

### WILKES BOOTH'S LOVE.

Story of the Woman who was the Sweet-Heart of Lincoln's Assassin.

A recent statement to the effect that John Wilkes Booth is alive has awakened considerable interest in Birmingham, Ala., where resides the woman Booth ever loved. A reporter of the Birmingham Age called on the lady the other day and obtained the following interesting story of his life. She said: "I have feared you would call. I do not care to be connected with this affair, and will not open my lips unless you promise to keep my identity sacred." On being assured that her request would be acceded to, she began an interesting story, during the recital of which she displayed some emotion. During the course of the story, she said: "I first met Booth at the Planters' hotel, St. Louis, in 1859, and was with him to know him enough to know him well. His first star engagement was begun at Columbus, Ga., under the management of Mat Canning. The play I have forgotten. It was in 1860 and 1861. It was in Columbus that Booth was wounded by a pistol shot, and the papers made a great sensation of it. It was said that he was only badly cut by the woman with whom he was in love. All that story was not true. It was the woman he loved, and this truth has never been printed before. He and Mr. Canning, his manager, were examining a small pistol. It exploded and slightly wounded Mr. Booth.

"Some of it may be true, some of it may not be, but I have never entertained the first idea that he is dead, and I have never seen a single person who ever saw him dead. I was in the headquarters of Gen. Banks in New Orleans during the excitement of the killing, and leaned over the general's shoulders when he received a telegram from Washington announcing the death of Booth. When he read the telegram he called a number of staff officers to him and read it. The telegram was discredited. Charles Barton Hill and Mr. Booth made their debut together, and knew each other intimately. In 1867 I was visiting friends in Mobile and met Mr. Hill, who was with Edwin Forrest at the time. Mr. Hill showed me a letter worn and traveled without date or signature, that he had received that day, and he said it was from John Wilkes Booth. He knew the handwriting, and there was no question but what it came from Mr. Booth. Do you remember the story of a tug sailing by New Orleans once, about five months after the shooting of President Lincoln? Well, I always believe the story was true that Mr. Booth was on board."

"Don't you positively know that he was on that tug?" was asked here. She evaded the question, and said: "I never believed he was killed; he was too smart a man to be caught like that. Do you know that Mr. Booth was a victim of circumstances in the shooting of Lincoln? Well, he was. The original plan was to capture Lincoln and bring him to the south and then exchange him for all the confederate prisoners. The men who were to help to carry out the plot failed, and Mr. Booth determined not to be defeated, and did the tragic deed he was accredited with."

"Do you remember much of Mr. Booth in the south?"

"I saw a great deal of him, and on one occasion in Montgomery an aurora borealis cast a glow on the capital building. The fire-bells rang, and the people thought the capitol on fire. He stood with me, and as we gazed at the sight he said: 'If that is the capitol on fire some abolitionist has set fire to it.'"

"He loved the union, although he was said to be bitter against it. I have heard him utter some beautiful thoughts, and, although he was odd at times, he was a very smart man. I once heard him say: 'My God! if I was rich I would go to the north and kill every abolitionist I could, and then I would come south and raise Cain with the rebels.' There is a man in Alabama to-day who knows more of Mr. Booth than any living person, except myself."

"He has sworn never to speak, and what he knows no one else does."

As the conversation was carried on, she stopped and said: "Did you ever see Mr. Booth's picture? Well, I will show it to you."

She touched a bell on the table by her side, and an old family servant appeared, and was told to bring the album "with Mr. John's picture in it."

The woman returned, bearing a large old-style album filled with old ambrotypes and pictures of war times. She handed the book to her "mistress" and retired. The album was opened at a page on which was the picture of a young man apparently 23 years of age, with features identical with Mr. Booth's. In the picture, the subject was seated in a chair, and held a cane in his hand. The figure was of medium physique, was slightly stooped shoulders. Over the picture was written, in Mr. Booth's own handwriting, his name.

"I will never forget," she said, "the day he presented me with that picture, but I would not tell the incident for worlds; it was too sacred."

"Do you think Mr. Booth ever wrote back to friends if he made an escape?"

"I do not. He would have been too shrewd a man, and I have no idea he ever did, unless it was to his sisters, Mrs. Clark, of Maryland, who was a great favorite of his."

After the interview had closed the reporter left the residence, and was shown out by the faithful servant, who said: "I always did think because missus was so good she was troubled about Mass John. She takes that old book with pictures in it and looks at his picture lots and then kisses it."

Miss Hewitt, the daughter of the congressman, has organized an orchestra composed entirely of ladies well known in New York social circles. They will lay all the instruments, from the violin to the triangle.

### ANDRE THE ENGLISH SPY.

The third and successful blowing up of the monument erected by Cyrus W. Field to Major Andre, the English spy hung during the Revolutionary war has aroused the attention of the nation to the events connected with his death.

