

THE RICHMOND PLANET

THEY LYNCHED HIM.

A Colored Man Dealt With—Taken From the Train.

DIED PROTESTING INNOCENCE.

A Brutal Murder—Mob Makes No Efforts at Disguise.

THE LAW DEFIED—ANARCHY IN VIRGINIA.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, July 12.—John Henry James, the colored man who assaulted Miss Hotopp near here, was lynched near here by the infuriated citizens of Charlottesville and the county. Yesterday afternoon James was taken by the officers to Pen Park, where he was identified by the young woman as her assailant. They also carried him to the scene of the outrage, and ascertained by trying his shoes in the tracks found there that they could have been made by no other. He was then brought back and lodged in jail, a large crowd following the entire way. The officers were chary of admitting that he had been identified, but the crowd could not be deceived, and angry mutterings and threats of lynching were heard on every side.

in the rear of the car. The crowd then seized the man, and hustled him, along with Mr. Farish, outside of the car, where they bound Mr. Farish's hands. In the mean time Mr. Watts was pleading with the mob to let the law take its course; but he was powerless in the hands of so many.

As soon as James reached the platform a rope was thrown over his head, and he was carried about forty yards to a small locust tree, near the blacksmithshop. He was asked if he wished time to pray. He replied: "Before God, I am innocent." But when the officers pleaded with the mob to let him come to a trial, he grasped at the hope thus extended, and made the above declaration.

The rope was thrown over a limb about three inches in circumference, and James was drawn up.

The limb jutted out from the tree at a sharp incline, so that the rope slid downwards towards the body of the tree, and when at rest the man's body was almost touching the body of the tree. Under the tree was a bench, and his feet were only a few inches above it. As soon as he was elevated the crowd emptied their pistols into his body, probably forty shots entering it. When it became evident that the man was dead the crowd dispersed, leaving the body hanging on the tree.

The people in the city before the train came, heard rumors of the intention of the mob to lynch James at the crossing, and a number of persons started for that point, but few reached it before the deed was done. Among these was the brother of the young woman, who arrived about ten minutes after the hanging and emptied his pistol into the body.

The grand jury were still in session, and had reached the conclusion to bring in a true bill just as Mr. Cloud, of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, reached the court-house and announced that the prisoner had been taken from the train and was probably lynched. The court was immediately adjourned, and the Judge and Commonwealth's Attorney rushed down the street to get more information, and, if possible, to devise means to prevent the lynching. They soon found, however, that any effort in that direction would avail nothing, as the evidence that the deed was done was voluminous.

Coroner W. G. Brown was notified, and he proceeded to the scene of the tragedy at 2 o'clock. Captain Woods, attorney for the Commonwealth, was seen, and was indisposed to say much about the affair. He deprecated deeply the violent measures that had been taken, saying that he had positive evidence of the guilt of James.

The body of James was left hanging on the tree about two hours. Hundreds of people visited the scene this afternoon. Many of them gathered relics of the occasion, taking some portions of his clothing, etc. His coat was riddled with bullets.

While the body hung there No. 4 passenger train passed the crossing, and the improvised gallows being in view, the passengers were forced witnesses of a lynching.

The mob dispersed they came away in any direction that suited them—some coming on to the city, others returning to their homes, all with a perfect indifference as to any future investigation.

Yes, we want colored officers for colored troops wherever we can secure them.

Spanish Refuges Receiving Food Near Santiago.



