Richmond Dispatch.

THURSDAY.....SEPTEMBER 8, 1881.

PETERSBURG.

PETERSBURG RIDING AND DRIVING ASSOCIATION—THE REGULAR REPUBLICANS—ANOTHER STAR COURSE OF ENTERTAINMENTS—A PASTOR SURPRISED—PERSONAL, &C.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

SEPTEMBER 7, 1881.

At a meeting of the Petersburg Riding and Driving Association held last evening an Executive Committee was appointed and contracts were awarded for the excavation and stonework of the drive. The road which is to be converted into a drive runs from the West-End Park to the farm of Mr. John McGill, about one and a half miles distant, and it is proposed to put the road in superb condition and make it a drive that will be attractive to all citizens who own teams.

The regular Republicans will hold their city convention on Friday of next week to nominate two candidates for the House of Delegates. The party is well organized, and will cast quite a large vote in the city. They are determined to maintain the true Republican organization. How they will vote for Governor, or whether the great body of them will vote at all, has not yet been ascertained.

The Young Men's Christian Association will doubtless arrange for another star course of entertainments for next winter, similar to that which proved so popular last season. The committee having the matter in charge are now considering the subject, and having a larger field to select from, will, if possible, give us an improvement on last year's course. It is understood that the Association has also plans on foot for the erection of a large new hall, which will give them greater conveniences and accommodations for their work.

Rev. W. A. Pearson, pastor of the Byrne-Street Baptist church, was the recipient of a very pleasant surprise last night at the hands of his congregation. His residence was stormed by the ladies of his flock, and the wants of his family were supplied for some months to come. The feature of the occasion was that the matter had been kept secret, and the pastor and his family knew nothing of it until the visit occurred.

A further leave of absence has been granted to Rev. Dr. John D. Blackwell, pastor of the Washington-Street Methodist Episcopal church, and he will not return home this week, as was expected. He is suffering from an affection of the throat, and it is not considered prudent for him to preach at this time.

No rain yet, though the outlook is encouraging. ROBIN ADAIR.

DANVILLE.

COUNCIL MATTERS—TOURNAMENT AND READJUSTER CONVENTION AT CHATHAM.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

SEPTEMBER 7, 1881.

At the regular meeting of the Council held yesterday evening an effort to have the city divided into wards failed, there being a tie vote on a test question concerning it. The committee which had been appointed some months back to consider in all its bearings the subject of the purchase of the water-power was relieved from further duty. The mortuary report showed that there had been 14 deaths in August—whites, 5; colored, 9. The city physician was allowed $1 for every person he had vaccinated, order having been made at a previous meeting that he vaccinate people without charge upon the parties vaccinated.

The news from Chatham is that there was a grand tournament there last Friday, and a Readjuster Convention there last Saturday. There were the usual "exercises" at and after the tournament. In the Convention Captain John D. Blackwell, of Danville, and Mr. A. G. Pritchett, of Whitmell, were nominated for the Legislature. Another name is yet to be put on the ticket, and I have been told there is some trouble in camp about the third name, and that there is a demand for a practical recognition of the coalition. So I heard in Chatham. ALPHA.

FARMVILLE.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

FARMVILLE, VA., September 7, 1881.

For some time past this place has been depredated upon by a gang of burglars. About a week ago the Town Council obtained the services of Detective John Wren through Messrs. Maury Brothers, bankers and brokers, of your city. Immediately upon his arrival he spotted the parties he thought guilty, and yesterday safely lodged in jail four negro men, one of whom, since his imprisonment, has confessed everything to the mayor and chief of police. The goods stolen were shipped to Lynchburg and sold. They will be recovered. Detective Wren was assisted by Mr. Samuel Wilkinson.

A concert was given at the court-house last night by the Baptist Missionary Society of the town. Miss Duffield sang three solos in a manner that delighted the audience. Mr. N. B. Pleasants, of your city, being in the place, was invited to sing. He sang two solos in his inimitable style that brought down the house.

Several drummers are here, and all are delighted with the business they have done. Farmville has some stores on Main street of which Richmond would not be ashamed.

Every one mentions Mr. St. Andrew with respect, and his death was a great loss to the town.

There has been no rain of any consequence, and the farmers look gloomy and say they will not make enough to feed their own families.

Quite a number of persons from this place will attend the Yorktown Centennial, and most of them will stop in Richmond and go down every day. I am repeatedly questioned about the hotel accommodations of your city.

Mrs. Harvey's disappearance is discussed on every corner, and many theories are advanced regarding it.

The *Dispatch* is nearly the only paper read here. Most every one takes it. L. M.

GLOUCESTER.

THE NOMINATION OF MAJOR STUBBS FOR THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES—ENCOURAGING NEWS.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

GLOUCESTER COURTHOUSE, September 5, 1881.

