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#### RESPECT FOR LAW.

It is truly discouraging, as well as disgusting, to read what some about the lynch law. people say When a man, such as our Pisgah correspondent, a devout church member, a former member of the legislature, and one having the repuation of a law abiding and law respecting citizen, advocates mob violence, when there is no excuse for it, those who believe that respect for law is the bulwark of our civilization can but feel discouraged over the outlook for the future. Mob violence and disrespect for law in one case leads to disrespect for all law. Those who laud Josh Ashley and his mob are surely doing their part to break down our only defense against anarchy and a reign of lawlessness. There was no excuse for Josh Ashley's lawless pursuit of the counties, no excuse for forcibly taking possession of the negro and delivering him to the mob to be killed while he, Josh Ashley, the hero, slipped away to his home, so as not to be present when the actual killing was done. We would have more respect for Josh Ashley, as a bold, bad map, had he shown the courage, in the pursuit of his lawless under-

. . If the business men of Charleston really want to help business they will arson, which was heard Monday, devote their time, energy and money to the construction of a modern system of docks, the establishment of manufacturing and mercantile enter-

prises, the promotion of steamship lines, the development and settlement of the thousands of acres of waste lands lying at her doors and other 01 creative and wealth-producing industries. On the other hand if they want to make Charleston the mecca of sports, gamblers, grafters, yeggs,

strong-arms and all other varieties of human parasites. they

will encourage the establishment of a race track. The race track followers may bring money to Charleston, but the money will not recompense the community for evils that follow in the train of race track gambling.

Attention is directed to the card of Mr. E. W. Dabbs, inviting contributions from business men to assist in defraying the expenses of the campaign of education now being conducted in the interest of a businesslike plan of marketing the cotton. September 16th with some cotton to crop to the end that the farmers may obtain a fair price for their product. tickets on what Pierson had said He has received offers of contributins and his card is merely to notify the business men who' endorse the campaign that contributions can be used to advantage and will be received.

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It is a hard case when men come to a town of ten thousand population on business and although able and willing to pay for accommodations cannot obtain a bed to sleep in. There were men in Sumter in that fix last night and the best they could do was to spend the night in a chair in the hotel jobby. This is the report that was made this morning to Secretary Snell Sheriffs of Anderson and Greenville of the Chamber of Commerce, and presumably it is true. A great deal could be said on the subject, but it is all included in this single sentence: Sumter needs a hotel. . . .

Col. Roosevelt claimed the credit for electing President Taft, but not fists. He had tried to push Mr. caring to stand sponser for an also Pierson off and his hand had in ran, he is hands off in Mr. Taft's fight for re-election. When it comes taking, to have seen it to the finish to playing practical politics Col. times.

From the Daily Item, Oct. 18.

The case of William Vaughn for was terminated late in the evening when the jury brought in a verdict of guilty with recommendation to

mercy. Mr. L. D. Jennings represented the defendant and Mr. J. B. McLauchlin and the Solicitor represented the State.

The building burned was a gin house belonging to Mr. J. B. Mc-Lauchlin. The case has been hanging over for some time.

The case of W. G. Pierson for assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature was taken up Tuesday morning by the court of general instead of doing this, had told him sessions, after a long wait to secure the attendance of witnesses and in trouble around there. He replied that order that other' matters might be attended to.

After several objections, a full jury his coton ginned in turn according was secured and Mr. Fishburne was to the first numbers which were given put on the stand to testify to the in his son. He had then turned off to juries he had received at the hands go back to Mr. Hudson with whom he of Mr. Pierson. He stated that W. D. Pierson, a son of the defendant burne had stated that his son had had come to him on the morning of lied to get the tickets and that he be ginned and that he had given him was his place in line. Later he had found that Pierson was wrong, and he had taken back two of the tickets and had given them to two negroes. Later in the day W. G. Pierson had come in and asked him about the matter and he had told him that

after he had found that Pierson was incorrect he had changed the tickets. Pierson had said som, hing about he would see that his cotton was ginned and went out of the oftwenty-two traveling fice. Later on Mr. Pierson stated to him that there would be trouble if his cotton was not ginned on the

tickets first given his son. He had telephoner to Police headquarters, upon this threat being made, and a short time later, when he had suddenly grabbed him about the throat and commenced to choke him, at the same time gouging his eyes and later throwing him to the ground and pummeling him with his some way got into Mr. Pierson's

son county that there is one who is CRIMINAL COURT PROCEEDINGS caught Mr. Fishburne around the neck, instead of on the shoulders. One witness stated that Mr. McDuffy pulled Mr. Plerson off Mr. Fishburne and that Mr. Fishburne got on top and beat Mr. Pierson in the face, but the other witnesses d.d not corroborate this statement, for all of the others stated that Mr. Fishburne seemed to be getting the worse of the fight, and Mr. Pierson himself stated that if Mr. Fishburne was ever on top he did not know it. In his testimony in his own behalf,

