

EDITORIAL CLEANINGS.

If Arthur gets to be President, What then? This is now the question of the hour.

The Charleston Mercury threatens to sue the Charleston Herald for taking a part of its title.

There are four papers in Sumter. This county must be blessed with a kind of literary atmosphere.

The Greenville News thinks it very natural for the Spirit of the Times to oppose prohibition.

We should always be just before we are generous. No man has a right to give, until he has paid his debts.

The Prohibition Convention has been postponed to some time in September.

Bayard gives a dark picture of the political consequences of the President's death, if it should happen.

Senator David Davis' wealth is estimated at from four to five millions, chiefly made by investing in lots in the suburbs of growing western towns.

If Arthur becomes President, the parties will become so even in the Senate that we may expect the deadliest kind of a dead lock.

Henry Watterson of the Courier-Journal says: "Mrs. Suratt was hanged on less circumstantial evidence than occurs to the mind as to Roscoe Conkling and Chester A. Arthur."

Sarah Bernhardt on her return to Europe commenting upon her American tour says: "The women are charming, every thing is lovable, but the men are not so nice as the women."

Judge Bond has set a noble example in one thing. When his son was admitted to practice law, he told him that he need not bring a case in his court as he would refuse to hear him.

Bishop Stevens of the Episcopal Church of Pennsylvania advises the clergy of his diocese not to use the Revised New Testament as King James' is the authorized version.

Let us continue faithful in the fulfillment of our promises to the colored people, and not be driven from the line of duty by their continual and foolish opposition. We should do right regardless of effects.

The Augusta Constitutionalist suggests if the President dies that the Democrats elect Joseph E. Brown President of the Senate. Then if Arthur dies he will step into the Presidential chair.

The dead lock at Albany is dragging along in the dreariest kind of style. Are the people willing to submit to such an enormous expenditure of money for the miserable spirit of faction?

It is strange, yet true, that the best of Judges and Juries seem to be influenced by the social, moral, or intellectual position of the attorneys who plead before him. This is wrong. The merit of the case and nothing else, should be our guide.

A colored man killed three children of Sheriff Mickler of Fernando County, Florida, on Tuesday. He was left in charge of the children while the Sheriff was away. He was hanged immediately and in the presence of two hundred citizens, white and colored.

Gen. Jim Steedman, an old fighter, says that Chester A. Arthur is a forger and not eligible to the office of President, and that the Democrats and better Republicans must unite and keep him out of it, if Garfield dies.

Dispatches on Tuesday bring the news that a man by the name of McNamara, evidently crazy, says that "he is inspired by God to shoot Blaine." He has been arrested in Washington. It seems a little singular that all the crazy threats and attempts should be directed against the administration party, and none against the stalwarts. There appears to be some system in the insanity.

The coolness of the assassin Guiteau is exhibited in the following little colloquy which passed between himself and Chief of Police Brooks on Tuesday in prison. The prisoner asked if Garfield was suffering. Chief Brooks answered, "He is suffering very much indeed." To this the assassin replied, "I am sorry, very sorry indeed that he suffers—I wish I had put another ball into him. That would have ended his sufferings quickly."

A most horrible crime has just come to light in Savannah Ga. The body of a white man was found packed in ice in a house not long vacated by two Italian fruit vendors named, Parvio and Parego. The body was identified as that of Stephen Capello, an old Italian vender of images who was known to have about \$2000 in cash. The man was undoubtedly murdered by these two Italian fruit vendors for his money who prevented the exposure of the deed until they made their escape by paying the rent of the house for a month in advance and announcing that they were only going off on a short visit.

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Thoughts on the Tragedy.

It may be said that the horrible deed at Washington being committed by a half crazy office seeker should have no other than an individual signification. But it appears, to us, that some profitable lessons may be drawn from a contemplation of the crime. However much we may endeavor to circumscribe its influence, it will be taken and commented upon abroad as a result of our political system.

The crazy spirit of faction, as the Tribune styles it, which is fostered by leading politicians of both parties, and which is now illustrated in the miserable fight Albany is as responsible for the tragic affair enacted under the shadow of the White House as the demagogic dreamings of the miserable wretch who conceived and executed it. The love of office, which seems to be nothing more than the love of money and notoriety, born of the infamous "spoils system," is running the nation mad. Office is made too much the reward for rascality. There is too much of the glitter of gold in it. There should be nothing in it, beyond an honest living. The officials, or servants of the public should never be elevated above their masters, the people. Let us cultivate a higher public sentiment and teach the rising generation, that honor and profit does not lie altogether in public position.

Home Guards.

The following taken from the Palmetto Yeoman is a good text for a little sermon: "There is a class of home guards or bomb-proofs who skulk danger in the hour of conflict, and then when the battle is won they will throw up their hats and shout as loud as any one."

