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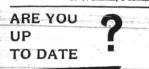
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RICHARD NEVILLE.

"Truth is stranger than fic-

a tragedy has occurred in our purpose being to go into a ma-midst not equaled in design and chine shop. accomplishment in the most stud- This is a brief statement of the

ied fiction. Richard Neville, a facts as regards Rechard up to motherless boy, is the victim. The the time of the theft. I will now principal actors are his sister and relate the coming of John Cole to her son, his nephew. At two or my home. February 7th, 1909, three years of age he is snatched was a raw, cold rainy day. After from a burning building while the dark a call was heard at the gate roof was literally falling in, with and I went out to see who it was. his hands and face badly burned. I had never seen Cole before and

N. C a squall on the sound and well Richard out. Cole was wet and nigh drowned, being forced to re- nearly barefooted, and had for main in shipwreck without food his companions three small black for three days. The next year, or rather two years afterwards, he was again caught in a fire in

Liberty Normal College when it a few days and then Cole made burned, and lost all that he had and nearly lost his life trying to save, not his own, but the property of his room-mate and others.

Last, and by no means least, he is now in the saddest of all sad plights, stripped of his good name. condemned a felon by his countrymen, believing his accuser. John Cole, rather than his simple denial.

Richard is alive, and God, in J. ELMER LONG His inscrutable providence has placed him at my door. Shall I refuse to bear my cross and do what I know to be right? God help me. I will never refuse to

wear the thorns when necessary to defend innocence, and, if need be, die. In order that the public may

> know the truth, as I have found it after a most careful and honest investigation of all the circumstances. I wish to present the two boys as they were in my home. Richard came there in May or June, 1906, and has made that his

home ever since. His characteristic trait is frankness. He often speaks so fully his mind that he is offensive to his friends. It is a characteristic of the Stanfords which he inherited through his mother. He was generous and

had an ideal for his sister Margaret, who has since graduated with much credit to the family at the Woman's Hospital in Phila-

delphia and is now a professional trained nurse in Burlington and held in high esteem there. During the first years at my home he devoted his earning to her education and was saving of his small

Richard went to school winters studious and very fond of reading history and has as fine a memory for historical facts as one meets. I observed his books were always standard and clean. Because of the fact that he was a habitual reader, he had few associates because he would soon tire of company and get a book and read rather than run about. I encouraged it all I could. Such were the home characteristics of Richard as I saw them from day to day from his 17th to his 21st year. As sterling honesty, so much so that when the mule was stolen he was in entire charge of all that I had in this world, and a better guarantee of my sincerity, when I say that I found him honest, I could not offer. At the time the mule was stolen he had, or rather I had for him, in the bank over \$135

bile school. I mention this here John had been out and Richard see John at Cobb's and also his agre to that. He is seen at Troxier's because Cole said Richard told reproved him. So it any one had second trip which was only three about sundown by three people gohim in the woods when Richard offended him it was first Richard. days before. I have never had in ing toward Alamance factory. Lois first went to Cobb's that he was Next morning up in the day he my life a more heart to heart talk Cook and Lalar Isley both said tion." This is an old saying on going to an automoble school and left. ('ole said he got awfully with Richard about any matter than Richard, came home that night everybody's tongue, but little do the date of the visit to the woods angry at me but I certainly did about that that night. He told me while they were at the supper table. we realize many times that it is was August 18th, 1909, just six not discover it at that time. He that Walter said the man with tie They told that when Richard was possible for such a heart-touching days before I wrote the letter to went home to his mother and she mule passed through Ruffin on Sat- not suspicioned by any one. They and soul-trying condition to arise Richard first calling his attention wrote my wife a letter and this is urday and John was at home the stated it as a simple fact because he in this quiet, peaceful land of to the school. Richard had been the part bearing on the cause of Alamance. We read of it in tales talking of going to the A. & M. of the West. But I declare to College to take a mechanical trainof his reasons for leaving and how you, my fellow countrymen, that ing and had written me so, his he liked at our house. It follows:

"Dated Altamahaw, N. C.,

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May 25, 1909. "Dear Sister: * * * I am sorr John left you all for I know yo all tried to treat him right and teach him right and here it will be different. * * *.I try to teach my children their duty and Jesse trie to teach them anything but some thing good. I thank you and Mr Spoon for your prayers and all your kindness to John. He speaks well of you all and said he was At the age of eighteen, while at asked his name. He gave it and tired of farm work and wanted to Aurora, N. C., he was caught in explained who he was and I called work in the mill awhile. He has not said anything out of the way about any of you all. I beg you all to pray for me and mine that we may all be saved. * * Write soon, from your own sister," "ANNA COLE." dogs. I raised a rebellion thep and denied the dogs admission.

