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CITIZENS OF LAKE CITY REPLY TO J. D. KING.

CLAIM THAT OPPOSITION TO HIS FIRM IS BASED ON MORAL GROUNDS.

Editor County Record:—

In a recent issue of your paper under the caption, "An Open Letter in Defence of My Business," we note that Mr J D King has charged a number of citizens of Lake City with a deep-laid plot to injure his tobacco business. Therefore, we feel that the public should judge this matter, and draw their conclusions from the facts, which are a matter of record.

As a matter of fact, there is no J D King doing a tobacco warehouse business here, but there is a J D King & Company; and, we presume, that Mr J D King, in his wily way, proposes to defend the company by putting himself forward as the whole firm. But you cannot fool all the people all the time, and the sooner Mr J D King finds this out the smoother the troubled waters will be.

Mr King says that the people have seized upon the acts of his brother, and through his wrong-doing, are trying to ruin and destroy his business. Who is his brother? Why, fellow citizens, he is the Company when J D King is here. Except when the cash is to be handed out, he is J D King and Company. It reminds us of Lot trying to escape from Sodom. But why should the good people here condemn his brother? For the following reasons: First: That R H King's life and manner of living became so repulsive and reprehensible to all lovers of decency as to cause an uprising of the best people of our town, solely on moral grounds, and in defense of our homes.

Second: That he was arraigned, tried and convicted in the Mayor's court on the following charge: "Being in, visiting, frequenting and inhabiting a bawdy house," upon the evidence under oath of some of the best people of our town. He was

later arrested by a United States marshal, charged with violating the white slave law and is now under bond.

Third: That after his conviction, Mr J D King was notified by one of the ministers of our town, in order that he, an innocent party, might not suffer financial loss on account of his brother's conduct, as we knew he must inevitably do unless he got R H King out of the business and out of the town. We leave it to you, kind reader, to say whether or not this was fair and just to J D King. Mr J D King came here at once on receipt of this letter, and was thoroughly advised as to the sentiment of our people. He stated that he knew how his brother had been living; that he did not blame the good people here for their action. He further assured them that his brother would not bring another woman in his home unless legally married to her; and that there would be no gambling, nor selling of intoxicating liquors on the premises of his warehouse. We thought he meant what he said; but, alas, ere long the feelings of our people were outraged by the coming of another woman into the home of R H King for a three days' stay. Now, this man, R H King, is a partner of his brother, J D King, in the tobacco business and as such shares the profits of the business.

You cannot patronize J D King without patronizing the other, neither can one be injured without loss to the other. J D King had two months before the tobacco season opened to dissolve the co-partnership with his brother. Why didn't he do it? Many of their best friends in the country have deserted them, and are urging their neighbors to do so; not because the citizens of Lake City have lied on him, as he would have you believe, but because they are lovers of home and righteousness; and, therefore, will not patronize a man of such gross immorality as his brother. This is a fight for righteousness and is proving a triumph for God and morality. The injury of their business is simply an incident, not the object of this fight. Lot lost money by the destruction of Sodom; so Mr King is losing by aligning him-

self with his ungodly brother? Who is to blame? Now Mr J D King appeals to the country people to sustain the business of J D King & Company. He seems to assume that vice and immorality are less offensive to the country people than to town people. Is such the case? We do not think so. The Kings are in business for the money that they can get out of it. We have made this fight solely for the protection of our homes and the virtue of our women. Fellow-citizens, are we right or wrong? We are making this fight on the fact known to us, depending for support only upon the moral sense of the good people of the country, and they have responded as the facts became known to them. We appeal to the good people everywhere to judge between us. "If Baal be God, serve him; if the Lord be God, then serve Him."

LYNCHED BY MOB OF 2,000.

Laurens Citizens Take Vengeance on Negro for Heinous Crime.

Laurens, August 11:—A mob of 2,000 men to-night at 11:30 o'clock lynched Richard Puckett, a young negro charged with criminal assault.

After overpowering the Sheriff and his deputies the mob broke down two doors of the jail, one to a steel cage, and securing the negro, carried him to a railway trestle near the passenger station, where he was strung up to a beam. Several hundred shots were fired into his body. The mob then quietly dispersed. Just before he was killed, the negro denied his guilt. Sheriff John V Owings said tonight that the negro had confessed to him during the afternoon. The confession, it is said, was not made known to the attacking crowd.

At a lonely spot on a country road two miles from Laurens, at 11 o'clock this morning, the negro attacked a well-known young woman of the county. He dragged her from a buggy as she was driving to Laurens. The negro was crouched under some bushes and after she had passed, he ran and ordered her to halt. She called to her brothers, who were following in another buggy. The negro fled. She drove on to Laurens and stopped at the home of R A Cooper, Solicitor. No general alarm was given, but a search was begun by the officers. Going just beyond the place of attack the officers found several negroes at a house. Richard Puckett walked away from the house and Solicitor Cooper directed that he be held. When taken before the young woman she could not possibly identify him. The negro was carried to Laurens and placed in jail under a heavy guard.

