WHITE WOMEN SLANDERED!

LEADING NEGRO REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER EXCUSES RAPISTS.

Declares that Attractive White Girls of Culture Fall in Love with Negroes, and the Assaults Committed are the Result of Mutual Love and Not of Violence.

THE POOR WHITE WOMEN ARE CHARGED WITH SECRET MEETINGS WITH NEGRO MEN AND WITH BEING INFATUATED WITH THEM.

The following is the full text of an editorial that appeared on the 18th day of August, 1898, in the Wilmington *Daily Record*, the only negro Republican daily newspaper published in the State:

MRS. FELTON'S SPEECH.

"A Mrs. Felton from Georgia makes a speech before the Agricultural Society at Tybee, Ga., in which she advocates lynching as an extreme measure. This woman makes a strong plea for womanhood and if the alleged crimes of rape were half so frequent as is ofttimes reported, her plea would be worthy of consideration.

"Mrs. Felton, like many other so-called Christians, loses sight of the basic principle of the religion of Christ in her plea for one class of people as against another. If a missionary spirit is essential for the uplifting of the poor white girls, why is it? The morals of the poor white people are on a par with their colored neighbors of like conditions, and if any one doubts the statement let him visit among them. The whole lump needs to be leavened by those who profess so much religion and showing them that the preservation of virtue is an essential for the life of any people.

"Mrs. Felton begins well for she admits that education will better protect the girls on the farm from the assaulter. This we admit and it should not be confined to the white any more than to the colored girls. The papers are filled often with reports of rapes of white women, and the subsequent lynching of the alleged rapists. The editors pour forth volleys of aspersions against all negroes because of the few who may be guilty. If the papers and speakers of the other race would condemn the commission of crime because it is crime and not try to make it appear that the negroes were the only criminals, they would find their strongest allies in the intelligent negroes themselves, and together the whites and blacks would root the evil out of both races.

"We suggest that the whites guard their women more closely, as Mrs. Felton says, thus giving no opportunity for the human fiend be he white or black. You leave your goods out of doors and then complain because they are taken away.

"Poor white men are careless in the matter of protecting their women, especially on farms. They are careless of their conduct toward them, and our experience among poor white people in the country teaches us that the women of that race are not any more particular in the matter of clandestine meetings with colored men, than are the white men with colored women. Meetings of this kind go on for some time until the woman's infatuation or the man's boldness bring attention to them and the man is lynched for rape. Every negro lynched is called a 'big, burly, black brute,' when in fact many of those who have thus been dealt with had white men for their fathers, and were not only not 'black' and 'burly,' but were sufficiently attractive for white girls of culture and refinement to fall in love with them as is well known to all."

"Mrs. Felton must begin at the fountain head if she wishes to purify the stream.

"Teach your men purity. Let virtue be something more than an excuse for them to intimidate and torture a helpless people. Tell your men that it is no worse for a black man to be intimate with a white woman, than for a white man to be intimate with a colored woman.

"You set yourselves down as a lot of carping hypocrites; in fact you cry aloud for the virtue of your women while you seek to destroy the morality of ours. Don't think ever that your women will remain pure while you are debauching ours. You sow the seed—the harvest will come in due time."

The following affidavits from leading business men and clerk of the Court of New Hanover shows who edit and publish the Daily Record:

North Carolina,
New Hanover County.

I, John D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, do hereby certify that the foregoing is an accurate and true copy of an editorial in the Daily Record, a paper published in the city of Wilmington, of date Aug. 18th, 1898.

I further certify that said paper has been published in said city at least eight months prior to this date; that Alex. L. Manly, the editor, is a negro, is well known as a Republican and has before this held the office of Deputy Register of Deeds of New Hanover county, by appointment from Charles W. Norwood, Republican Register of Deeds, of New Hanover county.

I further certify that John N. Goins, business manager, L. D. Manly, foreman, Jno. T. Howe, general traveling agent, and F. G. Manly, general manager, are all negroes, and are known as Republicans and the said Jno. T. Howe was a Republican Representative from New Hanover county in the Legislature of 1897. Witness my hand and seal this August 24th, 1898.

JOHN D. TAYLOR,
Clerk Superior Court New Hanover Co.

R. G. Worth, of the Worth Co., R. W. Hicks, wholesale grocer, C. E. Borden, president of Navassa Guano Co., W. L. DeRosset, commander of N. C. Division Confederate Veterans and John C. Springer, of the firm of W. E. Springer & Co., each being duly sworn says that he has read the foregoing paper, and that the said is an accurate and true copy of an editorial in the Daily Record of the date August 18th, 1898, that said paper, The Daily Record, has been published in the city of Wilmington at least eight months prior to this date, and Alex. L. Manly, the editor thereof, is a negro, is well known as a Republican and has held the position of Deputy Register of Deeds in New Hanover county, under the Republicans.