Richard fastened them in a pit for Does not this letter show som doubt about John Cole getting so arrangements with Walter Shep- very angry that he would not cross herd to keep his dogs. After that the creek again? Does not this Walter Shepherd was headquartletter lend some color to Richard's contention that he went to Cobb's But returning to the next day to see John Cole at the suggestion after John came: After break- and request of his sister, John's fast John Cole asked me to hire

him and in response I said well, come back to my home? Richard John, if you will work I will hire now and always has most solemnyou, but if I hire you I want you ly declared this to be the fact. I have given this little peep befor a year, and he replied that he

hind the screen into the home of would work for me a year at the Jesse Cole. I could fill a book price I offered him-\$12.50 per month and board. He began with sorrows and tears from that working February 8th and left home. O, God, I pity them!

On the night of August 22, 1909, Returning again to Cole's com-Walter Shepherd's mule and my ing and the characteristics noted bridle and saddle were stolen at the time of him. The first Myself and family were at Hen prominent thing was his clownish dersonville, N. C., that day and air in every word uttered. Cut- night and the next day. Tuesday ting wit often provoked much my wife came home and next day amusement for us all and he was she sent a letter to me telling of at first very agreeable and won a the theft in the neighborhood, as place in our esteem quickly, equal above and stated. Everybody to that held by Richard. As to thought Dave Record was the cunning wit he was far above guilty party. Strange as it may Richard and in that respect was a seem, yet it bears out my statement above, that I had discovered favorite. The only book I remember to have seen him read was a the character of John Cole was criminal and in answer to my "Slow Train Through Arkansas," and discuss Jesse James' novel wife's letter I penned these strange and tell of their exploits, showing words. My letter is dated Webthat he had read them. Later on, ster, N. C., 8-27-1909:

however, he became coarse in his "Dear Wife:wit and his mind continually dwelt

. . . on subjects pertaining to the "I am sorry that Walter Shep county roads, the work house and herd's mule is stolen. I suspicion the like. So common did this oc- John Cole having had something

This letter written five days after

the theft and no other avenue for

suspicien than the mere fact that he

the like. So common did (his oc-onr that I remarked to him at the table and said: John, you are always talking about the county roads; do you want to get on the roads? His answer was: "No,

ers for the dogs.

May 17th.

roads? His answer was: "No, sir, not if I can help it." I did wages, \$11 per month. not then know that he was run-

ning from John Fowler at Durbut worked on the farm during have, he and his father, for drivthe summer. He was always ing one of Fowler's horses nearly had the criminal mind, and this I

same morning at 4 o'clock, and if was due to be there as their protec-John's leaving, or rather telling that was so it could not possibly tor and the time of coming was have been John, and he believed I matter of concern to them They was wrong in accusing him. Now said that while in there he came in I state nothing but the simple truth, with the jug in his hand and in-

when I say that Richard was in a quired of Lalar about the feeding, perfectly normal stated of midn and and when told it had not been done there was not the least departure he went out and put up his mule. from his accustomed sincerity in all and fed the stock and came in and that was said. He told me about go-ing to his sister's and inquiring of This simple statement they told her all he could about John and when all was free and no occasion learning that he had gone to Cobb's. existed in their minds whatever to He went there and when he drove up tell a false-hood. And let me say and hollowed Miss Annie Cobb and here, for it is due: In all my acsome of the small children came to quaintance with human characters I the door and when he inquired for have got to meet and know one John and Mr. Cobb, she said they whose word would under all circumwere gone to a place they were going stances be accepted with as little to move to, some seven or eight question as Lois Cook's. If Lois miles away northward, to cover a Cook says Dick Neville came home barn. He told me that as he came at half past seven or eight o'clock, away he looked in the barn lot and before they left the supper trble. I

