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The President.

There is nothing encouraging nor consoling in the reports from Washington of the president's condition, and everything to warrant the profoundest public apprehension of a fatal termination of his long sufferings. It is confessed that no period of his illness has been more critical than the present, and that now after seven weeks his recovery is quite as doubtful as ever. No spasmodic bulletins of a cheerful character or encouraging tone will suddenly allay this popular impression or give the public mind a restful idea about the nation's patient. The discovery that the physicians have greatly erred in their appreciation of his recent condition is disturbing and calculated to make the people discredit all reports now reaching them. When the recent unfavorable turn occurred it was given out that the trouble was entirely with the president's stomach, that his wound had healed nicely, and no trouble need be feared from that source. Even when the glandular inflammation on his neck appeared, the assurances given concerning the healing of the wound dissipated fears that this outbreak might have resulted from blood-poisoning, and with the successful administration of nutritive enemata it was confidently asserted that the stomach would be restored, and the patient kept in such condition that the healing of his wound would progress satisfactorily. Now there has been another serious relapse and all the conditions of a very critical and dangerous state are manifested. In explanation of it Dr. Bliss relates that the obstruction to the drainage tube, four inches from the mouth of the late incision, which had been taken as a sign of the healing of the wound, to that point, was, instead of this favorable condition, only a hindrance to communication with the deeper and unhealed interior of the wound, where the action of the injury was still going on, the pus forming and being carried off somewhere. With the removal from the passage of a large piece of cellular tissue that had sloughed off and closed the track of the ball to the drainage tube, the latter was inserted to the depth of twelve and a half inches and the ball is still beyond that. It is feared that while this drainage was obstructed the secretion of the pus in the wound induced blood-poisoning, of which the parotid affection was a symptom. But as it may, the president's condition is undoubtedly very serious, and after forty days it is thus described by a Washington correspondent: "He is now so weak and helpless that he can scarcely move a limb. He can hardly talk above a whisper and only then with an effort. His wound is still unhealed in the portion where it should be healed. The track of the ball has been traced twelve and a-half inches from the last incision downward and forward, which is a distance of fifteen and a-half inches from where the ball entered the body, and yet the location of the ball itself has not been found."

PERSONAL.

JOHN E. OWENS, actor, once rich, has lost so heavily that he may yet have to walk home. Mr. R. B. HAYES during his visit to England will be the guest of Mr. Puleston, member of Parliament. MARY ANDERSON has a dove-cottage at Long Branch, which is attracting no end of admiration and attention, and is just budding into nineteen years as usual. The will of the widow of the late ex-President MILLARD FILLMORE leaves public bequests to the amount of \$50,000, among which is one of \$20,000 to the university of Rochester. WILLIAM GOODERHALL, sr., founder of the distillery firm of Gooderhall & Worts, probably the largest in the world, died in Toronto yesterday. It is said that he was worth \$100,000. It is telegraphed from St. Louis to the New York World that among the members of the American Pharmaceutical association arrived in that city is "Charles A. Heintze, of Lancaster, Pa." Such is fame for our fellow citizen and druggist CHAS. A. HEINTZE. MORRIS GENSHEL and Prof. C. MATZ, who with their families, have been taking summer leisure for two weeks at A. D. Gyger's Green Tree hotel, Refton, declare that nobody does far further from Lancaster than that for health, recreation and an abundantly good time. FRANK WALWORTH, who shot his father in New York, some years ago, is now at Saratoga, where he has achieved a good deal of success as a tennis player. It is said that he will shortly marry a beautiful young heiress who has spent several summers at the springs. HENRY MURKIN, "Count of Colorado," at one time a millionaire and a leader of fashion in the West, and who spent \$60,000 in one visit to Europe, slept recently on the floor of a barber shop in Denver because the proprietor could not find it in his heart to eject the now shattered old man. Some interest is felt in fashionable circles in Paris by the announcement of the approaching marriage of the Duchesse de RICHELIEU with Sir HICKMAN BACON, Bart. The duchess, who bears the historical name of Richelieu, has been a widow about two years. She is the daughter of M. and Mrs. Heine, Franco-American-German stars in the financial firmament of Paris, and it is expected she will inherit a very large fortune. Sir Hickman Bacon is the premier baronet of England, and is known in society chiefly by the remarkably short term of his military career in the Guards. ROBERT BROWNING has written 163 poems, of from 21,116 lines to four lines in length, besides his prose essay on "Shelley, the Poet Objective and Unobjective," etc., in 1853. It is pretty well known that Mr. Browning, in 1871, departed from his general rule of not publishing any of his pieces in periodicals, for the purpose of getting £100 for the fund for feeding Paris after the siege. But only close students of him know of his earlier breakings of his rule in 1844 and 1845, when, in order to help poor Howard in the distressing illness which ended in his death, Mr. Browning let him have a number of poems. Dr. J. G. LICHTNER, writing to us from Alleenville, Michigan county, and enclosing his INTELLIGENCER subscription, says: "I was in the war of 1813, in the battle of North Point, the time the British made raid on Baltimore, I was wounded in the leg, although I am, thank God, a sound man and a Democrat all my days, and have carried a lancet in my pocket for 55 years. Prof. Gross says it is the art. And I have a coffee mill, such as you nail to the wall or any other convenient place, which has been in operation for over fifty years in continued use, and I have no doubt that it will operate well for the next 50 years. I have a clock running in my office which has been in the Lightner family, for I think as long as I can recollect and that is 80 years, and I should say 120 years at least. It was about the first clock that came into Lancaster county and is running well and able to keep good time as ever it did."

