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THURSDAY - - - JUNE, 15, 1893

THE Canard concocted for the Washington Post at the expense of two North Carolinians who were to fight with rapiers, has drawn a letter from Senator Vance who warmly expresses his indignation at the fabrication.

It is bootless to say-what might have been; but if the world were no such commotion over a little gold as we have lately seen, and there would be less disposition on the part of the finances to run into acute rheumatism on slight provocation. If money had two legs to vided between them, and the business of the world would not be subhad its origin in there being so lit- | was physically able to resent it. tle money in sight.

some accommodation on the sub-

THE close of this session of the Agricultural and Mechanical College marks an interesting era in the history of that institution. The peand its first graduates are now to go forth, as representatives of their alma mater, to enter the great working hive of busy men. They are well equipped for the special work which the institution was designed to prepare them for. Those who have taken the mechanical course it a habit you have acquired? will apply themselves to industries and developing the mines of the State, while from the other graduates the cause of progressive agriculture has much to hope.

The course of study has been selected with care, and the corps of professors have proved their efficiency. Already the institution has attained an excellent reputation, and its general management reflects credit on the State. Indeed in every respect it will compare favorably with the older institutions of similar character found in the other parts of the Union.

Our community last evening, thanks to the faculty and students of the A. and M. College, at whose instance Col. Watterson delivered his address, enjoyed an intellectual treat that has not often been equalled in this city. The distinguished orator was greeted by a large audience, who recognizing him as the especial champion of public measures in which they have felt deep concern, were in sympathy with him from the outset, and gave appropriate expression to their kindly interest in a demonstration that must have been very agreeable to him. The Colonel seemed to be quite refreshed from broken rest and the tedium of travel, and displayed his fine capabilities as a public speaker in a role of great brilliancy. Taking his subject, "Money and Morals," he handled it magnificently, and his address was illuminated by fiashes of genius that augmented the interest evoked by the general line of thought.

As high as Col. Watterson's rep. utation is for fine oratory, we cannot but think that he excelled himself somewhat last night. It was a rounded the house in good faith for great pleasure to us to hear him, and the audience thoroughly enjoyed his masterly address which, after rising to fine eloquence, was admirably delivered with the skill of a practised and finished orator.

A Village Totally Destroyed. By Southern Associated Press.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., June 14 .- A special to the Democrat says: Alba, a village of eight hundred population in Actim county was totally destroyed by fire yesterday af- that the robbers who held up the ternoon. The fire started in a large saw mill, and licked up every business house except the Exchange Whitehead Station, in the Cherokee burned. The wires are down and to Camp Supply for re-enforcement there is no communication with the as the robbers are heavily armed town.

It is said Count Tolstoi will prob. for the scene this morning. ably visit the World's Fair. He will be a curiosity.

The weather is so warm that "turnvery slowly.

CARD FROM SENATOR VANCE.

Denials General and Particular of the Outrageous Fabrication About a Proposed Duel Between Mr. Martin and Col, Means-A Sharp Arraignment of the Fabricator and of the Washington

Charlotte Observer.

By last night's mail the Observer received from Senator Vance the following copy of a letter which he has addressed to the Washington Post, and is only too glad to print it. His arraignment of the author of the miserable libel, and of the Post for publishing it, without investigation, is severe but thoroughly well deserved:

Editors of the Post:

to distinguish it from the rank and allowed. fetid crowd of its congeners by a denial. The remarkable feature of the story, and which stamps the author as a genius most unique and exceptional, is that with a particuon a bimetallic basis there would be larity so minute, there is not a single word of truth in it. Even the names of the alleged participants in the

thrilling story are given incorrectly. I left Washington on the 10th of May with my family, including my step-son, Harry Martin; but was I stand on, the strain would be di- ician. We did not see Col. Means Record and Pension office, which ger to the building. That the recar and insult me about my oppoject to so many disturbances. Now, sition to the occupant of the Conwhenever there is a little stronger | cord postoffice, and those who endemand than usual for money, the joy the acquaintance of that genfull strain is thrown on gold, and | man know that he is incapable of panic and troubles ensue. Such insulting a sick man and his senior, owned by the United States since was the case recently. The scare in the presence of a kinsman who