To-day is our court-day. Pursuant to notice of the County Executive Committee, a very large and enthusiastic meeting of the Conservative-Democratic citizens of the county was held here to-day. Major James N. Stubbs was nominated by acclamation as the candidate for the House of Delegates. Major Stubbs accepted the nomination in an enthusiastic and ringing speech. This was one of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings I ever saw here. Major Stubbs's election is almost a foregone conclusion.

After the Conservative Convention the Coalitionists held a meeting composed mostly of colored people. They failed to make a nomination. A motion to nominate Mr. S. B. Chapman, who was a member of the last Legislature, was voted down. Many Readjusters have declared for Major Stubbs. MU.

P. S.—Since writing the above the Coalitionists, after nearly every white man had left, nominated Mr. Joshua F. Ross, a Republican from the North. He has been a resident of the county several years, and now edits the Republican Mahone paper published here, known as the *Tidewater Liberal*. The bottom has about dropped out of Mahoneism here.

SOUTHAMPTON.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

SEPTEMBER 6, 1881.

At the County Convention of the Conservative-Democratic party held in Jerusalem on Saturday the 3d instant, Hon. John H. Bogart, of Franklin, was unanimously and by acclamation nominated for the House of Delegates for this county. Mr. Bogart ably represented the county session 1875-'76, and declined a re-election. It is not positively known whether or not Mr. Bogart will accept, but it is believed that he will obey this unanimous call. He is regarded as a very strong candidate, and being an excellent organizer and worker, we expect to give a good report from this the banner county of readjustment in 1879.

The Straightout Republicans have held a convention and nominated a colored man by the name of John Sykes for the same position.

On the 24th the Mahonettes will hold a convention for the purpose of nominating a candidate, when it is understood that the colored element will compose two fifths and the whites three fifths of the convention. Now, the colored brethren compose three fourths of the voting strength of this faction in this county, and it comes with but little show of consistency that these friends of a "full vote, fair ballot, and honest count" should allow their "faithful allies" a two-fifths representation when they supply three fourths of the votes. I suppose their idea is to hoodwink them in their conventions and then they can afford to be magnanimous enough to give them a fair count at the polls.

We are organizing rapidly and intend to work incessantly, and you need not be surprised to find Mr. Bogart in December in Richmond as the member from SOUTHAMPTON.

RAWLEY SPRINGS.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

SEPTEMBER 3, 1881.

The following-named Richmonders are still here: Mrs. Dr. Garnett, Mr. E. A. Saunders and family, Miss Brook Hatchett, Mr. Lawrence Lottier and family, Mrs. J. D. Lottier, Mrs. Robert Whitlock, Mrs. Charles Whitlock and child, Miss Emma Aikin, Miss Maggie Ford, Mrs. S. Hunter and child, Miss Rutson Hatchett, Mrs. Robert Morton and family, Misses Hannewinckle, Mrs. C. S. Carrington and daughter, Mr. J. R. Gordon, Miss Doughty, Mrs. George Watt, Mrs. Manfred Call and family, Miss Fannie Greaner, Mrs. Edward Cohen, Mrs. E. Carrington Cabell, Robert Bosher and lady, Masters F. W. and Eddie Hannewinckle, W. S. Forbes and family, Mrs. W. Wirt Henry and daughter, Miss J. C. Read.

The Richmond ladies with whom originated the idea of getting up an entertainment at Rawley for the benefit of the Retreat for the Sick, at Richmond, were Mrs. Edward Cohen, Mrs. Robert Morton, and Mrs. E. A. Saunders, members of that benevolent association, aided by Mrs. George Watt, her daughter, Mrs. Call, and others. The idea commanded the warm approval and support of all the Richmond guests, and being generously assisted by intelligent and kind-hearted ladies and gentlemen from other cities and States, the happy thought was carried to a handsome and substantial consummation.

This region of country has been visited with copious and refreshing rains since last afternoon. It came too late for much of the corn and grass, but it has put a new face on nature, and made men feel that the God of Providence has not forgotten to be gracious.

[For the Dispatch.]

Abingdon Presbytery.

Abingdon Presbytery met at Hillsville, Carroll county, Wednesday, August 31-t.

Present, twelve ministers and twelve elders.

Rev. W. E. Hill was chosen moderator and T. J. Henson clerk.

Mr. Peter C. Clark, of Glade Spring, was received under care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. Mr. Clark enters Hampden-Sidney College this fall.

A church of sixty members, three elders, and four deacons was reported organized at Bethel, Washington county.

Rev. J. D. Thomas resigned his charge of the Wytheville church, of which he has been pastor for nearly twelve years. It is hoped Mr. Thomas's services will be secured by the Board of the Reformed church in the important work of preaching to the colored people of the South.