There are many of this kind of people in the world. They are a sort of go-easy non-committal crowd who agree to everything, or, at least, are sure that their views coincide with the majority. They always follow public opinion and never lead it. They never risk battle on an uncertain issue. They esteem it far more important to be with the crowd than to be right. Such men are not worth living. They are nothing but home guards, and only fit to stay at home and take care of the women and children. Instead of benefiting the world they are only seeking to get all they can out of it. Life is a battle, and full of surging waves of errors and trouble, and there is no dodging the issue with honor. We must have stout and brave hearts. We are bound to take sides, and in doing so we must step on the side of the right, no matter how weak and unpopular it may be—no matter if it consigns us to utter annihilation, or apparent degradation. Let us go to the front, and be ashamed to be home guards.

A Candid Confession.

About the time of the Louisiana fraud by the Electoral Commission Senator Roscoe Conkling had a long talk with the Hon. Lewis Lawrence, of Utica, who gives, according to the New York Sun, the following account of what took place: "One night I was with him in his room silently smoking while Conkling walked up and down like a raging lion. At last he broke out: 'Lawrence, I can't keep company with this rill-rall any longer. They are rotten with corruption, and, after having taken everything else, they are bound to steal the Presidency. Sherman reeks with plunder. Wheeler is a virtuous log-roller. Stanley Matthews would sell his soul for office. As for Hayes, he is simply a pious sneak, ready to give money to be President, and to drop on his knees in tears if caught at it. I have a great mind to get up in the Senate and denounce the whole thing tomorrow, and call on honest Republicans to give the election to Tilden, to whom you, as well as I, know it belongs.' I told him it would drive him into the Democratic party! and he said: 'Let it drive; there are more gentlemen and fewer hogs than with us.' These were just his words." The above is a candidly confessed judgment, by the leading stalwart of

the country, of the rest of the Republican crew. But it is not the view of individuals that is so important as the acknowledgment by one who knows, in consequence of his close connection with the Electoral Commission, that the Presidency was stolen. The whole country, North and South, knows that Tilden and not Hayes was elected President, and it is an everlasting disgrace to the Republican party.

The Public Feeling.

The public indignation at the attempted assassination at Washington seems to be wide spread and genuine. From all parts of the country, South as well as North, anxious inquiries, and expressions of profound sorrow go up to the capital. Public meetings are held everywhere and resolutions of condolence are passed. Such public calamities, if they do nothing else, tend to illustrate the brotherhood of humanity, and we trust will result in bringing about a more harmonious and conservative feeling among the better classes of all parties and sections. Politics run too high, and choke out all the nobler and finer elements of human nature.

The Shooting of the President.

On Saturday, about mid-day, the terrible intelligence reached Orangeburg of the attempted assassination of President Garfield. The villainous act was done by a miserable shuffler and half-demented lawyer of Chicago, of Italian origin, named Charles Guiteau, because the President had refused him an appointment to a foreign consulate, although he assigns as his reason for the deed the salvation of the Republican party. The President was in the ladies' room of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, accompanied by Mr. Blaine, the secretary of State. While he was walking, arm in arm, with Mr. Blaine, two reports of a pistol were heard. Mr. Blaine made for the assassin, but failed to capture him. He then called to the people to stop him, and he was thus taken into custody and lodged in prison. Mr. Blaine, seeing that the President was falling, ran to him and caught him in his arms. It was found that both shots had taken effect, the first in the right arm, and the second, just above the right hip, near the kidneys. The physicians probed for the balls, but unsuccessfully. The attempted murderer was taken to prison and on the way evinced the utmost collusion. His action was deliberate and determined. He shot first for the heart and next for the stomach. He said that he was a stalwart, and that Arthur was now President, and that he did the shooting as a political necessity. Letters were afterwards found upon his person in which he said, 'I am a stalwart of the stalwarts. I am a lawyer, a theologian and a politician. I was with Grant and the rest of our men in New York, during the canvass. I had no ill-will to war is the President. His death was a political necessity.'

The history of the assassin shows him to be a worthless character. He was a kind of dead-beat around the hotels of Chicago. He was of a brooding revengeful disposition, and was passionately fond of notoriety. His own father says that he was insane, wicked and unreasonable, and that he was beyond redemption. Whether this man committed this dreadful crime on his own responsibility, or as the tool of another, time alone will develop.

The President's Condition.

Dispatches of a conflicting nature have been coming in hourly as to the condition of the President since the unfortunate shooting. The following to the News and Courier, will give probably the most correct idea of his condition:

NEW YORK, July 5—5 33 P. M.—From interviews with Drs. Hamilton, Parker and Seale, who attended Lincoln, I gather that Garfield's chances of recovery are very slight. It will be ten days before the danger from peritonitis is over and six weeks before all fear of fatal suppuration subsides. Few similar cases are recorded in which recovery took place. Dr. Hamilton says that Dr. Sims's suggestion to open President Garfield's abdomen and extract the bullet is wild, impracticable and not to be thought of.

THE LATEST.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,

WASHINGTON, D. C. July 6th—8.30 a. m.—The President has passed a most comfortable night and has slept well. His condition throughout is as favorable as when the last bulletin was issued, the pulse beating less frequent, and now 98; temperature 98 to 99; respiration 23. Signed, D. W. BLISS, J. K. BEANS, J. J. WOODWARD, Physicians. The Bulletin last night to which this refers, represented the President as taking nourishment and gaining strength. There is therefore some grounds of hope for his recovery.

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