SLYNCHING INEFFECTIVE? PAILS OF ITS PRIME OBJECT

and Thirst for Revenge Bred y Lynching of Negroes Overshad-we the Lesson Which the Lynch-we Would Impart to the Race-Energy of Mob Would Be Expended to Better Purpose in Demanding Speedy Trials—Where Evidence is Sufficient to Justify Lynching. Courts Rarely Fuil to Mete Out Jus-

the Editor of The Observer.

If more of our best citizens realized quences of lynching, we ld have fewer lynchings and hear wer threats of them. Suppose soshould sanction lynching as it nctions trial by jury, what assur-ago. scent would never be lynched? As ildom as lynching occurs now, the Special to The Observer. owspapers report that an innocent was lynched in Louisiana only a nen would not employ that means to natisfy trivial wrongs?

occurred at Barber's Junction a conducting the ceremony. w days ago, in which at least one of the murderers is known, would not ynching be justifiable? It would be justifiable, if there were no other means of getting rid of the murderer. It would be complained that the law is too yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock, afuncertain and slow. The law is very rarely, if ever, uncertain in against negroes where the evidence is sufficient to justify a lynching. And if the energy spent in lynchings were spent in demanding the immediate trial and execution of the murderer, there would be no "delay of the law"

However, we admit that, in this derer lynched, provided this lynching would not be taken as a precedent to justify other less justifiable lynchings and other lawlessness. The prece-dent could not be dangerous if all of society were thoroughly imbued with a sense of justice and love for peace. But there is a class in every community that seizes on every opportunity and pretext to do violent in Texas. deeds. The security of our homes rein its lawlessness. The practice of lynching encourages it to a fearful ex-

But many sincere people believe that the negro must be shown emphatically that his crimes will not be tolerated, and they believe lynching must be employed for this purpose. It is certainly true that the negro must be taught that we will not endure his crimes. But lynching nevenge that they overlook the lesson the lynchers would teach them.

The negroes are ignorant and wo-fully lacking in common sense. They elieve they are unjustly treated by their white superiors; and, of course they are in some instances. If we will examine ourselves, we will find that despite our superior intelligence we feel much unfair prejudice against the negroes. Bearing this in mind, we can readily see that they, lacking knowledge and common sense so much as they do,

feel even more unfair prejudice against us than we feel against them. So every offense and unlawful move-ment against the negroes arouses their hatred for us. Every lynching is fuel like oil poured on the already over-heated race prejudice among the Indignant men exclaim that they

will so arouse the negro's fear that others will not dare to repeat the port the theory of lynching. For, in first place, the sure and immediate execution of the law will produce the element of fear without engendering as much of the spirit of revenge, which counteracts the effects of the fear And it is well to repeat that if the energy spent in lynchings were spent in demanding an immediate trial and the immediate execution of the judgment, there would be no "delay of the "Hanging is too good for him."

some say. "If we burn a few of them they will step their devilment." The torture of negro criminals will certainly work more harm than good. For them the attention is directed entirely from the criminal's crime to his suffering; and a thousand tengues will plead against "the deep damnation of his taking-off." Many of our own race will cry out against it. Practif. cally all of his race will regard him as a martyr sacrificed to a treacher ous enemy. His fellow-riminals will awear and execute vengeance.

Moreover, the lynching of negroes has not yet produced sufficient fear among them to cause any decrease in their crimes. But we can see more jealousy and deeper-seated hatred for us in the minds of the negroes. Heat-ed and revengeful policies only multiply the ills which all good citizens are anxious to get rid of

When civilized men contemplate the beartless deed of a savage, their indigation is so aroused that the motive for revenge well-nigh submerges all other metives. But the long experience of our race has taught us that the taking of revenge invariably works more mischief than good. We have learned that

"even-handed justice Commends the ingredents of our polyoned chalier To our own line."

