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The Doctors' Strike.

The New York *Herald*, in a manner that is not entirely free from an apparent desire for sensational effect is bearing Dr. Bliss and bailing Dr. Hammond, in their views of the presidential case and its treatment. The severe strictures of Hammond on Bliss are doubtless inspired by that spirit of jealousy which unhappily permeates their profession, and Hammond himself is not altogether free in the popular mind from a suspicion of charlatanism in his practice, or at least in his advertisement of it. Still, the facts marshalled by a *Herald* correspondent from Washington against Bliss, show that he is far from being possessed of the instincts of a gentleman, if indeed he has the professional qualifications of a good physician. The *Retrospect of American Medicine and Surgery*, published in Washington, is even more severe; in its animadversions upon Bliss's violation of professional etiquette; and, while it deprecates the unfortunate fact "that to the terrible attempt at assassination there should be added a scandal calculated to throw discredit upon the medical profession," it pronounces Dr. Bliss's treatment of Dr. Baxter inexcusable in any construction of the professional code of ethics. There can be no doubt that Bliss' dismissal of some of his colleagues was rude and unwarrantable in the manner of it.

It is refreshing, however, in this quartet of the doctors, to see their deference to our Agnew, and his demeanor may teach them some lessons of dignity and courtesy, that will be as useful and instructive as his surgical skill and professional judgment are available to them in their doubts and fears.

Tooe Late.

Some of the more independent and better class of New York newspapers are already quarrelling with their new New York Senator Miller, and strange to say, for the very cause which conspicuously existed as an objection to his election and to which they themselves had called public attention, but concerning which they were dumb as an oyster during his candidacy. The *Evening Post* and *Times* pounce down upon the luckless Miller for his recent deliverance at a papermaker's convention, where he declared in one breath, that he is opposed to any reduction of the duty on paper or on that wood-pulp in which he has a monopoly, and in the next that paper is sold as cheap in New York as in London. Quite naturally a less radical free-trade organ than the *Post* or *Times* would be disturbed by this logic into the inquiry of what use there is a tariff on paper, or of what hurt would its removal be. But the point to which the attention of these Republican organs more especially needs to be directed is that Mr. Miller had all these ideas when he was a candidate for political promotion, and when their condemnation of him might have obstructed his election. Nay, more, he had prostituted his position as Congressman, to serve his private interests, in impressing his views on the legislation of the country, and the *Times* and *Post*, and *Tribune* condemned him for it. They are very noisy now when their clamor will not avail, but when their protest could have been effective they were conveniently quiet.

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WHILE those Washington doctors have been making the American public's mouth over accounts of the president's toothsome repasts, Mrs. Garfield has been undermining their little game of gulling the people, and at last the mine is exploded. Under date of July 21, she wrote to her personal friend, Mrs. Harmon Austin, of Warren, as follows: "The general is just beginning to have a faint suggestion of an appetite. From newspaper reports you would suppose he had been taking beef steaks and lamb chops by the quantity, but the truth is he has only tasted them to gratify the doctors, and not always to his advantage."

Concerning Babies.

On the 10th of June the two-year-old child of Ernest Poyet, Matthewson, N. Y., was shot in the head. The ball was one was sleeping in its cradle, when a ball from a pistol fired 200 feet away passed through a wooden partition and into the child's head on the right side near the forehead. The ball has never been found or removed. Four days after the shot was fired the child had terrible convulsions, lasting four hours, and when these ceased it was observed that its left side was paralyzed.

The convulsions continued eight days, then ceased, and now this tough little specimen of humanity is getting well. Its mind is apparently as good as ever. It talks, and eats heartily. But the left side is totally paralyzed.

Two babies were born in the same house at Oakland, Tenn. The mothers were sisters, closely resembling each other, and the infants were both girls. In the excitement of the occasion the little ones got mixed, and this happened before they had been dressed, or in any other way marked for identification. There seems to be no way out of the uncertainty, for three months have passed without developing any resemblance to the father in either case, and with the girls growing up, it is most likely, with the physical characteristics of their mothers, nobody will ever know their exact parentage. The present agreement is to decide the question by lot.

A Politician Turned Grave-Robber.

Dick Allen, one of the most prominent colored politicians in Texas, who was, four years ago, candidate for lieutenant governor on the Republican ticket, is charged with stealing one of two bodies that were buried by the city of San Antonio after being examined for identification. Both bodies were interred in the same grave. One has been identified as that of a member of a well-known Presbyterian family of that state. Presbyterians are very indignant, and blame the undertaker into whose care the bodies were left.

SENATOR-ELECT MILLER appears on deck and pipes lustily for a South American line of steamships, and he wants the government to aid in establishing the same. The gentleman appears not to realize that protection of home industries, of which the manufacture of wood-pulp is a fitting example, debars South American products from our ports, and that his proposition favors too much of unsavory subsidies. The Brazilian project died out after a brief season of sickly existence, because government aid was withheld. When it shall become apparent

that a remunerative carrying trade can be prosecuted between our ports and the South American ports, the requisite facilities will be forthcoming without governmental nursing.

