

THURSDAY MORNING, July 14th, 1881.

THE CONDITION OF THE PRESIDENT.

The supposed critical ninth day was reached by the President on Monday last and we are glad to be able to state that he is still mending. It certainly is not an unfavorable prognosis, such as peritonitis and blood poisoning, which had been anticipated, have developed up to latest reports, and with the lapse of each succeeding day, it is becoming less and less likely that they will appear at all.

Whether, when the President becomes convalescent, he will be found to be embarrassed with lameness or with partial paralysis of any organ, is a matter of speculation, of course, at present, but we are surprised that no reference has yet been made to this possible outcome of his late illness.

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These railroad companies seem to be in dead earnest in the matter. The Southern Maryland company has laid ties to a point a half mile below Hughesville and the other day forty carloads of rails were brought to Brandywine. The Point Lookout has laid out their road and graded the greater part of it. The whole affair is an anomaly upon the usual good sense displayed by railroad corporations in mapping out roads and laying tracks.

Competition and rivalry among railroad kings always result to the good of the people and our farmers and men of business would be benefited, if the two companies retained their respective individuality and run their roads in opposition to each other. The benefits would extend in part to all the residents in Southern Maryland, who have any business with the large cities, as the rates of fare and the tax on freight on the Pope's Creek road would be diminished.

DERBY'S VICTORY.—The steeplechase over the full course, at Monmouth Park, Saturday was won by Dr. Thomas A. Lynch's Maryland horse Derby. The starters were Shrewsbury Stable's mares Bertha (6 years, 158 pounds) and Rosella (5, 120.) Reed's horse Disturbance, (aged, 156.) Lynch's horse Derby, (aged, 145.) Day's gelding Frank Short, (5, 123) and mare Lizzie D., (6, 120.) Pools—Shrewsbury Stable's entries, \$600; Disturbance, \$470; Derby, \$210; the rest in the field, \$160.

EXHIBITION AT CHARLOTTE HALL.—A correspondent of the Times, writing to that paper under the date of the 4th instant, makes the following mentions in connection with the late Exhibition at Charlotte Hall: The programme was rather a long one, but the speeches were excellently rendered. The declamations were very well given, and the young gentlemen manifested by their efforts, that great care and unusual good taste had been exerted in preparing them for exhibition.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12th, 1881.

The dastardly attempt to deprive us by the assassin's hand, of our President is still the subject of engrossing comment. You have been made aware of the minutiae of the affair, and have felt a glow of righteous indignation at the cowardly design of the villain, who so nearly succeeded in accomplishing his object.

The rage of the people can be imagined when our usually law-abiding citizens were with difficulty prevented from lynching the man on the spot. Saturday night of last week Company A, Light Infantry, was ordered out to guard the jail, as threats had been made, that the mob would remove him from the prison and hang him.

We do not wonder at the state of affairs in Russia when we consider the government and degree of civilization in that country, but when in civilized America, we find the life of our Chief Executive in danger from the hand of the assassin than is that of the Czar of the Russias, then we blush for our boasted free thought, free speech, and reasonable freedom of action, and feel that we have been placed on a par with ignorance and autocracy.

The iniquity of all this is evidenced by the terrible scene of the President's attempted assassination. Whether President Garfield lives or dies there is little doubt, but that there will be some change in regard to bestowments of office, which will lighten the Presidential burdens and make life an endurable possibility. The President is comfortable and his symptoms are much more favorable than they have yet been.

Among those who quietly and serenely passed from earth on last Friday night, the 8th inst., at the bidding call of his divine Maker, after a long and protracted illness, which he bore with Christian resignation and fortitude, was ALEXANDER MANTANA BURROUGHS, in the 63rd year of his age.

It would be something impossible to do, to describe the many good traits in the character of the deceased, for he was highly esteemed by all who knew him. The great number that followed him to his last resting place, St. Joseph's churchyard, and the fact that he was the subject of the esteem in which he was held by the public, we read a short passage in Scripture: "Many are called, but few are chosen."

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LOCAL DOTTINGS.

Commissioners' Court.

The Board met on Tuesday last, present, Messrs. Alvey, Jones, Parsons, Loker and Lawrence. Henry Carberry, road report, passed for \$10.25; Walter Carberry, road report, passed for \$10.25; William H. Dean, road report, \$11; James Cooper, do \$1; Thomas Jones do \$4; Benj. G. Harris Justice certificate, omitted, \$474.33.

Orphan's Court. Court met on Tuesday last, the 12th instant, present, Judges Milburn, Love and Tippet, and transacted the following business.—Ordered that J. D. O'Donnell, guardian of Mary E. Tippet, be allowed \$450. 83 for maintenance and education, which had been expended already as per list, 2nd and 3rd accounts, leaving now a balance of principal of \$704. 46.

A Sad Accident. On Tuesday, the 5th instant, James O'Connell, a young scholar of the Society of Jesus, spending his vacation at St. Inigo's Manor, in this county, was drowned while bathing on the St. Mary's river. The unfortunate young man, when he met his sad fate, was in company with three or four others, his friends, one of whom made several attempts, at the risk of his own life, to save him, but in vain.

St. Mary's Female Seminary. This institution, under the charge of Mrs. Thomas, as Principal, assisted by Misses Quinn and Colton, granted at the late Commencement certificates of graduation, with gold medals, to Miss Lizzie Blackstone and Clara Thomas, of this county. A silver medal was awarded to Miss Fannie Wamsley, of Cecil county, for proficiency in instrumental music.

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MECHANICVILLE ITEMS.

Under date of the 9th of July, a correspondent writes from above place, that he attended on the 5th the exercises of pupils of public school, taught by J. W. H. Dixon, Esq., and goes on to say, that the manner in which the little ones acquitted themselves is sufficient warranty of correct and thorough training on the part of the teacher.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICE.

There will be Convocational or Mission Services at All Saints Church, King & Queen Streets, on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, July 19th and 20th.

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SALE OF VALUABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Will offer at public sale on the premises, Cedar Point Farm, on

Wednesday, 3rd of August, 1881, if it, if not the first fair day thereafter, the following personal property, to wit: 15 Head of Cattle, including work oxen, 100 Head of Sheep, 20 Head of Hogs, 1 Hagerstown Grain Drill, 1 Hampton Reaper & Mower, 1 Hatters, Plows, Cultivators, &c., 1 Spring Wagon, 2 Ox-Carts, Hoes, Corn & Tobacco Knives, Forks, Shovels, &c.

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