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THE CALVERT COUNTY LYNCHING.—Both the Calvert county papers deprecate the lynching of Charles Whittle, colored, at Prince Frederick. The Calvert Gazette says: "There can be but little doubt that the evidence of guilt of the criminal would have been sufficient to convict him in a court of law of an offense for which the punishment is death. But on the other hand, while we have able and impartial judges to preside over our courts, justice is so often defeated by the confusing methods employed by crafty counsel in defense of criminals, and our laws allow of so many technicalities behind which a criminal may seek refuge, that an unfortunate distrust of justice in such cases has arisen in the public mind, and to which may be attributed the frequent resort to lynch law. While we deplore the tragedy that has occurred in our county, yet the offense that led to it must strike us all as deserving a terrible punishment."

The Calvert Journal says the offense for which Whittle was lynched "was a most heinous and atrocious one and cannot be too severely condemned, but the machinery of justice here would have dealt with it 'fully without denial and speedily without delay.' The judges of our courts, the officers of the law and a jury of our citizens would have rendered that justice which the law of this State demanded. Lynch law must be deprecated unless our people are prepared to hand over the peace and good order of the community to mob violence. The law of our land is ample and our courts of justice able to punish crime and redress wrong. When either or both fail of purpose the interest of society and the protection of our homes will justify a resort to another remedy."