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"They have rights who dare maintain them."—James Russell Lowell.

NATION GIVES STRONG EDITORIAL ON LYNCHINGS FOR 1926

"The lynchings for 1926 almost doubled those for 1925 - - 34 and 18 are the official figures given out by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The association traces this disheartening increase in mob violence to the defeat of the federal anti-lynching bill; until punishment for lynching is taken out of the hands of irresponsible local authorities we seem doomed to suffer the humiliation of being the only country in the world in which the account of a mob murder is hardly news. At the same time there are bright spots in the process of adjusting race differences; for example, there were 33 cases last year of officers of the law who prevented lynching, and 29 of them were in the south. These instances further discredit the myth of the sheriff who is "overpowered" by the mob. Again, in Natchitoches, Louisiana, even white public sentiment is being aroused against a statute which was recently created to "do honor" to the Negro; it is inscribed, "The Good Darky of Louisiana, Erected by the City of Natchitoches, in grateful recognition of the arduous and faithful service of the good darkies of Louisiana." The figure is of the typical "Uncle Tom", the bent, shuffling, subservient old Negro who was so dear to the heart of the old south. South and North a change is coming—A Southern white lady was recently fined \$50 in a Chicago court for calling a Pullman porter a "Nigger".

ADVERTISING PAYS

Last week The Advocate carried a news item concerning a young girl by the name of Luella Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Foster, 413 Tillamook St. who was reported to have run away from home. The girl was immediately located by readers of The Advocate who gave

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the information to The Advocate which in turn relayed it to the Women's Protective Bureau and the girl was returned home from Kelso, Wash., and reported to be at home again with her parents.

TWO WHITE MEN DISCUSS THE SOUTH

That there exists no more religious or racial prejudice in the South, proportionately, than in New York, Maryland or any other states north of the Mason and Dixon line," writes Sam Gordon (white) of Baltimore.

In contradiction of Mr. Gordon's descriptive view of Dixie, however, are the conclusions of Dr. Edwin Mims (white), professor of English literature at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., who says:

"I am a southerner of one kind but not all kinds. The solidarity of the South is no longer a source of pride but of HUMILIATION to many of its most devoted men. There is a South that finds expression in the crude and blatant utterances of men like Cole Blease and Vardaman and another that finds expression in the statesmanship of men like Carter Glass and Oscar Underwood. There is a South that practices and justifies lynching and another South that believes it is justified under any and all circumstances, and is resolutely determined to put an end to it.

"There is a South that boasts of an original contribution to the Nation in the Ku Klux Klan, and there is a South that believes that the Klan is un-American and unChristian, and that holds out the helping hand to every race and creed.

"May South Carolina now punish the mob that lynched the Lowman Negroes. All honor to Judge Reed of Ga., for his courageous maintenance of the law in the recent Georgia lynching case.

"The Southern states are still at the bottom of all statistics that register actual educational conditions of the country. It is also true that there is a single university in the South that has adequate resources for the highest type of graduate work. These are facts that cannot be gotten around by hifalutin' talk about the beauty of southern women and the chivalry of southern men."

Gentle reader, kindly tell us who's who and why—Mr. Gordon or Mr. Mims?

REPUBLICAN PARTY ON THE JOB

At last the Republican party members in Congress have shown that they possess some back-bone, to judge by the way they are going after the southern democrats who are always lined up against the seating of some republican senator or representative in Congress, who is charged with spending large sums of money to be elected. The Republicans are now striking back by accusing the southerners of stealing, robbing and stuffing the ballot box to win their seats in Congress. Not only that, but for many years they have disfranchised by legal means and by intimidation the colored voters. By lynching threats and the shot gun they have kept colored voters from the polls. And the Republican party in the North until now has kept silent about it. But now that its majority in the Senate is threatened if Smith and Vare are not seated, the Republicans are fighting like real men ought to and watch the democrats back down.

LET HIM SINK

The colored man who goes into business and hollers, if his people fail to patronize him while at the same time he refuses to advertise or even subscribe for a colored newspaper, is a hypocrite and

has no kick coming. The best way to deal with that type of "race man", is to let him holler until his business head comes off.

