

# WHAT OTHERS THINK

## Comments of The Press On The Recent Lynching Episode.

As stated in the Capital's editorial the day of the lynching of Henry Davis, the town and this State are now being made the target for criticism shot at it by the press throughout the country.

The New York Sun of December 22 says editorially:

"The negro who was lynched in Annapolis yesterday morning was led by the mob through the streets of the quarter inhabited by his race as an object lesson to the population there." The sight must have had a tremendous effect on men of his color. They learned from it that the State of Maryland was incapable of guarding its public institutions, which are at the mercy of any "two or three score men" who meet at midnight to invade a community, overpower the officers of the law and do what they please with the persons committed to the guardianship of the State. One result of this "object lesson" will be to bring the legal processes of the State into contempt with the very class it is most desirable to impress with their strength and power."

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The American Magazine says:

"No one can look at one of the photographs of a lynching without a sense of abysmal horror. It is not the horror alone or chiefly of the thing itself, the ugly, inanimate center of the tragedy. It is the faces of the spectators that shock our very souls. They are always laughing faces. Good nature, even jollity, seems to be the note of these gatherings. Always we see the faces of little boys grinning cheerfully toward the camera. There are women sometimes in the crowd, and sometimes little girls. There is no sign in these pictures of horror of death, even of grim satisfaction over a difficult and obnoxious task performed by necessity. The man who called it a "lynching bee" appreciated the true feelings of the lynchers. Leave out the grim wreck in the center and the picture might be taken for an ordinary cheerful gathering at a country fair. Leave it in, and oh, my brothers! it is not the dead, but the living that terrifies."