The mastery of the passions and among them is the paidlon for revenge--is fundamental to self-masters. And self-mastery is the fundamental prin-The power of self-control is cer-

tainly needed by the members of a community when it becomes so shocked as ours is now by the horrible haven't got what you want, no harm crime recently committed in it. Such done, shocks will occur again. They may occur at any time. The only condidure such trying circumstances is that the controlling element in it be so self-possessed that it will not let it self be ruled by mere passion. The controlling element in our society is the average holder of the bailot.

At times when citizens have time for reflection, they should think of the hellish consequences of lynching so that when the desire for a revenge selzes them they may remember these consequences and restrain themselves. After such reflection the majority, or practically all, of the better class of our citizens must certainly reach the conclusion that the quiet and prompt execution of the law is the best remedy we have for such an evil as we are now suffering. Elmwood, July 18, 1906.

imports and Exports Break All Rec-

Washington, July 19.-A statement seued by the Department of Commerce and Labor says the foreign ommerce of the United States in the iscal year just ended aggregated \$2,-\$70.000,000

If the trade with Porto Rico and Hawaii, which was included in our oreign commerce prior to their anration, were added, the total would materially exceed \$3,000,000,000. Both imports and exports exceed

The total imports were \$1,226,000,-106, and exports \$1,774,000,000.

THE DEATH RECORD. L. M. Barbee, of Asheville,

Special to The Observer. Asheville, July 19 .- The death L. M. Barbee, aged 27, son of G. O. Barbee, of Garner, occurred at No. 30 North French Broad avenue this morning. The remains, accompanied by S. A. Barbee, of Greensboro, brother of the deceased, were taken to Garner, leaving on the 3 o'clock train this afternoon, Mr. Barbee had spent most of his time in Asheville for the past five years and was formerly employed at the Battery Park Hotel as dispatcher for the Western Union Telegraph Company. He spent the winter in Florida and went later to He and his brother Greensboro. came to Asheville about two weeks

Mrs. Edward Smith, of Louisburg.

Louisburg, July 19.—Mrs. Edward Smith, formerly Miss Cleora Hale, died few days ago. And what assurance Monday after a long lilness of con-would we have that unscrupulous sumption of the lungs and the remains were interred in the ceme-In the case of so brutal a murder Mushburn, of the Baptist church,

Mrs. Lizzie Fisher, of Cornelius. Special to The Observer.

lingering illness of several months

The funeral services were conducted here this morning and the body was taken to Davidson for burial. Mrs. Fisher had been in desiring health for many months. She leaves a Pushand and one little child to mourn their great loss. Mrs. Fishcase, no great harm would be done or was Miss Lizzie Johnston, of Da-if the law were ignored and the muryioson, oldest daughter of the late John Johnston and grandmother of Mr. Isaac Johnston, who died last week at Davidson. The living membors of her own family are the wid-owed mother, three sisters. Missen Reth, Sallie and Lucy, and three brothers. Charles Johnston. John Johnston, with the N. & W. Railroad in Ohio, and Henry, who now lives

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North Carolina, occasional showers Friday and probably Saturday; light to fresh south to southwest winds.

South Carolina and Georgia, partly cloudy Friday and Saturday, occasional showers in the interior; light to fresh south to southwest winds.

Eastern Florida, occasional showers Friday and Saturday; light to fresh east winds.

Western Florida and Alabama, show-

THE WEATHER.

Western Florida and Alabama, show-Western Florida and Alabama, showers Friday; Saturday partly cloudy; light to fresh south winds.

Mississippi, showers Friday, warmer in southwest portion; Saturday partly cloudy; light to fresh south winds.

Western Texas New Mexico and Arizona, generally lair Friday and Saturday. Arkansas, showers and cooler Friday afternoon or night; Saturday, fair;

warmer.
Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia, partly cloudy Priday, showers and coller at pight or Saturday. LOCAL OFFICE U. S. WEATHER
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a. m.; sunset 7:25 p. m. (Standard time).
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Highest temperature
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Mean temperature
Deficiency for the day
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Precipitation for 24 hours ending 8 p. m. (inches)
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