saw the mules, the wagon and the will believe it because I have yet to surrey all there and he believed that find a shadow of false statement of she had not told him the truth about any fact for three years she has been them being gone that far off, but lie in my home. And when she further saw nothing of either John or Cobb. confirms her time by a recital of Now bear in mind that no warrant what she had done between sundown was sworn out for John Cole until and that, viz: she came home from mother, and that to get him to Jept. 11th. Richard was at Cobb's Mr. Wesley Coble's, arriving a little the last time Sept. 8th, just four after sundown and then got the days before any warrant was sworn cows and the and Lalar Isley milked out and consequently Richard could the cows, put away the milk went in not possibly have told Cole there the house and eat supper-we never

was a warrant out for him, for there | cook supper at our house on Sunday was not and no one had said it would night, its simply a little bread and be sworn out. Richard did not even milk, pie and cake, hence no elaboknow I suspicioned John until after rate preparation and no time con-I came home and he had been up to sumed in getting supper her state-Cobb's the last time and back two ment bears on its face the days before my return. So as a marks of truth. The work I matter of fact, Richard did not have have enumerated would take any grounds for telling John that a those girls about one to one and a warrant was out for him and he quarter hours. So put Richard at must hit the bushes. When John Alamance at sundown as all but says Richard came and delivered John Cole says he was (Cole said

such a message it is on its face, in Richard was in Burlington at the view of the facts, extremely doubt- Standard Oil tank at within 15 ful. John says he came and called minutes of sundown) and you have for his pistol, that es was curing to- a little over one hour to drive Bill bacco and pulling fodder and that it Bally from the factory to my home, was a Tyirty-two Ivers & Johnson, five miles away, and arrive at the break down. Mr. Jarrett swears time Lois and Lalar said he did get that it was a thirty-eight side-loader there. There is an irreconcilable and proved the calibre by a cartridge difference in the testimony of Mr. T. which the children drove into a log H. McPherson and the two girls.

and they cut out and sent to me. I One or the other must be mistaken. saw it and know it is a 38 cartridge. Both cannot be right. I do not in-John's story about being at home tend to impeach McPherson's integricuring tobacco is false, because I ty. I had him summonsed and thoroughly exomined him and he

can prove by five people that Cobb convinced me that he believed he did not fill his barn until Thursday was telling the truth. I have a after Richard was at his house. The right to attack his memory and that barn was filled the first time Sept. 9

I shall do and no honest man who -10. Richard was there Sept. 8th. recognizes his own weakness and I know a man to whom Joe Cobb fallibility will for, one moment deny confessed that the pistol John had was a side-loader, old style or bull a possibility of error in his memory. I assume Mr. McPherson would be dog pistol, and as sworn to by the Virginia witnesses. This man is a glad to be convinced that he is acresponsible man and his word is un- tually wrong though perhaps as

questioned by people who know sure he is right as ever he was in

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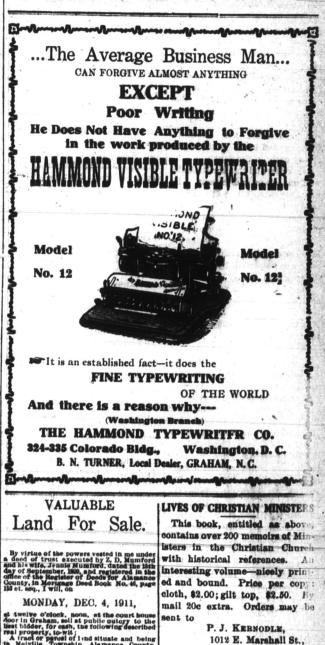
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and he had nearly \$25 more. This he had saved out of his wages, so he had no financial strait to urge him to steal a mule for money.

Beside, let it be noted here that at the time the mule was stolen Richard had not the slightest idea of going anywhere to an automa

bile school and only decided to do so after I had written him a letter advising him to consider such a calling because it was honorable. and promised much for the future. My letter so advising him was written from Hendersonville, N. C., August 24th, 1909, just two

days after the mule was stolen. Bear this in mind, because this was the first time Richard ever

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to death. This I did not know knew from the three months of liv-until after Cole left my house. ing in my home and my daily con-He gradually developed a bold- tact with him during that time.

