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THE OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION: PRESIDENT SMITH'S EVIDENCE.

ELOQUENT DEFENCE

We give an extract from the evidence of Major Smith before the Investigating Committee at Girard College:

Smith before the investigating committee at Girard College: There has been a good deal said here about pa-triotism, loyalty, and the display of the flag. I am well aware of the story that has been going around for the last two or three years about the absence of the flag from the flag-staff on the Fourth of July, 1863. That case seems to have been abandoned here, however, for it is well enough known that the flag was shown on the main building, and illuminated with the Calcium light at night; also, that the hallinds of the flag-staff broke in the hands of my own son early on the morning of that day; also, that no repair was possible without sending down the topmast, and that no riggers were to be gotten to work at it on that holiday. The specifications on the sub-ject are confined to the single allegation that the flag was not displayed on the occasion of the dedication of the Getysburg Cemetery. This circumstance has been treasured up for a long time—more than three years, I think—and my recollection of it is not at all distinct. I have not the alightest recollection of any application having been made to me by the bys on that oc-casion, and I deny that I did then or at any other time. There is not for the more for all solemulty. casion, and I deny that I did then or at any other time, refuse an application from them to show the fing. And I here, once for all, solemnly dis-claim all, even the remotest intention to reflect any party or sentiment whatever by either the use or disease of the National Ensign. The cus-tom of nearly all my life has been to see the flag fly every day, but not in civil life. On all proper occasions, such as victories, and so forth, I assert and maintain that our flag has been shown, and challenge any specification to the contrary. None has been offered. One flag was lost by being half-masted during the solemnifies following President Lincoln's death, and the other in a similar way at the time that the remains of Professor Bache, the first Presi-dent of the College, were lying in state in this

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that the remains of Professor Bache, the first Presi-dent of the College, were lying in state in this city. The College was without a flag, and I be-lieve without the ability to purchase one until Mr. Simons kindly supplied the deficiency. To men who have never shown loyalty in any other way thin by loud professions and a display of bunding from their comfortable residences, such matters may innocently enough be the supreme test of logality. But, Mr. Chairman, there is an-other tourbatone, one *rub* of which will instantly distinguish the true metal. distinguish the true metal.

The flag is fired upon in Charleston Harbor, and lowered to rebel cannon at Sumter; at the call to arms a man lays down a congenial profession, his only means of support for his family; breaks his only means of support for his family; oreaks up a happy home, puts one son as a private in the Army, the other into the Navy, parts from his write and two daughters—himself volunteers in April, 1963, and before the end of that month is in the defences of Washington. Why should he do this? Why, sir, should *I* do this? Because I was, and am a thoroughly and accentially a loval man.

and essentially a loyal man. I served my country, eir, in the first rally for her defence. I served her with such knowledge as she had given me when she called me to assist in raising her armles, and part of the time, too,

in raising her armies, and part of the time, too, in a disloyal State. I served her amid the din and blood of the bat-tie field, the hardships and privations of the camp and the march. Let the loyalty that steps for-ward to fault mine, sir, come to me, tempered with the robel yell and smoked with rebel powder, and then I will try issues with it. One of the members who presumed to doubt my loyalty has said here that he had known offi-cers of the Army in Tennessee whose loyalty was open to his penetrating suspicions. That may, or may not be; but what carried that member to the neighborhood of the army? Was it patriot-ism? Was it loyalty?

officers of an army in the field generally know pretty well where lies the loyalty of their peace-loving visitors in campaigning times. Mr. Chairman, at the unsolicited call of my

imputation to me of their opinions. Hence, these angious efforts to faston disloyalty upon me. This can be nothing but a *political outery*. In view of the over shifting nature of the Board, there can acarcely ever be any stability in administering the College; and if the President is expected to be a politician, he must look to be caressed by one Board, at the expense of being kicked by another. This would add another element to the unfortu-nate condition of instability. OFTY BULLETIN. WOOLEN MILL BURNED .- This morning about half-past twelve o'clock the large stone mill at Willow avenue and Wilson street, Germantown, was discovered to be on fire by the engineer on the train on the Philadelphia, Germantown, and Norristown Railroad. The alarm was given by the furious blowing of the whistle on the locomo-tive, and the residents in the vicinity were thus irrouged. The firemen soon afterwards reached the scene buy in the meantime the figures had aroused. The itremen soon afterwards reached the scene, but in the meantime the fiames had been spreading stubbornly, and stoadly. The mill was three and a half stories in height and was built of stone. It has been known for a long time as Kelly's mill, and for many years Kelly's dam has been a famous resort for the juveniles for swimming in summer time, and for skating in winter. winter. The mill at the present time was owned and occupied by Joseph B. Scatchard, for the manu-facture of woolen goods. It contained much valuable machinery, some of which was entirely new, and had but recently been put in. A large rtock of raw material had also been laid in within a short time, in order that the mill might resume operations on full time.