Considerable time was spent in discussing the great subject of foreign missions.

Presbytery adjourned Saturday night to meet at Newbern, Pulaski county, May 3, 1882.

We had beautiful weather, large congregations, and the greatest kindness and hospitality from the people. B.

The Coming Prize-Fight.

Richard K. Fox, of the *Police Gazette*, who offered to back Paddy Sullivan against John L. Sullivan, or any other pugilist in the world, has received a letter from Michael McDonald, of Chicago, offering to match Sullivan against Ryan for from $5,000 to $10,000 a side, the fight to take place within one hundred miles of Detroit, Mich., or New Orleans, La., not less than six nor more than ten weeks after signing articles. McDonald enclosed a check for $1,000. Mr. Fox accepted the challenge on behalf of Ryan yesterday, and forwarded a check for $1,000 to McDonald. William E. Harding, Mr. Fox's representative, and Charles Davis, representing Mr. McDonald, will meet September 12 to arrange preliminaries and sign articles.

Sanitary Condition of the White House.

[Washington Star last night.]

The work of thoroughly cleaning the White House will commence at an early day. The house will be cleaned from top to bottom. The carpets will be taken up and the curtains removed and cleaned. Every room will be gone over. There will also be effected an improvement in the White House drainage. Colonel Waring, of Rhode Island, a high authority on sanitary matters, about five weeks ago made a thorough inspection of the plumbing and sanitary condition of the house. He reported that there were some defects, but that the plumbing was much better than the newspaper reports have set forth.

The Voracious Carp.

Mr. Fred. Munzler has in a small pond on his place on the outskirts of the city three German carp which he calculates will average one and three quarter pounds. In the same pond were placed last November quite a number of trout. The latter fish have entirely disappeared, having all gone to fatten the carp, which were so small when they were put in that Mr. Munzler never dreamed the three would clean up the immense majority of the trout.—*Charlotte (N. C.) Observer.*

DARKNESS IN THE EAST.—The telegraphic dispatches from different points in New England inform us that something like a plague of darkness fell upon many parts of that unhappy section yesterday. In Providence the sun almost refused to shed a ray of light even at midday, and the gas had to be turned on. It was discovered, however, that even this had given out, and the old-fashioned tallow "dip" came into requisition. Boston witnessed some curious atmospherical phenomena. The green of the famous common changed its color to a hue never before seen at the "Hub." The gas-jets became magnified into small electric lights, and the whole sky assumed a yellowish tinge.—*New York Herald.*

Miss Schaffer, the young lady residing in Elmira who took the $200 prize at Brockport recently for being the handsomest woman in the State, has gone crazy. Her insanity is the result of too much notoriety on a weak mind. She is to be taken to an asylum on Monday next for trouble of the brain, which the physicians assert is due in no small degree to the use of certain acids to stain or color her hair.

A Saint Paul newspaper offers a standing reward of $500 to the first person in that city who shall kill a burglar and deliver the corpse to the headquarters of the police department, and agrees also to defray the expenses of any trial that may follow, as well as to guarantee immunity from any punishment on account of such killing.

Major-General Weitzel says in an article in the Philadelphia *Times* that when Jefferson Davis's desk was opened, on the entry of the Twenty-fifth corps into Richmond, a confidential letter from General Lee was found, dated the previous October, saying that the Confederate cause was hopeless.

The Philadelphia *Times* says: There is no difference among doctors upon one point—they all agree that whatever chances of life the President may have had they have been vastly improved by his successful removal to Long Branch.

The Susquehanna river is lower than it has been for ten years past.

Coney Island Races Tuesday—Eole Beaten.

There were six races at Coney Island on Tuesday, one of which was won by Parole.

The fifth race was a handicap, sweepstakes of $50 each, and only $15 if declared out, with $750 added, of which $150 to the second horse. One mile and a half.

Starters.

P. Lorillard's ch. f. Sly Dance, by War Dance, dam Sly Boots, four years old, 102 pounds, (Shauer) 1
G. L. Lorillard's ch. g. Monitor, by Glenelg, dam Miex, five years old, 120 pounds, (Costello) 2
E. V. Snedeker's ch. f. Girofle, by Leamington, dam Relan, four years old, 106 pounds, (W. Donahue) 3
F. M. Lilly's br. g. Wildmoor, by Lorillard, dam Florence, five years old, 100 pounds, (Blaylock) 4
The Pelham's Stable's b. c. Eole, by Eolus, dam War Song, three years old, 108 pounds, (Holloway) 5
Oden Bowie's ch. m. Oriole, by Kingfisher, dam My Maryland, aged, 97 pounds, (Heard) 6
C. Littlefield's br. c. Clarence, by Trail, dam Clarina, three years old, 85 pounds, (Riley) .. 7

Time, 2:37¾.

