TES SHOULD BE REDUCED VS. THE PUBLIC

the Editor of The Observer:

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All concede your fairness and wism and viewing the politics of oth Carolina as an interested spector. I have not failed to observe the althy influence you have exerted.
This letter is prompted by an editori on "Railroad Passenger Rates" inch appeared in your issue of Satday, and I wish to suggest a phase the situation not covered by your itorial. I may premise by saying at I thoroughly resent the political nirol which the railroads exert in ate and national affairs, but at the me time I acknowledge the value of a railroads and wish to see them corded fair and equal treatment, his the railroads are valuable and assicial I am opposed to their retying any other privileges than are corded to other corporations or inviduals.

the mere creatures of the owing certain duties to the pub-and while the investors are en-i to a fair return on their money. first and paramount obligation e performance of the public du-they have assumed, and it being lished beyond controvrsy by their admissions that they are daily y of violations of their plain duthey have by their own conduct ablished the necessity for efficient rulation both State and national in its management and the rates of sight and fares for passengers, is right on the part of the State limited by the constitution as to a rates to a fair return on the estment and this brings me to the ix of the question. Of course so such of the earnings as are necessary maintain the efficiency of the sysmaintain the efficiency of the sys-maintain the efficiency of the sys-m including all needed extersions is fairly and properly expenses and long as the carnings go there the ablic is to that extent benefitted. It when above all this and to the anifest neglect of its duties to the ablic, a railroad company's divi-inds to its stockholders are at an orbitant rate on the money invest-it seems to me the plain duty of e State to reduce rates of freight ind passage.

e have a concrete illustration in Southern Railway. The preferred k was issued at \$40 a share and at the present dividend rate of five per cent, investors receive twelve and ments. But it is said that the present value of these shares is about 1100 and hence the dividend is not exerbitant. Now let us look at it in the light of admitted facts. No unprejudiced person could call the management of the Southern Railway ideal in view of the fact that they can schedules or make prompt deliveries of their large and increasing freight traffic. The excuse generally given is that the business outgrows their facilities. If this is true, then it is

acilities. If this is true, then it is manifest that large sums are annually diverted from proper expenses to the pockets of its stockholders.

Thereby the public has been deprived of its just dues and the stock has been given an unfair value as a basis for rate-making.

Trains may be delayed, passengers may be subjected to the loss and inconvenience of missing connections to the point that it seems a rare ex-

to the point that it seems a rare ex-ception when the thousands of visi-tors to this section in summer find a train on time and shippers are unrea-sonably delayed in their shipments, but dividends must be paid. One of two causes is responsible for this, either the equipment is insufficient, and it that event a part of these divids should go into equipment, or management is inefficient and then it should be changed. As matters now stand, it is cur-

ently believed that the Murphy stanch is barely safe and I know it is insufficiently operated.

If the earnings are to go to the stockholders and this state of affairs is to continue I think it perfectly fair and just to reduce passenger rates to the Virginia rate.

The Sewiters Dailbook is used.

The Southern Railway is used as an illustration merely for the same things apply with greater force to the Union Pacific paying ten per cent. on stock largely water and the Southern Pacific paying five per cent. on stock almost wholly water are even more striking instances. I do not desire to see the railroads injured, but unless you and other wise and consequents. you and other wise and conservative leaders of public opinion shall prevail with the managers of these great combinations to admit the just rights of the public and to observe and per-form their plain public duties and refrain from exacting more than just compensation in their rates, I do not see how we can avoid a revolution— which I trust will be peaceable and

produce fair results.
Coming back to my mutton—If the Southern Railway is paying twelve and a half per cent. dividends on its preferred stock at issue price don't you think it could stand a reduction of passenger rates in North Countries. of passenger rates in North Carolina to two and one-half and two cents a mile without having just ground to complain that injustice had been done. Asheville, Aug. 21, 1906.

TENDENCY OF MOB RULE.

It is to Inflict Death Penalty for Eyery Crime—Negroes Themselves Hold Their Destiny in Their Hands and if Reform Comes it Must Come Largely From the Blacks.

