

Facts

BOOKER WASHINGTON'S report on lynching for 1914 has the merit of stating facts and making no argument whatever. Often that is the most effective way to carry conviction. Of the 52 persons lynched last year only seven were charged with rape and two of those were white. Three of the persons lynched were women and one of the women was 17 years of age. She was charged with killing a man who was reported to have raped her. One woman, charged with burning a barn, was killed in the presence of her four-year-old child. One man was lynched for biting another; one for stealing shoes; one for stealing mules; one for being under a house. The lynchings were distributed as follows: Alabama, 2; Arkansas, 1; Florida, 4; Georgia, 2; Louisiana, 12; Mississippi, 12; Missouri, 1; New Mexico, 1; North Dakota, 1; North Carolina, 1; Oklahoma, 3; Oregon, 1; South Carolina, 4; Tennessee, 1; Texas, 6.