The theory of bimetallism is thus to suppress a duel. I have been sustained by every valuable con- uninterruptedly living in the quiet sideration. That it is impracticable of these woods with my step-son, to re-establish it in this country Harry Martin, for company. We without the co operation of Europe have not gone to Washington or is manifest, but it is so desirable elsewhere. My son did not chalthat the world should return to the lenge means, and has not seen him | Surgeon General of the army of the the floor of all three stories of the old system that as long as any for a year. He is not an expert United States. reasonable hope remains we should with the rapier-probably never persist in asking Europe to come to | handled one. In short, the only knowledge either of us ever had of the alleged incidents was derived from the story of the Post, which we first read on yesterterday, the 12th inst.

What motive its fabricator could have had beyond the money you riod of its infancy has now passed, what good reason the management of a paper aspiring to respectability could have had for swallowing without inquiry so monstrous and mean a lie concerning my son and me, I cannot see, when the means of ascertaining the truth were so immediately at hand that the slightest effort would have elicited it-or is

I submit, sir, that you cannot esof that nature, and be instruments cape moral turpitude any more than in establishing mills and factories legal responsibility for such wanton attacks without such atonement as may be possible to me and my son, as well as to that portion of the public which may not be indifferent to the truth or regardless of the decencies of private life.

ZEBULON B. VANCE Gombroon, near Black Mountain, N. C., June 13, 1893.

I request that the same prominence be given to this correction as was given to the original falsehood.

The Borden Trial.

Ig Eouthern Associated Press.

New Bedford, Mass, June 14 .-In the Bordon trial the first witness called was City Marshal Hilliard, of Fall River, who described his visits to the Bordon house and conversation with the prisoner, in which she was told that she was suspected of the crime.

Witness was cross-examined by Governor Robinson, who attempted to show that Hilliard was not obstructed in his search of the premises, and that the search of the room was thorough. Hilliard swore that the search of the Borden house was thorough, and the defendant gave all the articles he asked for, and spoke earnestly and frankly in conversation about the suspicion of

Mayor John Coughlin, of Fal River, described the visit to the Borden house with Hilliard, and corroborated the Marshal's testi mony as to the conversation with the defendant.

The court excluded the evidence as to the demonstration against Morse, offered by the government, to show that the police later surprotection, and not for surveillance.

Mrs. Gifford, dressmaker, testified that the prisoner told her Mrs. Borden was a mean, hateful old thing; that she hated her, and never a with her when she could help it The prisoner's color rose as this testimoney was given.

Train Robbers Cornered

By Southern Associated Press. Wichita, Kan., June 14 - News was received here late last night Santa Fe train near Cimarron Saturday have been surrounded near cavalrymen. The soldiers have sent and outnumber the soldiers. U. S. Marshal Grimes, of Oklahoma, left

Eulalie Goes to Niagara. By Southern Associated Press.

CHICAGO, June 14.—Princess Eulaing the rascals out" is proceeding lie and party left here this morning for Niagara Falls.

Col. Ainsworth's Petition.

Vashington Star. The sequel to the demonstration cution the relator, from abundant mandamus to be against Col. Fred. C. Ainsworth at caution, noticed the progress of the said Edward M. Schae the coroner's inquest yesterday in work from day to day, himself go- coroner of the District of the matter of the jury's inquiry as ing into the basement where it was commanding him to to the death of the victims of last being done, in order that, in case relator and his counsel to Friday's terrible calamity at Ford's there should appear the slightest ent during the sessions of Theater building, when Deputy indication of danger, he might at coroner's court and to cross-Ainsworth that not until his with- said building. In addition to this ing the said deputy coroner to Circuit Court, No. 2, a petition for to report immediately any indicaa mandamus praying the court to tion of danger. That both the re compel the coroner to permit Col. lator and the said superintendent Ainsworth and his counsel to appear were upon inquiries repeatedly The story which you published a deemed advisable by him, to cross- was progressing with absolute safety ing answer, in the form of a deday or two since, concerning the examine witness. Judge Cox being and that there was no occasion for murrer, to the petition for the mansuppression of a duel between my otherwise engaged sent the petition any solicitude. step-son, J. H. Martin, and one to Chief Justice Bingham, who is-"Col. Paul M. Means" is a lie so ex- sued a writ on Coroner Schaeffer to traordinary, so circumstantial and appear at 3 o'clock and show cause

THE PETITION. as follows:

not ill and under the care of a phys- in one of the branches of the said cause of any apprehension of danon the way; he did not enter the branch is located in the building lator neither gave nor authorized property of the United States

That the said building has been work. about the year 1866, and has since that time been continuously used in I did not return to Washington various capacities by the War Department of the United States.

