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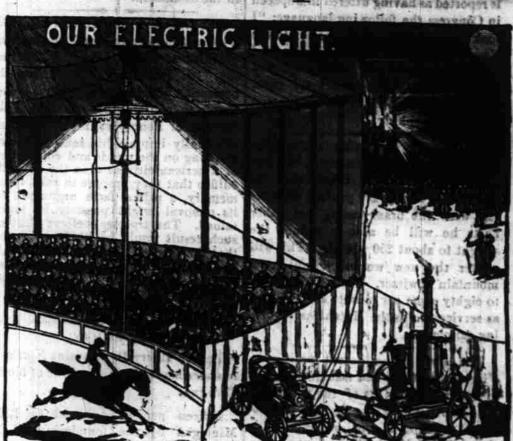
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE BIGGEST OF ALL BIG SHOWS. OLD JOHN ROBINSON GREAT

World's Exposition



TO MY MANY FRIENDS.

THE BIG SHOW.

MONDAY. SEPTEMBER 19TH.

ROBINSON'S CIRCUS,-Robinson's

John Robinson's circus yesterday fully sustained its its long established character. From the grand entry to the closing act there was a constant

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of the Post; and he will take it off

Last Saturday evening walking along

Front street, we met the Hon. J. B.

Eaves, of Rutherford county. He ac-

cused us of not knowing him-but to

Assaults with deadly weapons seem

to be all the fashion now among a cer-

tain class of the community. Axes,

razors and clubs are the instruments of

extermination used by the belligerents.

The steamer Wave, Captain Robeson,

arrived here Wednesday evening from

Fayetteville, having left there on Tues-

day. At that time there had been a

rise of 16 inches in the river, and the

Dr. Burkhead, in a recent letter to

the Methodist Advance, speaking of his

city, says that the M. P.'s he heard

orate did not compare favorably with

leading members of our Legislature in

Bobinson's tircus will exhibit here

o morrow on 31 between B'aden and

Hanover streets, on Dickinson's hill, a

large vacant let, just in the rear of,

and above the Caronna Central depot.

Fourth street. Either walk is good and

A white man named Curlew was ar-

rested on Monday night for firing a

pistol. He was searched and placed

in the guard room, but in a few min-

utes afterwards cut himself quite se-

verely on the left arm, between the

shoulder and the elbow, and upon ex-

amination a razor was found upon his

person, which had been concealed in

such a manner it escaped the notice of

The ship La Louisiana, with her car-

go, was sold at auction Friday morning

by Messra Ggar' by Messrs, Withou a

Eckels, junk dealers, for \$40, and the

cargo by Messrs, G, Boney & Sons for

\$72.58. The ship now lies on Frying

Pan Shoals in 21 feet of water. She

has been pretty well stripped of her

rigging, but her copper bottom and

bolts are said to be valuable. Her car-

go consists of 800,000 feet of lumber.

A cable dispatch frome Rome to the

New York Freeman's Journal announ-

ces that the Rev. Harry P, Aloysius

Northrop, pastor of St. Patrick's

Church, Charleston, S. C., has been

made Vicar Apostolic of North Caro-

lina. Father Northrop is in his forty-

first year. He made some preparatory

studies at Mt. St. Mary's, Emmittsburg,

Md. but completed them at Rome. Or-

Charleston sent him to this city, where

he remained three years, doing mis-

A Great Feature.

with Old John Robinson's show which

exhibits here to-morrow can be seen on

exhibition a living sloth. This is the

only animal of this species that has

ever been on exhibition in America,

and other articles. He was tried be-

fore Justice Dr. R. Walker and com-

misted, but succeeded in making his

escape from the officers. Since then

he has been loafing about the neigh-

borbood, carrying a shot gun, with

which he threatened to shoot on sight

the two colored witnesses who appeared

against him at the trial. On satuaday

night last information was received

the discharge of the wespon, his per-

more are confident that he was struck

the officer who searched him.

well lighted by the gas lamps.

oratory or otherwise. Poor fellows.

water was still rising.

know him was good for sore eyes.

your hands.

