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The RECORDER was the center of attraction before she put on her new dress. now she will pull the sting out of the tail of all our political enemies, she will take as she has never taken before, for she shines as she has never shone before; full of news and plenty room for more. I shall do all I can to put her in the homes of every Negro in South Carolina.

E. D. WHITE, State Agent.

Q Tempora O. Mores.

Despite the fa[illegible] now-a-days to show [illegible] are rising in the scales [illegible] side, with equal rapidity the beam falls on the other side. Well the condition of affairs, as it is presented when we take an impartial look at them does present rather a gloomy aspect. Yet we cannot agree that the entire race is retrograding from a moral standpoint. True though there are many among our race—as well as others—who are content to tread a downward path, and wherever their influence reaches to others it is but natural that it will have other than a wholesome, or elevating effect.

True again we find many a bright maiden before she has left childhood, and many a boy many years prior to maturity who are men are women and who really make old heads blush.

But now for this condition of affairs where we find such cases there really is some cause it may be one thing or it may be another. Is the disease contagious? Truly it is. Is there no 'balm in Gilead." Most assuredly so,

The fair girl, and gallant boy can shun many of the snares that beset them, if the proper effort is put forth. But this is the lamentable part of it the proper effort is not put forth in time by those whose business it is to save the boys and girls of our race; more especially the latter, since any race is what its women make it. The proper thing to do is set at rest the sayings, predictions of our enemies, as to the moral condition of our race is to build a fortification around our [illegible] especially the young, so [illegible]ng until there will be no evil [illegible]ences to come in contact with

Information Sought.

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Editors PEOPLE'S RECORDER

Gentlemen:-

Inclosed is express order for $1.25. I sent the same last month thus paying my bill of $2.50. I thank you very much for waiting so patiently.

Will you please send me one of the Recorders of Thanksgiving? I lent mine out, and it was mislaid.

Also, will you please tell us about accommodations colored people are allowed in the Opera House in Columbia? They used to be equal, but there are many people who cannot believe, it seems, that "anything good can come out of South Carolina", and doubts that this can be true. Please be sure to answer this query in print.

Your subscriber

M.

Answer—Many thanks for money order. Sorry we havent a copy of the RECORDER asked for, will advertise for a copy for you.

There is no state or municipal law debaring an Afro-american from any of the privileges of the Columbia Opera House still it is done all the same. The management of this place of resort and high order entertainments usually sees to it that the Colred citizens are given "plenty room" to themselves. They will take our first class fares, but most always give second class places. Thus it is now in all the Opera Houses in the State:

Ed.

C. G. GARRETT, A. B. LL B., AT ALLEN UNIVERSITY.

From A Competent Judge.

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GEORGETOWN, S. C., March 5th, '98,

Messers. Nix and Holmes:—Editors "PEOPLE RECORDER;" Some people speak or write for honor, commendation and say well done for a name.

But when I scan the PEOPLE'S RECORDER, I say Nix and Holmes are leading journalistic men.

When I beheld the improvement made on the journal, and being asked of our popular and earnest correspondent (R, B. Anderson) what I thought of it. I was compelled to say, the RECORDER is bound to lead and that the editors are not only telling the Negroes what to do. and how to be an intelligent race, but demonstrating what can be done with energy, courage, stickability, push and stamina.

The Negroes must stop so much talking and praising Negro brain and Negro enterprises and begin to show more of their ability for business, and desire of progress by their fiancial support. "Action not words," I hope that the Negroes will show their knowledge of a good thing and the appreciation of the RECORDER to such an extent, that when the year rolls around and the zealous editors shall have looked at their account book and list of subscribers, they will be made to exclaim—Eureka (I have found it) I am an admirer and supporter of Negro journalism, because it is doing more to enlighten and elevate our people than anything save the pulpit.

The editorials of the RECORDER are thoughtful and inspiring and the paper is always full of wholesome and necessary advices to the race and nation. I could say more [illegible] things of the RECORDER, but [illegible] conclude while saying, I congratulate the editors on their thrift [illegible] it is not in vain, and [illegible] the RECORDER will [illegible] fat:

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Lynchers Denounced.

