

NEWS IN GENERAL

FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

MAY BE A DUEL.

A 78-Year-Old Virginia Demands Satisfaction.

NEW YORK, April 7.—A duel between two well known southerners is more than probable. A letter was delivered Tuesday night at No. 226 West Forty fourth street, the residence of John Sargent Wise, who was once as the republican candidate for governor of Virginia.

The letter was delivered by Frederick S. Greene, the brother of the young woman in whose behalf it was written. She is Miss Isabella Greene, now staying at the New York hotel under the chaperonage of Mrs. Willie Allen. The letter was signed by Col. F. W. Skinner, a southern gentleman 78 years of age, who was an attaché of the American legation in Paris at the time of Louis Philippe. Miss Greene is his grand daughter. The letter was a demand for the retraction of certain words. The trouble began early last winter when Mrs. Wise organized the Mendelssohn Assembly dances. Mrs. Wise was not only the originator of these dances, but was their president, secretary, treasurer, and general mainstay. Her word was law and whomsoever she saw fit to exclude was excluded. For some unknown reason Miss Belle Greene of Virginia was not invited to take part in these gay reunions of her friends from the south, although her family connections, her beauty and her personal popularity gave her the highest prestige.

Joshua Brown addressed a letter to Mr. Wise, requesting that an invitation at once be sent to Miss Greene for the next of the assembly dances. A dozen other gentlemen wrote similar letters. At the next meeting of the committee Mrs. Wise read these letters and gave her reasons for being unwilling to comply with the requests. These reasons were such as would injure Miss Greene's social position. When the story reached her ears she sent for her grandfather—Col. F. W. Skinner—who came from Richmond to take her part. While in Paris the colonel had fought more than one duel.

Col. Skinner, on his arrival in New York, called on Mr. Wise and said: "I have called to ask a retraction from your wife for words spoken against my granddaughter or to demand satisfaction from you." Mr. Wise expressed the utmost ignorance of the affair and said he would speak to his wife about it. He did so. Mrs. Wise wrote Col. Skinner a letter of explanation which only succeeded in making the matter worse.

Col. Skinner has asked Leslie Bruce, editor of the Turf, Field and Farm, to act with him in the matter and to be ready, if need be, to play the role of second. Mr. Bruce proceeded next day to Mr. Wise's office with a letter demanding a

further and complete retraction of the words. Five separate times Mr. Bruce carried this letter to Mr. Wise's office and was refused. The letter, delivered tonight contained a formal demand for ample apology. In a published interview Mrs. Wise says she has no apology to make.

UNDER THE SNOW.

JULESBORO, Col., April 5.—Charles Rosequest, P. J. Gerhart and Joseph Close, together with two daughters, have been temporarily living in a barn, awaiting the completion of their farm house, which is being built 20 miles from here. At 3 o'clock this morning a heavy wind blew the barn over, carrying it clear off the ground for a distance of fifty feet, and as the barn had no floor it left the victims lying exposed to the severe elements of the storm, their beds scattered to the winds and their clothes torn away from them until finally the blinding snow covered them in a drift.

Mr. Rosequest managed to tell his two daughters to lie still while he succeeded in keeping a whole open through the drift to keep them from smothering to death. The other two men lay ten feet away but did not know what was going on, as they were wrapped up in the blinding snow and ice. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the storm stopped just in time to save the lives of the two girls who were carried to a fire behind some boards and they finally succeeded in alleviating their sufferings. The intense cold and ice froze their limbs, feet and hands but they will recover.

This last storm has been raging here since sunset Sunday. The loss of cattle and horses is terrible in different parts of the surrounding country.

The Union Pacific trains are behind time caused by a train off the track, being derailed by the snow drifts. No one was injured in the wreck.—Ex.

Fifteen years ago George Williams was the principal of the high school in Dixon, O. He had a wife and three children, two girls and a boy, and it was thought that no happier family lived in the whole State.

Strange things sometimes happen and the elopement of Mr. Williams was one of them. He suddenly disappeared one day, taking with him his son, then a boy of five years, and one of his sixteen-year old pupils. The pupil was a girl.

The shock killed Williams' poor little wife, and the two girls were sent to California to be brought up by two aunts who lived here, one in Oakland and one in Sacramento. The girls assumed the maiden name of their mother, Richmond, and here they lived for many years. Both are now grown young ladies, and Miss Maude Richmond is employed at a candy store on Seventh street, Oakland.

It was only a short time ago that their uncle, while traveling through the East, found in the town of Boone, Neb., their brother.

He was not living with his father who is still alive and has a large family by his second wife, and knew nothing of his sisters.

The boy had grown up in complete ignorance of his family history, and as soon as he learned about his sisters he began a correspondence with them, and he is now on his way to join them here.

Frank left his father some time ago and struck out for himself in the world, and now he has determined to join his sisters, who have been so bravely struggling with the world, and to help them all he can.

A good story is told in Missouri at the expense of its once famous governor, Claiborne F. Jackson. Before he solved the enigma of love-lock, he had married five sisters!—in reasonable lapse of consecutiveness, as a matter of decency. After one wife had been lost and properly mourned he espoused another, and he kept his courting in a narrow circle of his relatives, for he rather liked the family. Some of his predilections were widows ere he again transformed them from Niobes into willing, if not blushing, but it was all one to the conquering Benedict.

The antiquated father of these girls was almost deaf and when the governor went to his octogenarian to ask for his surviving daughter, the following conversation ensued:

"I want Lizzie!"
"Eh?"
"I want you to let me have Elizabeth."

Oh, you want Lizzie, do you? What for?"

"For my wife."
"For life?"
"I want—to—marry—her!"

"Oh yes! Just so! I here you, boy."

I'm precious glad you do muttered the governor.

"Well, you needn't holler so that the hole neighborhood hears it! Yes; you can have her. You've got 'em all now, lad; but for goodness sake, if anything happens to that 'ere poor, misguided gal, don't come and ask me for the old woman!"

Jackson solemnly promised that he never would.—Welcome.

MONTICELLO, Ill., March 26.—A terrific tornado swept over Platt County, to day, leveling buildings and destroying many thousands of dollars' worth of property. It was accompanied by a severe hail storm.

At Cerrito Gordo, near here, twenty-five buildings were destroyed.

The path of the wind was 200 feet wide. Barns and houses were carried from their foundations and demolished, and some people report seeing buildings whirled along in the air.—World.

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