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(Views of the foremost thinker and speaker in the United States)
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EXCEPT among the always hopeful democrats, you don't hear much talk of politics for 1932. Unless Mr. Coolidge steps down and out, on his own sayso he will lead the G. O. P. back to the White House next year. You can't beat him for the nomination and, nominated, you can't beat the party of free men and free labor with the party of a few men and peonage labor.

If he steps down, watch Illinois. "What has Coolidge done for us?" you will ask. Answer: Not very much but he hasn't stayed up nights trying to head you off. The G. O. P. may fall asleep when trouble knocks on your door, but the democratic party stays awake all night keeping you on the run.

To change Shakespeare a little, Better endure the ills you have than fly to those you know all about.

By 1932 the country will be permanently Republican, with the democratic party resigned to its fate. Then G. O. P. Presidents will reverse Harding and appoint you to office, as before. Segregation at Washington will be done away with, and you will have a breathing spell.

THE FIRST typical American, that is, an American who stands for your country as it is, and not as a few wish it to be, will step out as the G. O. P. standard bearer in 1932. He will take liberty as Washington gave it to us, freedom as Lincoln died to give to all, the ideals of Roosevelt, and become what the preachers like to refer to as "the first fruit."

As president he will take everybody into the Constitution. "Race" and "color" talk won't be heard so much then. What church a man belongs to, if to any, won't cut much figure. A hundred years shall have passed since Andrew Jackson gave the common people a chance to be heard in their government. Go read Jackson and learn of the intellectual struggle of his times.

Think of him, then of this writer's few lines, and you will understand why nine out of every ten people who think twice before they speak at all, name William Hale Thompson, greatest living Republican, as successor to Coolidge in 1932. All great leaders came as he did, through hard trials and tribulations.

Would you be shocked if Lowden and Thompson shook hands and made up?

OFTEN YOU feel that nobody pays much attention to law and order. You have a right to feel that very few give a passing thought to disorder, to the burden of lawlessness under which you struggle. Your papers are filled with indignant remarks but maybe they don't reach eyes you would like to read your views.

However, now and then one of the big voices is heard. There are few bigger, more powerful voices than the Chicago Tribune. Thousands feel that, that great paper is run expressly to keep colored Americans in hot water.

You will be interested in the fact that the founder of the Tribune left his children under instructions never to support the party "of disunion." What is the party of "disunion?" Brush up by a little reading on that point.

These few lines found in a recent editorial in the Tribune, will be refreshing:

"Alabama regulators who have been flogging victims selected for punishment for one reason or another are giving considerable concern to the law officers of the state."

They are now investigating the case of a "Negro" who was flogged to make him sell a small farm at a loss and of a woman who was tied up and lashed because her neighbors thought she needed it.

Few other things are so distinctly unpleasant as this activity of bullies and golems, for whom helplessness is no defense and to whom nonconformity is punishable sin."

Hard words, but true.

Voteless men will always be robbed of land, money, labor, since the ballot is the ONLY weapon of defense in free government. Ladies of one "race" will be lashed as long as ladies of another "race" can be lynched.

Thank the Tribune and hope it will give the matter further attention, throwing light on the cause of the fight for "disunion."

PRESIDENT BUTLER of Columbia University doesn't think the world was produced any great leader. Educated people are discussing Mr. Butler's remarks, some saying one thing, some another.

Whom did Mr. Butler succeed as president of Columbia and what position touching your life did he fill at the time of his death?

Great men are the progress of intelligence among men makes it hard for any ONE man to stand out as great. Here today, gone tomorrow, may be said of most men who attract universal notice.

There is so much to see, to talk about, to listen to, so many places to go, and so many different ways of going, that people don't have time to sit down and think about a man's great works.

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VANDALS BOMB HOME

Northside Citizen's Residence Damaged

Missile Thrown From Speeding Automobile By Unknown Parties

Intimidation Of Negro Citizens Of The Community. Judged As Motive Prompting. The Throwing Of The Bomb; Bomb Amateur Make.

Shortly after one o'clock last Sunday morning, unknown parties threw an improvised bomb on the porch of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Goodwin, at 501 West 29th St. The home of the Goodwins is located on the Southwest corner of 29th Street, and Indianapolis Avenue. Mr. Goodwin, who says he is easily awakened (a fire fighter by occupation) asserts he heard an apparently large automobile proceeding South on Indianapolis Avenue. And while there is always a fairly large volume of traffic on 29th street, the car moving South on Indianapolis Ave., attracted his attention, as it slowed Bomb Thrown At House.

Immediately after this, Mr. Goodwin states he heard a noise, dull thud, and what he thought at the time was falling glass. He arose from the bed and shortly proceeded to the front of the house. There was the smell of smoke, and on looking on the porch, he saw the smoke and the remains of the bomb. In the interval of the incident, he asserts the parties throwing the bomb evidently in the car, that traveled South on Indianapolis Avenue, turned West on 29th, swerving to the extreme left curb, hurled the missile and drove away West at a high rate of speed. Mr. Goodwin called the Police Department, and three squads under Sergeant Petty responded quickly. The officers combed the neighborhood, but were unable to find any evidence of the bomb throwers, they report. The improvised bomb was made of a piece of two inch gas pipe about six inches long. It struck a window of the living room and fell on the cement finished porch. The glass in the window was broken, even though it was protected by a new screen. The bomb fell back on the porch and tore two holes in the weather board beneath the



A picture of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Goodwin, at 501 W. 29th St., damaged by a bomb, thrown by unknown parties, between one and two o'clock last Sunday morning.

Jury Sends Boy, Age 16, To The Electric Chair In S. C.