THE BETTING.

Monitor was the favorite, selling in the pools for $550; Eole, $515; Girofle, $100; Sly Dance, $70; the field, $30. In the books there was even money against Monitor, 8 to 5 against Eole, 7 to 1 against Girofle, 12 to 1 against Sly Dance, 20 to 1 each against Wildmoor and Oriole, and 30 to 1 against Clarence. The mutuals paid $142 20.

THE RACE.

Monitor was first away, Girofle second, Sly Dance third, Wildmoor fourth, Eole fifth, Oriole sixth, Clarence seventh. Monitor led around the lower turn, and as he passed the three-quarter pole he was leading a length, Eole second, Wildmoor third, Girofle fourth, Clarence fifth, Sly Dance sixth, Oriole seventh—the first six without daylight between them. As they came past the judges' stand Wildmoor led one length, Eole second, a head in advance of Monitor, the latter half a length in front of Girofle, Sly Dance fifth, Clarence sixth, Oriole bringing up the rear. Wildmoor kept in front around the upper turn, and at the quarter pole was half a length in front of Eole, the latter one length in advance of Monitor, who was half a length ahead of Clarence, Sly Dance fifth, Girofle sixth, Oriole seventh. The horses passed the quarter pole in this order. At the half-mile pole Wildmoor led by a head, Eole second, one length in front of Monitor, the latter half a length ahead of Sly Dance, she two lengths in advance of Girofle, Clarence sixth, Oriole seventh. Eole took the lead on the lower turn, Wildmoor second, Sly Dance third, Monitor fourth, but very close together as they passed the three-quarter pole. Getting into the homestretch Monitor, Sly Dance, and Girofle had a very exciting struggle, which ended by Sly Dance winning the race by a head, Monitor second, a neck in advance of Wildmoor, fourth, Eole fifth, Oriole sixth, Clarence seventh. Time, 2:37¼. Monitor was jumped on on the lower turn, or in coming into the homestretch, and his off hind leg was badly cut. But for this injury there is no doubt but that he would have won the race. Fortunately there are none of the tendons injured.

Senator Hill.

The second operation which Dr. Gross, of Philadelphia, was to have performed Monday on Senator Hill, of Georgia, was postponed owing to the heat of the weather. The Senator left the Continental Hotel on Sunday evening and took up his quarters in Jefferson College Hospital, where he still remains. A fungus growth in the Senator's mouth was operated upon by Dr. Gross about seven weeks ago, which relieved Mr. Hill of all inconvenience. Dr. Gross considers it necessary to perform a second operation in order to remove the growth entirely, for if allowed to remain in its present condition it may in the future become exceedingly painful and dangerous. Senator Hill looks remarkably well, and says he never enjoyed better health in his life.

A Washington Negro Uses the Razor.

[Petersburg Virginian.]

Last Saturday afternoon Lewis Alexander and Sam Seymour, two negroes employed on the Bright Hope railroad, got into a difficulty, and after quarrelling separated. After Alexander had gone to sleep that night, Seymour attacked him with a razor, and cut him in the arm, leg, and back, making several painful and dangerous wounds. One of the Chester physicians was sent for and rendered all necessary medical aid. The wounded man has been taken to his home, Washington, D. C., and Seymour, who is also from Washington, made his escape.

WARM SPRINGS, VA., September 7.—The Lexington Presbytery met here to-day. A large number of delegates is in attendance. The hotel here is filled with distinguished visitors from all parts of the United States, and much interest is manifested by them in the proceedings.

The Fredericksburg *Star* says: Notwithstanding the fearful drought now prevailing in this section, we were most agreeably surprised by the appearance of the corn along the line of the road from this place to Spotsylvania Courthouse.

Roger A. Pryor, Jr., participated in the concert at Charlotte Courthouse for the benefit of the organ fund of the Presbyterian church, and the *Gazette* praises in very high terms his violin solos.

George B. Scott, one among the most highly-respected citizens of Fredericksburg, died there Tuesday, in the sixtieth year of his age.

A New York correspondent of the Bethlehem *Times* says that the estate of Samuel J. Tilden is worth $15,000,000. A man who has so much money is still an available candidate.

Senator Bayard's horses ran away on Monday evening in Wilmington, smashing the carriage, but not injuring the Senator at all.

John W. Bookwalter, the Democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio, owns the largest sheep ranch in Nebraska.

NERVOUS HEADACHE,

SICK HEADACHE,

AND

NERVOUS CHILLS.

THEIR DANGER AND SAD RESULTS.