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THE PRESIDENT

ALARM AT THE PRESIDENT. Ominous signs began to show themselves in the horizon of last night. This morning there was at times that abated breath which foreboded evil.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN. ElBERON, N. J., September 16, 9 A. M .- At the examination of the President, at 8:30 this morning, his temperature was 98 6, pulse 104, respiration 21. The febrile rise during the night was not as pronounced as it usually has been. There was at times considerable acceleration of pulse. He, however, slept comparatively, well and took simulants and nourishment as directed. His cough was somewhat more troublesome during the first part of the night, and the expectoration rather more purulent. The discharge from the wound is less abundant and not qu te as healthy in appearance. The pulse, however, has more volume, and his bave materially changed in any respect. D. W. BLISS,

F. H. HAMILTON. ELBERON, N. J., September 16, 10.15 A. M.-The situation this morning is less favorable, and grave anxiety exists as to whether the President will be able to overcome the result of his extreme debility. Bed sores have again made their appearance, and the discharge from the wound is very unsatis-

NEW YOYK, Sept. 16 .- The specials from Elberon are of the most gloomy character. The Post says the President is nearing another crisis. The septic condition of his system is manifesting itself in various threatening symptoms; bed sores, for instance, which were present in Washington, and which healed apparently after his removal to Long Branch, again made their appearance this morning. His pulse fluctuates wildly and his mind is less

Dr. Boynton, however, did not conceal his opinions, and said he thought the situation looked very grave, and that it was doubtful whether the remaining vitality of the President would carry him safely through, even without other complications. The right lung is not healing, but gave every evidence of an extended abscess and increased inflammation.

DEATH OF GES. BURNSIDE.

Major-General Ambrose E. Burnside, of Rhode, Island, died suddenly at his residence in Bristol. He was born at Liberty, Indians, and was graduated at West Point, went into the service at first in the war with Mexico, then as Colonel of the 1st Regiment Rhode Island volunteers, and appeared at Bull Run as Brigadier General. In Janualy 1862 he commanded an expedition to North Carolina, which left via For-Iress Monroe, then via Roanoke and finally at Newberne, and operated in most parts of eastern North Carolina.

He was made Major-General in May 18, 1862, and ordered to Fredricksburg, then at the battle of South Mountain and at Antietam. He succeeded Mc-Clellan in the Army of the Potomac .-His movements around Fredericksburg as commander of the Army of the Potomac were bold and well conceived, but disastrous to our forces on account of the superior sagacity of Lee.

He was succeeded by Hooker, and sent to the Department of Ohio and put in charge of the famous ninth corps. After his successful operations in the west, he come back again to the Potomac and Grant, the Wilderness, Spottssyvania and Petersburg. His sun as a treat commander had set. Nobody me is warranted by the facts.

bad ever suspected him with dishonor, Whether this is a mere piece of

Marble and bronze await him among the convicts?

2. Who is Major Rager P. Atking the peopled manuscleums of the deadthe peopled manuscleums of the deadDear manuscles follow him. A life not.

But it seems to me to be unnecess. Dear memories follow him. A life not to resolve this matter into a without mistakes, but certainly without party politics, It is eas of a without mistakes, but certainly without bad purposes survives him, and he will mark eras as they roll over his tomb. | billian." Setup of the basical statement

TREATMENT OF CONVICTS. ENATOR W. P. WILLIAMSON REJOINS.

TARBORO, N. C., Sept. 7, 1881. letter addressed through your columns to E. R. Stamps, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Penitentiary, about the horrible condition of the convicts farmed out to the W. N. C. R. R., has elecited from the Democratic press con-

siderable discussion. This much abused publication was innocent enough in itself, merely saying in substance to ocratic official." * * the public through the official head of the penitentiary that the current report was that sourcy, in a bad form, prevailed to an alarming extent among the convicts, and my information was that the disease arose from inhuman treatment in the matter of clothing, food and work, lutimating that the writer, as a member of the Senate Committee on Penal Institutions, might be excused from rising to inquire of Chairman Stampe if the given report was true, saying never a word about politics and making no specific charges,

The Jarvis organs kept profoundly quiet on the subject of inquiry until the Moore Gazette, one of the faithful,

had the impudence to say: "This grave charge against the peal entiary authorities has been made now for twelve days publicly, and we have seen no denial of it, either from Mr. Stamps or the Raleigh press, * * have claimed that the Democratic party was the party of justice and true reform. The large majority of its voters have honestly believed this, and they do not intend to allow evils or abuses to be covered up or whitewashed over just to screen negligent or corrupt officials. We, for one, have no idea of winking at official mal-administration because it is done by a Democrat."

