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In the city of Chicago, race men have established a large department store, which means positions for colored men and women.

During the past eight months five race men have been shot from ambush in Monroe, La. In each case the men were men of worth and high standing. All of this devilment is attributed to the works of the Ku Klux Klan, a branch of which is organized in Columbia.

Many physicians in Alabama have received notices from the local branches of Ku Klux Klan to place the word "colored" on their signs in order that no white person will make a mistake in the selection of them for medical service. This is also attributed to the Klan.

If The Indicator is really "it," as so many are writing us saying while others are patting us on the shoulder doing likewise, why not send along the much needed cash to keep it bursting forth the "good news"?

We are very much of the opinion that some people are laying their neglect of paying bills too much at the door of "hard times." Times are not like they were a few months ago, it is true, with a scarcity of work and low wages, but merchandise and produce are pretty much in reach of all—and some cash, too. This class had better quit their foolishness and do the square thing.

Long since has it been our fondest hope that the colored citizenry of Columbia could and would organize one strong band in this city, and so we have written time after time. We did not then mean nor do we mean now that such should be to protect ourselves by man force against the powers that be, but for a better and mutual understanding among ourselves and the other race; to uphold the law and help its right enforcement and for once to get our people pulling together for racial advancement.

A few months ago, when a representative number of our men came together and really organized the Columbia Board of Trade, we rejoiced from the depths of our heart that our fondest hope would be realized and from the enthusiasm which then soared so high, we could see nothing in the future but a soon full realization of our hope.

But to our sorrow and disgust it now seems that all of that high enthusiasm ended in the election of officers and the heralding of the same to the outside world. Since its organization on account of an unavoidable hindrance we have missed one meeting. At the last two meetings, despite the fact that they were advertised in the papers, by cards and by humans, a quorum could not be secured either night. Now it seems that the only visible means of re-organizing that enthusiasm among us is to announce a re-election of officers and then never re-elect, keeping them in suspense until something tangible is accomplished.

At some of the premature meetings—or meetings before the organization was perfected—many pledged their allegiance to it and at some succeeding meetings rehearsed the statements, which by their late actions have been like rain drops upon a duck's back.

If we are to judge the future Columbia by the outcome of this meeting, the present and past, then we must conclude that whatever is accomplished must be done singly or by a faithful few.

Of course, allowances must be made for a few whose business and otherwise important engagements hinder, but the frivolous excuses of many cannot be accepted when there are so many important matters of public interest demanding great sacrifices.

The time is now when the Negroes in Columbia must unite and pull together in the Board of Trade or show that we just cannot reach the goal as a unit.

**Up to Mr. Tolbert.**  
It has been ours of late to hear a few say that the Negro will never get a job at the hand of Mr. Tolbert. That he is the best democrat clothed with Republican honors and authority that South Carolina can afford, etc. It is now up to Mr. Tolbert to prove whether or not he is what he and his followers claim him to be or that what those on the outside claim him to be. He now has the opportunity to give colored Republicans due recognition and lend incentive to the upbuilding of a respectable and strongly recognized Republican party or fail to do so and await the result that has befallen Virginia and Georgia. Which, Mr. Tolbert?

**Rare Happenings.**  
The Wilmington Dispatch, a white paper, carried the picture Monday of Edward O. Gourdin, Howard's Negro athlete, who has set a new world broad-jump record of 25 feet three inches.

The Augusta Chronicle of Augusta, Ga., presented to its thousands of readers a few days ago the likeness of Rev. Dr. C. T. Walker, the nationally known pulpiteer and orator, with a beautiful sketch of his life as well. Yes, these are strange happenings that cause our people much surprise and amazement. Yet why should these strange things betray one to believe conditions are getting better in Dixie while branches of the Ku Klux Klan are springing up on every side.

