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STATE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the State Committee should call it together at once to transact important business. What say you Dr. Mott?

Col. O. H. Blocker is now in western North Carolina, so we learn from a friend at Hendersonville. On the mountains is a good place to be in August.

100,000.

Two days after the election we stated that the majority against prohibition would probably be 100,000. Our calculations were exceedingly correct. We shall very likely have even a very small increase over that number, which is truly gratifying to every lover of liberty.

MAJ. R. M. ORRELL.

As a matter of news the statement was published in the Post of the 7th instant, that Maj. R. M. Orrell was behind in making his returns to the Department. We stated at the time that there evidently was a mistake about the matter, but our printers being excited over the election failed to put it in. We very much regret publishing the item without the remarks, from the fact that we look upon Major Orrell as an exceedingly faithful official—one who will never be short or neglectful in his duties to the government. We are glad to now state on the very best authority that Maj. Orrell is not, and has never been, behind in his returns.

GUILTY.

The Assassin Cratches Another Session.

WASHINGTON, August 17.—A report was current here this morning that Guiteau had attempted to kill one of the guards at the jail, but it was stated at police headquarters that the report was without foundation. It is learned, however, that the report was true. At an early hour this morning, as W. C. McGill, one of the guards, passed Guiteau's cell, he noticed something wrong and entered the cell. He found a knife in Guiteau's possession and demanded it, but Guiteau refused to give it up. McGill drew his pistol and a struggle ensued. Guiteau made a desperate effort to secure the pistol, and succeeded in getting it away from McGill. After a severe struggle McGill regained possession of the pistol, which being discharged during the scuffle, brought other guards to his assistance, and Guiteau was disarmed. No damage was done.

The North American Review for September opens with a profoundly philosophical article on "The Church, the State, and the School," by Prof. William T. Harris. M. J. Savage treats of "Natural Ethics," showing that the principles of morality are rooted in man's nature, and are the products of evolution; consequently, that they are not affected by the vicissitudes of dogma or religious creeds. The Hon. John A. Kasson gives a history of the "Mopre Declaration," and proves that the credit of formulating that cardinal doctrine of American statesmanship is due to John Quincy Adams. The Rev. Edward Everett Hale writes of the Taxation of Church Property. He would have all churches taxed in form, but would exempt in practice those which by their charitable work help to lighten the public burdens. The other articles in this number of the Review are "Jewish Outcastism in America," by Nina Morris; "The Decay of New England Thought," by the Rev. Julius H. Hays; "Ghost Seeing," by Prof. F. H. Hays; and "Fictitious History," by Rosette Johnson. The latter article is a scathing criticism of Jefferson Davis's recently published historical memoir. Fifty cents per copy. Five dollars per year. Address, "The North American Review, New York, N. Y."

Statistics show that the number of small farms in the south is rapidly increasing, and to this fact is attributed the great increase in the amount of cotton raised. Within ten years Georgia has raised 21,320 bales of cotton, her small farms and in other southern states large plantations are being rapidly divided up. In France there are five million farms of six acres each, and it is the most prosperous country in Europe. Our farmers with broad acres may profit by a knowledge of the fact.

THE PRESIDENT.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN.

Executive Mansion, August 17, 8:30 P. M.

The President has passed a tranquil night, sleeping the most of the time. He continues to retain the nutritive enemata, and has not vomited since the last bulletin. His general condition appears more hopeful than at this time yesterday. Pulse 140, temperature 98.3, respiration 18.

(Signed) D. W. BLISS, J. K. BARNES, J. J. WOODWARD, ROBT. REYBURN, F. H. HAMILTON, D. H. AGNEW.

UNOFFICIAL BULLETIN.

Executive Mansion, August 17, 10:30 A. M.

In a conversation this morning on the President's condition, Dr. Boynton said the prospects were considerably brighter, and that the patient is resting comfortably. In reply to an inquiry, the Doctor explained that the enemata which were being administered consisted principally of diluted extract of beef, a yolk of an egg and whiskey, the whole being dissolved and slightly heated.

Dr. Bliss, in conversation on the same subject, stated that a small portion of muriatic acid was also a part of the enemata. The latter gentleman expresses the opinion that the President's stomach was gradually becoming stronger, and referred to the fact that nourishment was being retained as proof thereof. The Doctor still remains hopeful, and says there is no reason for giving the President's case up yet.

