

Lancaster Intelligencer.

MONDAY EVENING, AUG. 15, 1881.

The President's Condition.

The reports from Washington disclose another very unfavorable view of the president's condition, and coming so soon after a series of reassurances from the physicians will, serve to create anew popular distrust of his bulletins. For weeks it has been noticeable that these bulletins only give one kind of news. Apart from the record of the pulse beats, respiration and temperature, which the medical reporters could not well cover, they are of no value whatever and only serve to mislead the public. One day after the other we have had the same story of improvement, cheerfulness, growing strength and increasing appetite, until, if they had all been true, the public would have a right to expect the president to be ready to take up his bed and walk. All the while there have been outgivings contradicting all of these bulletins reports. It has been known that nobody could see the president except his doctors, and Mr. Blaine's promulgation of his signature to an official document the other day had very much the appearance of having been a device to divert public attention from the consideration of the constitutional inability of the executive to perform the duties of his office. For, if Mr. Garfield was able to consider and discharge those duties, there was no need to confine him to one subscription of his name; and, if he was not, it was a petty device to force him to write his name to one unimportant paper and parade it before the country as an evidence that the president was not in the condition in which the constitution made his duties devolve upon Mr. Arthur—whom Mr. Blaine, it may be assumed, does not desire to have those duties shouldered upon. Mr. Arthur, to his credit be it said, has shown no unseemly desire to assume them. He may well shrink from the responsibility until it is forced upon him. But that is not a consideration for Mr. Blaine nor the physicians to judge of. Their course, in studiously misrepresenting their patient's condition, can only awaken a terrible feeling of resentment against them should it result in his death after this long continuance of hopeful assurances. Already there are professional mutterings against their mismanagement of the case, as well as forcible criticisms of the political aspects of its treatment. Both would be intensified by any resulting fatality; the fact that there is danger of this can no longer be disputed.

Necessary Reorganization.

The *Pittsville Chronicle*, one of the most intelligent and independent Democratic newspapers of the state, edited by Wm. Kennedy, esq., speaks strongly of the necessity for a system of rules to govern the Democratic organization of this state and declares, not without reason, that the lack of them up to this time is simply a disgrace to the intelligence and integrity of the party organization. Their failure has certainly led to a slipshod way of doing things, and a succession of irregularities that are always damaging and often disgraceful to the party. The trouble is that, in the absence of such rules, the things which they should govern are either left to the chances of the moment, or are decided accordingly as they affect the personal or factional interests of those who control their determination. Besides the general inefficiency of the state committee, and the lack of order in the organization of conventions, the *Chronicle* points out that: "No regular system is provided for the selection of delegates to our state conventions. In one county they are selected by the county committee as a whole; in another by the county committee cut up in sections; in another by the county conventions; and in another as the local leaders for the time being may deem best for the promotion of their personal interests. This loose manner of representation is in itself an invitation to fraud; and enables the representatives of the different factions to secure their ends by resort to questionable and dishonest methods. There has not been a Democratic state convention for ten years in which there has not been a wrangle over the admission of contesting delegations from Philadelphia, all of which lack of uniformity in the system of rules which should determine on their very face which is the regular delegation. There is no good reason why a rule should not be adopted, prescribing in definite terms the manner of electing delegates to the state convention, just as every county organization provides for the manner of electing delegates to the county convention."

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THE LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