To the Editor of The Observer: The bold and defant spirit of the mob in passing and executing sentence on a certain class of criminals is the fruitage of inheritance and its chairing. For "Judge Lynch" to extend his self-appointed jurisdiction from one class of crimes to another its reached by easy suggest The tender.

end his self-appointed jurisdiction from one class of crimes to another a reached by easy stages. The tendency is reached by easy stages. The tendency of mob law is to inflict the death behalty for every offense. All thinking men agree that the tendency is greenely dangerous.

Lynching for the nameless crime, and the crime itself, have been so request in the South of late decades hat the people, by refex action as twere, expect the one to follow the rest. Perhaps this expectacancy presares many to join a lynching been she the usual cause is presented. These high and brutal crimes are nore common in the South than in the sections and are committed by exported and are committed by exported and are committed by exported and these nameless crimes decading as the opportunities of the same against white women. Intend of these nameless crimes decading as the opportunities of the same against white women from overnors down, have persistently at hopefully contributed unsparing the titutions as means to advance the titutions as means to advance the real advance of the same and the same and

cuiled by the "Old South" and in her nomes and social circles was modernized and refined. The honor and purity of her women were beyond price. The boy was sworn, as it were, with his baptismal yows to revere the name of woman and protect her when necessary with life itself. These Southern ideals are yet treasured as a priceless heritage. When the sanctity of the home is violated, either by black or white, our traditions teach to strike down the offender. If the woman is a voluntary party to her own shame her ostracism is sure and complete.

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With the knowledge of negro sympathy for a black criminal and with Southern ideals deeply imbedded in the castitutions of Southerners, it is not strange that when a heinous crime is committed by a negro against a white girl or woman, all the deadly passions of the victim's friends and relatives rise above the written law and cry for vengeance and future protection from its recurrence.

The men at work in towns, together with their police force, gives a sense of protection and peace. The country woman without this protection lives in constant dread and danger. George Hall, the ex-convict, does not tipify the best class of Southern countrymen who actively sympathize with a stricken home. Thousands of sturdy countrymen have sworn that their wives and daughters shall never be dragged through a humiliating public trial in presence of the rabble and the beast who spared not.

Virtuous preclamations and indignant editorials may serve a purpose but they do not reach the disease. The crime is the cause, the lynching the effect; remove the first and the second will disappear. Let the powers that be quit dreaming of an ideal sentiment that doesn't exist. Let the negroes realize that, like all other races, their destiny is in their own keeping and then let us all as true patriots sace the real conditions and patiently wait till the negroes say whether they will, or will not endeavor to put a stop to rape. The law has failed. Will the negroes refuse or fail to stop it? The burden is upon them.

Marietta, Aug. 21, 1908.

STATEMENT FROM MAYOR SLOAN

in Answer to a Communication From Mr. W. A. Potts He Details What Was Done in Two Alleged Blind Tiger Cases.

To the Editor of The Observer: In answer to a communication in In answer to a communication in to-day's paper, signed by W. A. Potts, and headed: "Where Does the Trouble Lie?" I feel constrained in justice to myself to give the facts as far as I am concerned, which are as follows: On Sunday, June 24, 1906, I saw two colored persons who were very much under the influence of whiskey for some other influence of whiskey (or some other intoxicating beverage) I had a slight suspicion where they had gotten it, and on Monday morning I had a conference with our town officer, who, after a little further inofficer, who, after a little further investigation swore out a warrant against a certain individual for retailing, and when apprehended this party was brought before me and tried. In this examination or trial two witnesses testified that they had bought whiskey from this party, the one on trial, and that they had paid him for it, each naming the amount paid. I took this sworn evidence in writing which on being read to them, they each signed their statement. In writing which on being read to them, they each signed their statement. In this case I not only found "probable cause" but in my humble judgment abundant evidence to bind over to our Superior Court, which I did, re-

quiring a bond of \$200. These sworn, signed statements to-gether with the warrant were sent in by me in my returns to the clerk of the Superior Court. I did not follow up this case by going to court and looking after it. The State has an able locking after it. The State has an able fepresentative, and it was not my duty, as I was in no sense the prosecutor, and then it would look too much like what "Pat" said about a physician who was a pall-bearer at the funeral of his patient, "Faith and he is carrying his work home."

Davidson, Angust 22, 1996.

Davidson, August 22, 1906.

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#### THE WEATHER.

Washington, Aug. 22—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Virginia, North Carokina, South Carolina, Georgia, eastern Florida and western Florida, local rains Thursday and Friday: light variable winds.

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