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THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 1.

IT may afford a moment of solemn satisfaction to readers here that are suffering from hay fever to know that people who have been going away to various places of pleasant resort to escape the hay fever have astonished themselves this year by the funny discovery that they have not been having hay fever at all. The Philadelphia *Times* says their trouble seems to have been peach fever, and when the peach crop fails, as it actually has done this year, they are not troubled with sneezing or anything of that sort which has gone so far to make life a burden. Many of the prominent members of the Hay Fever Association have not found it necessary to leave home at all this year, and they all attribute it to the want of peaches.

IF ANY further argument were needed to prove the unhealthfulness of Washington as an abiding place, it could be found in the figures showing the mortality for the month of July. The total number of deaths in the District of Columbia was 481, or at the rate of 32.07 in 1,000 for a year. In July, 1880, there were 371 deaths. It is significant therefore, to note that the increase this year is 30 per cent over last year. The records show that the death rates per 1,000 by classes of diseases were as follows: Infectious, 12.47; constitutional, 6.47; local, 8.53; developmental, 3.13, and by violence, .147. The number of deaths from infectious diseases increased from 102 in June to 187 in July. The deaths outnumbered the births by 195.

PRESIDENT GARFIELD began to mend after all his physicians had given up hope of his recovery. It will be remembered that a few years ago Charles O'Conor's physicians left his bedside declaring that they could do no more, and that death was near. The patient had received the last rites of the Church. Then he was given a bit of food which he had craved and been denied, and he directly made way toward health. The Prince of Wales was pronounced past hope by his doctors a few years ago, and he turned back from the grave on the Sunday which had been designated as a day of prayer throughout the united kingdom for his recovery. The doctors of course did all they could, as they have done and are doing in the President's case. But they are not all wise, and not infrequently when their skill is exhausted a higher power saves the life of which they have despaired.

IN a moment of temporary insanity the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch* has offered a prize for the best poem composed by a boy under thirteen years of age and furnished to that journal before October 1. The subject is to be selected at will, and there is no limit as to length. If this were all, a long-suffering world would make an effort to survive this new pang, but when the *Post-Dispatch* announces that it will publish all the poems submitted Thanksgiving Day seems a long way off and Christmas vanishes into the unknown future. To this journalistic enterprise a competition recently established by the St. Paul *Pioneer Press* furnishes a striking and noble contrast. St. Paul is at present passing through a reign of terror, having fallen into the hands of a large and shrewd gang of professional burglars. The raid is resumed every night and the police are powerless. For the sake of starting a generous rivalry the *Pioneer Press* offers to contribute $50 toward a prize of $500 to be awarded for the first dead burglar killed by a citizen and presented at police headquarters.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from Chicago—The President's Condition and Business—The Grain Market—A Talk With Editor Medill.

CHICAGO, August 29, 1881.

I arrived here on Saturday evening and found everything gloomy and desponding about the hotels and public places in consequence of the news from Washington about the President. It seemed as if everybody had at last given him up, including Dr. Bliss and even Mrs. Garfield, and accordingly tidings of his death were expected Sunday. I wrote out a little memorial reminiscence of the President for your columns, and took it to the telegraph office just before midnight, supposing you would issue a Sunday edition, and just as I handed it in for transmission over the wires some one inside said that the President had changed for the better. In order to see what the word really was I went up to the rooms of the Associated Press and there read the details of the news as it was coming in, including Blaine's dispatch to Minister Lowell, and after seeing that there really was a change for the better, and that the President might not only live for days yet but finally get well, I hurried back to the telegraph office and suppressed my dispatch after a page of it had gone off.

There was an eagerness to see the Sunday morning papers here that I have never seen exhibited since the war, save on the morning after the President's assassination, eight weeks ago, and all day Sunday great crowds thronged the sidewalks in front of the *Tribune* and *Times* newspaper offices to read the bulletins in the windows. The *Tribune* issued an extra at ten o'clock in the day, which was eagerly bought from the newsboys, and here at the Palmer House, where everybody comes in times of excitement, the constant inquiry among the crowd in the rotunda was, "Is there any more news from the President?" and "What do you think of his chances now?"

There was, of course, any variety of opinions as to his chances. Some thought that this was simply a last rally, such as frequently takes place before dissolution, and there were only a few who professed to feel decidedly confident that the President would really get well. Even as late as eleven o'clock last night the sidewalks were thronged at the newspaper offices by eager crowds looking for more news. The news was meagre, but, nevertheless, still good, and on every hand you could hear expressions of satisfaction and congratulations over its encouraging tenor.