At 7 o'clock to-night bloodhounds from the State penitentiary were brought to Laurens and placed on the trail. The dogs trailed the negro from the scene of the crime to the house where he was found by the officers.

At 9 o'clock about fifty men attention to.

Man's Body Found in Swamp.

Walterboro, August 11:—The body of Aquila Blocker, a young man of 21 years, was found in a small swamp about six miles from Walterboro yesterday with a gunshot wound in his head. I M Lemacks, another young man of the same community, has been committed to trial charged with the supposed crime.

Blocker left home on Saturday, it is said, with a considerable sum of money to purchase cattle. He did not return that night, but his people were not alarmed until his mule and dog returned on Sunday morning.

A search was immediately instituted. A lady in the community, it is said, remembered seeing Lemacks and Blocker enter a small swamp nearby and later heard a gun fire, which, at the time, she paid no attention to.

vanced on the jail. Sheriff Owings refused to give up the prisoner. They broke down a wooden door in the rear and proceeded to the second floor, where the negro was confined in a steel cage. The door was soon battered down. The Sheriff and his deputies were overpowered.

The body was left to-night swinging to the beam of the trestle and the inquest will probably be held tomorrow.

OFFICER ASSAULTED.

Three Negro Men Attack and Beat Deputy Sheriff McCants.

On Wednesday evening of last week, between 7 and 8 o'clock, Deputy Sheriff L W McCants, while attempting to arrest Dave Cooper, a negro, at his home near Rough Branch church, 4 miles from Cades, was assaulted by Cooper and two other negroes, Lewis Broom and Harrison Witherspoon, and severely beaten. It is believed that he narrowly escaped being murdered. A warrant had been sworn out for Cooper by Mr W E Nesmith of Cades charging him with fraudulent intent and Sheriff Graham sent his deputy, Mr McCants, to arrest the negro.

Cooper had been to Lake City with a load of tobacco and had just returned home loaded with liquor, accompanied by Brown and Witherspoon. When Mr McCants placed Cooper under arrest all three negroes at-

tacked him, taking his revolver and throwing him to ground, Cooper getting on top of the officer. Kelley Brown, a more peaceably inclined old negro, appeared on the scene and took Cooper off Mr McCants. Cooper snatched the officer's revolver from the hand of Witherspoon and ran behind Mr McCants, who heard Witherspoon cry out to Cooper not to shoot. The most painful injury received by Mr McCants was caused by a blow across the back of his right hand with a large stick, which broke several of the bones. Mr McCants returned to Kingstree without his prisoner, who is still at large, but Brown and Witherspoon were later arrested and are being held as parties to the assault.

The negro Cooper was disposing of his crop preparatory to leaving the State and defrauding his landlord.

Impeachment proceedings against Governor Sulzer of New York were instituted yesterday.

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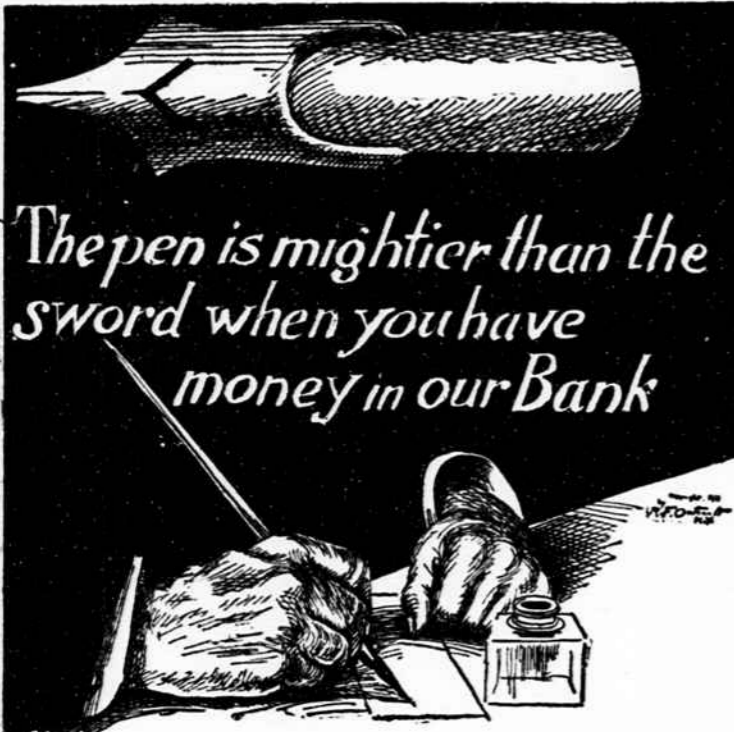
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