Dr. Boynton, in response to a question regarding the President's taking nourishment in the regular manner, said it was possible that a very small quantity of diluted beef extract, probably a teaspoonful, would be given him about noon; it would depend, however, upon the patient's condition at that hour. He has not been troubled with nausea since yesterday afternoon, at which time he threw off about a gill of liquid matter, containing a quantity of bile. Dr. Boynton says Mrs. Garfield continues very hopeful, and feels rather more encouraged to-day than she did yesterday.

UNOFFICIAL BULLETIN.

Executive Mansion, August 17, 1 P. M.

The President's mail has increased very materially since his relapse and the number of suggestions as to how the unfavorable turn in the case should be met are innumerable. One correspondent says that if transfusion of blood should be determined upon, he is ready to give half, or all, of his blood, if necessary, to sustain and build up the President. Previous to the mid-day dressing, Dr. Agnew was asked the condition of the President, to which he responded, "He is better to-day." When questioned further, the Doctor said "there is nothing further to say than is contained in the bulletin, which is stated over our own, together with the signatures of the other surgeons."

Executive Mansion, August 17, 5:45 P. M.

The following was received this afternoon: "Mrs. Garfield, Washington, D. C.—I am most anxious to know how the President is to-day and to express my deep sympathy with you both."

"THE QUEEN."

(Signed)

The following reply has been sent: "Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, Osborne, Eng.—Your Majesty's kind inquiry finds the President's condition changed for the better. In the judgment of his medical advisers there is strong hope of his recovery. His mind is entirely clear, and your Majesty's kind expressions of sympathy are most grateful to him, as they are gratefully acknowledged by me."

(Signed) "LUCRETIA R. GARFIELD."

OFFICIAL BULLETIN.

Executive Mansion, August 17, 6:30 P. M.

The President's condition is even better than it was this morning. There has been no vomiting during the day and the enemata continue to be retained. Moreover, a teaspoonful of beef extract has twice been administered by mouth, and not ejected, and small quantities of water swallowed from time to time excite no nausea. The wound continues to do well. At present his pulse is 112, temperature 98.8, respiration 18.

(Signed) D. W. BLISS, J. K. BARNES, J. J. WOODWARD, ROBT. REYBURN, F. H. HAMILTON, D. H. AGNEW.

UNOFFICIAL BULLETIN.

Executive Mansion, August 17, 9 P. M.

The President has been asleep nearly two hours. There has been no recurrence of nausea in any degree. No morphia has been administered to-day. His pulse at this time is about 110.

Executive Mansion, August 17, 11 P. M.

To-day has been a much more favorable one than yesterday, and the general feeling of reassurance has been comparatively firm.

gradually growing. The interest of the day centered upon the condition of the President's stomach, from time to time, and great encouragement has been derived from the fact that the nourishment taken naturally by the President has been retained. The hope of the night is founded upon the action of the patient's stomach, and as it gains strength confidence of his recovery increases and vice versa.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN.

Executive Mansion, August 18, 8:30 P. M.

The President has passed a very comfortable night, sleeping well the greater part of the time. There has been no further vomiting and nutritive enemata are still retained.

UNOFFICIAL BULLETIN.

Executive Mansion, August 18, 11 A. M.

The indications are that everything is progressing finely in the sick room. Dr. Agnew has left for Philadelphia, on the limited express. He will probably return to-morrow, in order that Dr. Hamilton may go to New York on Saturday. Private Secretary Brown accompanied the Doctor to the train, and says he talked very encouragingly of the President's chances. Previous to leaving the Mansion Dr. Agnew had a talk with Mrs. Garfield, and informed her that he felt perfectly secure in being temporarily absent; that if an emergency should occur he could easily be summoned.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN.

Executive Mansion, August 18, 12:30 P. M.

The President is suffering some discomfort this morning from the commencing of inflammation of the right parotid gland. In other respects his condition is somewhat improved, and especially his stomach is becoming less intolerant.

UNOFFICIAL BULLETIN.

Executive Mansion, August 18, 2:00 P. M.

As Dr. Hamilton was leaving the White House ten minutes ago he said, in response to questions of representatives of the press, that he could not conveniently explain the cause of inflammation of the parotid gland at this time, but he said it was perfectly proper to state that it was not an indication of any serious complication; was not an unusual occurrence in such cases, and that it caused no alarm whatever to the attending surgeons.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN.

Executive Mansion, August 18, 6:30 P. M.

The President has done well during the day. He has taken additional nourishment by the mouth, this afternoon, with evident relief, and without subsequent nausea. There is some rise of temperature, but general condition is rather better than at this time yesterday.

UNOFFICIAL BULLETIN.

Executive Mansion, August 18, 10:30 P. M.

