

Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUG. 17, 1881.

No Cause for Panic.

There is no good reason why the business of the country should be affected by the life or death of the president, yet we fear that the concern which many people feel at his condition is greatly weighted by his apprehension that his death may disastrously affect their financial interests...

MINOR TOPICS.

HAY fever is here and with it the customary boom in handkerchiefs.

DAWES, with the solemnity of Pecksniff, gets up in the Springfield Republican and says: "I would look to the statistics less and to the statute-makers more!"

DR. NEWTON, the New Jersey state inspector of milk, says that there are no places in New Jersey where such much impure milk is sold as at Ocean Grove and Asbury Park, places that are commonly recommended for sick children.

SOMEBODY has started a report that each one of the president's physicians will charge him \$100 per day, and that Dr. Agnew will charge \$1,000 for each visit and \$5,000 for each of the two surgical operations which he has performed, besides consultation fees...

A REMARK by a prominent New Hampshire Democrat, "that it was a notorious fact that one-third of the voters of New Hampshire had become mercenary and venal," excites little comment in that state, because so well-informed person doubts that it is true.

A SPEECH made by a female at the "Christian Temperance Union," in Pittsburgh, on Sunday, illustrates how a good cause may be prejudiced by the folly of its advocates.

AN OLD STORY. Mr. Z. L. White, formerly a well-known Washington correspondent and now owner of a Providence paper, is a very intelligent and reputable witness of how the Republicans manufactured their case in 1876, such a case as it was.

A COMPROMISE on the land bill amendments has been substantially arrived at between the two houses. The Lords amendment which the government concurred in were not very important ones, but the Lords seized the opportunity to declare that, while they protested against the anti-landlord principle of the bill, they were satisfied with the concessions made by the House of Commons.

A MESSAGER correspondent is making up the Reformed church as its duty if it wants to do its work and keep its place in the great and growing state of Pennsylvania.

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to do with politics as is consistent with the duties of a citizen.

A few days after the battle of Ball Run, Hooker called at the White House to bid the president good-by. Taking him by the hand with that friendly detaching grasp so habitual with him, the president said: "Well, Colonel Hooker, what do you think of the battle of Ball Run?"

Mr. Lincoln, I was on the field that day, and I am a much better general than you had there," was the reply. The self-assertion and earnestness of Hooker's speech and manner struck Mr. Lincoln favorably.

Once when Queen Victoria met Dickens, Carlyle and Browning at a dinner party, arranged at her own request, she started as the subject of conversation the probable future of the second French Empire—a subject on which Carlyle was greatly at home, for in those days he was predicting, with singular clearness of vision, how the whole Napoleonic drama would be extinguished in flame and smoke from the stage on which it was acted.

Both were standing when the talk began, and as he warmed with his subject the Queen still remained on her feet. He desired greatly to sit down; was, in fact, weary, and finally said to her: "If your majesty would be seated we could carry on the discussion with more ease."

Of course, she had never realized his fatigue, but at once the Queen of England—and probably for the first time in her life as a Queen—took a seat at the invitation of a subject.

The Way It Was Done. Z. L. White, a well-known Republican journalist, late correspondent of the New York Tribune, has been giving recently some reminiscences of the period, and, in a letter to the Providence Star, he thus tells the story of the Republican meeting at the Essex Ball Room, Paris, and of the intimidation upon which so much stress was laid as arguments against the returns:

"I had a curiosity to see how the notaries public succeeded in getting the affidavits which were to be sworn to, and the process was something like this: A colored man was called up to the desk, where the chairman of the Republican committee of the parish in which the witness resided, or a Republican candidate for the Legislature from the same locality, sat with the notary. The former, after giving the name of the man to be examined, would begin: 'You live on the Judge James place, don't you?'"

"Yes, sah."

"Then the notary would write down: 'Julius Caesar (colored), being duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is a resident of East Baton Rouge Parish, and lives upon Judge James' Place.'"

"Republican Manager—You vote at the cross road store in the Post Oak Swamp, don't you?"

"Yes—'Yis, sah.'"

"Notary, you are a citizen and a voter, and that he registered and voted in the election held on the 7th day of November, 1879, at the polls held in the cross roads store, in the Post Oak Swamp."

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IN DOUBT. A VERY CRITICAL CONDITION. The President at Death's Gate.

Within the last three days the president's case has taken a most unfortunate turn, the gravity of which the physicians in attendance do not attempt to disguise.