That the relator was in the year 1887 placed in charge of the said

MADE INVESTIGATION.

That the relator had theretofore heard certain rumors touching the more were injured. security of the eastern wall of the said building, he, when he assumed diligent inquiry of the officers of the War Department, who had long paid him for it, I know not, and been acquainted with the condition of the said building, with respect to the said rumors, and learned from them that the said building had long prior to said inquiries been tire building was in every respect Clark, architect of the Capitol; Thos. B. Entwistle, building inspec-

of the Library of Congress. confidence in these statements, be- gave testimony tending, if unexup to 1887 safely sustained the with the said death. That the remuseum and the library of the of the said deputy coroner permis-Surgeon General's office, all of sion to cross-examine the said witwhich were removed from the said nesses, but that the said deputy building in 1887, subsequent to coroner refused said permission and occupied almost entirely by clerks question. That subsequently, and their desks, whose combined during the said session, the than that of said museum and li- of intimidating witnesses un-

THE EXCAVATIONS. That the relator, having in the years 1888 and 1889, applied for finally called upon to withdraw from and obtained a new steam-heating said court by said deputy coroner, apparatus and an entirely new and by one of the members of the plumbing outfit for this whole build- jury. That thereupon a riotous ing, desired to further promote the moo surrounded the relator and his comfort and convenience of the clerical force in the said building, the deputy coroner then adjourned by procuring for them electric ights, it having heretofore been necessary to use gas lights in certain parts of the building during the regular office hours. For the themselves in a quiet and orderly purpose of locating this electric manner, doing nothing to make light plant and also to improve the their presence in the said court imventilation of the basement of the proper. building, it became necessary to ex-Department charged with the duty nesses, both with the aid of counsel. a view to bidding for the said work. That thereafter fourteen of work. That thereafter fourteen of the builders did bid for the said work, proposing to do the same in accordance with the said specifications and without damage to the said building. That not only did none of there builders who examined the said premises suggest any probable danger in the execution of the said work, but that upon inquiry all of them pronounced the same feasible and safe. Thereupon in the same feasible and safe. Thereupon and that he degives to produce and the said building to the said work in the said specification shall not at any time, be less than \$10,000 or more than one million (\$1,000,000), to be divided into shares of \$100 each, to paid in such manner, and secured in su Hotel. The Grand Rapids and strip, by a party of United States ined the said premises suggest any izen. the said work was let according to and that he desires to produce and law by the said officer who invited examine the said witnesses in the the said bids to George W. Dant, said coroner's court, as also to cross-

> pute in his business. EXAMINED THE WORK. That the said Dant thereupon en. Wherefore, the premises consider- B. C. Ellis.

United States, with the rank of a portion was to be removed subse- damus in the premises." colonel in the army of the United quently, was roped off because it States, and as such is, among other was supported only by joists which things, charged with the supervi- had rested upon ground that had sion of the clerical force employed then been excavated, and not becommonly known as Ford's Theatre, any instructions to any of the clerks in the city of Washington, District in said building with respect to his aforesaid, which building is the movements in or about said building during the progress of the said

THE ROPED OFF SPACE.

That on the 9th day of June, 1893, after all of the walls, including all of the piers save one, had been safely and securely underpinned, and while the workmen were actually engaged in underpinbuilding in his then capacity of offi- ning the said last pier, for some cer in charge of the record and pen- cause to the relator unknown the sion division of the office of the said pier gave way and a portion of said building fell. That most unfortunately twenty-three of the occupants of the said building were If 'mid the gathering storms of doubt killed by the said Tall and many

That almost immediately after the said catastrophe reached the relacontrol in the said year 1887, made tor's ears that he was publicly accused of criminal negligence in the premises, and he was so accused in the public press of this District.

