

THE IRONY OF FATE.

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Colored Boys And Candidates Implicated In The Case—Former Lynchings In Maryland.

There is remarkably little excitement in Annapolis over the lynching of Henry Davis, the colored ravisher of Mrs. John Reid, which took place here early yesterday morning. Governor Warfield feels deeply chagrined at the affair. He had hoped to pass his administration without any occurrence of the sort and took the most strenuous methods of preventing the lynching of Lee, who committed a brutal double crime in Somerset county last summer.

It appears to be the irony of fate that a lynching should have taken place in the State Capital, the jail which was raided being about two squares away and the scene of the lynching about a half mile distant and within the city limits. The Governor has expressed himself as determined to follow up the matter within the limits of his powers and bring those connected with it to punishment.

The evidence grows that a large number of those present during the affair, were young men, probably students of St. John's College or candidates for the Naval Academy. Indeed, it is claimed by some that some of these were the organizers of the affair and that comparatively few of the residents of the section had anything to do with the affair.

It is known that the party not only met on the St. John's campus, which is entirely out of the natural line of entrance to the city from the section where the assault took place, but that they entered the lighted hall, which contains sleeping quarters of the upper classmen and the dining hall. They were discovered by professors and directed to leave. It is claimed that country residents would not have thought of doing such a thing, both on account of the likelihood of detection and lack of familiarity in the section.