

A Negro Defamer of the White Women of North Carolina.

In the year of Grace 1869—early in the year—a rascal from the north was editing The Raleigh Standard, Holden's old paper, and then the organ of the rascals who were just beginning their plan to rob the people and sow the dragon's teeth of anarchy and discord. This northern scamp wrote an infamous editorial about North Carolina women who were democrats, and it got so hot for him he was forced to flee the state to save his bacon. Those were disgraceful times. There is a negro paper published in this city called the Daily Record. In its issue of August, the 18th, there is an editorial that casts a great slur upon the wives of poor white men, and is more infamous possibly than that foul editorial of the northern white scoundrel in 1869. We copy a part of what is said by the negro paper of this negro city and ask the white men—particularly the white married men, and especially the sons of white mothers, what they think of such dirty defamation, such a sweeping insult to all respectable white women who are poor? The intent of the teaching is to justify the black brutes who commit rape at the expense of the character of every white wife in the south whose condition is poor as to this world's goods. But hear this vile detractor and slander:

“We suggest that the whites guard their women more closely, thus giving no opportunity for the human fiend, be he white or black. YOU LEAVE YOUR GOODS OUT OF DOORS AND THEN COMPLAIN BECAUSE [sic] 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 THE 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 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.”

Here he tells of his own experience, and he has been holding “clandestine meetings” with poor white women, wives of white men. He charges that the virtue of this class is of as low type as that of negro women who are represented as ready for “clandestine meetings.” Not satisfied with this statement he goes on to embrace “girls of culture and refinement” so fallen as to become lovers of negroes. He says “this is very well known.” The infamy of the statement. It is to break the force of the reiterated statement that negro rapists are brutal and savage and deserve hanging, by the plea that they are beguiled by poor white women and are fallen in love with by the young ladies in the higher circles. If slander and lying can go farther than that, it must be an ingenious devil who suggests it. It is the most infernal, slanderous, lying article that ever appeared in a North Carolina newspaper.

ATTEMPTED ASSAULT BY BLACK BRUTES.

The following affidavit is made by Mr. Joseph Gore, a highly esteemed farmer of Brunswick county. Mr. Gore, unfortunately, lives in a negro township, the negroes being largely in the majority. The outrage is such as may happen in any of the eastern counties of the state, owing to the Republican-Populist combine. Read the affidavit:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Country of Brunswick

Personally appeared before me, Geo. H. Bellamy, a justice of the peace for Town Creek township, Brunswick county, Joseph Gore, who, being duly sworn, states: "Some days ago my daughter, aged 15 years, was returning from Sunday school, accompanied by her little brother, aged 12 years, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. When about a quarter of a mile from home, two negro boys, aged about 16 to 18 years, ran after my daughter, with their coats turned over their heads to conceal their identity, and attempted to take hold of her, and doubtless would have placed their unholy hands on her person, had it not been for her screams would have doubtless accomplished their purpose. This was done in Town Creek township in broad daylight. The villains have not yet been caught."

"JOSEPH GORE."

Signed and sworn to before me this 19th day of September, A. D., 1898.

GEO. H. BELLAMY, J. P.