Beaufort, S. C.
March 10th, 98.

At a mass meeting of the citizens of Beaufort, and vicinity held at the town hall. Wednesday night, the 2nd. inst., Hon. C. A. Reed was elected Chairman, and Dr. N. J. Kennedy, Secretary. After the organization was effected, the following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS on the 2nd, day of Feb. 1898, one of the most brutal and outrageous crimes ever known to any civilized Country, occured in the State of South Carolina, to wit; the brutal murder of Frazier B. Baker and infant child, and the burning of of his home at Lake City, in Williamsburg County, which was also the Post Office of that town, and the cremation of the bodies of both of them in the flames, also the wounding, perhaps fatally, of his bosom companion, a son and two daughters; and

WHEREAS the citizens of Lake City must have been the prime actors, or in sympathy with them, and

WHEREAS we have arrived at a period in which even a suckling babe in its mothers arms, is not safe from the blood-thirsty and fiendish mob, consisting of from 300 to 400 men.

BE IT RESOLVED, That we heartily and earnestly condemn and denounce, not only the outrageous act itself, but also the spirit of the people who would encourage or tolerate it in their midst.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That we regard this as an additional evidence of the absolute insecurety of life and property in the Southern States, especially in South Carolina:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we, the the people of Beaufort, without regard to politics and political affiliations, respectfully [illegible] upon the President of the [illegible] States and the Governor of [illegible] Carolina, to use all the power [illegible] the respective Governments they represent, to [illegible] guilty [illegible] the repetition of such [illegible] the future.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That [illegible] of these resolutions be [illegible] the press, a copy be sent to the President of the United States, [illegible] Post Master General, the Governor of South Carolina, and to the afflicted family.

ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVED, That we, the citizens of Beaufort and vicinity in Mass Meeting assembled, condemn one T. G. White, the regular correspondent for the Charleston News and Courier at this place, for his false unmanly and cowardly article written and published in the issue of that paper of the 28th, in which he attempted to reflect upon the character and standing of the committee who called the [illegible]

RESOLVED FURTHER, That while the members of the committee need no defense in this [illegible] those who know them [illegible] know him to be a [illegible] of the confidence [illegible] honorable men.

"I me[illegible] long as it [illegible] its readers [illegible] of our people [illegible]

A. D. [illegible]

NEWBERRY [illegible]

Dear editor [illegible] PEOPLE'S [illegible] ought be in [illegible] colored [illegible] proud to [illegible] they call [illegible]

Your [illegible] second to [illegible] read. Carol[illegible]

Daily Register Flayed.

Concluded from last issue

This comment is rather long but I cannot dismiss it until I remind you that I see one quality in your editorial of the 23rd that I admire: When you threaten dire and immediate punishment to Hanna and McKinley for bossing the republican party and appointing Postmaster, you would make a [illegible] accomplice of Don Quixote [illegible] windmill fight,

Suppose you cease to rail at the wolf from the house top. Come down, go to the pond at Lake City [illegible] you three hundred electric eels, [illegible] to the National Capitol, call up Hanna and McKinly and hang them dead by the neck for offending the pride of South Carolina, then shake yourself like a scuttle fish in the wave of republican compition, let the eels catch the vibration and with their candal appendages, you can there be "the result in shocking the republican party and the north generally, into a realisation of the fact that the people of the South will never consent to the elevation of the Negro to positions of power and authority over white men, etc." This punishing Hanna and McKinly and shocking the republican party, otherwise than on a housetop and a little nearer the scene of action, is "a drastic measure, a dreadful recourse" but is simply a brave and heroic man putting into execution himself, what he so easily advises others to do, and praises for what has been done. Such editorals are fraught with mischief. They encourage white men who are irate and easily wrought up, not only to murder Negroes for any little offense, but to murder other white men. You are a strong and forcible writer and I say to you as the good Chiron taught Jason, his pupil, "That the noblest use of strength is to assist the weak." Rather than to do otherwise [illegible] you, I'd pin my paper [illegible] block.

