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Register! Register!! Register!!!

Headline, "Mississippi Mob Lynchers White Man."

Mob spirit is so rampant now that white lynchers have turned on themselves as was the case a few days ago in Mississippi.

Just as we expected, the new past time of tarring Uncle Sam by tarring, feathering, sacking, dragging and dumping in the streets, of white men and women is the work of the newly reorganized nefarious Ku Klux Klan, a branch of which is organized in Columbia, and against which not a single protest was entered by the powers that be. Just what has happened in Florida Mississippi and Texas, is likely to happen right here in Columbia.

Just how to hold the Negro down without staying down themselves, is still a problem for the underclass of whites, while the average Negro is least concerned and therefore will not grasp the legitimate means of advancement at his command.

Some people keep so busy attending to other people's business that they don't have time to attend to their own business.

The business and professional men and women of Atlanta, are raising \$5,000 with which to entertain the large delegations that will attend the National Negro Business League in that city Aug. 17, 18, 19. This effort alone will give our readers an idea of the value and importance of attending this meeting. And we trust will prompt them to go over and partake of the good things said and done. The Indicator assures each and every one that at this gathering they will get new inspiration, new business ideas at first hand.

Now that Hon. J. W. Tolbert, the recognized State Chairman and National Committeeman, has won out in every battle over the many "would like to be Republicans" and has proven himself to be the proper man to shake the plum tree in South Carolina, we may expect old man Tom Miller and all of his kind—the Lilly White crowd—to take a back seat while the true and tried old liners pick up Mr. Tolbert's shake downs.

The ending of this fight brings the greatest victory to true republicanism it has been ours yet to witness. The Negroes of South Carolina owe Mr. Tolbert a debt of gratitude, for this victory, which they should not let go unpaid.

This victory makes conditions in South Carolina more hopeful as Mr. Tolbert has his first time to betray the trust of those who have trusted their greatest interest to keeping.

We understand it, Mr. Tolbert will need no dictation as to how plums should be measured out as will understand conditions in South Carolina and knows his enemies from his friends as well as the enemies and friends of the Grand Old Party. And will hand out the plums according as their works have done.

It now remains to be seen whether or not Mr. Tolbert will make good his pledges or default and get

in the bad graces of his true and tried friends as he is already with those who were lined up but fell by the way.

This is an old line Republican administration, but the administration cannot do its full work unless all of its members or officers are full fledged to the party. So we would admonish Mr. Tolbert be careful in considering New Converts many of whom are not converts to the true principals of the party.

Because of the explicit confidence it had in Mr. Tolbert, The Indicator has been one of his ardent supporters, and until he betrays the trust it now has in him, it will still support him.

It is now time Mr. Tolbert to call your men under the plum tree and give a good shake.

We are grateful to the many who are expressing to us their great satisfaction with our late editorial policy and the general contents of The Indicator each week. We are especially grateful to our good friend Dr. J. W. Sexton of Spartanburg, a constant reader and firm believer in The Indicator, who was moved to write us such a pleasing article this week. Which article appears on front page. We invite the attention of our readers to this article that they may read what a man of worth and standing in his community has to say about Negro journals and how he backs up his saying with thirteen paid up subscription to Negro papers.

It goes without saying that men like Dr. Sexton with such a large city and country practice in and

around Spartanburg together with his drug store and other business interests, has not one-half the time to read Negro papers that the contract hand, farmer and other laborers, yet to keep abreast the times and to keep in touch with doing of our people he finds it his indispensable duty to subscribe to pay for and actually read a large number of Negro papers. Yet there are scores of men and women right here in Columbia and elsewhere who never see a Negro newspaper and cannot be persuaded to subscribe to them.

There is another class who await the coming of Negro newspapers as eagerly as the neighbors themselves who have enough race pride and honesty to subscribe. These belong to the "beating" class who believe in getting all they can at the expense of the publisher and their neighbors, matters not what the cost to them may be. This is one of the great hinderances to Negro journalism. Like a tub of crabs the poor publisher is trying to make it with all the crabs pulling him back.

There are many Dr. Sextons in South Carolina who believe in and back up The Indicator just as strongly with words and deeds as does he. And were it not for these many Dr. Sextons and the unflinching effort of this humble servant of the people, The Indicator, would have long ago gone the way of the dead after many other papers. But it still lives with more hope than ever, that the long oppressed people it represents will soon more fully realize its real worth and appreciate its service.

We cannot fully express to Dr. Sexton our high appreciation of him for these high expressions of us, of our position on matters pertaining to the advancement of the race along all lines but especially racial co-operation which is so badly neglected. We feel, however, that we are unworthy of these laudable praises, and will only use such to rekindle the hope that we may some day prove ourselves worthy by rendering more effective service to a people who will soon realize the great worth, not of the man but the newspaper that will turn to our boys and girls the bright side of the picture in rebuttle to the dark side that is daily turned by the other fellows.

Mr. Samuel Vanderhorst is spending his vacation in New York with friends and relatives.

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**Bring Pressure on Congress to Pass the Anti-lynching Bill.**

Every colored man and woman in the United States who wants to see barbaric crime of mob murder wiped out in the United States should, as soon as it is announced that the Dyer Anti-lynching Bill is reported out and is before Congress, telegraph at once to his or her representative asking his support for the Bill. Never before has an anti-lynching bill advanced so far as this one. Largely through the efforts of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored people, whose representatives have appeared at hearings in Washington and conducted correspondence with senators and representatives, there is every prospect that if colored people unite, the bill may become law. This will put the entire federal government behind prosecution of mob-ists and lynchers. It is now or never for if the present bill is not enacted, such legislation will be set back for years to come.

It is, therefore, not too much to urge that every colored American citizen spend fifty cents or a dollar in telegraphing to Washington in support of this most important measure. It is now up to the colored Americans, themselves. If they want this measure to pass, it is in their power to have it. If they fail to take united and nation-wide action, the responsibility for the failure will rest squarely upon their shoulders. Here is a concrete opportunity for all of us—church-

es, fraternal orders, all organizations and individuals—to get together and work as one unit, ten million strong.

We shall keep our readers informed and shall announce the moment for action.

**ANOTHER WORD FOR THE INDICATOR.**

Mr. Roach, Dear Sir: I just want to let you know that I receive your paper every week on time. I enjoy reading it very much. I think it is the best colored paper that carries the news for our people and not afraid to speak the truth.

Willie P. Poole, Box 1079, Washington, D. C.

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