Mr. Pierson stated practically the same thing. He stated that when Mr. Fishburne beckoned to him that he had gone over to him thinking that he was going to adjust the matter satisfactorily, but that Mr. Fishburne, that he had better not make any he was not going to make and trouble, but that he was going to have

had been talking, when Mr. Fishwould not change them. Upon this he had turned back, throwing down the whip as he did so, and had told Mr. Fishburne that he was a liar, if he said that his son was a liar. Fishburne had hit him in the side and he had grabbed him. They had fallen to the ground, side by side, and he had got on top. He said that he would not then have further hurt Mr. Fishburne, and so told Mr. iFshburne, if he had not hit him in the chest. When Mr. iFshburne hit him he returned the blow, striking him on the face twice. All the while Mr. iFshburne was cursing him, and cursed him afterwards, until he left the

Mr. Fishburne was put back on the stand to contradict the testimony as to Mr. Pierson's bringing in witnesses to testify that his son had come to was crossing to the gin house, Pierson the gin prior to the arrival of the negroes. He said that if the men were brought in he !new nothing about it, for Mr. Pierson had not told him that he had witnesses to prove that his son got there first. Mr. Pierson had said that "He'd be damned if he would bring any more cotton there. and that there would be trouble if his mouth, Mr. Pierson biting it several cotton was not ginner according to the numbers on the original tickets.

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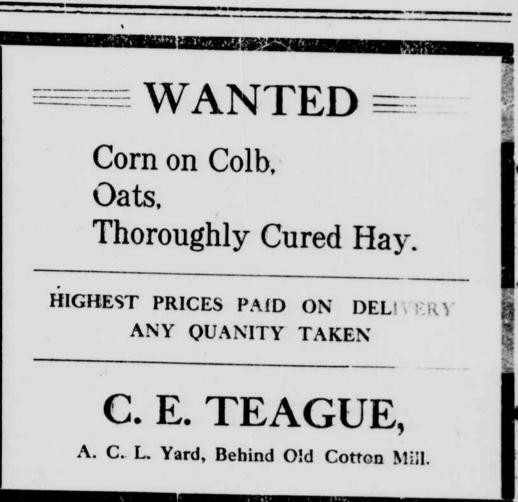
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special term of court to give the with their plans. negro a speedy trial; and, m the Mentification was positive and no MINISTER DENOUNCERS LYNCHquestion of his guilt, he would have been speedily tried, convicted and executed by due process of law. There would have been no bloodmade of a mob's arsault on law, or- morning sermon. der and decency. Rape is a damnable and encourage the participants are just scene of the lynching. as surely destroying the foundation-

is in us.

violation of the law in leading a mobilead to lynchings.

manner. But nothing of the kind Joshua W. Ashley. tics to remember an insignificant mat- day afternoon. ter of this sort.

#### . . .

-----The only way the Charleston race There was no excuse for the track promoters can put through their

Honea Path lynching, no excuse for scheme to establish a big gambling Josh Ashley's spectacular chase of joint is to obtain the assurance that the Cheriffs; for the negro had been Gov. Blease will veto the act prohibcaptured, identified and turned over iting betting on races that the legisto the Sheriff of Anderson before lature will pass when it meets in Jan-Josh Ashley appeared on the scene. uary. A guarantee that the anti The machinery of the law had al- race track law will be vetoed will ready been set in motion for a enable the promoters to go ahead

## ERS.

The lynching at Honca Path last week of the negro Willis Jackson was thirsty lawlesmess, no disgustingly the subject of a terrific arraignment myage scramble for fingers and of lynching and lynchers Sunday by toes, hacked from the mangled body the Rev. John F. Vines, D. D., pastor of the negro brute, nor a holiday of the First Baptist Church, in his

Dr. Vines' remarks were anything crime against an individual and but general or vague. He made local merits certain and speedy death; and specific application of his text but mob law is just as damnable a and did not hesitate to call names. crime against society as is rape Honea Path is in Anderson county, against the individual, and those who and it is only sixteen miles from the participate in mob murder or aid, abet pulpit where Dr. Vines spoke to the

Dr. Vines severely condemned the stones of our State and ravishing attitude toward the lynching taken civilization of the only thing that by a local newspaper. The editor of the raises our day and generation above Intelligencier. Mr. Victor B. Cheshiresavagery-respect for law-as does a member of Gov. Blease's staff-isthe rapist destroy and ravish the sued Wednesday an extra edition of best and brightest of a woman's life. his paper, containing an account of ness stand by the defense was prac-The lyncher and mob law advocate the lynching. The data for this ar- tically as follows: are the enemies of society, and as ticle had avowedly been gathered by greatly to be feared by law-abiding Mr. Cheshire on the spot, and the gin early in the night before the fight citizens as is the lustful brute by a story contained frank if not boastful He stated that he did not see the nepure and innocent virgin. This is intimations that Mr. Cheshire himself groes, who were supposed to have arour honest conviction and we feel had participated in the chase of the rived just before him, and did not impelled to declare the faith that officers fleeing with the prisoner from know when they came. Other witthe mob.