All headaches are nervous, whether called so or not; but there is a certain class of headaches that are known as and called nervous headaches because they are attended by other nervous symptoms, and what the patient calls nervous feelings or nervousness. Headaches are more dangerous than they are generally supposed to be because few people die in a fit of headache, but they lead to the most serious state of things; nay, often end in death or insanity, and are always the forerunner of nervous chills. Nervous chills are extremely dangerous, and are not only attended by distressing nervous symptoms, but by congestion of the nervous centres, and often prove fatal very suddenly, and should receive prompt and immediate treatment, but the best and safest way is to take it in time; and if you suffer from nervous or sick headache, treat that and be cured of it, and there will be no danger of nervous chills. You may say, "I have tried, and nothing cures me." No, tonics or those common purgative pills or strong medicines will never cure you. The reason you suffer from nervous headache or chills is because your nervous system is run down; the nerve fluid has become poor and weak, and needs feeding and restoring to its natural condition; and I can tell you what will do it in any case, and I speak from experience, and that is DR. BENSON'S CELERY AND CHAMOMILE PILLS. They have and will cure any case, no matter how long standing or obstinate, of either nervous headache, nervous chills, sick headache, neuralgia, nervousness, paralysis, sleeplessness, or indigestion. Price 50 cents a box, or six boxes for $2.50, postage free to any address. Sold by all druggists. Depot, 106 north Eutaw street, Baltimore, Md. Prompt attention given to all mail-orders at home office.

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THE NEWS FROM ELBERON.

THE PRESIDENT PASSES A GOOD NIGHT AND DAY.

THE SUFFERER'S NERVE AND HOPE.

His Recuperation and Improvement Considered Marvellous.

A VERY GOOD INDICATION

That the Patient's Recovery is Only a Question of Time.

THE SURGEONS AND CABINET OFFICERS

Entirely Satisfied with the Present Outlook.

More Prayers to be Offered for the President's Recovery—New York Democratic Convention Called for October 11th—Great Devastation from Drought and Fire in Michigan—The Archbishop of Milwaukee Dying—A Bogus Insurance Agent Arrested in Louisiana—Disastrous Fire in Texas—Algeria Constituted a French Department.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE DISPATCH.]

ELBERON, N. J., September 7—8:30 *A. M.* General Swaim, in discussing the condition of the President this morning, said he had slept well all night; that his pulse was not more than 106, and that his temperature was but slightly above normal. There is a very sanguine feeling among the attendants this morning.

THE 9 A. M. OFFICIAL BULLETIN.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., September 7.—The following official bulletin was issued this morning:

9 A. M.—The President slept the greater part of the night, awakening, however, as often as it was necessary to give him nourishment, which he took very well. The fever reported in last evening's bulletin had subsided by 11 P. M. This morning his temperature is normal, and he appears to have quite recovered from the fatigue of yesterday's journey. At the morning dressing the parotid abscess was found to be doing well. The visible parts of the wound looked somewhat better. Pulse, 106; temperature, 98 4-10; respiration, 18. The next bulletin will be issued at 6 o'clock this evening.

D. W. BLISS,
J. J. WOODWARD,
FRANK H. HAMILTON,
J. K. BARNES,
ROBERT REYBURN.

ALL UNEASINESS ALLAYED.

LONG BRANCH, September 7—12:10 *P. M.*—The President's condition continues favorable, and the surgeons and Cabinet officers express themselves as entirely satisfied with the present outlook. The morning bulletin has had the effect of allaying all uneasiness on the part of those who were extremely anxious last night, and it is confidently expected that the favorable symptoms will continue. The fact of the President's having had sufficient recuperative power to rally from his depressed condition of last night is received as a very good indication that his recovery is but a question of time. Dr. Bliss thinks that the ocean air will henceforth have a decidedly bracing effect on the patient.

Attorney-General MacVeagh, who last night was very despondent, is feeling in good spirits this morning, and thinks that the change during the night was almost marvellous. Secretary Brown entered his office early this morning with a very pleasant smile on his countenance, and showed by his general conduct that there had been a change for the better.

It having been decided to issue official bulletins but twice per day is another good indication, and tends to prove that the surgeons do not anticipate an occurrence of anything serious.

HOT WEATHER.

The weather to-day is said to be the hottest of the season. The thermometer at this hour is nearly 90° in the shade, with a low breeze blowing. At 1:15 P. M. the President is reported to be passing a good day. The excessive heat affects him somewhat, but his general condition is encouraging, and he is holding the gain which he made during the night.

HOLDING HIS OWN AND SOMEWHAT STRONGER.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., September 7—2:30 *P. M.*—General Swaim says that the President has held his own during the day, and he thinks he is somewhat stronger. He expresses himself as feeling much more comfortable than in Washington. He enjoys the sea air exceedingly. Dr. Boynton, who was present at the noon examination, says his pulse, while a little higher (being 114 beats), was good and firm, and the temperature, which was but little above normal, indicated that there was very little fever. "On the whole," said the Doctor, "the improvement of the patient last night shows that he has considerable vitality left. I expect to be able to give you better news in the course of the next thirty-six or thirty-eight hours." The residents of Long Branch say the heat of to-day is greater than it has been for years. In some places the thermometer ranged between 90 and 100°. The President's quarters are quite comfortable, however, and are subject to what little air is stirring.

