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Messrs. Editors:—It is the general opinion of most of our intelligent citizens that the lynching of Ben Hance was not entirely on account of Miss Bailey. It should be remembered, that the assault on her was the fourth—three white women and one colored—and it is believed he succeeded in some of them, but the helpless and innocent women preferred to let the fiend go clear than go before the Court and there stand the heartless gaze of three or four hundred people and answer the filthy and blackguard questions that would be asked them by the lawyers. Miss Bailey, I am informed, said she could not have appeared before Court and answer the questions that would have been asked her. She came near fainting at the magistrate's trial of Hance. It is plain to be seen then that Hance would have again gone clear to terrorize and commit assaults on more innocent females, and who knows whose daughter, wife or sister it would have been the next time? While I do not approve of lynch law, I in this case, certainly do not condemn it. In the name of Heaven, are our families to have no protection? Are they to be raped on the public roads of libitum? Taking all things in consideration, was not the lynching of Hance an actual necessity, and consequently a justifiable homicide?

Yours,

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