

Winchester, the Missing Aeronaut.

The Cincinnati *Times* of Saturday, furnishes the following as a probable clue to the fate of this gentleman :

We have obtained what may perhaps be considered a clue to the awful mystery in which the fate of Mr. WINCHESTER, the daring Norwalk aeronaut, is enveloped. A reliable gentleman of this city, in business on Main-street, informs us that on the day succeeding the ascension of Mr. WINCHESTER, from Norwalk, Ohio, a customer entering his store, remarked, "Have you seen the balloon?" Replying in the negative, the gentleman stepped to the door, and looking in a south westerly direction, perceived what at first appeared to be a balloon.

At the first glance it appeared to be very diminutive, but gradually it dilated and appeared in the shape of a huge bird with expanded wings, apparently 30 feet across. Changing again from that form it reassumed the shape of a balloon. A strongly magnifying telescope being procured, it was fixed upon the floating object, and many persons who had now assembled to gaze at the mysterious aerial stranger, agreed in the opinion that it was a balloon, and concurred in the belief that it was a *wreck*.

The gentlemen from whom we obtain the above information, states that about 150 persons were witnesses of the phenomenon. The information is certainly very vague, and to be sure it casts the painful mystery into a darker shadow, yet it may eventually lead to information that will remove the suspense that now oppresses the friends of the venturesome aerial navigator.

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