(The Associated Negro Press) YORK, S. C., July 21st.—After deliberating fifteen minutes, the jury returned a verdict of guilty and the judge sentenced McKinley Thomasson, to die in the electric chair for the murder of Mrs. Frances Thomasson, a 78-year-old white woman. The boy was indicted, tried and sentenced Monday. The date set for this execution is August 12th. Young Thomasson was brought here from the state prison early Monday morning and carried before the Grand Jury, who in ten minutes indicted him and true bill

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PRISONER EATS GLASS
HATTIESBURG, Miss., July 22nd.—Lem Evans, serving a term in the city jail on a charge of petit larceny, attempted suicide by eating a handful of glass together with a tablespoonful of brick powder. A physician was summoned, who administered a large dose of salts. As a result, Lem is able to walk about the cell, and officers in charge of the jail believe that he will soon recover.

100-YEAR OLD COBBLER DIES
(The Associated Negro Press) ATHENS, Ala., July 21st.—Otho Fraser, who has mended shoes here for 80 years, died at his home. Mr. Fraser was born and has lived here for 100 years. He was born a cripple and learned the shoemakers trade while a slave.

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NEGRO'S LAND WANTED BY KLANSMEN
Farmer Is Whipped & Scared Sells Farmland Worth \$12,000 For \$900
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 21st.—The members of an alleged group of Klansmen, who seized Arthur Hitt, a Negro farmer, at his home and flogged him away and flogged him a few days according to the statement made by local authorities last week. Hitt, a respectable farmer who owned a very desirable tract of land, which he valued at around \$12,000 was intimidated into selling by threats of violence and through fear a repetition of the flogging it is asserted.

W. J. Worthington of Birmingham, who purchased the land from Hitt, was formerly a cyclops of the local Ku Klux Klan. He claims he paid Hitt a fair price for the land. And that he bought the land after it was offered for sale. Hitt sold the land to Worthington for \$900 notwithstanding it is said he valued it, at around \$12,000. Hitt is said to have sold the land for the most money he could get, as quick as he could get the money to get away from the possibility of another flogging by white men, who wanted to beat him out of his valuable land.

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MEMBERSHIP ROSTER OF KLAN WANTED
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 21st.—State Attorney General Chas. C. McCall has requested James Esdale, head of the Alabama Ku Klux Klan, to place in his office the roster of the organization and asked him to make known the names of the men who have participated in the flogging cases. The attorney general is reported to have declared that he had evidence that the floggings were conducted by Klansmen and if the organization intended to carry out its avowed policy of "upholding the principles of law, order, and justice," the officials of the Klan would send in the membership roster and names of the guilty members.

2 MEN HUNG FOR SLAYING, DENY GUILT
Convicted On Story of Lad, Who Says He Was Forced To Tell A Lie
OKALONA, Miss., July 22.—White McAllister and James Carter, Negroes, died on the same gallows here last Friday. They were convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of Randal Logan, an aged Negro money lender. The men met death in high spirits, walking to the gallows smoking cigarettes and chewing gum. They witnessed their caskets being brought into the jail just before they were led to the scaffold. Joe Compton, a 10-year old Negro boy, on whose testimony Carter and McAllister were convicted, cried in jail the day the men were hanged for the murder of Logan, and declared he lied against the men. And said, a white man shot Logan.

had it say it was McAllister and Carter" the boy cried to the police officers at Hot Springs, Ark., where he was in jail. "I was staying at Mr. Charles' house all the time after the shooting and he told me and so did Logan's wife that they would kill me if I told it was not McAllister and Carter. I am sorry I told the lie and that McAllister and Carter are dead. They were friends of mine, too. I sure don't want to go back to Mississippi." Confronted by the widow of the slain Negro, McAllister and Carter today asked her if she was "sure it was they whom she had seen at her house the night her husband was killed." And she maintained they were the men.

Citizens Plan Investigation Of Bombing
The bombing of the residence of a citizen on the Northside, has caused much indignation and comment among Negro people. While the bombing in itself, did no great damage, most everyone believes the spirit out of which it was done will make real trouble if carried to any length. The circumstances surrounding the incident leads the general public to believe, it will require no great effort to run down the guilty persons, both those behind the scheme, and the actually guilty parties, who have perpetrated the act.

Mississippians Prepare To Hang Walter Burley
(The Associated Negro Press) JACKSON, Miss., July 21st.—In the Hinds County Jail inclosure, at the rear of the courthouse, may be seen several fathoms of new 1 1/4 inch manila rope strung to a cross-beam supporting the water tower. The bottom end of this bit of rope is wrapped securely around a half-ton of scrap iron the purpose being to stretch and test the rope that will be used by W. S. Wells, sheriff and ex-officio executioner, July 22, in carrying out the sentence of the court upon Walter Burley, convicted on charges of assault and double murder on the Rees dairy farm, near Jackson, the morning of June 3rd. While the whereabouts of the condemned man is known only to a few, it is known that he will be

A Triumph For Long Locks



Patton's Studio In the crowded turmoil of the Twentieth Century, when everyone is clamoring towards the peak of modernism, it is refreshing to stop and behold such demureness and modesty as we find in Miss Florine Lasley, the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lasley. She is a junior at Manuel Training High School. Miss Lasley is best known as "Table."

White Man Asks Mercy For Negro Helper In Crime

The Police Department reports investigators are busy pursuing an investigation of the affair. At the same time several citizens have suggested that Negro citizens raise a fund to take up private investigation of the matter. Acting on this suggestion and desirous of preventing the spread of an animosity that may produce a grave crisis, The Recorder is taking the initiative in raising a fund to make a private investigation of the incident. If a sufficient fund is raised, the Recorder proposes to call in Sheriff A. B. Brusseaux, head of the Keystone Detective Agency of Chicago, a former U. S. Government Operative, and a man who has never missed a case. And at such time as the guilty parties are discovered, punish them to the full extent of the law.

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