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CLINTON, IOWA SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1895.

WORK OF A MOB.

Negroes Lynched in Tennessee for
a Heinous Crime.

Futile Attempt of Officers to Defend
Their Prisoners — A Negro
Shot in Georgia.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 2.—Joe Robertson and Ozias McGaha (negroes), who on Friday morning were sentenced at Lewisburg to 20 years each for rape, were taken from the jail at Fayetteville Friday night by a mob of 300 men and hanged in the courthouse yard. The negroes reached Fayetteville from Lewisburg at two o'clock p. m., in charge of Sheriff Menefee, of Marshall county, and four deputies. The whole party was locked in the baggage car and the sheriff was endeavoring to get to the branch prison at Tracy City, with his prisoners.

Mob Surrounds the Train.

When the train came to a stop at Fayetteville a mob of over 200 men, acting on a message from parties at Lewisburg, demanded the prisoners. Sheriff Menefee refused, and then the crowd threatened to put dynamite under the car. The sheriff would not budge. However, when the engineer started to couple up the train for the purpose of pulling out, a stalwart fellow drew a bead on him with a double-barreled shotgun.

Then Col. J. H. Holman and W. B. Lamb addressed the mob, and urged them to let the train and its cargo proceed. The leaders declined, but after considerable parley, agreed to let the train go if the car with the officers and negroes was side-tracked. This was finally agreed to.

Brave Officials.

Sheriff Menefee and Sheriff Sherrell, the latter of Lincoln county, then held a conference, with the result that the officers and their deputies formed a hollow square and marched the prisoners off to jail. Sheriff Menefee also wired Gov. Turney for troops.

Taken from the Jail.

Friday night about dark 200 armed men rode into town from Marshall county, and after a conference with the mob of 100 in Fayetteville, stormed the jail. They battered down four doors and took the negroes out, with the above results. Not a single shot was fired, and few loud words were spoken.

Robertson was charged with attempted assault upon a Miss Stewart. He only missed lynching a few weeks ago by the officers who arrested him near Bell Buckle being warned not to bring him to Lewisburg. McGaha was charged with assaulting a 13-year-old white girl.