 40, as now. The Democrats, it is conceded, will make some gains in New York and a few other states, but not enough, probably, to overcome the present Republican majority. Most Republicans will be held straight in order to give support to President Roosevelt, who certainly deserves all the endorsement and aid that Republicans can give him.

In New York O'Dell will almost surely be re-elected Governor, though not by a large majority, and the legislature may be closer than it has been for many years. The Democrats will not carry any states that went for McKinley in 1900, though, it being an off year, the Republican majorities will not be so large.

Washington will elect three Republican congressmen, and probably a Republican Legislature, though Senator Turner is a very able general, and will win victories in a few Republican spots. In California the result as to governor is doubtful, as Lane, Democrat, is very popular with the Union labor element, but the Republicans will elect the eight congressmen, with possibly one or two exceptions. In Idaho the Republicans have a strong ticket, and have a fighting chance and they are not entirely hopeless of victory in Montana.

That The New Age is becoming a more extensively and thoroughly Northwest Pacific newspaper is proven by its advertising columns. When you travel through this region and want to buy anything, go to the men who advertise in The New Age, and you will be treated right.

Our friend, Col. James Hamilton Lewis, came near being nominated for congress in Chicago last week. He'll "get there" yet. Though a Democrat, the colonel has a heart and brain that know no race or color.

It is always safe to follow the mayor's advice. With Judge Williams in that office it is scarcely necessary to have a city attorney—though we have a very good one, who does excellent work too.

Senator Mitchell is on his way back to Washington where he will be "on deck," this winter to do valiant service for Oregon, which is fortunate in having in that position so able and influential a man.

The grand jury says grafting is going on. But it is unlikely that a trial jury would convict anybody.

The slot machine comes out victorious after all. Well, it doesn't compel anybody to play it.

The wrong foot.

South Africa would not seem to suggest anything like a comedy of errors, yet it does. It was in that hapless land, and on a sleeping car, that a genial bachelor was travelling lately.

Just across from his berth was a handsome little woman and her 3-year-old boy. Early in the morning the two were laughing and playing together, and the good-natured bachelor smiled to himself as he rose to dress. Suddenly a little foot peeped out from the covering on the opposite berth and, with a twinkle in his eye, the bachelor grabbed the plump toe, and began—

"This little pig went to market, this little—"

"That is my foot, sir!" said the indignant voice of a woman.

The silence which followed could be heard above the roar of the train.

Needed No Better Address. A letter mailed in France, addressed to "The Great Apple Grower, Kansas, North America," was delivered to Judge Fred Wellhouse of Topeka, the "apple king," of course. Another letter directed simply "In His Steps," was delivered to Rev. Charles M. Sheldon of Topeka.

Different Kind of Trees. American foresters are trying to give as wide publicity as possible to the fact that long-lived trees will be grown under protection of short-lived trees, to eventually take their places and form the permanent stand.

A Large Traffic. The Eastern Trunk Railway out of London carries 1,000,000 passengers in and out daily.

"Well," said his wife's mother, "there was one home without a mother-in-law, and disaster came to it. It was the Garden of Eden."

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A girl is as certain to sow her affections as a young man to sow his wild oats.

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