The Liverpool convention has decided to continue the war against Chili. A fire occurred at Sofia on Friday night, which destroyed upwards of thirty houses. A strange epidemic is prostrating the horses in LaSalle, Ill. Four hundred animals are affected. Dennis Decker of Little Falls, N. Y., while moving a steam drill, was instantly killed by the drill falling on him and crushing his skull. The Prague theatre was totally destroyed by fire. It was only insured for 400,000 florins, which is but a small portion of its value. Charles Kolb, aged nineteen, was stabbed by a murderer named man in Baltimore and died. Kolb was pursuing a negro boy who had thrown an apple at him, when the fatal attack was made. John Savage, a railroad contractor up from Newburgh, N. Y., found a rich vein of iron ore on his mountain lands, and has become so crazy over it that he had to be taken to the asylum in iron. Parties from Rosebud, agency state that Spotted Tail was killed for seducing another Indian's squaw, and they say that this was his one hundred and fiftieth offense. In southern Illinois the corn will be an utter failure, not averaging a bushel to the acre. The wheat is the poorest crop for 30 years, falling 50 per cent below last year's crop. At Fort Smith, three white men and three Indians are lying in jail under sentence of death, to be executed on the 31st of September. The Indians are locked up together and the white men have a cell to themselves. The Lake Erie vineyards will produce a very small wine crop this year, not more than one-third the natural yield. This failure is attributed to the cold winter, late spring, sudden heat in May and dry summer. Rudolph Kohr, an Austrian, 35 years of age, shot himself fatally through the body at his New York boarding house, overcome with shame at detection in carrying off tobacco from his employees to be made into cigars at home. A band of cow boys recently attacked a caravan from Sonora on the way to Arizona, killed four of the party and carried off \$5,000 and the pack of animals. The civil authorities in Arizona seem powerless, and the Mexicans hold the Americans responsible for the outrage. An old building, four stories high, situated in the most frequented part of Vienna, next to the Graben, suddenly fell shortly before noon Saturday. The greater part of the house was occupied by offices and fashionable shops. Twenty lives were lost and thirty persons were seriously injured. A thirty-year-old woman, calling herself Mrs. Georgiana P. Konsist, of Baltimore, with two children at boarding school on the Hudson, has been arrested for getting goods and running up accounts in New York on the names of female friends who had credit at the stores which she victimized. Joseph Nevas, aged 26, while fixing electric-light wires in the Concker, N. J., fertilizing works, was caught in the shafting and whirled rapidly around. He was almost eviscerated. One arm was torn from its socket and both legs were broken. He died in a few hours, leaving a wife and child. The new comet is yet hurrying toward the earth and sun, but on account of the strong moonlight it escapes the eyes of the casual observer. Any kind of a spysglass, however, readily shows it with its short, straight tail, and is likely to become a conspicuous evening object low down in the northern part of the sky. It may yet be a great spectacle in the heavens.

STATE ITEMS.

Saturday's storm was very severe in Chambersburg. The church being badly demolished. In West Philadelphia many houses were unroofed. Jay Cooke has just found out and sent to a private asylum, with orders that she be made comfortable, one Sarah Marshall, who lost her money and reason in the panic to which his failure gave the start. A Williamsporter named D. H. Trexler was found dead floating to the door of his bedroom by his wife, at Market street, near Canal. He was a man of 48, and had been a useful citizen until financial losses deranged him. Hugh Mott, aged 20, and George Grubb, aged 50, well-known people of Chester, were drowned by the capsizing of a pleasure yacht off Reed Bank, N. J., of which they were the crew. The rest of whom a tug boat picked up. In Williamsport Eli Dixon, employed in Bastian's saw mill, had his right arm cut with a circular saw while pushing a log through. He lost a great amount of blood before surgical aid was obtained and died, leaving a wife and five children. Near Titusville the boiler in Isaiah Miller's lumber mill burst and probably fatally scalded Eugene F. Miller, a lad aged 15 years, who had been in charge. The boiler was an old one and had recently been repaired, but was tested at 120 pounds, cold water pressure. At the time of the explosion it is claimed that the gauge hand indicated only ninety pounds.

THE WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT.