The healing of the ground proceeds in the most satisfactory manner, but the recuperative energy of the patient has received a sudden check by the refusal of the stomach to perform its legitimate functions.

The doctors claim to have done all they could to sustain a system already enfeebled by a severe and continued strain and all but totally prostrated by the breakdown of the ordinary process of digestion.

So far their efforts have been successful, but it is evident that abnormal methods of nutrition which might bring a patient through a serious attack of gastric derangement may prove entirely unavailing in the case of a system which has to repair the constant and exhausting waste incident to the discharge from a grievous wound.

The president was reported last night to be a little better. The improvement is so slight, however, that physicians can not make any definite hope of his recovery. If it continues at the same rate forty-eight hours longer, one of their number cautiously says, there will be ground for hope.

The improvement is indicated by a rise in the temperature of the patient's body from a point a little below the normal limit to a point a little above it, as if his system were feebly rallying its forces once more.

This is a matter of degree of temperature only, but it is added that the patient is looking better and is in better spirits.

Nevertheless, it is still so near that the faintest change for the better is welcomed as a great relief.

From 7 o'clock last evening until midnight there was a slight improvement and no recurrence of nausea, and the pulse at 10 o'clock had gone up to 114, the temperature and respiration were about normal and so continued to near midnight, when he was arranged for the night by the surgeon in charge.

He rests well, his frequent sleep being tranquil and natural and refreshing. Good effects are visible from the treatment, the absence of pulse being regarded as evidence that the system is absorbing the nourishment thus administered.

Before retiring for the night Dr. Bliss said there was no trouble except what was derived from the derangement of the stomach, and he is confident that the system will be controlled.

His feeling on his part is based on careful examination of all the causes and symptoms, and he said that Dr. Agnew fully concurred in the belief that the improvement made by the president removes the cause for alarm.

Whether the system has to be repaired to the extent that will enable the president to take nourishment in the natural way can only be ascertained by actual experiment and the test will likely be made with beef peptones.

Should it remain rebellious, enemata will be continued until the system is brought to normal condition, and of the ability of the surgeon to hold up the president until the stomach resumes its functions Dr. Bliss has not the slightest doubt.

The wound is now causing no anxiety, is granulating rapidly and satisfactorily, and is not a source of danger.

In concluding his talk at midnight Dr. Bliss said with earnestness: "The president is a very sick man, but I am confident he will get well."

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J. S. Carr, aged 40, who recently failed in New York city where he was engaged in a mercantile business, came to Philadelphia about two weeks ago and has been stopping ever since with some friends at No. 1351 Walnut street, where he died of melancholy he has shot himself four times in the body and will die.

In Frankfort, Ky., John Finn, a desperado, shot Thomas Bridgford in a saloon at midnight on Sunday. Bridgford died last evening from the effects of the wound. He was a confirmed intemperate, but entirely harmless and inoffensive, and gave no provocation whatever for the murderous act.

It is feared that Apache Indians in New Mexico have captured the scientific exploring party sent out by the Kansas state university, consisting of Frank S. Professor of natural history; his youthful son, Herbert S. Professor of astronomy, late of Elizabeth, N. J., and Lewis L. Dyche, a student.

At Caraco & Fay's mining camp, twenty-eight miles from Gunnison, five men were preparing a blast, when the glycerine prematurely exploded. L. Sweeney was blown into the air and is supposed to be buried under the rocks thrown up by the explosion. Jesse Freze (colored) was instantly killed, and his body badly mangled. Two others were fatally mangled, and the other escaped unhurt.

An unsuccessful attempt was made near Antonio, Texas, to wreck an excursion train having on board 350 men, women and children, by laying cross ties across the track. The train was going at the rate of thirty miles an hour, and the engine striking the ties, threw them from the track in every direction. Five men were riding on the cowcatcher were badly bruised.

Schauberger's comet which, at the time of discovery, and for some time after, was only visible in the morning northeastern sky, can now be seen in the evening low down in the north northwest. The nucleus is bright, large and very diffused; the tail narrow and straight, and pointing towards the west, although it was nearest the sun and earth about the twentieth inst., it may develop unusual brilliancy after its perihelion passage and should be attentively watched.

A rancho fifteen miles east of Elrita has been burned and one Mexican woman and boy killed by Apache. The report of the destruction of a village, the