The following account from Hinton's History, page 272-273, will prove interesting reading to those who feel that it is not healthy to be erecting monuments in this country to men who did all they could to prevent the establishment of this Republic:

The American army was stationed in the strongholds of the high lands on both sides of the North river, and for the defense of this position, and to keep command of the river, a fortress had been built at West Point, which was deemed impregnable, and had acquired the appellation of the Gibraltar of America. Of this post General Arnold solicited the command, and General Washington, far from suspecting any sinister views in an officer who had been so zealous and active in the cause of his country, complied with his solicitation. Arnold had, however, no sooner become invested with the command than he carried on a negotiation with Sir Henry Clinton, by which it was agreed that he should make such a disposition of his forces as would enable the British General effectually to surprise West Point. The agent employed in this negotiation was Major Andre, Adjutant-General of the British army; and, to favor the communications, the Vulture, a British sloop-of-war, had been previously stationed in the North river, as near Arnold's posts as could be without exciting suspicion. On the night of the 21st of September, a boat was sent from the shore to fetch Major Andre, and Arnold met him at the beach, without the posts of both armies. Their business not being finished until it was too near morning for Andre to return to the Vulture, Arnold, telling him he must be concealed until the next night, conducted him within one of the American posts, where he continued with him the following day. The Vulture having in the meantime been compelled to alter her position, Andre could return to New York in no other way than by land. Changing his uniform, therefore, which he had worn under a surcoat, he set out on horseback, under the name of John Anderson, with a passport signed by Arnold, "to go to the lines of White Plains, or lower if he thought proper, he being on public business." When advanced a great part of the way, he was stopped by three of the New York militia, and several papers containing exact returns of the state of the forces, ordnances and defenses at West Point were found concealed in his boots. The captors, disdaining a proffered bribe of a purse of gold and permanent provision and promotion, on condition of their conveying and accompanying him to New York, delivered him a prisoner to Lieutenant-Colonel Jameson, who commanded the outpost. Andre, with the incautious permission of Jameson, procured a letter to be sent to Arnold, informing him of his detention, which gave the traitor

opportunity to escape on board the Vulture, in which he reached New York in safety. At this very hour Washington arrived, on his return from a conference with the French general at Hartford. He repaired without delay to the fort at West Point, where, however, he could learn nothing of a decisive import. But some orders issued by Arnold the day before redoubled his suspicions; he returned to the quarters of the general, and at this instant Jameson's messenger presented himself, and delivered the packet with which he was charged. Washington seemed for a moment overwhelmed by the discovery of a crime which ruined the fame of an American general, and wounded the honor of the American army. Those who were near him anxiously interrogated his looks in silence, which he broke by saying: "I thought that an officer of courage and ability, who had often shed his blood for his country, was entitled to confidence, and I gave him mine. I am convinced now and for the rest of my life, that we should never trust those who are wanting in probity, whatever abilities they may possess; Arnold has betrayed us." Meanwhile the precautions required by the occasion were everywhere taken. General Heath, a faithful and vigilant officer, was substituted for Arnold at West Point; the commanders of the other posts were admonished to be on their guard; Greene, who had been invested with the command of the army during the absence of Washington, recalled within the forts the garrisons which the traitor had dispersed, and marched a strong division near to the lines. General Washington referred the case of Andre to the examination and decision of a board of fourteen officers, who founded their report on his own statements; they reported it as their unanimous opinion "that Major Andre ought to be considered as a spy, and that agreeably to the laws and usages of nations, he should suffer death, and he was in accordance with that sentence hung as a spy."—Catholic Home.

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### The Caster.



"Alas! Alas! The cat is out of the bag."

The young fry bought Mrs. W. R. Whidden a present of a handsome silver castor for Christmas.

Last week the COURIER published the above item about a certain alleged caster, which displeased the "young fry." We can't apologise for the item, but will explain. The item was wickedly and maliciously false, and we will set our dog on the person that told us about it, as soon as we run across her, or him, or the dog.



We disremember the party's name at present, and we are not exactly positive that the article is false; but infer that it is. If it is not false, another explanation will appear in the next COURIER. We may have been confused as to the name. It is barely possible that the "young fry" are to be presented to the caster, or that the caster is to be presented to the young fry; but we are quite certain there is a caster in the case,—or words to that effect. We wish to exonerate the caster from any blame in this matter. Wherever the guilt may rest, let it be remembered that the caster is entirely innocent.

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## LUMBER. BUILDING MATERIAL.

# Mannard Crane.

—Yard at foot of Burrell Avenue—  
COOPERSTOWN, . . . . . DAKOTA.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 27, 1885.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 14th day of Jan., 1886, viz: Soren H. Larson, D. S. No. 14311, for the sw 1/4 of sec 18, tp 147n, r 60 w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Helge Leine, of Willow; Andrew Hanson and Jens Forthorn, of Jesse; and Andrew Bendickson, of Ottowa, Griggs Co., D. T. The testimony herein to be taken before George B. Clark, judge and ex-officio clerk of probate court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 9th day of January, 1886, at his office.  
HORACE AUSTIN, Register.  
John N. Jorgensen, attorney. 46-51

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Dec. 14, 1885.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Nels O. Kjos, D. S. No. 14409, for the southwest quarter of sec. 20, tp. 147n, r. 60w and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Albert Coleman, Anton Pederson, John Anderson, Knud J. Alftstad, all of Jesse P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 30th day of Jan., A. D. 1886, at his office.  
HORACE AUSTIN, Register.  
Jacobson & Ole, att'ys. 46-2