Affiants further say that John N. Goins, business manager, L. D. Manly, foreman, Jno. T. Howe, general traveling agent, and F. G. Manly, general manager, are all negroes, and Republicans, and the said John T. Howe was a Republican Representative from New Hanover county in the Legislature of 1897.

W. L. DEROSSET,
JOHN C. SPRINGER,
R. G. WORTH,
R. W. HICKS,
CHAS. E. BORDEN.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this August 24th, 1898.

JOHN TURRENTINE,
Notary Public.

State of North Carolina,
County of New Hanover.

Personally appeared before me, Wm. L. DeRosset, R. G. Worth, John C. Springer, R. W. Hicks and Charles E. Borden, known to me to be the persons they represent themselves to be, and made oath that the above statement is correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

JOHN TURRENTINE,
Notary Public.

No elaborate comment on the infamous article of the negro paper is necessary. Its outrageous, mendacious attack on white women is so plain and direct that every decent white man who reads it will make his own comment, and that comment will not be phrased in honeyed words.

NEGRO PREACHERS' ENDORSEMENT.

The above infamous article appeared in *The Daily Record* on 18th day of August. In the issue of that paper of August 24th, the following appeared:

The following resolutions were adopted at the regular session of the Ministerial Union, which is composed of the colored ministers of this city:

Resolved, That the Ministerial Union, is in hearty sympathy with the efforts of The Daily Record in defending the rights of the race, and that each minister inform his congregation of the present situation, and endeavor to sustain the paper by swelling its subscription list, and by urging prompt payment.

NEGRO MOBS STAND BY THE EDITOR.

On the day after the publication of this infamous editorial in the Wilmington papers, the indignation of the white people was naturally very great, but they did not permit themselves to give any violent expression to their righteous wrath. On the afternoon of August 24th A. L. Manly, author of the vile and villainous article, caused it to be whispered about Wilmington that he had received an anonymous letter during the day, giving him notice that his presence in that city could no longer be endured, and that he must get out to parts [illegible] within twenty-four hours. [illegible] mob filled the office [illegible] and the [illegible] the streets in front of the [illegible] office, manifesting every intention of protecting and defending the infamous slanderer. They had no condemnation of his vile language. They were there for quite another purpose. He was regarded as their representative and the mob came together to assure him that no matter how villainously he might slander "poor white women" they would stand by him as a guard of honor.

Referring to the presence of the mob around the office of Editor Manly, the *Wilmington Star* says:

"The police on that beat were powerless to scatter the crowds, and Chief of Police Melton swore in two extra police and called in the others from several adjacent beats for the purpose of persuading the negroes to disperse. Mayor Wright also went down and mingled with the crowd, striving to persuade them that there was no danger whatever of any attempt being made upon the life of Manly. The officers finally persuaded them to retire, only a company of the [illegible] remaining to garrison the Record office. All night, however, there were others moving about the adjacent corners and side streets actuated by either fear that some attempt would be made, or else by curiosity.

"While the white people of the city are justly very indignant at the Record's dastardly editorial, and feel that the most extreme measures of retribution would be justifiable, it was the general opinion last night that the anonymous letter which created the excitement was without any backing, save in the mind of the unknown person who penned and mailed it.

"The negro demonstration last night was an object lesson. It shows that nothing but a Democratic Legislature can save North Carolina."

WHO IS MANLY?

What is the Position in the Republican Party of the Publishers of The Daily Record, and What is the Standing of that Paper?

No sooner had the vile and villainous editorial been denounced by white men than the Republican politicians began to say that the publishers of the *Daily Record* were "mischief-making simpletons" and "irresponsible upstarts." Bear in mind, white men, that the infamous editorial appeared in the *Daily Record* on the 18th day of August. It was not until the 24th day of August that the Republican candidate for judge, seeing that the article would defeat him for judge if he did not do something quick, got a portion of the Republican Executive Committee to denounce the article and the publishers of the *Daily Record*. There was no word of condemnation from Radical politicians until they were driven to it by an outraged public sentiment.

They now call the editors and publishers "irresponsible upstarts" and "mischief-making simpletons." Who are they? The following affidavit shows that the editor was appointed Deputy Register of Deeds under the present Republican administration of New Hanover County, and that John T. Howe, the traveling agent of the paper, was elected by the Republicans as a member of the Legislature in 1896 and served in the 1897 session of the House of Representatives:

If this negro editor and traveling agent are "irresponsible upstarts" and are "mischief-making simpletons," Mr. Lockey convicts the Republican party of elevating such men to office over the good people of New Hanover. The following affidavits show the original appointment of Editor Manly and his oath of office.

Office of Register of Deeds, New Hanover County, Chas. W. Norwood, Register, Wilmington, N. C.

To the Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County:

I hereby appoint A. L. Manly, Deputy Register of Deeds of the County of New Hanover, and authorize and empower him to forthwith enter upon the discharge of the duties of his said position. I further request that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners administer to him the oath required by law.

CHARLES W. NORWOOD,
Register of Deeds of New Hanover Co.

State of North Carolina,
County of New Hanover.