6 P. M. BULLETIN.

LONG BRANCH, September 7.—The following bulletin was issued by the attending surgeons this evening at 6 P. M.:

Notwithstanding the exceptional heat the President is still doing pretty well. The thermometer in his bed-room rose to ninety-four degrees at half-past 3 o'clock, but there was a breeze most of the day, so that the President was comparatively comfortable. He has taken his nourishment regularly, and has slept at intervals during the day. At 3:15 P. M. his pulse was 114; temperature, 98 4; respiration, 18. Since then there has been some rise of temperature, though less than yesterday, and his pulse has somewhat diminished in frequency. At the evening dressing the appearance of the wound was favorable. At present his pulse is 108; temperature, 101; respiration, 18.

THE PRESIDENT SURPRISES HIS DOCTORS.

WASHINGTON, September 7.—The *Star's* Long Branch special says:

The rapid recuperation of the President from the fatigue of yesterday's journey has been so remarkable that even the physicians are surprised. Last night there was some alarm because of the high pulse and temperature. Dr. Bliss at midnight said he did not expect the President to rally much inside of forty-eight hours, and a bad bulletin might be expected this morning. When the night bulletin was issued there was considerable anxiety, more especially among the Cabinet officers, all of whom are here. The bulletin of this morning has reassured everybody. The President is no worse than when he left Washington. He recovers from his long journey, and is in no danger of malarial influence. He is now contented in mind. His room, which is a large one, gives him a full view of the ocean. At noon to-day the patient's pulse was down to 102, and all other conditions were normal. The doctors are delighted.

Colonel Rockwell, who sat up all night with him, says the President slept well till about 4 A. M., when he was waked for beef tea. He wanted to talk about many things. He asked after his boys, and after every member of the Cabinet. He said he felt greatly rested, and thought he would more than recover to-day the ground he lost yesterday. He ate well, and has taken his liquid nourishment by mouth at intervals to-day, and relished it. Colonel Rockwell says the nerve and hope of the patient are marvellous.

The Cabinet called in a body upon the doctors. They were assured that the President's condition was better than it has been since the relapse of two weeks ago.

The New York Democratic Committee's Horror and Sympathy.

NEW YORK, September 7.—At a meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee to-day Mr. Purcell, of Clinton, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the people's right to be represented in the Executive office of the United States by a Chief Magistrate of their own choice has now again been imperilled. This right of the people in representation is a fundamental republican principle of self-government. Whether this right be imperilled, as in 1876, by conspiracy or force and fraud among office-holders of the party in power aiming to nullify the people's verdict, or, as now, by the bullet of the assassin, whatever his motive, that peril should awaken in every patriotic heart not only the respectful sympathy of freemen with the victim of such atrocity, but also that political vigilance which is the cost of maintaining the safeguard of civil liberty.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

W. E. Smith offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a standing vote:

The members of the Democratic State Committee, at their first meeting since the attack upon the President of the United States, take occasion to record their indignation and horror at the infamous deed, and to express their heartfelt sympathy with the distinguished sufferer and his stricken family in their affliction, with the earnest hope that the labors of love and science for the restoration of the Chief Magistrate to health and to the full exercise of the constitutional functions of his office may be soon crowned with complete success.

More Sympathy.

HARRISBURG, PA., September 7.—In the County Democratic Convention to-day resolutions were unanimously adopted denouncing the shooting of the President as a disgrace to civilization, a great outrage on the people, and an insult to republican institutions, and expressing sympathy with the President and with the hope of his early restoration.

Praying for the President's Recovery.

TRENTON, N. J., September 7.—By the Governors proclamation services will be held in all the churches to-morrow to pray for the recovery of the President.

NEW YORK, September 7.—Governor Cornell having appointed to-morrow as a day of prayer for the President's recovery, the day becomes a legal holiday, to be observed similar to Sunday. Mayor Howell, of Brooklyn, has also issued a proclamation calling on the business people to close their stores to-morrow.

NEW YORK, September 7.—The Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange has ordered a suspension of business to-morrow, in accordance with the Governor's proclamation naming a day for prayer for the President's recovery. The Exchange will be closed.