THE ECENE AT THE INQUEST. That upon the 12th day of June, at 11 o'clock a. m., the respondent Edward M. Schaeffer. who is perfectly secured, and that the en- deputy coroner of this District, held a session of his coroner's court, with safe. That the reports of these a jury in attendance, in the said officers were, during the year 1889, District of Columbia. That the reconfirmed by statements made to later then first appeared in said the relator in person by Edward court with R. Ross Perry as his counsel. That at said session of said court witnesses were for the first time tor of the District of Columbia, and examined before the said jury touch-Bernard R. Green, civil engineer, ing the death of John E. Chapin, now employed in the construction who was killed by the fall of the said building. That during the That the relator placed additional said examination certain witnesses cause he personally knew that these plained, to impute to the relator walls and floors had for many years | criminal negligence in connection great weight of the army medical lator by his said counsel requested which time the space formerly sus- would not allow the relator or his taining such great weight has been said counsel to ask any witness any weight was very many times less relator was falsely accused

der examination; was charged with murder by sundry persons in attendance upon said inquest, and was counsel and threatened his life; that his court until 11 o'clock of Tuesday, June 13th, 1893. That during the whole of the said session the relator and his said counsel conducted

RIGHT TO BE PRESENT. building, it became necessary to excavate a space about twelve feet in width between two partition walls running from west to east in the basement of said building. That the said walls and certain piers built in them were required to be underpinned on account of said excavation. That the relator caused to be prepared specifications, showing the work desired to be done, and presented the same for considthe light of said specifications with Chapin, the said deputy coroner has

who was the lowest bidder therefor examine the adverse witnesses who and who is a man of excellent re- have been and may be produced against him. That the relator has no other legal remedy in the premises.

our hontered upon the execution of the said | ed, the relator pin. e writ of work. That pending the said exe- or will grant unto 1 to the olumbia, Coroner Schaeffer intimated to Col. once remove all occupants from the ine witnesses and further commanddrawal would the inquest proceed, and for the same purpose the rela- force order in his said court and to developed this morning when Mr tor required the superintendent of adopt such measures as may be R. Ross Perry, the counsel for Col. the building to constantly watch quired to protect the life of the re-Ainsworth, filed with Judge Cox in the said work and instructed him later which has been aforesaid threatened and menaced in the said coroner's court.

THE DEPUTY CORONER'S DEMURRER. District Attorney Birney, on beat the inquest, listen to, and, if made always assured that the work half of the coroner, filed the follow-

Now comes here the respondent, That the relator has never him- Edward M. Schaeffer, deputy corself entertained any idea that the oner of the District of Culumbia, so malignant that I feel constrained why the mandamus should not be doing of the said work was danger- and not confessing or admitting ous, nor has any one of the numer- any of the averments of the petious occupants of the said building | tion of the said relator to be true, Fred C. Ainsworth, relator, re- made any suggestion of such danger as therein set forth, doth demur to spectfully showeth unto your Honor to him or to any one else to his the said petition and for cause of knowledge until after the happen- demurrer showeth that the said re-That he is Chief of the Record ing of the accident hereinafter set lator hath not by his said petition and Pension office of the War De- forth. That a small portion of the set forth any matter or thing which partment of the government of the ground floor of the building, which entitles him to the writ of man-

A New Hymn by Dr. Holmes.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the reorganization of the Young Men's Christian Union. The following hymn, written for the occasion by Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, was read by the ven erable poet:

Our Father! while our hearts unlearn The creeds that wrong thy name, Still let our hallowed altars burn With Faith's undying flame.

Not by the lightning gleams of wrath Our souls thy face shall see; The star of Love must light the path That leads to heaven and thee.

Help us to read our Master's will Through every darkening stain That clouds his sacred image still, And see him once again. The brother man, thy pitying friend,

Who weeps for human woes, Whose pleading words of pardon blend With cries of raging foes.

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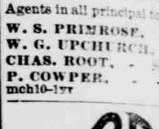


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