I, A. L. Manly, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina and to the Constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States; and that I will truly and faithfully perform all the duties of the office of Deputy Register of Deeds of the County of New Hanover in which I am about to enter according to my best skill and ability, so help me God.

A. L. MANLY.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 7th day of August, 1897.

F. W. FOSTER,
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County.

State of North Carolina,
New Hanover County.

I, Jno. D. Taylor, Clerk Superior Court, State and county aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original appointment and oath of office of A. L. Manly as Deputy Register of Deeds of said county as filed in this office.

This 24th day of August, A. D. 1898.

JNO. D. TAYLOR,
Clerk Superior Court.

REPUBLICAN ACTION.

After Elevating the Negro Publishers to Office they are Driven to Repudiate their Utterances.

It was six days after the article appeared, the most vile that was ever published in the State, before any Republican repudiated it. And then it was not done until the Republican candidate for judge secured a repudiation in order to advance his prospects of re-election. The *Wilmington Messenger* thus tells of the action of the Republican Committee:

"The following resolutions were handed to us on yesterday by C. P. Lockey, the Republican candidate for judge, with the request to publish them, and, upon his authority we state that they were passed yesterday by the Republican executive committee of this county. At that meeting, he says, there were present John W. Lee, chairman; Jas. E. [illegible] and [illegible], secretary, and Stephen W[illegible], Chas. Stanford, J. P. Bowen, A. H. [illegible], Chas. A. [illegible], [illegible] Howard, Wm. Johnson, Samuel Bordeaux, [illegible] Nixon and [illegible] Green, all [illegible] negro politicians and [illegible] of course.

"And why won't such an 'irresponsible upstart' should [illegible] Lockey's chances to be elected judge? The editors white [illegible] of the committee E. A. Dyrell, and [illegible] of the negro committeemen, were absent. [illegible] they were not indignant. [illegible] the resolutions [illegible] for political purposes" and [illegible] political [illegible].

"Whereas, A little paper published in this city (Wilmington) called The Daily Record, printed in its issue of a recent date (August 18, 1898) an article which is a base and vile libel upon countless thousands of good people, 'poor white people in the country' especially, and

"Whereas, The Democratic papers here have copied said article, and given it prominence, and are seeking to place the responsibility of its composition and publication upon the Republican party, for political purposes, declaring that said paper (The Daily Record) is 'the organ of the Republican Populist fusion political crowd,' etc., and

"Whereas, In truth and in fact, the said Daily Record is not now nor never has been the Republican or fusion organ, and is not even regarded by our party as a Republican or fusion paper, but is generally classed and regarded as a kicking, disorganizing concern, being published by a few individuals who seem to think of nothing but their own importance and aggrandizement, and edited by an irresponsible upstart, who represents only himself and his own views as to what he writes, now,

"Resolved, That we denounce the article referred to as a base libel, we repudiate and denounce the writer of it as a mischief-making simpleton, and declare that he represents and expresses only his own views and sentiments in said article, and we urge any and all Republicans who are now taking The Record to discontinue it, and leave it to be supported by the Democrats whose interest it is now serving and advancing by its foolish and reprehensible conduct.

"Resolved, further, That we denounce and condemn the course and action of the Democratic papers, in trying to place the responsibility of the libelous article upon the Republican party, when they either know or could easily have ascertained, that our party not only did not endorse the article, but condemned it equally as strongly as they did."

THE NEGRO ORGAN SAYS IT HAS NOT SUSPENDED AS LOCKEY WIRED HOLTON BUT ONLY REMOVED TO A BUILDING OWNED BY NEGROES.

The Daily Record, the negro organ [illegible] from its new quarters on Seventh, between Church and Nun streets yesterday afternoon. It claims now that it is not only a negro paper, but is edited in a building owned by negroes.

"The only article of [illegible] is one which takes all the [illegible] of the resolutions adopted by the Republican Executive committee, so far, at least, as these went to show that the sentiments of the negro editor were not those of the colored people generally. The resolutions are printed in full and there are angry definitions of the character made.

"The editor inquires if he was a 'mischief-making simpleton,' how was it that he was sent to Washington with Lockey not long since on a mission that was not [illegible] that of a simpleton. He also wants to know where Lockey got the authority for saying that the Record would suspend. Then he says some sharp things about Lockey's candidacy for judicial honors, and says that his course in assembling the committee and dictating the action to be taken was from a hankering for Populist votes upon which he will depend in his race for the judgeship.

"The whole animus of the article is [illegible] directed against the Republican candidate for Judge. And the impression that the reader gains from it is that the action of the Republican Executive [illegible] [illegible]

"There was no excitement about the Record [illegible] last night or yesterday afternoon. However it was learned that there is a [illegible] of threats about the [illegible].—Wilmington Star.

DEFAMER OF WHITE WOMEN—HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

The press of the State spoke out strongly in denunciation of this editorial insult. The *Wilmington Messenger* showed that it was merely history repeating itself. What

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