ness about his manner of apeak. When this information came my mind spotted him in an instant and ing about crimes and gave an ac. ing about crimes and gave an ac. count of his trip to Bichmond and showed an acquaintance with the lowest section of the city and a herself and told no one. Subselowest section of the city and a quent letters and further informa-perfect knowledge of a hobo life. quent letters and further informa-This unfolding of his real self

gave me great pain, and Heaven But Richard did not have any knows that when I saw this, his thought what ever from me. Not for one moment did I suspect him. real self bursting forth and his for one moment did I suspect him. utter lack of an ideal to work to- I wrote my wife to send Walter

ward, it utterly overcame me and word that when I came home I I wept for him as a child, where wanted to see him and if possible none but God and my wife saw it get at the thief. Richard carried or knew of it. I confess here and the message to Walter and when I now that I have never for any came home Sept. 10th, Walter came to see me Saturday the 11th. I had mortal anffered such heart sorrow as at his hopeless case as it looked gone to Burlington and he came as at his hopeless case as it looked over with haste to see use. After a of the 16th of May, after I had in him as to what he knew about the earnest zeal tried to show him the

consequence of his course, which man who had the mule, I became convinced that my suspicion was was clearly criminal as evidenced by the, things he talked about. right and believe it my duty to stop him at once for his sake and for the It has been stated that Richard and John were chums, or fond as- family, because I knew that he was sociates. This is certainly not of age and if checked at one it true. They were so unlike in might mean his saving, but if let

temper and thought they soon fell alone he would surely do worse later out and I had to give them sep arate beds to sleep in. On the inst evening John stayed at my get him i would do all I could to get house, he tried to get Richard to him in a reformatory. At that time go with him over to where his I offered a reward of \$25 dollars for dogs were and Richard flatly rc- his capture. It was offered privatefused, took a book and read till ly and never published. Bear in

feeding time and then fed the mind that at this time I had not the business. And his own explanation and I made a careful examination and is that he was coming from the alightest intimation that Richard had is that he was coming to Burlington noted what he said in every particular. barn when John came in the lot. been accused. The warrant was barn when John came in the lot. He upbraided John for not being sworn out on Saturday, Sept. 11. That night I went home and had a home in time for help in the even- long talk with Richard about the cents! Chean labor that.

ing work. This was the second mule and what he knew or had heard of or thought of an automotime in only a short while that heard. He told me of his fist trip to Richard leaves Altamahaw. All

Treeponsible man and his word is un-questioned by people who know him. Is there no doubt about the pistol story and the warrast story of Cole and Annie Cobb? The step back again to the night of the thiefs. It is not de-neid that Richard was at Cole's that Sunday evening by appointment to Sunday evening by appointment to that he took his sister that day a gailon of builts sister that day a gailon of builts sister that day a gailon of builts sister that day a that he took his sister that day a gailon of builts sister that day a that a hearty squirife aupper, shout that ba due warrast solut that be aquirels solut sister solut that due the straig sister solut that due the straig sister solut that due the straig sister by carrying ber a mess of claracter tests as I shall, give them and they are true as a line. Hereon and made laquiry about the factory driving mane that reacter of the solut wrong the shale of the solut wrong the solut w

joying a hearty meal at her table. Richard came home in Feb. 1 gave his I pray you weigh well with me these claracter tests as I shall, give them, and they are true so sure as I live. Think of a horse thief studying with eagerness deeds of patriotism him between the Will Hot place and the and loyalty to one's country as de-picaed in history! Think of a horse thief saving his money for the educa-tion of his sister and helping her!

alone he would surely do worse later on. I said to Walter and Patillo and Squire Morrow that if I could get him i would do all I could to get him in a reformatory. At that time bins may be a solution to be all the the solution of the the the solution of the solution of the solution to the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution and solution to solution of the sol you not result into the thirs the out rates and ruchard. In consequence a that broke the engagement made, subpons was at once issued for Mrs. bipping away, without telling any. McPherson and then changed to T. H. one where he was going or on what business. And his own explanation to the he was coming to Burlington to get a little time due him at Aurora This conversation occurred at the court about 33 cents it was. Think of house first and then I said to him, I want walking 14 miles and back for 30 you to meet Richard, for he don't know you, and both of you can get together and

perhaps get the matter as it really was. We then Walked to Parker's office and At half past four or there about (Continued on 4th page.)

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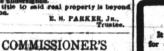
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