The morning bulletin was generally conceded at the Executive Mansion to be the most favorable which has been issued since the President relapsed. The patient has been improving ever since the first teaspoonful of nourishment was taken, and this fact is proven by his firmer pulse. Before the noon bulletin was issued the President had partaken of koumiss on four different occasions, and expressed a desire for more. Of course the nourishment was administered in very small quantities. Previous to administering the first quantity of koumiss Mrs. Garfield was sitting by the patient's bedside, when he expressed himself as feeling comparatively well, and inquired if it was not desired to try the strength of his stomach by permitting him to have nourishment, and expressed a wish for koumiss, whereupon his wife gave him the first portion. The fact of the President's having suggested the administration of nourishment is considered by the surgeons as an indication that the irritability of the stomach is subsiding, and that in consequence the patient commences to crave food.

A Hopeful Feeling in Regard to His Recovery.

UNOFFICIAL BULLETIN.

Executive Mansion, August 19, 11 A. M.

The President continues to do well. He partakes of nourishment more frequently, and the quantity is being gradually increased. The stomach offers no resistance, and the attending surgeons express themselves as very much gratified with the outlook. The inflammation of the right parotid gland is gradually subsiding.

Executive Mansion, August 19, 12:10 P. M.

Dr. Bliss, who has just come from the President's room, in reply to the question, "How is the President?" said, "Oh he is getting on splendidly." "Does he experience any pain from the inflammation of the gland?" "Not at all."

"Has the swelling decreased any?" "Yes, it has almost entirely subsided."

"You do not apprehend any further assistance from the parotid gland, then?" "Oh, no."

"How is the pulse this morning, doctor?" "From 100 to 104 beats, and is not thought to be abnormally fast."

"Is the temperature any higher?" "No, the temperature and respiration are about normal."

"What nourishment has the patient taken to-day?" "He has taken from 14 to 16 ounces of koumiss and milk gruel."

"Does he still relish gruel?" "Yes, he appears very fond of it."

OFFICIAL BULLETIN.

Executive Mansion, August 19, 12:30 P. M.

The President's condition has perceptibly improved during the last twenty-four hours. The parotid swelling is evidently diminishing, and it has not pained him since last night. He is taking to-day an increased quantity of liquid food by the mouth, which is relished and produces no gastric irritation. His pulse is now 106, temperature 98.8, respiration 17.

(Signed) D. W. BLISS, J. K. BARNES, J. J. WOODWARD, ROBT. REYBURN, F. H. HAMILTON.

UNOFFICIAL BULLETIN.

Executive Mansion, August 19, 2:30 P. M.

Dr. Hamilton left on the 2:10 P. M. train for New York. Dr. Agnew is expected to arrive to-night. Dr. Bliss says that the patient continues to improve. During the day he has had twenty ounces of beef extract administered by means of enemata, in addition to sixteen ounces of koumiss and milk, given naturally.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN.

Executive Mansion, August 19, 6:30 P. M.

The President has been easy during the afternoon, and the favorable condition reported in the last bulletin continues. The swollen parotid gland has not been painful. His temperature is the same; pulse rather less frequent than at this hour yesterday; temperature 100, respiration 18.

(Signed) D. W. BLISS, J. K. BARNES, J. J. WOODWARD, ROBT. REYBURN.

UNOFFICIAL BULLETIN.

Executive Mansion, August 19, 11 P. M.

The President's condition to-day has been decidedly better than any day since the unfavorable symptoms of Monday last manifested themselves. He has slept more than usual, and appears much refreshed upon awakening from his slumber. While the gland inflammation has not entirely disappeared, it is thought by the surgeons that the gland is less irritable, from the fact that the patient does not experience so much pain from it. Another unquestionable feature denoting improvement is the tone of the President's stomach, which has not yet shown any gastric disturbance. Members of the Cabinet and all others who have called during the day, have left the Mansion well encouraged.

CITY ITEMS.

All subscribers to the Post not receiving the same regularly, will please report the same to Mr. W. E. Sellers or at this office.

Mr. B. L. Perry is making extensive alterations and improvements to the Purcell House.

Mr. B. H. J. Ahrens' new store on the corner of Front and Dock streets is rapidly approaching completion.

The steamer Elizabeth is laid up for repairs and the U. S. mail is being carried by the Passport until her repairs are completed.

The bridge over Smith's Creek has been put in thorough order by Mr. Jno. F. Garrell, who has the contract for keeping it in repair.

