

Saturday, January 13, 1872

THE CIRCULATION OF THE MORNING STAR IS LARGER THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER DAILY PAPER PUBLISHED IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Mrs. Wharton as she appears in Court at Annapolis—Waiting for the Verdict.

The Annapolis correspondent of the Herald gives the following preliminary remarks to his report of the proceedings in the trial on Monday:

The same little cab, with its half-starved horses and lurching negro driver, that comes each day to convey Mrs. Wharton and her daughter from the jail to the court room and back, again drew up before the front door of the prison-house this morning at 10 o'clock. A moment later the prisoner and her daughter came down the front steps of the jail, accompanied by Miss Rosa Nilson, entered the carriage, and a few moments after were seated within the bar at the court-house, in rear of those three men who are her defenders in this struggle for life.

Mrs. Wharton seemed much more depressed than ever before since the trial began, probably on account of the terrible bereavement that had come to one of the twelve men who were to be her liberators or executioners. She appeared to watch every movement of Mr. Beard, the juror who lost his wife on Friday, as he sat bowed down with the weight of his grief; her eyes would fill with tears, and it was plainly visible that in the midst of her own sufferings she was mindful of the misfortunes of others. The same little knot of constant friends that have ever been by her side since the trial began were with Mrs. Wharton as usual, but Miss Nellie and all of the little group seemed to share the feeling of depression that made her more sorrowful than before.

The day was gloomy and the attendance by no means as large as on previous occasions; the ladies especially did not manifest their usual interest in the trial. Some new and very pretty faces were observable, however, and the masses were in strong force outside the railings. One idea very forcibly struck the least cultivated and sensible mind upon entering the court room at Annapolis—this morning included. It is the appearance of loneliness that surrounds the prisoner. Not that she has no friends, for she has many and is gaining more every day; but that little melancholy group about her in the court room is her whole world, and she cannot now go out from them, except in thought, to her many other friends, and the great thinking, reasoning masses that are fast becoming her friends. She must remain with this little group, for how long no one can tell, and at times even this family is cut down, and only mother and daughter left to mingle their tears together, alone. It is, indeed, a lonely situation.

Public opinion is proverbially obtinate, and the accumulated evidence of the past few days is very slowly wearing away the impressions which were created by the case of the State. The evidence for the defence is increasing in strength as day after day is added to the number already consumed by the trial. The chemical testimony on the part of the State having been disposed of, and the non-existence of poison in the stomach of General Ketchum having been almost demonstrated by that very able scientific expert, Dr. Warren, their testimony has been followed up by the experience of physicians of national reputation, whose conclusions upon the symptoms presented to them have all tended to establish the opinion expressed by Dr. Warren, that the General died of cerebro spinal meningitis. All the other suspicious circumstances are rapidly disappearing before the sledge-hammer blows administered by the defence, and there is now little room to doubt the result.

Schurz Personal Explanation. Congress re-assembled to day with a slim attendance. In the House the speaker had frequently to appeal to all the members to vote to make a quorum. One vote showed ninety members to be absent. The Senate opened with a sharp, crisp personal explanation from Mr. Schurz, an editorial which appeared in the N. Y. Times a short time ago, charging him with inconsistency in his advocacy of civil service reform, and with making war upon the President. Schurz took up the charges made in the article seriatim, and showed they were nearly all groundless, and most of them base fabrications. He pronounced the whole article a rare instance of cumulative, intrepid, and shameless lying. The Senator from Missouri would not have noticed the article had it not appeared in the columns of a journal which claims to be par excellence the organ of the administration in New York. He believed it to be part of an organized systematic effort to slander and defame the Senators who are supposed to disagree with the administration. Mr. Schurz gave notice that these attacks, even should they come as thick as locusts, would not deter him from pursuing the path of duty which he has marked out for himself. Schurz has an idea that the article in question was inspired at the White House, and that the object of it was to bring him into disrepute.—Wash. Cor. N. Y. Herald, 6th inst.

A Little Boy who will Never Lick Pump-handles any More. This morning a little son of Mr. John Knoch, on State street, met with an accident which should be a warning to all boys in the future. It seems the little boy went to the pump at the market space, and very foolishly touched his tongue to the iron handle, and to ascertain the effect, as it was cold. Of course the result was not only fearful, but extremely painful. The tongue, being very warm and moist, an iron being a good conductor of heat, the moisture and heat were almost instantly withdrawn from the latter by the cold handle, and it froze tight. The little fellow endeavored to withdraw his tongue but could not. Several gentlemen went to his rescue, but it required the most careful handling to loose the boy's organ of taste from the iron. They ejected saliva upon the handle, and then a piece of the skin of the tongue along with it. It came off in contact with the handle, leaving the surface of the tongue where it had come off in contact with the handle as white as though it had been scalded with a red hot iron. During the time the boy was fast he gave vent to his excruciating agony in loud and continuous screams.—New Albany Ledger.

George Dawson was arrested yesterday, by Sergeant Jay, charged with having, in connection with two other men, shot and killed a man by the name of John Adam Wells, on the 2d of March, 1856.

The affair in which the alleged murder is involved occurred on Thames street, in a saloon kept by Weis. It appears from the evidence before the magistrates, that three men entered Weis's saloon, asked for and received drinks, and refused to pay for them. They left the room while Weis was insisting on their paying, and on his going to the door one of the party drew a revolver and shot him. The men immediately left the city, and had not been seen or heard from since until yesterday, when Dawson, who had only been in the city for a short time, was recognized by officer Paff as the party who fired the fatal shot. The accused was committed to jail for the action of the grand jury by Justice Cashner.—Balt. Sun.

Meningitis Cured by a New and Successful Agent. Dr. E. N. Calhoun, physician to Fulton county jail, visited a negro fellow confined in the dungeon, who was suddenly stricken down with this painful malady, and remaining twenty-six hours severely convulsed, at which time the doctor administered tobacco enema, and continued it as necessity seemed to indicate for three days, at which time he was entirely relieved. His opinion is that it is the only reliable remedy for this disease.—Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution.

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