This morning brought a confirmation of the change for the better that has come to the President, and by the opening of business there was a grand let up in the feeling of despondency that was so noticeable on Saturday evening. The expression was common that the President would now pull through; that he had touched his lowest point and passed his last crisis, and must now recover. On the strength of this feeling it was confidently predicted that there would be a "bull market" at the grain exchange to day. Operators said that bad news in regard to the President had been used to bear the market, and now that good news had come prices ought to partake of the buoyant feeling. But there is no logic in such dealings as they are having here. The cliques that have been manipulating wheat, corn and pork so wildly for weeks past have allowed the boys with their irregularities; and to-day it was, as usual, the unexpected thing that happened. Wheat opened above Saturday's closing prices, but soon went off, and kept going off all day long, closing finally at a decline of six cents. I was on the floor of the exchange about mid-day, and found our old friend, Davenport, costless and cravatless, in the midst of the wheat deal. Coming up out of the pit, where the selling and bellowing is done, Ben saluted me with the remark that they had a rattling time of it on change since I went West six weeks ago. "There goes a fellow," said he, "that has made his $300,000 since you were here. He has been with the market all the time." I hadn't time to ask him about the fellows who had lost the $300,000, as he was summarily called back into the pit again to execute an order.

Leaving the Exchange I made a call on our old Wheeling friend, Col. Bob Forsyth, who, since I passed through for the West, has been promoted to be not only General Freight Agent of the Chicago & East Illinois Railroad, but General Traffic Manager of the line and all its leased roads. I found him sitting in the midst of his well-earned honors, at 123 Dearborn street, up to his eyes in business, giving directions and information about cars and shipments to his clerks and to a number of business men in his office. "Well," said I, "Colonel, you were born and raised in Wheeling. How would you like to quit this work and troubled life here and go back and spend your days peacefully in the old town?" "Oh," said he, "Wheeling is a good town, but it would never do for a man who has lived in Chicago as long as I have and got as deep into the Chicago ways of doing business as I have. Do you know," said he, "that I would expect to die soon if I had to go back there and settle down into the old ways. It would never suit me at all. I couldn't think of such a thing under any circumstances." Saying this, he invited me to take a walk with him to a place where he had some business, and as we went dodging along the sidewalks and between drays and express wagons across various streets, he pointed out to me distinguishing characteristics of business here and there. Passing on the edge of the fruit market, he said: "Do you know that this is one of the greatest fruit and vegetable markets in the country. Why we can actually buy Southern fruits, such as oranges and bananas, cheaper here than in New Orleans. Everything comes pouring in here in vast quantities, and it has to be sold, and competition is so active and constant that prices are always kept down. We have choice of everything here at low prices. I often buy a dozen of oranges for a quarter. At New Orleans you would pay forty or fifty cents for the same oranges."

Any one can see for himself here the vast quantities of corn, potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers, squashes, onions, peaches, pears, plums and apples, put up in the nicest order, exposed for sale. At this season of the year the night boats from various points along the Michigan shore come ever laden with vegetables and all sorts of dairy products, saying nothing of the arrivals by the cars. Such an exhibition of plenty in the garden line would make the mouths of the Kansas farmers where I have lately been, and who are suffering so much from drouth, fairly water. Chicago is indeed a favored locality in respect to full supplies of the very best that can go on a man's table, provided always that he has the wherewithal to buy it. There are plenty of people here as elsewhere who can look at all of these exhibits and say "thou art so near and yet so far."

After my walk with Col. Bob, I went over to the *Tribune* office and spent a couple of pleasant hours with its veteran editor Mr. Joseph Medill, a man who, as all your readers know, ranks as one of the great editors of the country, and who in some respects can justly be regarded as the superior of several noted journalists. Medill is eminently a practical man. He is an Encyclopedia of practical information, and he can always utilize it to advantage. He was a practical Mayor of Chicago once upon a time—just after the fire—perhaps the most practical man that ever filled the office. He has a keen sense of the eternal fitness of things under all circumstances. As an illustration, while I was talking to him, Presiding Elder Welling, who has charge of the arrangements for the trial of Dr. Thomas for heresy, came in to consult him whether in his opinion the Doctor should be tried in open court—that is, before all the people who could get into the house. By all means no, said Medill. That would result in a set of cliques on both sides, and would in the end, turn the whole affair into ridicule. Choose a sufficient number of decorous friends, in addition to the tribunal that is to try him, to assure fairness all around, and then trust to the newspapers to furnish the world with a full and fair report. If this is done the trial will proceed with dignity.

It struck me that this was sound advice, and I have no doubt but it will be acted upon.