operations on full time. Notwithstanding the efforts of the firemen, po-lice and citizens, the main mill was completely nce and children, the main min was completely gutted. The contents were entirely destroyed, and nothing remains but the bare wells. A portion of the stock which was in discon-nected buildings was saved by the police and firemen. These buildings were also preserved fortable.

through the greatest exertions. Mr. Scatchard estimates his loss at about \$40, Mr. Scatchard estimates in loss at above of the second sec SWINDLED .- Yesterday two men entered the store of Chas. Kopp, in Germantown, and commenced a conversation with Mr. K. They finally told him that they had goods valued at \$3,800 in the Custom House and wished to pay the duty,

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Mr. Chairman, at the unsolicited call of my fellow-citizens, of this my birth-place, and by the advice of comrades in arms, whose names are now the glory of our history: by and with the advice and consent of the Com-mander-in-Chief, fully and intelligently given, I came; and I say, sir, notwithstanding the affidavits of two of my opposers, to the effect that they never gave me any such assurances, that my term of office was to be "the same as that of the U. S. Army," that I came here with evory assurance from many of the gentlemen at that time constituting the Direction that I was safe from all influences extrinsic to official merit. The testimony before you of .good men and

The testimony before you of good men and true will corroberate my own opinion that the step was an unfortunate one, renewing to me all the efferings in the great cause of six years ago, then cheerfully encountered, but now endured in

It has been said that Fourth of July was never celebrated by me except by order of the Board.

celebrated by me except by order of the Board. It is not so, eir. In the year 1865, the rebellion being suppressed, it was I, sir, who proposed to the Board that they should make the day a special celebration by epending a little money for music and fre-works. This was done, and Mr. Lex has given you some account of the celebration. On every occasion I have kept the day by public and ap-propriate exercises in the chapel, consisting of the Declaration, singing, speeches, and such de-corations and appliances as I could command. I have never been out of the College on that day, but have, without a thought of all this

day, but have, without a thought of all this mouth-loyal criticism, borne my part in such a manner as should have placed me beyond the reach of slander.

I think, Mr. Chairman, that upon a general view of the whole case, these facts will appear: First.—That the manner of my removal from office was harsh, and entirely unprecedented. Such a mode of proceeding was never before

office was harsh, and entirely unprecedented. Such a mode of proceeding was never before heard of in this community, and the indigination so generally and publicly expressed, was a natu-ral feeling, as any one of the majority may easily see, if he would apply the circumstances to his own case or that of any of his friends. I deny positively that I had anything whatever to do with the publication of any newspaper arti-cle (except that in the Daily News, and that a de-fensive one and entirely respectful), and "the common origin" insinuated is to be found only in that "touch of a generous nature which makes the world a-kin." I refused to communicate anything to any paper. I refused positively to do so for the *Inguirer*. They sent a messenger to the College, with the request that I. would state upon paper my side of the case. This I refused upon paper my side of the case. This I refused

to do positively. Second—That these various reasons assigned, either did not exist in the minds of the majority, at the time of their action, and were afterwards where the time of their all sorts of sources; or else were wilfully and by cencert, concealed from a nu-merous minority. I am inclined to think that the former is the state of the case, as all the testi-mony as to facts is hearsay, and derived from the prejudices of subordinates; and the searching of records is admitted.