The parsonage being built by the congregation of Fifth Street M. E. Church, adjoining the Church edifice, is rapidly approaching completion.

We hear unfavorable reports from the crops in the Town Creek section of Brunswick county. There has been no rain in three weeks, and everything is parched.

The work on Sixth street bridge having been completed, the workmen are now engaged in giving Fourth street bridge a thorough overhauling. It has long needed it.

A flag is hereafter to be displayed at the Signal Office in this city whenever the New York steamer crosses the bar. The hasting is furnished by Mr. Bond, the Superintendent of the Steamship Line.

Thursday morning, between 9 and 10 o'clock, George Towner, a colored man, while at work on Mr. John C. Hyer's house, on the corner of Red Cross and Fourth streets, fell about 15 or 20 feet, striking on the crown of a ladder, breaking a rib and sustaining other injuries, which, though very painful, are not thought to be abnormally fatal.

Ex-Mayor Fishblade and family arrived home August 17th.

Boys, look out for the circus. Old John Robinson will be here about the 19th of September.

Alex. Kershaw received a severe cut on his right leg by a circular saw at the mill of Messrs. Altaffer, Price & Co., on Friday last. The unfortunate lad was an apprentice at work in the factory.

An addition is being added to the session room of the First Presbyterian Church. It is on the east side of the building and will be used in connection with the session room for the Sunday School of the Church.

Mr. Howell Cobb, who recently returned from this city to Hickory, has purchased a farm one mile east of that town, and is now erecting a very fine residence. The house is located near the road leading to the Sparkling Catwabs Springs.

Mr. McDermid, of the Robesonian, and his very excellent lady and little boy have been in the city the past week enjoying the splendid weather. We are glad to see Mr. McDermid looking so well. He evidently is prosperous and happy, we judge from his agreeable and jolly manner.

General Joseph C. Abbott is spending his vacation at Beaufort, North Carolina. We wish him a pleasant time, for he certainly deserves it after a long season of hard work. We are glad to learn that his health is improving under the influence of the cool breezes of the sea-shore.

ATTENTION RAFTSMEN.—A recent decision of the Lighthouse Board, requires timber or other rafts to carry lights on each end of the raft at least ten feet above the raft. If the raft is two cribs, or a double raft, two lights are required. Row boats or yachts are required to carry a light six feet above the bow of the boats.

The water opposite the city in the river is brackish, and crabs are caught almost daily from the market dock, and porpoises have been seen opposite Point Peter. It is feared that the rice crop on the river will be injured by the salt or brackish water, if planters find it necessary to freshen their crops.

Report has it that the Rev. Dr. Bernheim has recently been elected to the Presidency of the North Carolina College at Mt. Pleasant. Dr. Bernheim says the election for a President of the College will not take place until the 5th day of October; that he is not certain he will be elected, and also he does not know whether he will accept the position if elected.

We learn from Mr. Aaron A. Davis, who resides in the southern portion of the city, that while he was out fishing in the vicinity of McIlhenny's mill-pond, on Thursday last, he killed a huge rattlesnake, which measured six feet nine and one half inches in length, and had 10 rattles and a button. We are informed that the woods in that vicinity are full of these dangerous snakes.

Rev. Dr. Patterson, of this city, who expected to be at Swannese this month, has changed his plans. He is now at Augusta where he is in charge for a short time, say ten days, of St. Paul's Church. On Saturday last he delivered the prayer at the laying of the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple in that city. Towards the latter part of the month he expects to go to Athens, Georgia, in behalf of the University of the South and will probably pass the month of September in Atlanta.

New cotton is arriving. The first bale was received Tuesday afternoon by Messrs. Worth & Worth, from Messrs. Leak, Everett & Co., at Rockingham, who shipped two bales at the same time for account of Messrs. T. J. & W. W. Bostick, Richmond county, the producers. On Wednesday the third bale of the season was received by Mr. E. P. Covington, and was shipped by Mr. Charles E. Smith of Laurinburg. The cotton was classed as middling, and was sold for 13 cents per pound.

AT LAST.—A beautiful monument is to be erected in Oakdale Cemetery, to the memory of Captain W. A. Ellerbrook, who lost his life about eighteen months ago, at a fire on South Front street, by the falling walls of Mr. Geo. A. Peck's store. It will be ready for delivery in about two or three weeks. The base and body of the monument are complete and work is being pushed forward on the shaft which is to surmount them. It is of fine Italian marble and the work is being done at Mr. Mendenhall's marble yard in this city.

Official Vote of North Carolina on Prohibition, August 4, 1881.

