

## NEGRO LYNCHED BY GEORGIA MOB

Pays With Life For Murder Of Woman—Removed From Jail

Athens, Ga., Feb. 16.—Seven thousand men composing a mob from Clarke, Oconee and adjoining counties tonight stormed the Clarke county jail and secured John Lee Eberhardt, a negro, held for the murder of Mrs. Walter E. Lee, aged 24 years, of Oconee county. The negro was taken from the jail to the scene of the crime, seven miles east of here and burned, according to reports received here at midnight.

Eberhardt paid the penalty for one of the most startling and foul murders in the history of this section, when at 8 o'clock this morning he is alleged to have killed Mrs. Lee, the wife of Walter E. Lee who is employed at the Mallison Braided Cord company in Clarke county, near the Oconee county line. A double barreled shotgun was used, both loads entering the head and the back of the woman.

The method employed by the mob in securing the negro from jail, which is said to be the most modern in the state, established a precedent unheard of in this section and probably the first in the history of the country. A huge modern blow torch was employed by the mob to allow its members to gain entrance after Sheriff Jackson resisted the mob to the last.

It is said that members of the mob climbed up the elevator shaft of the Clarke county court house to the top floor where the jail is located. There they put the torch in play on a lock, which secured one of the rear entrances to the prison. While other members of the mob kept the county officials busy in front, the torch melted the big brass padlock and an entrance was effected.

The same men entered the prison, went to the negro's cell and overpowered him. They lowered him down the elevator shaft and made their escape into the seething mass of angry men awaiting outside.

With a mighty shout the mob yelled, "Lynch him here! Lynch him here!" But the ringleaders placed the negro in an automobile and started off in the direction of the Oconee county line. Hundreds of automobiles fell in line in the rear of the car containing the negro. Men by the score ran along at the side of the machines. One hour later the mob arrived at the scene of the crime. They formed a circle around the ringleaders' automobile. They waited a few minutes until preliminary arrangements could be made and then the negro was taken from the machine and led to a spot in a field directly across the road from where Mrs. Lee was shot down.

A stake was immediately driven into the ground. Small twigs and pine wood were thrown around it and Eberhardt was placed in the center. He was tied to the stake and the torch applied. Twenty minutes later the fire died out. The negro's charred body fell into its ashes.

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## WANTS

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## THOMAS MARSHALL'S YARNS TURN TABLES

Washington, Feb. 17.—When Vice President Marshall lays down the gavel in the senate on March 4 there will be genuine regret. Marshall has dignified the office of vice president in no kinder manner than anybody else—and then bringing humor and courtesy to it.

He plans to go upon the Chautauqua circuit and he will be a headliner.

An example of his facility in meeting any situation, awkward or unpleasant, is shown by two of his prize stories. He was in a company of jubilant Republicans who were gloating over the late election landslide. The gloats grew more and more pronounced and the dreams of future, more and more rosy. Then Marshall was given a chance. He said:

"Well, you folks are feeling mighty cocky. That's all right. You're telling what you are going to do. That's all right. Dream on. Only you sort of remind me of the colored boy, homeward bound from France, who leaning on the ship's rail, said to his black buddy:

"Boy, when I gets ashore do you know what I'm goin' to do? Well, I'm agoin' to git me a white hat an' white pants, an' white gloves, an' a white vest an' I'm goin' to walk right up Fifth avenue with a white gal on each arm. What are you agoin' to do, boy?"

"Well," said the other, "I reckon I'll git me a black coat, an' black pants, an' a black tie, an' black shoes an' tie some crepe on my left arm, an' be all ready to go to yo' funeral."

"But," continued the vice president, "I shouldn't tell that story. In fact I shouldn't say anything. We Democrats shouldn't talk just now. No, we are like the colored congregation that ran short of communion wine.

"They asked one of the sisters who was especially skilled in some of the more modern domestic arts and science to manufacture a supply. She couldn't get her usual ingredients so she made her wine out of persimmons—green persimmons. It was good stuff. It had a kick. But after communion the congregation was so puckered it had to whistle the doxology.

"That's us. If we can't sing we can whistle."

## SAFE-GUARDING FRUIT.

Clemson College, February—The occurrence of destructive frosts during the blooming season is one of the most discouraging factors which fruit growers have to contend with in this state. Experiments in frost prevention were undertaken to a limited extent during the past season, by the horticultural division of the South Carolina Experiment Station. The spraying of the trees with whitewash and other mixtures was found to be without effect in delaying the opening of the buds or the period of bloom.