SAD TIMES IN CUBA.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.
The meetings in the rooms Sunday were very impressive and interesting. The men were addressed by Mr. V. L. Hawkins who gave a good practical talk. The boys who attended the meetings Sunday numbered fully one hundred. A short talk was made by Acting Secretary, T. H. Wyatt, after which those who were not interested in the outing were dismissed while the others remained to perfect arrangements concerning it. The men will be addressed next Sunday at 5:30 P. M., by Mr. Robert Holmes. We have been informed that Mr. Holmes is an eloquent speaker and all will do well to come and hear him. The silent hand of death has again visited the boys' department Y. M. C. A. Only a few months past our esteemed and beloved brother and co-worker, R. T. Gilpin was called from labor to reward and again on last Sunday our esteemed and beloved Jessie C. Smith after considerable illness passed away. The funeral services which were very impressive took place at the Leigh St. M. E. Church, Tuesday evening at 4 P. M. Memorial exercises will be held by the Y. M. C. A., in the near future in honor of him, being one of the grandest and noblest characters of manhood that the Y. M. C. A. has yet produced. International Secretary, W. A. Hunton gave the men some very interesting facts Sunday concerning the Y. M. C. A., tent among the troops of North Carolina now stationed at Fort Mifflin. He has also made arrangements for commencing the work among the Virginia troops now encamped at Singleton's farm, who will be put in charge we are not able to say at this writing.

A Conscientious Governor.
[New Orleans, Southwestern Christian Advocate.]
Our esteemed contemporary, the Richmond Planet, John Mitchell, Jr., editor, has made a brave and interesting fight to have Virginia's two battalions of Afro-American troops must-

tered into service under their own officers. This included two majors, who are considered as efficient as any in the State. Strong influences were brought to bear upon the Governor to have all their officers removed and whites appointed in their stead, but Mitchell stood his ground under the watch word, "No officers, no fight!"

CLAIMS PAID.
Mr. R. J. Bass, President of the People's Relief Association; Allow me to extend to you my heartfelt thanks for the kindness rendered Frank Harris by your company during his many weeks of sickness; and also the Thirty Dollars I received on account of his death. May you live long and continue in such noble work.
Mrs. HENRIETTA LEE, 508 Louisiana St.
RICHMOND, Va., July 1, 1898.
Mr. E. A. WASHINGTON.
Dear Sir:—Allow me to thank you kindly for the prompt attention I received from your company, the People's Relief Association during my illness. Sir, I must confess that your company is strictly a reliable one, and I hope that your membership may continue to increase.
Yours for the advancement of the Company,
JOSHUA E. BROWN, 1834 William St., (Sidney).
RICHMOND, Va., July 12, 1898.
This is to certify that I received of the People's Relief Association the sum of Nine Dollars cash, birth benefits, so therefore with many thanks to the Company, I wish them a speedy success,
(Mrs.) LAURA JOHNSON, 1115 N. 29th St.
Stop this war talk and hear that great sermon that Rev. Evans Payne, the Bishop of Church Hill, will preach at Amelia Courthouse Monday, July 18, 1898.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.
Miss Ada G. Foster is visiting in Amelia Co.
—Miss Virginia B. Harper is visiting friends and relatives in Washington and Philadelphia.
—Mrs. Nannie A. Martin and her niece, Miss Emma E. Jones, left Monday, the 11th, to visit friends in New York and Astoria, Long Island.
—Miss Nannie B. Crump, of 603 W. Leigh Street, is at present in Philadelphia, Pa., visiting her brother Mr. Wm. Isaac Crump and her parents' friends, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander W. Bell.
—Miss Lucy A. Trent of Cumberland Co., Va., has been visiting the city during the past two weeks the guest of the Misses Isham, 808 N. 5th Street.
—Miss Lucy E. Brown of Fredericksburg, Va., was in the city this week.
—Mrs. Mynor H. Bass of Boston and Mrs. M. E. Faulk of New York are in the city.
—Little Miss Arsenia Robinson, daughter of Mrs. R. Eleanor Wesley, is spending the summer at Brook Hill, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Beard.
—Miss Julia A. Holmes left last Thursday to spend several weeks in Philadelphia.
—Miss Lizzie Burrell, who has been indisposed, is out again.
—Mrs. Rosa K. Jones is visiting in Washington, D. C. She will return next week.
—The friends of Mrs. Sarah Jackson, 121 W. Duval Street, are sorry to know that she is indisposed and glad to know that she is improving and hope for her speedy recovery. She is under the skillful treatment of Dr. Merriweather.
Go with the Working Sons of Hope to Staunton on Saturday night, July 23rd. The fare is only \$1.50.