The Washington correspondent of the *San* charges that Blaine was beginning to be much worried at the discussion in the press of the question of "inability to discharge the powers and duties" of the presidential office; that he got Garfield through an artifice of the doctors, to give him a pretext for declaring that this "inability" did not exist; and that when that paper was returned to Mr. Blaine with the signature of the sick man—for it must be borne in mind no member of the cabinet has conferred with the president at any time during his long illness—he was in high spirits and exclaimed, "I can now take my vacation." He had succeeded in getting a long-desired holiday, and also a certificate from his own hand that the president was not wholly disabled. DR. BLISS is catching it all around. The *Philadelphia Times* reiterates the substantial truth of the opinions which it ascribed to Dr. Agnew and which were a virtual condemnation of Bliss; Dr. Hammond has opened a broadside fire upon him; investigation shows his original diagnosis to have been incorrect and he himself now admits that Guiteau's bullet never struck the president's liver; everybody is ridiculing his bulletin announcements that Mr. Garfield slept "sweetly" and "took nourishment"; and demanding that this baby talk cease; "Young Dr. Bliss," who moves around the sick room whence cabinet officers are excluded, appears to be a dentist with no more business there than a chiropodist; and now Ramsdell writes that a suspicion is afloat in Washington that Dr. Bliss hurries from the sick chamber to a broker shop and carries on his stock dealings in accordance with his knowledge of his patient's condition.

PERSONAL.

Rev. SAMUEL DEERBROW, of Upper East Tennessee, has married 2,154 couples since 1849, receiving therefor about \$9,000 in fees. The lowest fee he took in was five cents in coppers. Although Governor BAGLEY, of Michigan left an estate valued at \$600,000, he directed that the family monument to be erected on his burial lot should cost no more than \$500. SARAH BERNHARDT has been in London in Brighton, in Birmingham, in Liverpool, in Manchester, in Glasgow, and in other important towns, but in no towns have her receipts equalled those in Dublin. JOHN COCHRANE, senator of the Third district Pa., died yesterday at Spring Lake, N. Y. Deceased was forty-one years old, a lawyer, and for nine years a member of select council from the Fifth ward, Philadelphia. He married the eldest daughter of Lewis C. Cassidy two years ago. The pretty little name of the Spanish pretender, DON CARLOS, is simply Charles Marie de los Dolores Jean Isidore Joseph Francois Quirin Antoine Michael Gabriel Raphael, Duke of Madrid. He is a tall, handsome and agile man, frank with all, and his receipts equalled those in Dublin.

THE TURTLE.

Hindoo and Checkmate made Saturday morning on the city of Hindoo won the champion stakes at Long Branch, in his own unapproachable style. At Saratoga Checkmate, with 131 pounds, defeated a good field in good time—a remarkable performance. It was formerly thought that Checkmate could not carry heavy weight, and could not win a long race. He has shown this year that he can do both in a way that no horse of his years in America can approach. Glenmore and Hindoo are his only rivals, and Hindoo four years younger, and Hindoo four years younger.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY COMMITTEE. Lancaster, Wednesday, August 31, Fixed for the County Convention. There was a very full attendance of the Democratic county committee at the meeting held at the city hall this morning. Lancaster, August 31, was fixed for the meeting of the district conventions to nominate delegates to the state convention and a general convention to name a county ticket. On the vote to fix Aug. 31, the ballot stood 20 yeas to 16 nays, the latter representing those who favored a later date, the candidates generally favoring the earlier time. It was resolved that in every district the hour and place of holding the primary meetings, on Saturday, August 27, should be the same. The names of the district committeemen to be announced by him at least one week before the time of holding them, by handbills posted in five public places in the district. It was also agreed, at the suggestion of the chairman of the county committee, that the county committee should elect three secretaries, one from each legislative district, who shall call to order their respective district conventions, the chairman to organize the county convention. Owing to vacancies occasioned by removals of county committeemen George W. Zoeller, in substituted for the Sixth ward, this city, and George N. Worst for Salisbury township. Adjournd.

LOSS OF LIFE IN STEAM VESSELS.

The Disaster to the City of Vera Cruz and the City of Alpena. It is ascertained that during the fiscal year of 1880-1881 there were 268 lives lost of passengers and crews upon merchant steam vessels of the United States from explosions, fires, collisions, snags and ship