HIS OWN MEDICINE

Down in Texas a preacher, Rev. J. Frank Norris, reputed to be a klansman, is on trial for his life, charged with the murder of a Texas business man.

In the opening of the trial a deal of trouble was experienced in the selection of a jury. It is said that the Rev. Norris made a desperate attempt to keep all Catholics from the jury panel which was to sit in judgment in his case.

In the meanwhile, the States Attorney is endeavoring to keep all the Protestants from the jury.

We are glad that the point has been raised by reputed Kluxer because somehow we can't make ourselves believe that a Klansman is qualified juror to try a case involving a Jew, a Negro or a Catholic.

Now that a Klansman is objecting to Catholics on jury service where the klansman's life is at stake, we are wont to say: It's just a dose of your own medicine.

—St. Louis Argus.

It's alright to ask God to help you, but it is our opinion you could get more help from Him, by first helping yourself.

BOYCOTTING THE NEGRO NEWSPAPER

A thing we have never been able to understand about some members of the Negro race is this: A white newspaper can print any sort of a slanderous tale about them, true or untrue, they grin and go on buying the white paper just the same. But just let a colored newspaper do likewise and they simply rave; they declare a boycott on the colored paper; they talk vilely about the editor and his family, if he has one, and do every thing they can think of to try to ruin the paper. Sorry to say, we have some of that kind in Portland.

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This is the beginning of a New year and many new subscribers have been added to our subscription list for which we are thankful. But there are many old subscribers who are far in arrears

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"CRADLE OF LIBERTY" IS SAVED

We were made to feel sad when we read sometime ago that Liberty Hall, the headquarters of the proud Garvey Movement in New York was to be sold under the hammer. But thanks to the loyalty of the members and friends of the movement, the so-called "cradle of liberty" has been saved.

The Garvey Movement may not be to the liking of many of our group, but nevertheless no black man with a spark of race pride in him should rejoice at the downfall real or seeming of the Garvey movement or any other movement which has for its objective the betterment of the colored race along any line of honest endeavor.

MORE ABOUT SEGREGATION

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greater universities in the country. Out on the campus of the University of Chicago a person is accepted for what he is and is given the opportunity of proving himself worthy of the acceptance.

Out there we have represented the school in almost every activity along with other races who attend. We are on athletic squads; we

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play in the band; we are on the debating team, even taking part in the international debate with teams representing Cambridge and Oxford; we are on the faculty; we are members of select councils, exclusive clubs and, finally, we have an interracial organization functioning on the campus. Obviously, we have every reason against our taking a Jim Crow social affair out there. There can be no sane argument against the intermingling of races socially at the University of Chicago or, for that matter, at any other university. Schools are for experimentation and broadening purposes. It is at such institutions as the University of Chicago that we can disprove the old, hackneyed argument that we do not want the contacts that can be established through association with white classmates. We not only want them, but need them. Experience has taught us that our lives are bound inseparably with

the lives of white men and women around us. We must mingle with them in business world, however much we are opposed to it. Why, then, cannot we make these contacts that will insure a more amicable relationship when school days are over? Dances given at the university of Chicago should, in the very nature of things, be all-inclusive. We should be the ones to take advantage of this situation. If white organizations have not taken that step it can be said that they thought we preferred to remain away from their affairs. Our dance proved it to their satisfaction. White students standing in the corridors watching the dance gave evidence that they were interested. Had they been invited, had they come—even to scoff—they would have gone home the wiser for having attended. There would have been that many less scoffers at the University of Chicago the next day. We seem woefully lack-

ing foresight. We follow blindly the beaten paths laid down centuries ago by other races, and while we complain of our lot we have not the moral courage to seek new routes. We cannot argue that white fraternities do not invite us to their affairs. The question is, "Who has more to gain by initiating this courtesy?" We who have lived in the restricted South all our lives—who are suffering from acute discomfort when in the presence of white people—do we expect always to be cringing, creeping things and still hope to take our place in the world's progress? Hasn't it occurred to us that the only way to lose that uncomfortable feeling is to meet the person who causes it again and again under as many conditions as will offer themselves? An incident is recalled by a student in one of the northern universities who had just come from the South and who felt uneasy in the (Concluded on page four)