If a majority of the members of that the people who mainly compose said that he had told his father of the House of Representatives are lynching mobs talk much of defend- the change in his tickets as soon as sincere respectors of the constitution ing virture, but are not themselves he got to the gin and that his father and statutes of the State and have distinguished for virture, many of had gone into the office with him and the courage of their convictions, they them, indeed, live in a fashion to two others to try to adjust the matwill, immediately upon the assemblby make a mock of all virtue, and some ter with Mr. Fishburne. Mr. Fishof the Legislature in January, call of them are not guiltless of r lations burne refused to listen to them at the Hon. Josh Ashley. of Anderson with the black race which are direct- all and they had then gone out again county, to account for his flagrant by provocative of the crime that Later on his father was talking to

the custody of the sheriff and deliver- to the leading part admittedly taken to him. Mr. W. G. Pierson asked ing said prisoner to the mob to be in the affair by a member of the An- Mr. Fishburne if he meant him and unlawfully put to death in a cruci derson county legislative delegation, Mr. Fishburne had nodded his head.

House will be too busy playing poli- ject of conversation in Anderson Sun- to him a few seconds. Mr. Pierson

### Sensible School Shoes.

Rev. J. F. Vines, pastor of the For Misses and Children,

After Mr. Pierson was pulled off him, he had been taken home, stopping on the way to be treated at the drug store and later on receiving treatment at the hands of Dr. China. There were numerous scratches about his face and neck the time and his eyes were red and swollen. Later he had been troubled fingers and he had gone to Dr. China, who had dressed them. Several days afterwards he Deen taken to the hospital, where the hand was operated on.

At this point in his narrative the wound was undressed by Dr. China and shown to the jury. Upon cross examination Mr. Fishburne admitted having cursed Mr. Pierson repeatedly after Pierson had attacked him. Other witnesses were then put up to tell of the fight. Dr. China told of the wounds which had caused blood poison. Witnesses were still being examined when court adjourned for its noon recess.

All of Tuesday afternoon and sevral hours Wednesday morning were taken in completing the case.

Mr. Pierson put up a plea of selfdefense, which was testified to by a number of witnesses who were put on the stand Tuesday afternoon. The testimony offered by the defense differed in many respects from that set up by the State especially in the matter of how the fight began.

The testimony offered on the wit-

George Pierson had gone to the nesses testified, however, that the ne-Dr. Vines said, among other things, groes came just behind him. He Mr. Hudson when Mr. Fishburne and forcibly taking a prisoner from Dr. Vines referred in severe terms came out of the office and beckoned His father had then gone over to will happen, the members of the The sermon was the principal sub- where Mr. Fishburne was and talked then turned away and walked a few steps, but turned back and Mr. Fish-

burne hit him in the side. His father at had then grabbed Mr. Fishburne on

This was the case as it was stated by both sides and the judge in his charge made the usual statement of what constituted aggravated assault and when a man has a right to set up a plea of self-defense as was put up in this case.

The addresses to the jury were good. Mr. Jennings opened for the State and made a strong argument for conviction on the charge as made out in the indictment. He was followed by Mr. Clifton for the defense, who in turn was followed by Solicitor Stoll.

At the time that court adjourned for dinner the jury had been out for about two hours and had not agreed upon a verdict, but shortly after the afternoon session convened, a verdict of not guilty was roported.

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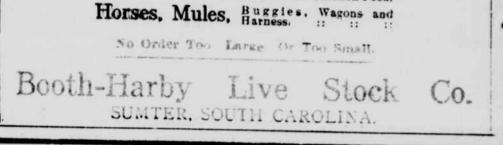
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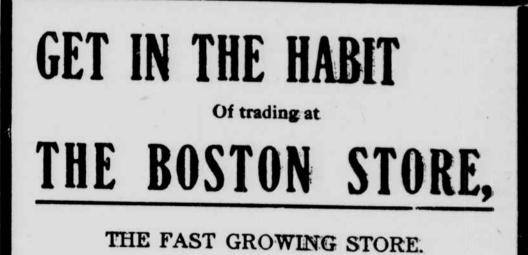
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