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Third-That the published statement of the majority, [which by-the-by is incorrect in its figures, and in some other respects. The number of abscondings in the first eighteen months, is or absorbings in the interesting to the number of another period is twice as great as my records show, and in another period the number is precisely correct, from such a day in the middle of the month to such another day in another month. But that,

from such a day in another month. But that, such another day in another month. But that, is, was copied from my private journal, which I brought to the Committee room, and forgot. I went out and left it there, and during the two hours that I was absent, it was copied out of it and published in the paper. That is correct, ninety-five is the number |--that statement I may, sit, whether of opinions acquired-previous or subsequent to their action, is so bit-ter and so severe as to over-shoot the mark, and reflect disgrace upon themselves, the College and the city, no matter how much praise they may take to themselves for their patience. For if these opinions existed be/fore their action they were culpably derelict; if formed or substantiated afterwards, they were culpably ignorant. But I hope, sir, that your committee will give its ver-dict, that unnecessary blame has been scattered broad-cast over everything relating to the Col-lege.

lege. Fourth-That the fundamental cause and object for my removal, was the ever troublesome con-ideration of politics. Now, sir, I never meddled in politics, what opinions I had by inheritance and association, happened to be adverse to those of the Board who elected me; but I cannot divest myself of the notion that I am suffering from the to dividing off the scats properly with an iron

re dast ho lived Haddonfield, Now Jersey. He was at one time a member of the dry-goods jobbing firm of Deal & Milligan, and at the time of his death he was enaningan, and at the inner of ins of the was on-gaged at the National Armor Works at Kaighn's Point. He was among the most active projectors of the Camden and Atlantic Railroad, and very prominent in the land association which caused Atlantic City to spring up among barren sands and dismal swamps. Mr. Milligan was a gentle-man of unusual kindness of heart and gen-erosity of disposition, and his many friends will hear with pain and sorrow of his unexpected death death.

DR. SCHENCK'S REMEDIES .--- We refer our readers to an article in another column of our paper, signed "One Who Knows," setting forth the peculiar claims to confidence of Dr. J. H. Schenck's Pulnonic Syrup, Seaweed Tonic and Mandrake Pills, and his mode of treating all cases of dis-eased lungs and respiratory organs. This, us ease in indige and respiratory organs. I fills, as well as the two former articles, are well worthy of a careful perneal, coming as they do from the pen of a practicing physician of this city, whose acknowledged skill and long practice eminently confift but to energy.

qualify him to speak. WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.-To-morrow will be the 136th Anniversary of Washington's birthday. In this State the day has been made a boliday, by act of Assembly, and it is partly observed as such in this city. A number of the military organizations in the city will parade to-morrow in honor of the occasion. The Soldiers of the War of 1812 will hold their usual meeting in the Supreme Court-room at 10 o'clock A. M. At the Polytechnic College there will be a cele-bration by the students. The exercises will conbration by the students. The exercises will con-sist of music, a recitation and au address.

AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY. -Last night an attempt was made to rob the wholesale grocery store of Krause & Kegrise, at Fourth and Vine streets. It is sup-Regrise, at Fourth and while stretes. At is sup-posed that the thieves were secreted in the cellar. They opened a trap-door leading into the store, and in doing so upset a barrel half-filled with mo-lasses. The noise thus made frightened the robers, and they left without taking any plunder with them.

FATAL FALL .-- A man named John Dransfield, was found dead in the yard of his dwelling, on School street. Germantown, a few mornings since. It is supposed that he got home late at night, and instead of awakening some of the in-mates, attempted to get into the house by the second story window. He fell and was badly injured, and died before daylight.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT .-- A man named John Collins was admitted into the Pennsyvania Hospital this morning. He is the mate of a vesse which is lying at the Breakwater, and on Monday last was struck by a hawser, and was seriously injured. He was brought to the city to-day on the steam-tug America.

SENT TO THE HOUSE OF REFUGE.-A colored boy, named James Bondy, employed in a house at Seventeenth and Chestnut streets, broke open a closet yesterday, and helped himself to \$5, belonging to his employer. He was arrested, and after a hearing before Alderman Hurley, was sent to the House of Refuge.

ALLEGED FUGITIVE CAPTURED .- James Shear was arrested yesterday by Detectives Tryon and Levy, upon the charge of having been concerned in a robbery of the barber shop of James Smith, in Harrisburg. He was taken to Harrisburg last night to await his trial.

TILL-TAPPING.-Two men entered a store, No. 231 South Fifth street, last evening, and while one claimed the attention of the attendant, by making a small purchase, the other robbed the money drawer of \$40.

SAILING OF THE JUNIATA .- The steamer Juniata of the Philadelphia and Southern Mail Steamshin Line, has arrived at her wharf, and will sail on Wednesday, February 26th, at 8 A. M.

Overcrowding Passenger Railway Cars. To the Editor of the Phila, Evening Bulletin :-

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