

Lancaster Intelligencer.

MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 29, 1881.

Fate and the Doctors.

We ought to have known better than to have given the president up because his doctors did; but there are so many of them and they had been so sanguine that their hopefulness was hard to withstand. We know better now, however, than to unduly trust to their present hopefulness. It may be justified, but we cannot permit ourselves to follow their blind moods. Prudent doctors never speak confidently of the issue of their cases. They are too wise to predict life or death, knowing how liable they are to make a wrong forecast. It seems as though fate takes a malicious pleasure in putting to confusion doctors' predictions in the case of distinguished men upon whose beds of illness the eyes of the country are turned. The notable case of Charles O'Connor, who recovered after the doctors said he must surely die, will rise up to the recollection of our readers and give them comfort in their thought of the president. It may be disquieting that now Bliss is again hopeful; but Bliss ought to be without power to affect anybody's views but his own agreeably or otherwise. The fact seems to be too plain that Bliss don't know anything, or not much anyway. We are sorry for Bliss. If he had but kept a stiff upper lip a day longer, maybe his hopefulness would have been rewarded with his patient's recovery, to the great benefit of his reputation. The obvious moral is that when you don't know anything about a thing concerning which you are expected to know a great deal, it is wise when you pick your side to stick to it till the last hour blows, and calmly take the even chance you have of coming out right. This is the lesson experienced doctors have learned by heart; and you can no more smoke a decided opinion of the event of their efforts out of the sky old dogs than you can get a stone to speak. But Bliss is an innocent.

Farr's Black Morning.

The Berks county Republicans declined at their convention to permit the governor's private secretary to be a member of the committee on resolutions; which was very rough treatment of the secretary, who would like to have been the candidate for lieutenant-governor; upon which aspiration the convention also sat down, recommending instead Mr. J. Howard Jacobs. Altogether the governor's private secretary may consider himself a very much abused individual in the house of his friends. As he is a right clever gentleman he has our sympathy; and we regret that his fellow Republicans of Berks, who ought to know him better, do not seem to esteem him so very. Still, convention verdicts are a very unreliable test of merit, and we may be permitted to suppose that even though Col. Farr is not fit to resolve the Republican sentiment of Berks county, or represent it as lieutenant-governor, he still may be a good enough fellow, and not wholly worthy of being cast into the outer political darkness in which he at present appears to rest. It is always darkest just before the dawn, and we see to-day the resurrection twinkle of a little star amid the Cimierian darkness of Col. Farr's political morning. The New York Sun publishes—somewhat prematurely—a cabinet for President Arthur, in which Governor Hoyt is set down for the fat post of the interior. Such a prospect is calculated to bring comfort to the governor's friends and dependents, high among whom Col. Farr stands enrolled. The present private secretary to a coming secretary of the interior, ought not to be wholly disconsolate, even though the Republicans of his county have just undertaken to drown him. Mr. Arthur, to be sure, is not quite so much of a president-to-day as he was, and Governor Hoyt is not yet secretary; but still, Col. Farr's blackest day is Saturday; as it was the country's.

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The dedication of a Mennonite church in the city of Philadelphia is a landmark in the history of this denomination. The plain but worthy people who compose it have hitherto generally kept clear of the cities. But their thrift leading them to engage in the varied business interests of the day, has directed large numbers of their people to the centres of trade, and to hold them to their faith and provide for their spiritual wants the church has promptly followed. Each branch of the denomination has for some time past had its meeting house in this city, where year after year the Mennonite population increased.

PERSONAL.

SAMUEL B. RUGGLES, of New York, has died of paralysis at Fire Island, aged 83 years.

Senator DON CAMERON, with his wife and family, are at the Oriental hotel, on Coney Island, Mrs. Cameron's admirers "find no objections to their claim that she is easily the belle of the house."

Rev. Father NUGENT, of Liverpool, Eng., and Loock Webb, a prominent English lawyer, have arrived in Ottawa on their way to Manitoba. Father Nugent goes to Canada to further the immigration of Catholic children.

Mrs. HOPKINS has been removed by Judge Halsey, of San Francisco, from the administration of the Mark Hopkins estate, worth \$13,000,000. The reason given is abuse of administration and failure to file an inventory of the property in the proper time.