WHO IS C. H. PHILLIPS

The Elder Answers the Question—Caustic Criticism.

A COSTLY MISTAKE—A LIFE OF USEFULNESS.

He Does Not Travel to Secure Office—A Crushing Rejoinder.

In answer to an anonymous letter said to be from New York in last week's "Reformer," Mr. E. W. Brown, editor of the "Reformer," Chief Bureau of Information of the Grand Fountain, essays to give out some information.

WHO IS E. W. BROWN?
E. W. Brown is a broken down politician from Prince George County, only a few years ago was plowing corn and picking peanuts, begged for something to do in an institution that I had helped to build, an editor without experience or discretion, Chief of Bureau of Information and giving out false information because of ignorance of the history of the institution. I am informed that on one occasion he made a mistake and insured his 80-year-old grand-father in the order for \$500, giving his age at less than 50 years. No wonder he made a mistake in my history which is as follows:

I was born in Louisa County, Va., May, 1857, of slave parents. My father was a colored man named Jacob Phillips, who had been duly married to my mother, Julia Phillips. I found myself free on the plantation at eight years of age. I began work in a tobacco factory at Fredericks Hall, Va. At 15 years of age I came to Richmond where I followed my trade as a factory hand in several of the largest factories until I was about twenty years of age.

REV. JASPER'S PREACHING.
I was convicted under the preaching of Rev. John Jasper and professed religion at the age of 21 years. I was baptized in Covington, Va., by Rev. Fiat Beale.

After a few months I removed my membership to the Mount Garland Baptist Church, Louisa County, where I was licensed to preach. Returned to Richmond alternately as a factory hand, janitor of Wilkeson's Hall and as a wagoner on the streets. While working for my daily bread I gave all my spare time to study. I often preached for Rev. Jasper and many of the other pastors of Richmond.

In 1878 I was married to Miss Melvina Dobson in Richmond, Va. In 1884 I was called to the pastorate of the Union Baptist Church at Beaver Dam, Va. That charge is yet held by me as well as being pastor of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church at Noels, Va.

THE ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT.
I have been and am now the President of the Mattaponi Baptist Association, composed of Baptist Churches of the counties of Hanover, Louisa, Caroline, Spotsylvania, Stafford, King William, Henrico, Chesterfield, Essex, King George, and the cities of Richmond, Manchester and Fredericksburg, Va.

The record of this association for work is second to none in the state and is considered by competent judges to be one of the best. It has contributed largely for mission work, both Home and Foreign. It gives special attention to the educational interests of the Baptists and has contributed over \$500.00 to the Virginia Seminary as well as fitting up two rooms at that institution. It is now raising an additional \$500 to be paid in the near future.

AN EVANGELIST TO THE SINFUL.
Since resigning my position as deputy of the Grand Fountain, I have given much of my time to evangelistic work, having conducted large and successful meetings in various points in this state as well as in Washington and New York. I have worked for some of the ablest divines in the denomination and from the results, I am satisfied that something was accomplished for the Master's cause.

I am President of the Progressive Joint Stock Association of Hanover, Louisa, Caroline and Spotsylvania Counties. Deacon A. F. Robinson is one of the Directors.

NEVER TRAVELLED FOR OFFICE.
It has never been necessary for me to travel from place to place advertising myself nor asking for office. God whom I serve has always found a work for me to do.

AS A TRUE REFORMER.
In 1885 I became acquainted with Rev. William W. Browne, whom I met on the train to Beaver Dam. I did not know him nor did he know me. On arriving at Beaver Dam, we both got off and he came up to me and asked strangely enough, "Who is C. H. Phillips and where can I see him?" I introduced myself to him and after learning his mission, I agreed to take

him to Mr. Samuel Taylor's house with me. We were both cordially received by brother Taylor. After resting Rev. Browne explained his plans to me in detail and as I was impressed with the same I asked him to accompany me to church next day and preach for me after which I would give him an opportunity to speak to the people. On Sunday, he preached an acceptable sermon and afterwards lectured to my congregation. A convention of 26 members was formed and of that number Rev. W. L. Taylor was one.