This bomb brought confusion to the imp, wringing attention from the administration, and causing Editor Ashe to jump to his teet, who, on the 27th of August, said in the Observer, official

"Why did not the Gazette, instead of assuming that there was an attempt at whitewashing by Democratic officials, prefer to conclude that Mr. Williamon had his piece published in the North State merely for political consid-siderations? Has the Gazette ever discovered that 'Mr. Stamps or the Raleigh press allowed evils to be covered up or whitewashed over just to screen negligent or corrupt officials?""

And on the next day: "It is altogether in keeping with the litical matters to have published in the Acrth State a piece to make political capital, under the guise of a letter addressed to a state officer. * * * It was apparently a mere piece of political balderdash on the part of Mr. Wil-

Mr. Stamps became ac quainted with the fact that scurvy had broken out among the convicts some time ago, and immediately every possible step was taken to arrest the disease. He went himself to the convict station and made a searching investigation in-to the matter. Dr. McGee, the physi-cian to the penitentiary, was sent up from Raleigh to make a medical exam-

At the July meeting of the Boardbeing subsequent to the time when the scurvy had appeared-Mr. Troy was temporarily put in charge, vice Major Roger P. Atkinson, resigned, and since then the Board has not filled the place permanently * We will probably refer to this matter again."

The above is supplemented with short note from Mr. Stamps, who-with his nose uplifted at an angle of fortyfive degrees, and with a haughty disdain of all things mundane except his own sweet self, being a Bourbon true yard wide, and warranted to washindulged in the following words:

"The duties of my position as Chair-man of the Board of Directors of the penitentiary, are important, and think I property appreciate the respon-sibility attaching thereto, and, while I invite investigation from all duly constituted authority, I do not fee bound to notice every article directed against myself or the institution over whose administration I have the honor to preside that partizan seal or other

motives may dictate." Whereupon I sent the Observer a le

ter, from which I quote: "If the charge that the convicts the road beyond Asheville, owing to an attempt to feed able bodies men each on attempt to feed able bodied men each on twenty-six cents per day, and working them during the hot weather in June and July, unwholesome food being, given, resulting in scurvy in its worst form, are in a condition of horrible sufering, be antrue, why does not Mr. Stamps explain or deny?

In the event of a denial, I will undertake to prove by gentlemes high in the councils of the Democratic party and in active accord with the present

and in active accord with the present administration that the charge made by

ty. But he left behind him a career of mistakes—not to say blunders.

After the war he entered political life, Rhode Island worshipped him. He would have taken her highest honors had he lived twenty more years.—

It is balderdash on the part of Mr. Williamson, the public can judge when ALL the facts come out. You seem to have discovered some of them, and if, as one would infer from your remarks, you desire the lights turned on, I propose two questions.

I. What caused scurvy to break out

practically charges that Major Atkin-

Hear him: was some connection between the resigtion of Major Roger P. Atkinson, who was in charge of the convict force, and this breaking out of the scurvy. If so, it only goes to show how unfounded is the suggestion of the Moore Gazette, that Mr. Stamps would shield or white-

Any wrong doing on the part of Mr. Stamps necessarily reflects upon Gov. Jarvis, and knowing this, the Observer man is sent in double quick time to the Capitol and brings back a copy of a letter from the Governor's letter book, which Jarvis, on June 13, 1881, sent to Stamps, enclosing therewith one from Colonel A. B. Andrews, remonstrating about the treatment the convicts were receiving. Listen to Andrews:

"At Sandy Mush quarters, the day I spent there, forty-two were in-over one-fourth of the working force. Last winter we lost a great deal of time from frost bite, caused by improper clothing, and this summer from improper diet .-This is unfair to the railroad authori. ties, and humanity to the prisoners demands a different treatment."