THE Republican politicians of Ohio are already beginning to speculate on the chances of the assault on Mr. Garfield operating in behalf of Republican success there this fall. For a commercial idea in politics the Ohio man is to be steadfastly depended upon.

MINOR TOPICS.

The German authorities have suppressed a translation of Emile Zola's "Nana," confiscating the books wherever found.

The American navy is not large, and this is a great injustice to watering places, for there are not officers enough to go around and furnish respectable representation at each. Newport seems to have a corner in naval pride just now, there being sixty of those interesting objects there with their families.

It will go hard with Englishmen captured by the Barbary free lances, as the government refuses to ransom them hereafter, unless engaged in an official capacity when captured. Some Englishman will fall into the hands of these freebooters one of these days, and the Barbary states will be made one of "our colonies" to pay it.

THE Hawaiian minister at Washington has written an official denial at the story that King Kalakaua is hawking his kingdom about with the hope of finding a purchaser. The minister explains that the government is a constitutional monarchy, and that the king can hardly sell out the Islands as if they were his private property.

WHEN our esteemed contemporary, the *New Era*, modestly claims that its publication of an abstract of Maj. Staymaker's master's report in the Ephrata case is "the first authentic account of the controversy which has been published"—it, of course, overlooks the fact that a more complete abstract of the same report appeared in the *INTELLIGENCER* a week ago.

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HOWEVER, we will let the state legislature decide the question.

LETTER FROM WILKES-BARRE.

The *Sengerfest-Music-Award of Friends—Grand Parade—Immense Parade—Wilkes-Barre Suggested as the Best City*.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., July 28, 1881.

The *Sengerfest* is over, and from all that I could see or learn, was one of the most enjoyable ever held. The town was filled to overflowing, every hotel and boarding place was filled with the crowds of blonde mustached singers.

On Monday all the incoming trains brought crowds of visitors. One party from New York alone, filled twenty-one cars. From all parts of the country visitors continually poured in.

On Monday the opening concert was given at 9th regiment armory.

Tuesday evening's concert was especially fine. The chorus by the whole association, with its hundreds of rich, powerful voices rising and falling, swelling forth and subsiding, was the grandest music imaginable. The prize singing, in which all the clubs except those participating from New York, filled the immense structure with burst after burst of melody. The prizes were awarded in the following order:

First, Scranton Leiderkranz.
Second, Hazleton Concordia.
Third, Hawley Maennerchor.
Fourth, Lackawanna Maennerchor.
Fifth, Allentown Leiderkranz.

On Wednesday all the associations paraded through the principal street of the city. The bands accompanying the organizations are worthy of mention comprising some of the best in this region. Leibold's band of New York, Bauer's and the 13th Battalion of Scranton, Ringgold of Reading were among the best.

After the parade all Wilkes-Barre repaired to the park just across the river and had a grand picnic. The scene at this park beggars description. Imagine six or seven thousand people crowded together in a small park, bands playing, associations discoursing vocal music, beer wagons rattling, glasses clinking, rapid feet tapping the dance floor, and you have but a faint idea of a German picnic. Booths were erected at remarkably short intervals all over the grounds and were patronized in a way that filled my unaccustomed mind with awe. Refrigerator cars will be scarce in other parts of the state, I verily believe, for it must have taken an immense lot to bring all the lager here. I would fear to risk a guess at the amount which passed down the throats of the thirsty and perspiring multitude. It was something calculated to fill the hearts of the temperance community with dismay. Although so much beer was put by them, Dr. Bliss moved an adjournment until the following morning, July 3.

Some interesting if not important particulars of the consultation of the surgeons held on this eventful Sunday have become known to your correspondent, who was enabled to get them from an eye-witness and auditor. The consultation began at eight o'clock, and at the opening there were present D. Smith Townshend, Dr. J. Woodford of the army; Dr. J. Hamilton, of the Marine hospital service; Dr. Philip S. Wales surgeon general of the navy; Joseph K. Barnes, surgeon general of the army; Dr. Patterson Coronel of the District of Columbia; Dr. D. W. Bliss, Dr. C. M. Ford, Dr. N. S. Lincoln, Dr. Basil Norris, of the army, and Dr. F. M. Gunnell, Dr. Rayburn was not present, being at the bedside of the president. Dr. Bliss, on being asked how he came to be present, replied that the president had asked him to stay that he did not desire any of the gentlemen sent to examine his wound, a committee consisting of Drs. Wales, Heyburn and Woodward, having been appointed Saturday evening for that purpose. The doctor further announced that he held in his hand the record of temperature, pulse and respiration which he would read for the information of those present. During the reading of the symptoms Surgeon General Barnes, who had remained with the president during the greater portion of the night previous, withdrew to an adjoining room. Dr. Bliss finished the reading and called upon the doctors before him for suggestions. Thereupon Dr. Woodward stated that he had had no experience with this class of cases, but he had spent the evening before in compiling a *resume* of cases of gunshot wounds of the liver recorded by Dr. Otis in the surgical history of the war. Among the cases there enumerated he cited one which had been treated to a successful issue by Dr. Bliss. The latter then said he remembered it very distinctly.

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