REV. BROWNE'S APPOINTMENT.
Rev. Browne immediately appointed me a deputy to help him spread the work in the adjacent counties. As neither of us had money to hire conveyances, we walked from place to place going sometimes as far as eight miles to meet appointments. As food was scarce and no money to pay for it we feasted on wild grapes.

The Fountain at Beaver Dam was organized about thirty days after the convention was started. I opened a convention at Fredericks Hall, Va., where I was assisted in organizing the Fountain by W. P. Burrell. I organized five Fountains in Louisa County before I attempted to go out on the field and travel for the order.

I was assigned to duty in West Virginia where I succeeded in organizing one Fountain and putting over fifty members in the Classes. At Ashland, Ky., a Rosebud was organized by me as well as a Fountain at Ironton, O.

WORK AT PITTSBURGH.
At Pittsburgh, Pa., I introduced the work of the True Reformers and on my first visit organized two Fountains. When I left Pittsburgh there were ten Fountains and King George Counties, Rosebud. At Middleton and Kennel Square, Pa., I also organized Fountains.

I was at no time Chief of Philadelphia, Pa., but as Deputy General in charge of Division, No. 1, I made my headquarters for a time at Philadelphia where I organized the first Fountain. I was the first to introduce the order at Wilmington, Del., and at Chester, Pa. I organized the first Fountain at Newark, Del., which had been worked up by Rev. E. T. Anderson. In New York City, I organized one Fountain.

GOES TO WASHINGTON UNDER PROTEST.
In the winter of 1893—I traveled with the Grand Master on a tour of instruction, visiting several large Divisions; afterwards I was assigned to look after the work in Caroline, Spotsylvania and King George Counties.

In April, 1894, in obedience to urgent orders from the G. W. Master I reported to the office at Richmond, where, after a conference, it was decided that I should take charge of Washington, D. C. I was not in favor of this, but yielded. On arriving at Washington we found the whole Division in favor of a Washington man for chief. Against the protest of the Division I was installed and I put my whole heart into the work. I attended to the business of the Division and organized several conventions in Maryland and Virginia and put many members in Classes. When I was installed as chief Rev. Browne presented me as a token of his confidence and esteem with a suit of clothes, an overcoat, a hat and a pair of shoes.

At Washington, I met and trained Mr. J. W. Branson, who was then one of the canvassers and deputies.

A GENERAL LECTURER.
At the session of 1894 the Washington Division elected one of their own number as chief and I was returned to Washington at an officers meeting held in Richmond, Rev. W. W. Brown complimented my record and said that as a builder I had outstripped every one else in spreading the work abroad where it had not been before known.

A QUESTION OF FINANCE.
After returning to Washington I found that for the compensation I was then receiving I had not afforded to leave my family as I had done before and I so reported to the Grand Master and other executive officers. They could not see their way clear to give me living wages so I resigned at once and sent in my resignation in writing. Thus my official connection with the True Reformers ended, but I have at all times upheld the principles of the Order and maintain my membership in all the departments.

I am at present general agent for the "Virginia Baptist." To this I am giving all my spare time in order to advance the interests of the Baptist cause. While traveling in the interest of the Baptist I have, wherever convenient, spoken in the interest and for whom I conceived to be the best interest of the Grand Fountain.

For further information as to who is C. H. Phillips, I beg to refer to the Baptist ministry of Virginia, especially those connected with the Mattaponi Association, and the Baptist State Convention.

C. H. PHILLIPS, Beaver Dam, Va.
Editor Barnett's Tribute.

[Omaha, Neb., Progress.]
The RICHMOND PLANET made its appearance this week in an enlarged form, both in size, local and editorial matter. The PLANET easily outranks all competitors, and the patronage it is receiving is evidence of the fact that the people of Richmond appreciate a good newspaper.