When the Elder had gone out I asked Medill what he thought the result and effect of the trial would be. "Oh," said he, "I suppose Thomas will be convicted of heresy and thrown overboad by the tribunal, but the ultimate result will not be sustained by all the young generation of the Methodist Church, and finally by the Church itself. That is the direction in which events are marching. By-the-by," said he, "did you ever hear Thomas? He is one of the brightest men in the pulpit. He preceded Dr. George, of Wheeling, in the Centenary Church. Dr. George couldn't hold the crowd after Thomas vacated. Thomas has now a big independent church here, and it will be bigger than ever after the trial. He and Swing have each a great following."

"What is Thomas to be tried for," said I.

"Well," said Medill, "he doesn't believe in a material hell, nor in a permanent hell. He says that it is contrary to common sense to grade punishments by a sense of equity in this world and not grade them in the next. We confine some men in jail for thirty days, others for six months, others we send to the penitentiary for a year, some for two, five and ten years, while others we send for life, and some criminals we hang. This we do according to a universally recognized standard of justice and right. Dr. Thomas contends that we got this instinct from the Almighty, and that the Almighty did not endow mankind with an instinct of justice that he himself ignores in his own dealings with his creatures."

"Well," said I, "will he be convicted on this count in the indictment?" "Oh, yes, I suppose," said he. "The old time people in the denomination will demand his conviction, and will be satisfied with nothing less. But," said he, "there will be a reaction from the conviction. You saw how it was in Swing's case. People generally sympathize with the views Thomas holds."

I went out to lunch with Medill, and on the way he took me into a drug store where they sell the new liquid food that they have been giving to the President so freely of late. I refer to the carbonic acid preparation of milk known as "Koumyss," which comes from the bottles popping and fizzing like so much champagne, and tastes like buttermilk but a little turned. Medill had a case of the best that could be put up sent to the President. He himself uses it every day, and says that it agrees with a dyspeptic stomach better than any sort of food ever yet found out. In the course of our lunch he discussed the business situation of the country at some length, asked me about the parts of the West where I had been, and expressed the opinion that in another year or so we shall see a big collapse in values. We are going on the breakers sure and certain, said he. A. W. C.

A Portrait of Dr. Holland.

The Century Co., publishers of *Scribner's Monthly* (to be known as "*The Century Magazine*" after October), will soon issue a portrait of Dr. J. G. Holland, which is said to be a remarkably fine likeness; it is the photograph of a life-size crayon-drawing of the head and shoulders, recently made by Wyatt Eaton, and will be about the size of the original picture. It is to be offered in connection with subscriptions to *The Century Magazine*.

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If, for instance, your pasture lands are rough, or on steep side hills, select a small, active cow, and if butter-making is your business the Jersey or Devon and their grades from our native cows will prove satisfactory. But if cheese-making is your business, or the production of milk for market, the Ayrshire is the cow. While her milk is well adapted for cheese or for market it is better than the average cow's for butter. Again, if your pasture lands are productive and moderately level, with butter-making your business, select the Holderness or the Princess family of Shorthorns, or their grades from our native cows. But if cheese or milk only be your object, the Holsteins will prove satisfactory.

As the selection of individual cows, suited to our several farms and adapted to our various wants, would be too much of an undertaking, and require so much time and care, it can be done best by selecting from our herds of native cows, and the use on these of a thorough bred bull of that breed desired. In this way, if the selections be carefully made, a herd can be built up in a little while, founded on our native stock and at small expense, far exceeding in value any of our native herds. It has been a matter of surprise to me that our intelligent and progressive dairymen do not more generally adapt their cows to their several wants by breeding a sufficient number each year to make good the annual loss from old age, accident and disease. A cow reared on the farm where she is to remain is always more valuable to her owner than a strange cow.

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			P. M.			
Cent. O. Div.		9:00	1:30	3:55	11:15	
W., P. & B. Div		6:25	1:40	5:10		
			A. M.			
Clev. & Pitts.		6:10	11:63	2:00	15:08	
						P. M.
P., C. & St. L.	8:52	6:52	9:07	1:07	4:52	5:52
					A. M.	
C., T. V. & W.				1:00	17:00	¶4:00

ARRIVAL OF TRAINS.

	Sunday.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.		
B. & O. R. R.		12:15	4:50	2:30		
			A. M.			P. M.
Cent. O. Div.		6:10	9:55	11:00		6:15
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W., P. & B. Div				P. M.	A. M.	
Clev. & Pitts.		P. M. 12:28	5:46	7:50	12:30	
		A. M.	A. M.		P. M.	
P., C. & St. L.	12:07	8:07	8:52	12:07	4:17	7:17
			P. M.			
C., T. V. & W.		¶10:10	3:05		‡6:30	

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