**Satisfied Themselves.**  
Because an ignorant, non-ambitious and worthless Negro, whose regrettable conditions must in part be attributed to some of the whites of Greenwood, was seen peeping in the window of a white girl of that town, he was placed in jail by the officials of that town, possibly for safe keeping, and to await his trial for justice according to the law. But it seems that the citizens of Greenwood have decided that justice moves too slow for them, as was evidenced in a published statement a few days ago in the case of Dr. Lipscomb's slayer. So, several of those who believe in their kind of speedy justice, as in large areas of Congo Georgia, broke open the substantially built jail at a late hour of the night, while the jailer was supposed to be on duty, but is said not to have been near at the time, secured the worthless Negro, gave him an auto ride with the party to some distant woods, and it was SUPPOSED by the great people of Greenwood, gave him a good whipping (their kind of justice) and turned him loose. The Greenwood correspondent did not say it, but we suppose gave the Negro orders to hereafter find more suitable climes than Greenwood, for since then he has not, up to this writing, been seen there.

Now, just how that correspondent could have so readily concluded that those distinguished gentlemen (not knowing who they were) gave him a "good beating" instead of the usual lynchings we do not know. And while we do not know, we have a very strong opinion, just who the laws of the town of Greenwood and county will apprehend and convict in connection with this case.

Of course, if this Negro had been a white man of the same type and Negroes in the same number had just easily and quietly forced entrance into the jail while the jailer at just the opportune time absented himself from that post of duty, committed the same unlawful act, the law would have long ago found out who the violators were and had the last one of the guilty parties and probably some more securely locked up and heavily guarded—to prevent their escape, however.)

This shows how some laws can be twisted, bent and turned to suit the purposes of some people.

**Antiquated Howard School.**

A beautiful brick structure county jail with stone front, fine iron barred windows, with every window pane in its proper place, on Lincoln Street facing an old outcast antiquated wooden structure with scarcely any window panes, which shows no sign of ever having not even one coat of paint on it, and known as Howard School, presents a picture to all Columbia and the thousands of Seaboard Railway passengers, that should make the city fathers and leading Negroes of Columbia hang their heads in shame and disgust—a picture that should not be presented to the general public another year. This is a matter that should gain the immediate attention of not only the City Council but the whole of colored Columbia. That the City Council is neglecting the important duty of providing a school building that will at least equal the beautiful and equally substantial building for criminals just opposite it, if this undesirable spot must be retained for the educational training of Negro youth is a fact that The Indicator dares not attempt to deny. But it is also a fact that just so long as our leaders make themselves contented or express their discontentment among themselves and never take up the matter with the city

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fathers, just so long will such unsatisfactory and disgusting conditions obtain. The city superintendent of education as well as the City Council know that this eye sore building within easy stone throw of all classes of criminals barred in the confines of a fine brick and stone structure lessens the morale of school children just as well as many leading Negroes know it, but since no protests nor petitions come to them who should be more interested in their own by nature than they who should be interested by virtue of their positions? Nothing is being done to alleviate dangerous conditions nor lend helpful inspirations to coming young men and women. It is hard and unfair, it is true, for a people who have and are still doing so much for the great city of Columbia—a people who are taxed to the limit on property, both personal and real, to have to always be begging and petitioning for our just dues, but since this seems to be the only alternative, then why stand ye idle, men and women of the race, and have the morals and very lives of our boys and girls endangered because of the neglect of those whose salaries are largely provided by our means to look after such matters.

In Columbia, as in other unfortunate cities, it seems that Negroes can only get a part of their just dues by asking for it. And since this fact of things might as well now decide to quit grumbling up ourselves and lay bare the facts before the proper authorities to the interest of our boys and girls.

In our opinion, the city officials are some of Columbia's best men and will at least give us a part of our dues if we but properly present our claims.

Since we have not a superior organization this matter can properly be handled through the Interdenominational Ministers' Union and we believe would bring about effective results. And to longer delay this duty the ministers will neglect one of their most important duties.

The Indicator is hoping that some one of the broad-hearted ministers will bring this important matter to the attention of the Union at their very next meeting and that favorable action will be unitedly taken on the same.

