

General Race News

SECOND MAN CONVICTED FOR MOB ATTACK ON SHERIFF

Lima, O., Dec. 1.—A Putnam county jury, at Ottawa recently found Edward Hall, machinist, indicted for attacking Sheriff Sherman Eley of Allen county with intent to lynch, guilty of attempted assault. The penalty is one to ten years' imprisonment. Milton Spyker, grocer, has already been convicted on a similar charge and thirty-two others remain to be tried.

Hall, on the stand in his own behalf, admitted climbing a telephone pole where a rope was placed in an attempt to hang the sheriff, but declared he went up the pole only to escape the crowd, as he believed his own life in danger.

Ten witnesses for the state testified that Hall hung the rope, cut from the trolley of a passing street car, over a peg on the pole and helped place the noose about Eley's neck.

The alleged assault occurred Aug. 30, when Eley refused to tell where he had hidden Charles Daniels, Negro, held for attacking a white woman. Eley gave in when his feet were lifted off the ground and told where he had taken the man, but the prisoner was again removed to safety before the mob could reach him in automobiles.

TRIBUTE TO COLORED AMERICAN'S ABILITY

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 21.—Something happened over at the Harvard University this week which we venture has not happened anywhere before. This is how the Boston Traveler tells the story:

"P. D. Haughton (the great coach) pulled a funny one in the Stadium yesterday. In preparing for Brown and the famous Pollard, who is one of the ebony Colored race, P. D. blacked up one of the second team backs, who was supposed to be representing the flying halfback, and held a scrimmage between the two teams. This back, Johnson by name, covered himself with glory, and made two touchdowns against the regulars. If Pollard plays as well Saturday as the man who assumed his part did yesterday, woe be to the crimson."

This is an extraordinary indirect tribute to Pollard's ability. It was prophetic for Pollard defeated Harvard as he defeated Yale.

NEGRO ILLITERACY DECREASES

Illiterates are increasing in number in New England and in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and in the Far West. Illiterates are decreasing in number in the Southern states. The increase in illiterates is altogether a product of white immigration. The South is meeting its problem of the illiterate Negro; the North and the West are not meeting their problem of the illiterate white man.

While these prosperous states have been adding to their burden of illiteracy, the Southern states have every one reduced the proportion of their Negro illiteracy by 25 per cent. in ten years (1900-1910), and together they have reduced the number of illiterate Negroes by nearly one million, notwithstanding the fact that the Negro population has increased approximately one million in the same decade.—World's Work.

COLORED PEOPLE STOPPED LYNCHING

Jackson, Tenn., Nov. 30.—A mob of one hundred or more white people gathered, bent on lynching Walter Elkins, who had struck a white fellow workman on the head with an iron bar. Both men are employed at the Illinois Central shops. Spurred on by their wives a number of members of the Race armed themselves with Winchester and revolvers, buckled their belts around their waists and went to the home of Elkins, where they guarded him through the night. The mob started towards the home but when told that a hot reception was awaiting them turned back.

WILCOX SUCCEEDS SETH LOWE AS CHAIRMAN

New York, Dec. 1.—William G. Wilcox, president of the Board of Education, has been elected unanimously to succeed Seth Lowe as chairman of the board of trustees of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute. Mr. Wilcox has been a member of the board for ten years.

From a special improvement fund of \$250,000, anonymously donated, the trustees appropriated sums for various important developments at the institution. The next meeting will be held at Tuskegee, April 5, 1917.

FORMER POLICEMAN APPOINTED WELFARE OFFICER

Kansas City, Kan., Dec. 1.—Mr. Mr. Presley Younger, an ex-policeman of this city, and one of the best officers who ever walked a beat, was appointed and confirmed Monday, November 20, as a welfare officer. The selection has met with approval.

Officer Younger bears the reputation of being a man of excellent temperament, good reasoning powers, and a coll and fearless head.

WINS IMPORTANT SUIT

Washington, D. C., Nov. 30.—The Supreme Court of the United States handed down a decision Monday, November 6, by confirming the judgment of Wm. Byrd and others for eighteen thousand, six hundred dollars. Lawyer J. Thomas, Colored lawyers at the Virginia bar, doggedly fought this case through the various courts until he achieved a victory for his clients.

OBJECT TO "UNCLE TOM'S CABIN"

Dayton, O., Dec. 1.—The state authorities have been asked to keep "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in film form, out of Ohio by the Daughters of the Confederacy.

They assert that Harriet Beecher Stowe's story is being prepared for the screen and will have a disquieting effect upon the mind of the movie patron.

WAS ABLE TO GIVE CASH BOND

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 1.—While searching M. C. Lucas, Colored, at the police station here, the officers found \$206 in the pockets of the prisoner. Lucas was arrested on a disorderly conduct warrant and gave cash bond. It appears that Lucas was one of the industrious sort and had been saving up for many months.

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