Orchard heating by means of small open fires at frequent intervals through the orchard was practiced on two occasions. In this way it was found possible to raise the temperature in the orchard from two to three degrees.

The method of pruning was found to have considerable effect upon the production of a crop following frosts in the blooming season. Those peach trees the tops of which were left rather dense have produced a satisfactory crop of fruit while those that were severely pruned gave little or no fruit. In the former case much of the fruit was on the inner portion of the tree or near the base of the fruiting branches where the blossoms were somewhat protected from cold air or excessive radiation of heat. Moreover, the greater number of blooms resulting from the enlarged fruiting surface increases the chance for a crop.

## PIECE CUT OUT OF PAPER

It is a dangerous thing for a man to bring home a daily paper with an item clipped out. His wife will notice that column and that spot in the column immediately.

"What was it that you cut out here?" she asks.

"Oh, it wasn't much of anything. Just a little item that caught my eye. I cut it out and left it on my desk in the office."

That does not satisfy her. She wants to know what the item was about. She is not easily satisfied. That item must have been a particu-

lar good one or it would not have interested you so much; and now, you can hardly give an intelligent idea of what it was about! Men are very stupid.

There are, as I take it, two good reasons behind this interest which we must all confess in the little square hole in the paper where a clipping has been cut out. In the first place, the mind demands completeness, and the hole is direct evidence of vacuity. Nature abhors a vacuum. If the paper were complete we might skim over the page and never notice that item; but we cannot fail to see the hole.

The other reason is that we have a right to be interested in what manifestly has interested some one else. Someone must have thought that was a good item, or he would not have gone to the trouble of cutting it out. It is a fair assumption that that item was the best thing there was in the paper.

There is in Springfield, Ill., a single file of a paper which has been published continuously in that city since the day of Abraham Lincoln. It was originally the office file and now it is in the State Historical Library. On a certain page an item is missing. There is reason to believe that Lincoln himself wrote that item, for he was a close friend of the editor, Mr. Francis, and a frequent contributor of signed and unsigned articles in the Journal. It is believed, also, that Lincoln himself cut the article out.

A great many people have speculated about that article, which was a short one, and why Lincoln was sorry he wrote it; for it is assumed that he changed his mind and wished he had not written it. But no one can be quite certain. All that lies behind these opinions is a vague rumor and a hole.

A hole in the center of a newspaper can be the ground of a good deal of speculation.

## SANTUC LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Haddon and children, Mrs. Ernie Haddon and Miss Lila Morrison spent Sunday in Abbeville with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Haddon.

We are glad to note that Mrs. Boyd is improving after a two weeks illness. Her many friends hope she will soon be well again.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Harris and son, of Greenwood, came up Friday to attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. E. J. Botts.

Mr. Herbert Wright, of Hodges spent Sunday with Mr. M. D. Wright.

Mrs. K. I. Bryant is visiting her mother, Mrs. Boyd.

Mrs. Ernie Haddon is spending this week with Mrs. R. B. Haddon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Palmer entertained the young folks at a dance Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hunter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Able.

Mr. Miles Morrison spent Monday night with Mr. Eakin Nickles.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Kay spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Price.

Messrs. M. D. Wright, J. R. Haddon, M. B. Kay and George Morrison were business visitors in Donalds Wednesday.

The many friends of Miss Malinda Bowie, of the Gilgal section, are sorry to know she still ill.

Mr. Davis spent Wednesday night at the home of Mr. T. S. Palmer.

Mr. Henry Cochran and sister, Miss Maggie, Mr. W. H. Sharp and Miss Annie Kay spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Haddon and children spent Monday near Donalds with relatives.

Mr. M. D. Wright was a business visitor to the city Saturday.

## PHYSICIANS WATCH RESULT OF OPERATION ON BRAIN OF WASHINGTON YOUTH

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 15.—Physicians were watching closely today the result of an operation on the brain of George A. Rawson, amateur athlete of Seattle, who has been unconscious since January 20 when he engaged in a boxing bout at Pasadena, California. The operation was performed at Los Angeles late yesterday. It was stated at the hospital Rawson was doing fairly well.

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