Ah-that Edgecombe Radical can now no longer be withered under my sovereign contempt, soliloquizes Dignus Stamps. "I will suspend for a moment my awful importance! I will actually deign to notice the matter!" So in the Observer, of September 3J, with that long face, which ordinarily he ex hibits only when singing psalms on Sunday, and with evident satisfaction to himtelf and his Boss-Jarvis-he is heard from. Here he goes:

"The supervisor of convicts on the tions. Every one who has ever known him testifies to-his strict ideas of right and his general faithfulness in the discharge of duties. Dr. Burgin, physician to convicts, though not old in years nor professionally, is a gentleman, a graduate in medicine, in high esteem with his breethren, and represuch officers, and with reports almost uniformly testifying to the good condition of the convicts, and the additional facts that I had myself visited the quarters in April, when there were no indications of scurvy, my surprise when I received on the 13th of June the letter from Gov. Jarvis, enclosing one from Col. A. B. Andrews, both of which were published in your issue of yesterday. Pursuant to the invitation of the Governor, I accompanied him to the mountains, and instituted as vigorous investigation as to the responsibility for the presence of scurvy among the convicts as I was capable of making. My theory was that Dr. Burgin was responsible and should be held accountable, but I was soon convinced that he had given warning of the disease and speedily taken steps to prevent it. This shifted the responsibility to Mojor Atkinson, and I left Asheville with the intention of so reporting to the Board of Directors at their next meeting in July. Before said meeting. however, not being thoroughly satisfied as to the cause of the outbreak of scurvy and the responsibility attaching thereto and for the purpose of doing anything

I could to relieve the sufferers and prevent a return of the disease, I prevailed upon Dr. J. W. McGee, physician to the Penitentiary, to visit the quarters upon the Western North Carolina Railroad and report to the Board of Directors. This was done. The doctor reported that diet had but little, if anything, to do with the scurvy outbreak, but attributed it to 'overcrowding, four air and exposure, and suggested certain changes in the construction of the quarters, the use of disinfectants, etc., and the disease speedtly abated. But it will be asked, why did Major Atkinson suffer this 'exposure, overcrowding and foul air? It will be remembered that last winter was one of the most severe we have had for years, which fact, together with the character of the work, will account for a great deal of the 'ex-posure,' and I should certainly have taken the position before the Board at the July meeting, that Major Atkinson must be made to show cause why he should not be

held responsible for the evil effects of 'over-crowding and foul air,' had he not re-signed before that time." Then to make sure of Major Atkinson as a scape-goat, Editor Ashe whacks

at him again: "Elsewhere Mr. Stamps give a plain statement about the breaking out of pears that he was up there inspecting them is April, that the scurvy broke out afterwards, and is attributable to the effects of the winter, that proper action was taken, and the only person to whom blame could possibly attack resigned."

So far, Jarvis, Stamps and Editor Ashe have had their own way; they him to resign; the one whitewashed the sent to the county poor house. other till all three were but too well nationed with their success - but another Richmond here enters the field, and that Richmond, a powerful one, too, is the friend of the hitherto defenseles

The Wilmington four comes to front. First trying to dampen any of suchasse the Posts.

Commenting on this Editor Ashe feet the publication of the facts might have on the minds of its readers as to son is to blame and attempts to make the sanctity of the Democratic party EDITOR NORTH STATE:-The open that worthy gentleman the scape goat. by stating that public attention to the matter had been directed by "Mr. W. "Mr. Williamson intimates that there P. Williamson, of Edgecombe, a Radi- Big Show. cal, who aspires to leadership in that party," it rushes to the defense of Mai Atkinson. Jarvis' organ, in admitting the truth of my statements, saddles Atkinson with the blame. The Star believes him to be a man whose life has been such that no one will believe those who speak evil of him and proceeds to defend his reputation with great earnestness. Its cultured editor. though at times petulant and intensely devoted to Bourbonism, is a good friend. when he professes to be, and I must admire his pluck in defending Maj. Atkinson at the cost of a collision with the organ of the administration, which might involve, under some circumstances, the reading out of the party the aforesaid cultured editor, than which nothing would be more terrible to the average hide-bound Bourbon. To place the blame, however, where it rightfully belongs, the Star, on Sept. 4th said:

"Major Roger P. Atkinson merely had supervision of the convicts. W do not believe that any fault can be laid to his charge. They got such food and clothing as the state furnished. But Mr. John D. Spruut, formerly of this

he will be heard from." This was a clincher, and the Observer, seeing what a scrape it had got in with its Wilmington cotemporary, admits all the Star says as to the high character of Mej. Atkinson, and after the manner of a frightened cure with his tail between his legs, dodges the issue, whining thus:

"Mr. Williamson, who, notwithstanding his disclaimer, seems to have had It is approached by the what a d de-Western North Carolina Railroad up an eye to making a little political cap- pot route, and by Boney bridge on to the 9th of July was Major Roger P. ital, charges that the negroes took the Atkinson, a gentleman of considerable scurvy because the authorities atculture and acquirements, high char-acter and the very best social connec-cents a day. Twenty-siz cents a day is, we suppose, what it would cost to feed Mr. Williamson at an ordinary country boarding-house; that is \$7.80 a month or \$93.60 a year. How many school teachers in Edgecombe county pay that much board per annum? The ordinary cost of feeding a farm hand is estimated at only five or six dollars per sented to be kind and gentle in his month or eighteen to twenty cents a ministrations to his patients. With day, and yet our Tarboro philosopher makes a great point on the twenty-six

cents per day item, as inducing scurvy." Whew! Editor Ashe knew very well that the cost of maintaining each convict per day was what I was talking (wenty-six centing to the matter of only feeding but guarding, clothing and all other eqpenses as well. The apparent relish with which Editor Ashe wrote the above induces me to think that he, as an intellectual specimen of an unfortunate creation, seemed thoroughly impressed with the idea that he had done something exceedingly smart. When one thinks of the scarcity of thunderbolts and of the abundance of such items of mostality, he must weep Indeed, it was so smart and so enduring that I advise him to sing with the

Yet triumph not, O Time! Strong towers decay, But a great name shall not pass away! Such, Mr. Editor, is the case as pro sented to the public through this dis-

cussion. The evidence discloses: 1. That the convicts on the Western North Carolina Railroad were recently in a condition of horrible suffering, from the dire effects of scurvy, growing out of criminal negligence on the part of the Penitentiary authorities .-Col. Andrews, good Democratic authority, says so, and likewise Dr. Mo-

2. That the Democratic Party is responsible therefor. The Wifmington Star, good Democratic authority also

his party majority in the General As- of bacon, two or three, sacks of meal sembly have the anathemas of a humane and Christian people.

W. P. WILLIAMSON, Senator from Edgecon

CITY ITEMS.

ceiving the same regularly, will please report the same to Mr. W. B. Sellers of

put all the blame on Atkinson; forced leg at the guard house, was on Friday ping up a plank from the floor during

which exhibits been to-merrow, is the most perfect specimen of this rare saimal ever witnessed in America.

If you want to be well advised, sab and probably (badly wounded. He is

Admission as usual. Reduced rates on all Railroads. Very respectfully.

Agents Wanted for the Standard

circus was in Charlotte Wednesday, The Observer save:

dained in Rome in 1865, the Bishop of succession of first-class feats of the arena. The riding, the acrobats and tumblers, and the wonderful exhibition of strength by the man who handled sionary work among the Catholics in the iron balls were particularly good.

And this feature of the circus is what makes it immortal. The circus yester-day was distinguished for the number and character of these manly exhibi-tions. The bareback riding of Mr. Geo. Holland was especially fine, and the nerve of Signor Amerita in leaping from his horse through the ring of knives was thrilling. The acrobatic Star, good Democratic authority also, says that no fault can be laid to the charge of Major Atkinson, because the convicts got such food and clothing as the state furnished. The Democratic party is in power and has absolute control of the penilentiary.

In the language of Mr. Stamps, let, therefore, the present Executive and his party majority in the General Associated as the of stealing a box of tobacco, two sides of the clown, was as usual, in-

Lowlow, the clown, was, as usual, in-The menagerie this year is much fuller than last year. Among the most remarkable curiosities are two giraffes which have been with the circum only about three weeks, the taminoir, or ant bear, the most peculiar looking animal ever exhibited here, the rhinocerus, a double-humped camel, besides a drove of dromedaries, the big or, weighing 2,500 lbs in his present lean condition from the severity of the weather, and last, but not least, the man-killing that Goodman was at his house, a party last, but not least, the man-killing surrounded the building, and one of them knocked at the door. Goodman's shouts are remarkable will trained

A hawk kits, brought here from Los the house and thue excepted. As he don to an experiment, is to be raised on one of two or three should were fired at the Naysean rice fields to frighten away at, is to be relead on

new field of labor in Rolls, Misso

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