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"A NEGRO DID IT."

This statement has sent many an innocent Negro to death, not only by mob and fagot, but also, we may well believe, by "due process of law." There have been numerous cases brought to light where men have blackened their faces, committed heinous crimes and escaped while some helpless black man has paid the penalty.

A case in point comes from Norton, Va., where a white woman has just confessed that she murdered another white woman in Knoxville, Tenn., eight years ago, for which a young Negro by the name of Mays was executed. This woman made this confession because she said her guilt preyed upon her conscience. In her voluntary confession, in which she goes into particulars, she states that she had traced her husband to the home of the slain woman, a few nights before, and had seen him in company with her. Dressing herself in male attire and blacking her face, she went to the home of her husband's suspected paramour, crawled through the window and shot her. The authorities at Knoxville take the rather remarkable position that since Mays has been executed for this crime no charge can be placed against the woman. Well, mebbe, not. Nevertheless, to one like us, not learned in the law it seems a rather peculiar situation.

So much doubt was there of Mays' guilt at the time of his trial that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People interested itself in the case and secured a new trial, when the verdict of guilty was reaffirmed. Mays died protesting his innocence to the last.

The voluntary confession of this woman after the lapse of years will not restore Mays to life. It will, however, strength-

en belief in his innocence and perhaps help discredit the popular idea that "a Negro did it" whenever a crime is committed.

SCHOOL DAYS

School days are here again. Next week and all this month schools and colleges will be opening throughout the land and pupils of various ages will be entering their doors. Our own people in increasing numbers are appreciating the value of education; parents are making sacrifices that their children may enjoy advantages of which they themselves were denied. The cost of education is mounting year by year. It is hoped that our young people will appreciate this fact and make full use of every opportunity given them to gain proficiency in their chosen course at school or college. Their duty is to prepare themselves; to always do their best. An education, however, amounts to nothing unless it tends to develop and build up character. High character and a well-trained and furnished mind to take up the work of life should be the aim of all true education.

PAN-AFRICAN CONGRESS

The Pan-African Congress, which has just concluded its sessions in New York, has a wide vision. Representatives from Negroid groups from all parts of the world were in attendance. The delegates were men and women of broad learning and wide culture. The Congress in its wisely worded manifesto recognizes that the problems of the darker races are not merely local or national, but international. Its keynote was self-determination, anti-exploitation, and the treatment of civilized men as civilized despite differences of birth, race or color.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS SAY

The Blackened Face White Woman

We have had much to say in these columns recently about the blackened faced white criminals. We commented upon the confession made by a white man in this city of how a "gang" of white crooks operate in several cities in committing certain crimes, with their faces blackened in order to prevent detection by throwing suspicion on the first colored man found near the scene of the crime. This modus operandi has worked so well and so effectively that white women have resorted to the practice and are getting away with it.

The most outstanding case of a white woman's confession of a foul deed committed by her under the cover of a blackened face, is that of a Mrs. Sadie Mendel (white) who confessed a few days ago, that she, and not Maurice Mays, killed a white woman at Knoxville, Tenn., some five years ago.

This murder caused a race riot following an attempt to lynch Mays. Mays, after a hard fight to save his life, was electrocuted protesting his innocence.

We claim that the blackened face is the worst kind of criminals. Those who practice it, know that the police and other law enforcement officials are prejudiced and color blind; easy to see a criminal in a dark skin. Hence, a little touch of burnt cork, which is easy to remove, is what many, many criminals rely upon to save themselves when committing a crime. Therefore, police officers, sheriffs and other law enforcement officials should look well when a crime is committed; not for black criminals, but criminals. And not through eyes of prejudice, but with eyes single to do one's duty. If this were done, if officers of the law would perform their duties in an unbiased and unprejudiced manner, then there would not be so many colored men suffer for the deeds of white men and women who hide their crime behind a blackened face and race prejudices.

—St. Louis Argus.

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Griffin had as their guest for a few days Miss Marguerite Horne of Duluth, Minn.

Mrs. P. L. Moore had as her guests Mrs. E. J. Griffin, Miss Marguerite Horne and Ella Botts on a delightful tour of the city, taking in all the places of interest, finishing up with a well prepared dinner at Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church.

Remit for your paper, now way past due.

Mrs. Evelyn Johnson entertained in honor of Miss Marguerite Horne of Duluth, Minn., last Friday evening. A delightful four-course dinner was served. Covers were laid for fourteen.

Mrs. Zuretta Ford and little daughter of Atchison, Kan., have joined her husband, Ray Ford, here.

Mrs. Wm. Westberry and children left for Minneapolis, Minn., Sunday to join her husband.

Mr. W. L. Robinson and mother, Mrs. Ida Cohron, left for Minneapolis, Minn., Tuesday, where they will reside in the future.

Mesdames Anna Christman, Amelia Vannel, Alice Grant, Rev. H. Botts and others attended Grand Lodge

LINCOLN MARKET

is still drawing crowds. There is a reason. Groceries and meats which please.

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Daughters of Bethel, at Omaha, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gordon of Beatrice, Neb., were in the city last week and left by auto to visit their daughter in Atlantic City, N. J.

Rev. H. W. Botts, Mrs. E. J. Griffin and others will leave Monday for the National Baptist convention, which convenes in Detroit, Mich., on September 7 to 12, 1927.

Miss Haskill, who has been attending the State University here this summer, returned to her home in St. Joseph, Mo., Sunday.

Mrs. Nettie McDonald, mother and daughter, returned home from Minneapolis, Minn., last Tuesday.

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Emancipation Celebration Monday, Sept. 12 at Krug Park

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Rev. John H. Grant, Pastor

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EPISCOPAL

Church of St. Philip the Deacon

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SUNDAY SERVICES

7:30 a. m. Holy Communion

10 a. m. Sunday School

11 a. m. Sung Eucharist With Sermon

8 p. m. Service and Sermon

The Church With a Welcome
and a Message, Come