Senator Jones on the "Inability" Question.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 7.—Senator Jones, of Florida, in a communication to the *Star* this evening, gives expression to the following views on the "inability" question:

As my name has been connected with the "inability" question I desire that my view of it should be accurately stated. There has been great confusion of language and thought on this subject. I first affirm that under our government there cannot at any time be two Presidents; that when the Vice-President takes the office of President he ceases to be Vice-President, and cannot preside over the Senate. The Constitution of the United States, unlike the Constitution of some of the States, does not provide for the second officer in the Government *acting* in the place of the first in case of inability. The Constitution speaks for itself: "In case of the removal of the President from office, or of his death, resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office, the *same* shall devolve on the Vice-President." Is it not *clear* from this language that the *office* of President in case of inability devolves on the Vice-President under the same conditions and with the same consequences as in the case of removal, resignation, or death? The last clause of the section confirms this view. And Congress may provide by law for the case of removal, death, resignation, or inability, both of the President and Vice-President, declaring what officer shall *act* as President, and such officer shall *act* accordingly until the *disability is removed* or a President shall be elected. In the one case the *office* absolutely devolves on the Vice-President, leaving the former incumbent dispossessed of his official character and power the same as if removed. In the other case Congress is empowered to designate an officer who shall *act* as President until the disability is removed, or a President shall be elected. Every student of the Constitution can understand this difference in the language of the two clauses. It was the intention of the fathers to keep the hands of Congress away from the creation of the President. An officer deriving his title from Congress was not to be tolerated in the presidential office one moment longer than the emergency required. This jealousy did not extend to the Vice-President. This official was brought into existence for no other purpose than to take the presidential office in case of emergency. His position in the Senate was an afterthought, and merely incidental to the main purpose of his office. Deriving his title from the same source as the President, and extending over the same period of service, he was not regarded by the Constitution as a creature of Congress, and hence no fear was apprehended from his holding the full term.

Drought and Devastation.

TERRIBLE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN MICHIGAN—FIRES RAGING IN MANY PLACES—GREAT DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY AND LOSS OF LIFE.

DETROIT, MICH., September 7.—Reports are beginning to arrive from the northern and northwestern portions of the State showing a terrible condition of affairs. The long-continued drought has rendered everything as dry as tinder, and numerous "flashings," or partly-cleared tracts of land covered with brush, decayed timber, and other inflammable material, afford the best possible medium for the rapid spread of flames carried by the high winds which have been prevailing.

Sanilac and Huron counties are the scenes of the greatest destruction, which is growing positively appalling in character. Hundreds of farms have already been reduced to blackened ashes. Stock, crops, farm-buildings, and fences all have been swept away. Men, women, and children have been overtaken by the flames, and several lives are known to have been lost. It is feared when full accounts are received that the loss of life will prove terrible.

The little hamlets of Anderson, Richmond, and Charleston, in Sanilac county, are all reported to have been wiped out, while Port Hope, Verona Mills, and Bodaxe, in Huron county, are reported wholly or partly burned up.

The people are flocking to the shore of Lake Huron from the interior of these counties as the only refuge from the devouring flames. Some were overtaken by the spreading fire. Not less than twenty deaths are already reported, but it is hoped that these statements may prove incorrect.

In Tuscola county, in the next tier of counties back from Lake Huron and south of Saginaw, fires are also raging, but with less severity. The losses are overshadowed by a more terrible condition of things in the adjoining counties. The same state of affairs exists in Lapier county, and the whole country around Saginaw and Bay City is ablaze from the marshes taking fire. Reports of many losses to farmers are beginning to reach here.

A Dying Bishop.

MILWAUKEE, September 7.—Most Rev. John Martin Henri, Roman Catholic archbishop of Milwaukee, was very low last night, and was not expected to live till morning.

New York Democratic Convention.

NEW YORK, September 7.—The Democratic State Committee to-day issued a call for a State Convention to be held at Albany October 11th.

Severe Accident to a Locomotive Engineer.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

WILLIAMSON'S, VA., September 7.—William Wrenn, a through-freight engineer on the eastern division of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, was run over by an engine to-day and had his ankle badly crushed. The wounds were dressed by Dr. Wiley preparatory to removing him to his home, in Staunton, when his foot will probably be amputated by the company's surgeon.

Norfolk.

FIRE IN THE DISMAL SWAMP, &C.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., September 7.—Forest fires, as usual during protracted droughts, have broken out in the Dismal swamp, and now rage over an area of about twelve miles. They have already swept over the coast counties of North Carolina.

The corn crop is being cut for fodder, the drought having ruined it.

Norfolk is to be illuminated with thirty-odd electric lights on the occasion of the Centennial celebration.

Destructive Fire.

GALVESTON, September 7.—A fire on Sunday night destroyed the barn of Walter Caruth, five miles from town, consuming 2,000 bushels of corn and a lot of hay, oats, and millet, and twenty head of horses and mules. Loss between $8,000 and $10,000; no insurance.

Arrest of a Swindler.