CHARLES G. KING, of the cotton firm of William J. King & Co., of Providence, Rhode Island, died on Saturday. Rev. Austin Craig, D. D., principal of the Biblical institute at Stanfordsville, N. Y., died on Saturday of cholera morbus, having been taken sick on Friday night.

CHAS. A. HERNSTEIN sends us Kansas City papers with full accounts of the annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical association, in session there, which he has been attending. The druggists had a good time of it, a fine banquet and an excursion to Denver. Next year they will meet at Niagara Falls.

JAMES F. D. LASTER, one of the founders of the banking house of Winslow, Lanier & Co., died at his residence in New York on Saturday, in the 81st year of his age. He was also one of the founders and incorporators of the state bank of Indiana, and later of the Third national bank of New York. He retired from active business about ten years ago.

THE CLOUD OVER WASHINGTON.

A Glimpse of Silver Lining. The slight amelioration of the president's condition on Saturday afternoon, following the profound depression and alarming symptoms of the morning of that day, maintained throughout Saturday night, and yesterday so perceptible an improvement of the systems was noted that the physicians and attendants did not hesitate to express hopes of his ultimate recovery. After the issue of the noon bulletin yesterday, Dr. Grayson is reported as saying that "he thought that the president had more than an even chance" and Dr. Hamilton said: "We have passed the breakers and are now aloft." There was an improvement yesterday in pulse and temperature, in the condition of the swollen gland, which was again lanced and relieved of a quantity of healthy pus; in the patient's digestion, and in his mental condition, he being entirely free from hallucinations. At 8:30 a. m., yesterday the pulse was 100, temperature 99.4, respiration 17. At 12:30 p. m., the pulse was 104, temperature 99.5, respiration 18. At 6:20 p. m., pulse 110, temperature 99.7, respiration 20. Secretary Blaine telegraphed to London, at 10 o'clock last night that the president's condition continues to improve and could be expected, and that the general feeling was one of hopefulness, but that "two or three days more improvement would be needed to inspire confidence."

Dispatches from New York, Boston, Montreal, and other cities in the United States and Canada, report great public anxiety on Saturday, and general rejoicing yesterday over the improvement in President Garfield's condition. Prayers were offered in the various churches for his recovery, and devoutly surrounded the bulletin boards to get the late reports.

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BY RAIL.

TRAGIC DEATH OF A BRIDEGROOM.

Wayward Wives Caught in Transit. Rev. E. Bowen, a Welsh clergyman of Gibson, Pa., fell under a moving passenger train at the Erie railroad depot at Carbondale, and had one leg taken off and the other badly bruised. He is in a critical condition. He was at one time pastor of a church at Wilkesbarre and was one of the earliest settlers near Carbondale.

Noted on His Wedding Tour.

A very sad and painful accident near Amsterdam, N. Y., resulted in the killing of Mr. John F. Hobbs, a young farmer, of about thirty-two years of age, and a resident of Fort Hampton, New Hampshire. The unfortunate man was on his wedding tour and was on his way to Niagara Falls, together with his wife. They were seated in a drawing room car attached to train No. 5. When about a mile from the station, Mr. Hobbs, in a state of forgetfulness, allowed his left arm to rest against a note on the window ledge, which instant a freight train came east, which had a loose, swinging door that scraped the cars badly and crushed Hobbs's arm in a shocking manner. He was immediately taken from the train and amputation was necessary, but it was too late. The young man survived only a few hours after the operation was performed. The shock has completely prostrated his wife with grief.

