

WHO IS GOV. VANCE?

When North Carolina passed the ordinance of secession Vance was stumping the State for the Union. He was an uncompromising Henry Clay Union whig.

After the State seceded he raised a company. He was elected and served two years as Colonel of the 20th regiment participating with great gallantry in many hard fought battles.

He was elected and served two years as Governor over Col. Wm. Johnson. Vance was the whig conservative candidate, while Johnson was voted for by the original secessionists.

In this county Lewis Thompson, Rev. A. M. Craig, Joseph Cooper, James Bond and others of like political faith voted and worked for Vance.

As soon as Vance was elected he turned his whole attention to the noble work of feeding and clothing poor soldiers and their widows and orphans.

At no time during our fierce struggle did Vance fail to maintain law and order in the State. No man could be arrested without due process of law.

The sacred writ of habeas corpus was rigidly enforced. Finally when the war ended the Federal soldiers entered the Governor's palace, although Vance's opportunities for acquiring riches were greater than any other man's in the State.

They found nothing except the scant furniture and raiment which is common to the homes of all poor men. Vance was seized and carried to the old capital prison at Washington City.

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The organic impurities are the most to be dreaded. They may be detected in either of the following ways; it is well to try both:— To a small bottle full of the suspected water, add a pinch of sugar. Cork tightly, and set in a warm place. If the least turbidity appears after standing ten days or two weeks, the water is unfit for use.

To a small quantity of the water in a small bottle, add two or three drops of a solution of permanganate of potash, just sufficient to impart a slight tinge. If the color of the solution has diminished after standing a week, the water is foul.

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THE REALLY WELL DRESSED LADY.

Her first study seems to be the becoming; her second, the good; her third, the fashionable; which, if it be both good and becoming, it always is or may be. You see this lady turning a cold eye to the assurances of shopmen and the recommendations of milliners.

She cares not how new or original a pattern may be, if it be ugly; or how recent a shape, if it be awkward. Not that her custom is always new; on the contrary, she wears many a cheap dress, but it is always pretty, and many an old one, but it is always good.

She deals in no gaudy confusion of colors, nor does she affect a studied primness or sobriety; but she either refreshes you with a spirited contrast, or composes you with a judicious harmony. After all, there is no great art either in her fashions or her materials.

The secret simply consists in her knowing the three grand unities—her own station, her own age, and her own points. And no woman can dress well who does not. After this, we need not say that whoever is attracted by the custom will not be disappointed in the wear.

She may not be handsome nor accomplished, but we will answer for her being even tempered, well informed, thoroughly sensible, and a complete lady.

ONIONS AS FOOD. A subscriber asks, "What do you think of onions as food? How are they best prepared?" Onions are certainly food, and some authors claim that their nutritious properties are very considerable.

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Regarding death as inevitable he makes the best of a bad bargain, and cunningly and contentedly gets paid for dying. The wholesale destruction of life in that country is greatly the result of indifference.

Hence the massacre of Europeans, so terrible to us seems to them a matter of little moment, and they cannot comprehend why we should make a fuss about it. They regard our indignant protestations very much as we regard our irate neighbor whose dog we have shot.

"Well, well, be pacified; if it was such a favorite, I am sorry; but it is only a dog, and there are plenty more of them. How much do you want to be paid for it?" "You English think so much of life," argues the Chinese; "have you not plenty of death at home?"

Death in China is awarded as the punishment of the most trivial offenses, and frequently for none at all, being in somebody's way.

A story was told the writer as a fact, that during the visit of one of the royal princes, a theft was committed of a chain or watch, belonging to royal guest. The unfortunate attendant was caught with the property upon him, and without further ceremony his head was chopped off.

The mandarin in attendance immediately announced the tidings to the prince as a delicate attention, showing how devoted he was in his service. To his astonishment, the prince expressed great regret that the man's head had been taken off.

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