

# Democratic Luxuries.

**Whipping Negroes by the Hour—The Kuklux Klan—Giles County the Place for Naaby.**

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The GAZETTE has already been informed of the cowardly and brutal murder, a few days since, of Orange Rhodes, and of the murdering of four or five other colored men in Pulaski, Tennessee, by a gang of desperate young Tennesseans and devoted Democrats, who have united themselves together in a secret society known as the "Kuklux Klan." That outrage was followed by another at Lynville, in the same county, the particulars of which are given in the following affidavit made yesterday at Gen. Carlin's office. The poor man's lacerated back furnished ocular demonstrations of the truth of his story.

## AFFIDAVIT OF FRANK DICKERSON.

"My name is Frank Dickerson. I live at Lynville station, twelve miles from Pulaski, Giles county, Tenn. I have been farming on my own account since the termination of the war. I was born and raised near Lynville, and have done nothing, so far as I know, to disturb or offend my neighbors, but have attended strictly to my own business. On Saturday night last I was visiting Jack White's, about a quarter of a mile from my own house, when sixteen white men, with masked faces, and armed, came to White's house and took me from there, together with E. Johnson, J. Gresby, and T. and J. White. They then stripped the two Whites and myself, laid us on logs, tied our hands behind us, and whipped us severely with birch limbs. Four of them whipped Jacob White at one time. They kept us tied down for about two hours, threatening at times to kill us, because we belonged to the Union League, and voted the Radical ticket. Three of the party who whipped us belong, as is known, to the Kuklux Klan. Their names are Tim. Mitchell, Henry Frey and McDougherty. The others I could not recognize. After they had beaten us in an unmerciful manner, they marched us up a lane, some 200 yards, threatening us what they would do to us if we did not leave the State. At this time, Mr. Dickerson came up and remonstrated with them, but they only returned abuse and threats. \* \* \* \* \*

FRANK DICKERSON."

Nice sport this for chivalrous young bloods. Brave work for the unreconstructed. Creditable business for American citizens.

The Kuklux Klan has recently effected an organization in Maury county, and they made their debut in that county, last Saturday night. A large company of the brave fellows went, masked and armed to the cabin of a poor negro, named Wilkes, six miles from Columbia, took him into the woods, and gave him one hundred and twenty-five lashes!

These are not the sensational statements of a correspondent who wishes ill to the State of his adoption, but they are facts, verified by affidavit. The great body of the citizens of Tennessee are not barbarians, but there are, in many counties, gangs of unprincipled young men, who are permitted to perpetrate these outrages, and to disgrace the State, without let or hindrance. Something must be done to rid the country of these cowardly villains.

JUSTICE.