C. G. GARRETT.

E[illegible] Our Door.

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It has been sometime [illegible] I have written to your much [illegible] and honored companion. So many things have happened until I scarcely know of what to write. Every body is delighted with the RECORDER's change. It is positive proof of the pluck energy and brain of its managers we bid you God speed. As to the Lake City, outrage on [illegible] C. civilization you have expressed our sentiment From a ministers stand point it is a fearful commentary on the moral standing of the State. It is noticable that only one white paper whose news we have preserved spoke in defense of such a hellish crime, but all others and ministers who spoke of it in their sermons seem only sorry because out-siders will and have condemned it. If that is the [illegible] it seems—It is low and [illegible]. The passage of the [illegible] Gray [illegible] most commendable [illegible] the element of white people that is controling the the State. No intelligent white man that has a sense of honor and to any degree recognition of his individual responsibility to God would endorse it or speak in any way in its favor In my opinion in more than one way, they are charging the cannon and collecting the army that shall destroy themselves. Let us then let them alone. Be men stand together learn to labor and to wait.

[illegible] there will not be further [illegible] between our secular and denominational papers, the whole thing is uncalled for and tends to do harm. Trust we shall think high in this matter even though we live poor.

J. C. Tobin.

Greenville, S. C.

WORD FOR REV. BLAIR.

[illegible]dgeway, S. C.
[illegible] 98.

ON THE SAMPIT.

Mr. Editor.-

Don't monkey with the political buzz saw you might be emasculated. Congressman Murray holds the throttle.

The joint school exibition and concert given under the auspecies of Mrs. E. C. Moultrie, and Miss J. E. Pawley, Monday evening last for the benefit of the Howard Graded School netted a nice sum.

Rev, Salters, accompanied by several of his official brethern, conducted Divine services at Prospect Hill, Waccamaw, Sunday morning last. The Reverend delivered a most excellent sermon at Bethesda Sunday night, on the "DANGER OF RELIGIOUS INDICISION"

Mr. Stephen Alston, and Miss Sarahann Gibbs, and also Mr. Richard Evans and Miss Margaret Walker, were both happily married this week one on Wednesday and the other on Thursday evening. May their pathway be sarown with flowers, and American eagles but not 16 to 1 ratio.

A rich treat is in store for the lovers of historic talents, The Sunday School teachers and members of the choir of Bethel church, are now practicing for a joint concert and musicale And we predict that it will be second to none, that has ever been given here before. In fact it will be *"rara avis"* As those who are expected to participate have combination of great musical ability and talents. The program will be quite elaborate and entertaining will also be replete with musical gems, etc.

Miss Minnie Rhode's, aunt died last Saturday at Foster's and was buried Sunday afternoon.

Prof. Garret's scorcher on the Lake City outrage, struck the nail on the head.

The boys say that President Mc Kinley, did the right thing in appintment of the Hon, L. D. Melton, U. S. Marshall for South Carolina.

Miss Mary Weathers, died Sunday morning last after being sick for sometime.

Bishop Grant will be accorded a grand reception on his arrival here Saturday. Big preparations are being made in his behalf, by the stewardesses of Bethel church. His reputation as an intellectual giant and a noted pulpit orator adds to the importance of his coming.

[illegible] circle of friends of Mr. [illegible] who is now in the [illegible] Wilmington, N. C. [illegible] will be pleased to learn that he is being well cared for.

Rev. Dr. R. H. Williams, preached a forcible and able sermon, on the Lake City outrage. Depicting in a most vivid manner the horrible deed. An indignation meeting was held Friday night, and resolutions were adopted condemning the awful and terrible crime.

Rev. McFarland, of Salters is here visiting his brother-in-law Rev. R. B. Salters.