**Is This Honesty?**

"Mr. M. A. Blackwell of Batesburg was in the city this week."—The Light.  
In January of this year, replying to our letter requesting him to send us the hard earned \$5.00 he owes us for printing circulars advertising a Big Labor Day meeting, this Mr. M. A. Blackwell wrote us as follows: "These programs were too late for use, and you didn't write me about you were printing and I had some work done elsewhere. Would advise that you stop this until I see you."  
M. H. Blackwell.

This is the Prof.'s (?) letter verbatim for the first hearing we had from him after sending him the circulars in August in a reasonable length of time after receiving the order and certainly in time to advertise the meeting. Just think, four months after the printing was received by this Prof. (?) and after writing him several times, the above is what he had to say.

The good professor advises that we "stop this until I see you," but it does not seem that he wants to see us or gives a contential about an honest debt if the above local from The Light is true.

This is the type of educational leader the colored people of Batesburg have as Agricultural Director under the Smith-Hughes Federal Board. A man who, after a lapse of four months, claims that the printing was too late for use and he, because of that, had to have "some work done elsewhere,"

when as a matter of fact his flim-flam game did not work and there was no big Labor Day celebration.

Now isn't it left to reason that the proper thing for any honest person to do, if the "printing was too late for use," to immediately take up the matter with this office and ascertain whether or not we preferred the printing returned to us to that of throwing into the waste basket? Or is there another honest person who would wait four long months afterwards after several times of being urged upon and notified of his actions being published would write what he wrote? These are the facts in the case up to January 9th. We leave it to our readers to decide whether or not this educator lied and stole. We further leave it to our readers to decide whether or not this man is a fit subject to lead and teach Negro youths. Whether or not his trustees let this matter pass up as nothing and still hold his position without settling this honest debt is another matter left for the trustees to decide.

**SOMETHING NEW UNDER THE SUN.**

The public is hereby informed that the firm of Hardy & Pinckney has, by mutual agreement, been dissolved. They are also informed that Mr. Alonzo P. Hardy who, in point of service, is the oldest licensed embalmer and undertaker in Columbia, and Mr. William Manigault, the widely and favorably known clothier of the city, have formed a copartnership under the firm name of Hardy & Manigault, Undertakers and Embalmers. Their place of business is 1012 Washington Street.

The building which was formerly the Royal Theater has already been completely renovated and admirably adapted to the needs of the new firm. In addition to the department for equippage, stock, and offices a commodious chapel has been provided. And their large and varied stock of caskets and complete motor equipment for funerals enable them promptly and satisfactorily to serve all grade of requirements desired. They have, moreover, provided prompt ambulance service for emergency calls, transportation of patients to hospital, to X-ray, to or from trains.

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**STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stockholders of the UNITED INVESTMENT COMPANY is called to meet August 8th, 1921, at 8 o'clock in the office of Dr. C. E. Stephenson for the purpose of considering a resolution of the Board of Directors to increase the capital stock of said company from \$20,000 to \$40,000 and change the par value thereof from \$100 to \$10 per share.

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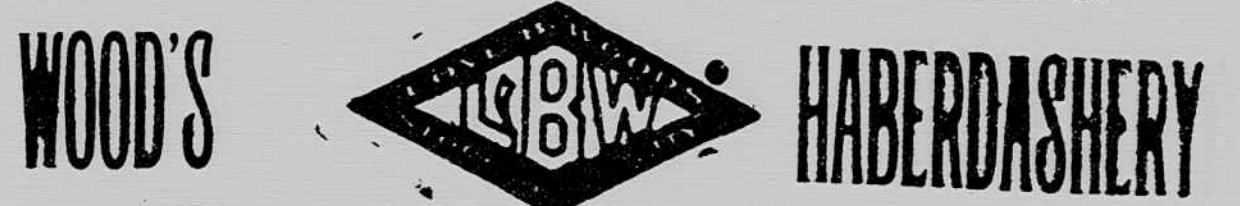
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