Agita' It.

The Philadelphia Times says: They are talking in Lancaster of organizing a citizens' committee, irrespective of party, to purify the politics of that corrupt county. Undoubtedly such a committee of this sort is needed, and it has already been shown by experience in many places that there is nothing like a determined and well-organized committee of citizens to purify the politics of any locality. Lancaster needs something of this kind. So had become the methods of her politicians that last winter a law was passed by the Legislature which grew out of necessity of doing something to check the shameless corruption in Lancaster county politics. It was made a general law because that is the only form in which it could be passed. It seems, however, that something more than law is necessary to restrain Lancaster wickedness. There has been this kind of talk, and there is no doubt of the necessity of some such movement here. The INTELLIGENCER and the New Era both favor it. The Examiner takes no stock in it and has no faith in it. It professes "ardent desire and enthusiasm" to reach the ends in view, but rejects the proposition for a mixed committee to effect reforms, partly because it comes from the INTELLIGENCER and partly because its editor having been "for more than thirty years very closely identified with party organization in both the county and ward," he has seen the abusive methods complained of prevail and wax more and more frequent; and he is not prepared to take a "sleepy dose" which will lead to their suppression. The Examiner does not propose any other method to put a stop to them, and it is fair to presume it likes them. The Examiner is for reform, "but agin' its enforcement."

WE rejoice with our contemporaries in the three completed squares of Belgium block pavements on the streets of Lancaster. In justice to the living as well as the dead, however, they should be reminded that Mayor MacIntosh's recommendations of this kind of improvement were made before the late Maj. Shenk was in council, and that Maj. Shenk's methods of rushing ahead with the work, regardless of the ordinances or the appropriations, is not the proper way to make even municipal "improvements."

DESPITE the president's critical condition, the country has something to be thankful for. The hail has not hurt all the tobacco, there will be a half crop of corn anyway, the dog days are getting toward the tail end, and Jo. Howard's "tale of two cities" has come to an end in the Philadelphia Times. He killed off all the characters except three, and these he left for the coming American novelist to dispatch only because those whom he slew were so numerous that he had exhausted all the devices of death-dealing in getting them off his hands. A BURIAL of the uncut watermelon in ice for two days is wise. Then cut lengthwise, and eat between meals. People deal unjustly with this fruit sometimes by eating a hearty dinner first, and then topping off with a melon, and then a moral earthquake sets up in the interior, they charge it to the melon. The watermelon was intended as an episode—a nocturne in green and red—not to be mingled with bacon and greens. Its indulgence leaves a certain epigastric expansion, but this is painless and evanescent. The remedy is to loosen the waistband and—take another slice.