They Did Not "Go West." David Walker, of No. 8 Commercial street, Newark, a respectable manufacturer, received a note yesterday from a man, known source, advising him that if he watched a certain train at the Erie railway depot he would find something of importance to him. He went there and found his wife, who is 40 years of age, with a Saratoga trunk and Mrs. Augusta Zimmerman, ready to start for Jersey City and then to Leadville, Col. They had already purchased their tickets. There was one man in the case, who seemed to be very busy looking after the baggage. Walker's wife readily disposed of all questions by informing her husband that she and made up her mind to leave him and "go to the far West, where a woman would have a better chance than in Newark." Her husband reasoned with her and begged and entreated her to return home for the sake of her children if not for his and her own, but it was no use, however. Her husband then called a policeman and had his wife arrested, but the police justice decided that the woman could not be restrained of her liberty as she had committed no crime within the law. The husband seized the trunk, which she would not give up, and she was taken to the police station, where she was held for herself and companions—for it is believed the man referred to as caring for the luggage was their company. Mrs. Zimmerman had no funds and was obliged to postpone her trip. Walker was two grown-up daughters, who are now away visiting. She took advantage of their absence to start. The mother is a comely woman of forty-five. It is said that she was influenced by Mrs. Zimmerman, who told tales of luxury and wealth to be secured among the rich miners of Colorado.

REORGANIZATION.

Rules for the Democratic Party. Erie Observer.

The Democratic state committee did a sensible thing in appointing a committee to report rules to the coming state convention. It is a question of the number of members of the party. The gentlemen composing the committee are also wise selections. The press is discussing the subject, and good will result. The Harrisburg Patriot proposes the abolition of senatorial districts, and abolishing the number of representatives delegates. This is a move in the right direction.

The writer made a motion in the state convention at Pittsburgh in 1874, to abolish senatorial districts, but it was not adopted. It was not, however, coupled with the other reforms, and the number of representative delegates.

There is much difficulty, especially where several counties compose a senatorial district, to secure a meeting of delegates to choose a senatorial delegate, and contents are not to be expected, and that the general feeling was one of hopefulness, but that "two or three days more improvement would be needed to inspire confidence."

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Scattering Results in the Rural Districts.

A New Candidate for Commissioner.

The Democracy of the county held primary meetings on Saturday, to elect delegates to the county convention, and county commissioner for the ensuing year. If anybody thinks the party is dead in this minority county, he has every reason to change his mind, for livelier delegate meetings have seldom been held in this bailiwick. The unusual interest felt in these elections has been due entirely to the lively canvass for the nomination for county commissioner, for which to the candidates already announced the name of Geo. W. Wormley, of West Killbuck, is now to be added and Isaiah McKinnis is withdrawn.

In this city, in a number of the wards, there was no contest for delegates or commissioner, and no delegates were elected. Only one set of candidates, conceded to be friendly to Mr. Henry F. Hartman for commissioner, there was a light vote and little interest felt in the election. In the First there was a slight individual contest and delegates favorable to the election of Mr. Hartman were chosen. In the Sixth it was a sort of go-as-you-please and the result is claimed to be a "mixed" victory. In the Fifth there was an individual contest and the delegates chosen are for Hartman. In the Eighth there was a contest, which seems to have had only an individual significance, as all the candidates were claimed to be for Hartman.

The most exciting struggle in the city, and one which engaged the attention of outsiders from nearly all the other wards was at the Second ward polls. The friends of Mr. Hartman in this ward some months ago organized a club and have held regular meetings and nominated a full set of delegates in his interest. Some of the other active and influential Democrats of the ward seemed to have been induced to support an ticket, with five other names on it, which the Hartman men said was in the Hildebrandt interest. Both sides were well organized, and the result was the remarkable poll of 265 votes. The polls were open from 6 to 9 p. m., and the canvass, which continued until 11 o'clock, was managed in the best possible manner, and with excellent order. Landlord Jake Smith, of the County house, under a delusion, tried to vote, but the ballot was declined with thanks by both sides. The result was awaited with great interest and when it was announced it was found that the Hartman ticket was beaten by from 12 to 14 votes.

In the Country.

In New Holland, where some excitement was created by the call of the meeting at the unusual hour of 9 a. m., there was a contest between the friends and opponents of Mr. Henry F. Hartman. His friends, but his friends rallied at the hour appointed and carried the day.

From Millersville there is a report of two sets of delegates, having, however, some names in common, one of which was elected at the election on Friday evening held at the call of the county committee, as follows: First Ward—W. H. Roland, Second Ward—W. H. Hensele, Third Ward—J. F. Deichler, Fourth Ward—R. A. Smith, Fifth Ward—Fred. Hartmeyer, Sixth Ward—Geo. Zeicher, Seventh Ward—H