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LYNCHINGS.
A proment Federal official in Georgis las been collecting the lynching statistics for a grotip of four Southern States, including Georgta, Alabama, Florida and South Carolina, and linds that thote were in these States fiftythree criminal asssults on white women last year, distributed as Eollows: Georgia 21, South Carolina 14, Alabama 15, and Florída 3. The assailants in all cares enve two were negroes. Of these criminals 34 were promptly lynched, 1 hung by law, while the fate of 20 was never definitely known, 15 being "lost in the woods," that is, probably lynched or "disposed of," making a total of 49 lynched, 1 judicially hung, and the remaindor escaping. It is probeble that if any of the lattor had been caught, lynching would have promptly followed.
It appears from these figures that public sentiment in the four States we have mentioned is, as Bishop Hugh Miller Thompson deolares, very emphatically in favor of lvnching for this crime, and it would appese also that Judge Lynch is vigilant and very tem of theee crimes by negroes go unpunished; and finally that the crime is one largely peculiar to the negro. All these circumstanoes will tend to prevent any change of public sentiment in the trural districts of the South in the
matter of lynching for certain erimes.-Times-Democrat.

A special despatch to The TimesDemocrat from Baton Rouge Etys: -Mr. Loret is depirotes of adding to the extent of St. Mary parish, and to that end has introduced a bill changing the boundary lines of that parish, together with those of St. Mattin and Iberia. The object of the bill is to add to Bt. Mary a certain strip of swamp land which if included in the parish of St. Martin, but cut off entirely from that parish by the intervention of Iberia. The valus of the land is not considerabie, but it is occupi-
ed by many swampers and others, ed by claim that their affairs would be benefited and their efforts facilitated by annexation to St. Mary."
The strip of land refered in the above should belong to either Iberla or St. Mary, we believe however St. Mary should have better claim for annezation. It is the famous 'Bayou Boutte' section where a little war oecured a few years ago that cost this parish several thousand dollars for the prosecution of those who were acensed of having taken yart in the 'war' in which sevisial persons whre killed. This parish is anxious to cede that part of our parioh, which yiroperly belong to either Iberisis or St. Mary.

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