For.	Against.
Alamance	1,774
Alexander	1,774
Albemarle	1,774
Ashe	1,774
Beaufort	1,774
Bertie	1,774
Blenheim	1,774
Braden	1,774
Brantford	1,774
Brunswick	1,774
Burke	1,774
Cabarrus	1,774
Caldwell	1,774
Cameron	1,774
Carteret	1,774
Caswell	1,774
Catawba	1,774
Chatham	1,774
Cherokee	1,774
Choctawhatchee	1,774
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Columbus	1,774
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Cumberland	1,774
Currituck	1,774
Dare	1,774
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Franklin	1,774
Gaston	1,774
Guilford	1,774
Graham	1,774
Granville	1,774
Greene	1,774
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Halifax	1,774
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Morris	1,774
Nash	1,774
New Hanover	1,774
Northampton	1,774
Onslow	1,774
Orange	1,774
Pasquotank	1,774
Perquimans	1,774
Perry	1,774
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Polk	1,774
Randolph	1,774
Richmond	1,774
Robeson	1,774
Rockingham	1,774
Rowan	1,774
Rutherford	1,774
Sampson	1,774
Stanly	1,774
Stokes	1,774
Swain	1,774
Transylvania	1,774
Tyrrell	1,774
Union	1,774
Vance	1,774
Wake	1,774
Washington	1,774
Watauga	1,774
Wayne	1,774
Wilkes	1,774
Wilson	1,774
Yadkin	1,774
Yancey	1,774

An accident happened at Bladenboro, on the Carolina Central Railroad, by which J. F. Hester was painfully wounded in the hand.

Mr. Geo. W. Doyle has been elected Junior Second Lieutenant of the Wilmington Light Infantry to fill a vacancy caused recently by the promotion of Mr. R. H. Berry as Second Lieutenant. Capt. N. F. Thompson was elected Secretary and Treasurer at the same meeting. The company have definitely decided to attend the Yorktown Centennial.

The Swedish bark Frithjof, from Havre, France, collided with the Nor. bark Otter, lying at quarantine station, on last Thursday, by which the Otter had her rail and part of her fore-rigging carried away, and the Frithjof lost her jibboom. The reason assigned for the collision, is that the Frithjof wouldn't mind her rudder.

The Grand Lodge of the Knights of Honor in this state will meet in Raleigh on the 23d. The grand officers and the committee on finance and on laws will meet there on the 22d inst. Colonel John D. Taylor, D. G. D. of Carolina Lodge, No. 434, is the representative of the Lodge in this city, and will leave to-morrow. P. B. H. West, one of the committee on laws, will probably leave to-night, so as to be in Raleigh to-morrow.

INSURANCE MATTERS.—The following facts and figures have been gleaned from a compilation of insurance statistics made by Mr. J. W. Gordon, Secretary of the local Board of Underwriters, and refers to fires which have occurred in this city for the six months ending June 30th, 1881:

Estimated value of property destroyed by fire \$2,600; insurance money paid thereon \$5,294.52; amount for corresponding period of 1880, \$23,947.62.

Number of fires recorded 20, of which only one involved no insurance loss. Of the above number, six involved a loss of \$5,175.57, leaving only \$116.15 for the remaining thirteen fires.

Causes of fires—Sparks on roof, 6; fire popping on bed from fireplace, 1; incendiary, 2; defective chimney, 2; ignition of clothing from fire-place, 1; unknown, 8.

Losses by agencies—Atkinson & Manning, \$5,159.62; Norwood Oil, \$2,105.63; Delmon & Norwood, \$991.55; John W. Gordon & Bro., \$118.75; Wilmington Mutual, \$17.97; Wm. L. Smith & Co., nothing.

Verily the Great West is the land of grasshoppers. The farmers of Cass Valley, Nevada, began to plow the ground and found they were turning up whole bags of grasshoppers. This is their dilemma. If they cultivate crops they will be eaten up by the grasshoppers, if they do not, the soil will turn to grass. Go West, young men, if you want grasshoppers.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CUSTOM HOUSE, WILMINGTON, N. C.

COLLECTORS OFFICE, August 4, 1881.

Government Sale of Unclaimed Goods.

CHRONY & MORRIS, AUCTIONEERS.

THE FOLLOWING MERCHANDISE, IN

the Government Store at the Custom House,

will be sold at public auction on Tuesday,

the 20th day of August, next, at 11 o'clock,

A. M. in the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Remaining in bond, in excess of three

years—

27 FISH CHEONS, 17 GALLS, about 30 proof