SHREVEPORT, LA., September 7.—A man calling himself Walker Harman was arrested here on Monday as a swindler. He represented himself as an agent of the New York Mutual Life-Insurance Company, and has been perpetrating some frauds in Jackson and in Memphis, Tenn., and Sedalia, Mo., as H. H. Howard. He is in jail. Requisitions will be forwarded for him.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Algeria a French Department.

LONDON, September 7.—The Paris correspondent of the *Times* says the batch of decrees gazetted on the recommendation of the extra Parliamentary commission virtually converts Algeria into a French Department. The various ministries at Paris will have charge of the Departments of Public Works, Education, Finance, etc. The Governor-General of Algeria, in lieu of being responsible solely to the Ministry of the Interior at Paris, will be subject to each of the nine ministers as regards his peculiar functions. This seems designed to hasten M. Albert Grevy's resignation of the governorship. Thus reduced to a sub-prefecture, the Algerian deputies vainly urged a postponement of the decrees which had been condemned beforehand at the elections in Algeria.

Australian Meat Shipped to England.

LONDON, September 7.—The steamer Cuzco, of the Orient Line, has arrived at Plymouth from Australia with an experimental shipment of 150 tons of meat in good condition. All the steamers of the Orient Line will now be fitted with refrigerating apparatus for this trade.

FINANCIAL.

RICHMOND STOCK EXCHANGE.

WEDNESDAY, September 7, 1881.

SALES—FIRST BOARD—10 shares Norfolk and Western preferred at 54; 10 shares Petersburg Railroad at 32½, 10 do. at 32½, 10 do. at 32¼; 10 shares Atlanta and Charlotte stock at 75¾, 10 do. at 75½.

SECOND BOARD.—25 shares Petersburg Railroad at 32¼; 50 shares Norfolk and Western preferred at 54, 10 do. at 54.

STATE SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked.
Virginia 10-40's, J. and J	52	...
Virginia consols, J. and J	77	...
Virginia peelers, J. and J	38	...
Virginia tax-receivable coupons	92¾	93¾
North Carolina 4's, J. and J	86	88
CITY BONDS.		
Richmond city 8's, J. and J	131	132¾
Richmond city 6's, J. and J	113	114¾
Richmond city 5's, J. and J	105¾	...
Petersburg city 8's, F. and A	116	...
Petersburg city 8's, spec'l tax	116	...
Petersburg city 6's, F. and M	100	...
Lynchburg city 8's, J. and J	120	...
Lynchburg city 6's, J. and J	107	...
Norfolk city water 8's, M. and N	121	...
RAILROAD BONDS.		
C. and O. R. W. 6's, 1908, J. & J	85	...
C. and O. R. W. 6's, 1918, J. & J	55	...
Va. and T. R. R. 2d mort. 6's, J. & J	102	...
Va. and T. R. R. 3d mort. 8's, J. & J	116	...
Col. & Greenville 1st mort. 6's, J. & J	103	105
Col. & Greenville 2d mort. 6's, O. & A	94	96
Piedmont R. R. 1st mort. 8's, A. & O	114	115
South S. R. R. 1st mort. pref. 8's, J. & J	110	...
South S. R. R. 2d mort. pref. 8's, J. & J	102	...
South S. R. R. 3d mort. pref. 6's, J. & J	102	...
Nor. and P. R. R. 2d mort. 8's, J. & J	...	116
R., F. and P. R. R. mort. 8's, J. & J	115	...
R., F. and P. R. R. ext'd 6's, J. and J	106	...
R., F. and P. R. R. mort. 7's, J. & J	115	...
R., F. and P. R. R. mort. 6's, J. & J	164	...
O. and A. R. R. 1st mort. 6's, M. & N	120	...
O. and A. R. R. 2d mort. 6's, J. & J	125	...
O. and A. R. R. 3d mort. 8's, M. & N	115	...
O. and A. R. R. 4th mort. 8's, M. & S	60	...
R., Y. R. and C. R. R. 8's, J. & J	114	...
R. & D. R. R. gold 6's, J. & J	100¾	101
R. and A. R. R. 1st mort. 7's, J. & J	106	...
Atlanta and Charlotte 7's, J. & J	109	...
A. and C. income 6's	94	98
North Carolina Railroad 6's	95	98
Western N. C. R. R. 7's, M. & N	108	109
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Par.	
C. and O. Railway common	100	26	27
Columbia and Greenville pref	100	83¾	85¾
Richmond and Petersburg R. R	100	97¾	998
Petersburg Railroad	100	32	32½
R., F. and P. R. R. common	100	70	80
R., F. and P. R. R. 6 per c. guar	100	107	...
R., F. and P. R. R. 7 per c. guar	100	122	...
Connection Railroad	...	...	80
R. and D. R. R	100	95¾	102
Richmond and Alleghany R. R	100	41¾	42¾
C. C. and A. Railroad	100