

WHAT SOME OF OUR EXCHANGES SAY.

From the Centreville Observer :

"While lynch law is to be deplored in a Christian and civilized community such as ours, yet when we find the safeguards to life and home daringly invaded, innocent girlhood made the victim of such an outrage as the facts prove, is it not to say the least, necessary for all lovers of right and defenders of home, without regard to color lines, to assert in unmistakable language, though it be in defiance of written law, that human life shall be held sacred and the most untimely death awaits he who dares trample virtue under his feet? There is a law, though unwritten, that warrants and justifies the protection of all homes, even though it be necessary for the people to take matters in their own hands."

From the Denton Journal:

The people of the State will extend their sympathy to the citizens of Kent. That county has for several weeks past been in the throes of most distressing excitement. It is not surprising that the law has been set aside by a horrified people. They could not bide the laws' delay, and one of the brutes was summarily hanged to a convenient tree on Tuesday night. As long as such bold and beastly wretches are among men, so long will there be lynching whether the crimes be committed in Massachusetts or Maryland.

From the Middletown Transcript:

"If lynching was ever justifiable, it was in the case of the negro Taylor, of Kenneville, who met his death at the hands of an infuriated body of citizens of Kent county, Md., Tuesday night, May 17. Taylor's crime is well-known, and no one can deny but that his punishment was deserved. As to whether the law should have been allowed to take its course persons will differ, but the people of the neighborhood where the crime was committed evidently were of the opinion that it should not."

From the Snow Hill Messenger :

"It is wrong to defy the law and refuse to allow it to take its course, at any time, but the Chestertown lynching last Tuesday may do more to prevent the repetition of such dastardly acts in that community than if the slow course of the law had been resorted to."