

From *On the Phantom Air Ship Mystery*

Former Kentucky Indian Fighter and Member of the House of Representatives for Yates Centre

LeRoy Farmer Alexander Hamilton stakes his sacred honour

Last Monday night he woke up near eleven

The bulldog playing pranks among the cattle

From the door an airship descending slowly on the cow lot forty rods off

With tenant Jed Hislip and son Will wielding axes he approached the corral

Not fifty yards away hovered thirty feet off the ground

Dimly flickering red a three hundred foot cigar

Metal strips suspended a brightly-lit gondola

At their curses a spotlight caught them

A thirty-foot turbine-wheel started to turn and buzz

And the vessel rose like a crow to hover three hundred feet over

A bawling two-year-old heifer jerking caught in the wire fence

Around her neck a red half-inch cable slip-knot pulled her upward

Impossible to undo or cut they freed her from the wire

To rise from sight crying out into the northwest

Neighbour "Red" Link found the bloodless gutted carcass next day

Colon cored out deep and genitals, lips, eyes, and tongue cut away

The State Oil Inspector, Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, Banker, Pharmacist, Lawyer, Justice of the

Peace, Druggist, Registrar of Deeds, and Postmaster swear on Hamilton's word