The far famed little filibustering steam tug Dauntless of Savannah, Ga. commanded by Capt. J. W. Floyd, a young handsome, bright looking black Cuban, steamed into port Sunday night about nine o'clock, which created quite a sensation among the inhabitants of out city. As it took but a few moments for the news of her arrival to spread like wild fire. And from then up to the time of her departure, on Monday morning eleven o'clock, the dull monotony along the water-front of the placid Sampit was broken! Large crowds, white and black crowded the wharves to catch a glimpse of the daring little filibuster and her Negro capatin. She is a handsome looking yatch of the most graceful lines, with two mast and carries three sails. Also double expansion engines of the most powerful build. One hundred and ten feet long and about eighteen feet beam. Of ninety tonnage register. Draws ten and half feet when coaled and her tanks are full of water. The Dauntless is under libel for violating the U. S. law; a Deputy Marshall is aboard of her all the time. She makes twelve to fifteen knots per hour with ease. Carries a crew of from ten to twelve men all are colordd except the chief engineer and his assistant and the mate. Your correspondent had the pleasure of being introduced to Capt. Capt. A. A. Wilson, who [illegible] here. He has made in his skill and ability as a gallant commander. The Dauntless and Martha Helen, Capt. Potter, came here from Florida in tow of two or three powerful Dredge boats, which will be used by the government contractors in building the jetties at the entrance of the harbor near North and South Islands. The opening of the work on the same will give employment to hundreds of our citizens.

"BOB"

The Press, The Pulpit And The Public.

Their Opinions Reviewed By Rev I. R. Miller, Pastor St. Matthews A. M. E. Church, Orangeburg, South Carolina.

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To the Editor of PEOPLE'S RECORDER it is through your valuable paper published in the interest of the Negro race that I wish to be heard, But before I enter upon the discussion of my several topics, allow me to say to my many readers, "That it is human to err." The opinions of the press of this and other states in attempting to characterize the recent and most diabolical and inhuman act, committed at Lake City in the county of Williamsburg, S. C., have in their way of expressing such brutal acts concluded that this foul killing of Baker and his babe and the cremation of their bodies, the maining for life others of the family have beyond doubt reached the climax of crime, and to them is due much commendation, as well as to the citizens of the state, who along with have been loud in their condemnation. Now Mr. Editor it remains to be seen whether or not it has reached the climax?

The future will soon tell. Some one has said that intelligence or money is power, in this instance, Negro killing seems to avail nothing and hence it becomes necessary to insert another term which I would say, "Action." Let the Negroes, act discreetly, judiciously, and timely. This will be the power. Such actions on his part would [illegible] a sentiment, which must be, before this thing or evil will ever culminate [illegible] sentiment must first take place [illegible] private [illegible] will stre[illegible] then the [illegible] do its [illegible] it will he[illegible]

[illegible] who is [illegible] killed m[illegible] the dead past, bears out [illegible] ment, I cite you to white [illegible] kluxism in this state as well as [illegible] other states [illegible] ling of Baker [illegible] Has it? Time alone can answer. [illegible] press of the state [illegible] a few of [illegible] citizens but that is no real substantial action. Two men killed at the Lake City tragedy would have done more to arrest crime than every line or word that has been written or spoken. Notwithstanding that that would have been a crime within its self of which I am opposed of any man committing. But action against action often puts an end to greater actions. Has it reached the climax? Is Baker the last that is to fall? I hear a thousand "No" coming from the mouths of the prejudiced, the low and the villians and why does this answer come. Because a ball put into action on an evil allowed to go unchecked (save the good sayings or the condemned remarks the few,) will continue to move in a straight direction unless it is substantially acted upon, sways the books. I urge then by saying the courts must stop the balls from entering into the Negroes body; or the thing will in time, begin to respect, and in many cases or instances, reaction is worse than action. My friends there is a sleeping dog some where, do dont wake that sleeping dog.

Reader this thing is bordering on to desperation, and it now seems apparent that it must be handled, with desperate hands. The pulpit condemns this killing of Baker in no uncertain terms, The Rev. Gentlemen from Greenville, S. C, (white) need to be commended in the highest terms Along with others of his race he speaks of the evils of his state, this act in particular shows clearly its on[illegible] from bad to worse, Then po[illegible] the entire inability of the st[illegible] cials to do their duty in their [illegible] (regardless of the fact that [illegible] race was being brutally [illegible] killed.) Because save he of a [illegible]