

The Nation's Patient.

General Grant is still among the living, but his death is expected at any hour. He has fought the grim monster Death bravely, but according to his own words he seems to think further struggle is useless, and he is resigned to go when the moment comes.

WORK AT HARRISBURG.

Monday evening session opened as usual with the same quiet demeanor. Very little excitement prevailed during the week owing to the gloom hovering over the House caused by the illness of General Grant; much sympathy is expressed here, and every bulletin is hurriedly perused with anxiety.

The House succeeded in transcribing the following appropriation bills to third reading: \$22,277 to provide for a deficit in the Department for the support of Children of deceased Soldiers; \$13,800 for current expenses Board of Charities; \$10,000 for Board of Agriculture, which caused a heated debate, but was finally transcribed for third reading; \$159,326 for Reform School at Morgana; \$125,500 for the Western Penn'a Hospital at Pittsburgh; \$59,300 for the State Hospital at Warren; \$450,000 for the Industrial Hospital at Huntingdon, to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a Soldiers Home; and \$504,300 to other Hospitals, &c.

It is with much regret that the seat of Mr. Berry, of your County, has been vacant during the week; his smiling countenance has been missed. The following is copied from the Harrisburgh Evening Independent, of Tuesday: "Hon. Peter Berry, Representative of Forest County, was called to Buffalo, N. Y., on Saturday by the death of a favorite niece.

They say that Cerro Gordo Williams, of Kentucky, who wanted to be minister to Mexico, was so mad when he heard the place had been given to another man that he pulled off his wig and threw it out of the window, split his wooden leg into splinters, smashed his ear trumpet with a ball bat, flung his spectacles into the fireplace and swallowed his false teeth to give a proper demonstration of his rage.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4, '85.

The appointment of Mr. Edward J. Phelps, of Vermont, as Minister to England is due chiefly, it is stated, to the fact that he has been a warm admirer of Secretary Bayard and an earnest advocate of his nomination for the Presidency.

St. John's Church promises to be no less popular with the new administration than with the one just past. The pew of the ex-President will, at the expiration of the present quarter, on April 1, be occupied by Senator Edwards.

The presence of "Brick" Pomeroy and ex Senator Pomeroy in the city just now recalls a story I heard some time ago. "Brick" was climbing his genealogical tree somewhere out West, and wrote to Pomeroy, then in the Senate, asking to know which branch of the Pomeroy family the Senator belonged to.

One of the employees of the White House is the cook. Before President Arthur retired he gave such a good recommendation to his French cook, Chef Fortin, that President Cleveland at once retained him.

A DISPATCH received in Washington Monday morning from the home of ex-Secretary Frelinghuysen says that he is not expected to live through the day.

GRACE F. COOLIDGE, a well-known contributor to The Youth's Companion, Wide Awake and St. Nicholas, has begun in The Philadelphia Weekly Press a department devoted to amusements for the home, social clubs, church entertainments, etc.

JOHN R. McLEAN is of the opinion that the Ohio man is no good with this administration.

Just now the United States seems to be several ahead of the rest of the Nations of the earth in tranquility, if the times are hard. England has her tribulations in dealing with the Mahdi and Russia, France quite as much as she can handle with her Tonquin troubles, Russia bothered a good deal with Afghanistan and England, Central America worried by Barrios, Canada being put to her wit's end what to do with the Manitoba half breeds;

THE Magwumps have made a clean sweep in New York. The one office about which most interest has centered has been handed over to them. The eyes of the party have been upon it not only for what it is, but for its possibilities, but the eyes have been blinded with tears in seeing it pass down the vale of the future in the hands of a Republic.

CARL SCHURZ has been recognized at last. His brother-in-law has been given an office.

THERE is no fool like the April fool, except the spoilsman who voted for Cleveland.

THE failure of Colonel James H. Hopkins, of Allegheny County, to get the Italian Mission is a matter of genuine regret. We expect to hear Rome do some tall howling over this slight to Monongahela River diplomacy.

WHAT is the matter with Henri Watterson! His jaw has been in repose much too long for his personal comfort.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has re-appointed Pearson, Republican, Postmaster of New York City. Of course this pleases the Democrats, in a horn.

Teachers' Examinations. Neiltown, April 10. East Hickory, April 11. Tionesta, April 13. Nebraska, April 14. Whig Hill, April 15. Martineville, April 16. Clarington, April 24. Brookston, ---

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