WITH a view to affording relief to persons who receive abusive and annoying postal cards through the mails the following general instructions to postmasters will soon be issued from the postoffice department: When any one is annoyed or expects to be annoyed by postal cards, sent from any particular place or from any known person, he may direct the postmaster at the point named to destroy all postal cards addressed to him, or cards from any person named, so addressed, and as far as the discharge of the duties of the office permit sufficient examination, the postmaster should comply with the request. The same request may be made of the receiving postmaster. The direction to the postmaster should be in writing and should be filed for preservation.

THE Chicago Tribune cannot see any sense in a big war for this country. Acquisition of territory in any other part of the world is inconsistent with the mission of our government. The Americans will never need a fleet in the British channel, or the Baltic, or the Mediterranean. They will never want to bombard Liverpool, or Cork, or Havre, or Marseilles, nor to undertake the destruction of any foreign city. Hence we want no great battering rams for use on the high seas. The first and most important naval need in this country is for defense. Big guns and torpedoes are the most necessary appliances. The chief requisite for aggressive warfare on the ocean is a fleet of independent and swift vessels to prey upon foreign commerce—ships that can overtake merchant vessels and run away from the ponderous men-of-war. The time to provide the most approved ships of this description will be when they shall be actually needed.

Two dead bodies have been taken from the canal in Lowell, Mass. One found in the Hamilton canal, was that of Edw. W. Hasey, aged sixty-seven years. A wound on the forehead led to the supposition that he had been murdered and thrown into the canal, but now it is believed that he either fell in accidentally or committed suicide. The other body is that of a young woman, apparently about twenty years of age, and was taken from the Suffolk canal. The body was partially identified as that of Lizzie Aberton by several persons, including her brother, but that young lady has since been found alive. The stranger is slightly over five feet in height, and wore a gray sack and black button dress.

The Small Boy. In Kingston, N. Y., an eight-year-old son of M. Shout (mark the name) having seen the woman cast out of the circus canon tried it on his younger brother who was placed on a second story window sill against the closed blinds. The older brother then pointed a chair at him and exploded a firecracker. The boy in the window, according to a previous command, threw himself backward at the explosion, and the shutters opening, he fell to the ground, a distance of twenty feet. His injuries are very severe and may prove fatal.

Peppered with Shells. Maurice Reilly, who was employed in the priming-room at the Winchester Armory at \$1.75 per day, was arranging 70,000 primers preparatory to using the shells, when one of them exploded. The explosion was a little puff, a little flash, and the flying away of a tiny piece of metal, but that little flash caused 70,000 pieces of metal to fly, and resulted in one of the most serious accidents that has ever before occurred at the armory. There was no spot two inches square on the front of Reilly's person that did not show where the shells had penetrated, and his clothing was cut to pieces.

MINOR TOPICS.

The late Duke of Portland, who was well-known as a friend to the newspapers and who spent over \$6,000 a year in newspaper subscription, used to subscribe for four copies of any paper that pleased him. The Scotch law makes provision for a verdict "not proven," which means that the defendant is guilty, but the evidence was not sufficient in law to make out the case. Even in Caledonia it has happened that after such a verdict and the acquittal of the accused, a crime like that alleged against him was committed in the neighborhood. The New York World, after a long par-turition of "typographical improvements," each one of which made it uglier than before, has come forth in a new suit. Its former head, about the only surviving beauty of its dress, has given place to a homely one in imitation of the New York Herald, and the other changes are good, bad and indifferent. Its editorial page, however, always handsome and never dull, keeps up its wonted brilliancy of aspect and of expression. At the elections for members of the Chamber of Deputies in Spain, of 147 seats only about twenty were obtained by the various shades of the opposition. The results of the French elections as far as they are known at present are almost exclusively Republican. In both sections of the Paris arrondissement the struggle has been fierce, and M. Gambetta, though generally believed to have been in each elected, in each came within an ace of being beaten.

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