

Highly Important Arrest.

Suspicion having been directed towards a house occupied by members of the Suratt family, Major Smith, of General Augur's staff, last night visited the premises, and placing the lady inmates in arrest, proceeded to the examination of the house and papers found in it. While doing so, a rap was heard at the door, which was opened revealing a medium sized man, dressed in a gray coat and vest, black cloth pantaloons, and fine boots. Upon discovering the officers, he manifested considerable surprise, and remarked that he had got in the wrong house. In reply to the questions of Major Smith, he gave contradictory answers, some of which were quite absurd. The reason he assigned for calling on Mrs. Suratt was that he had been engaged to dig a gutter for her today.

The man had a pick with him, but the delicate appearance of his hands, and his inconsistent statements, convinced the officers that he had some connection with the attempt to assassinate Mr. Seward, and he was at once taken to General Augur's headquarters.

Upon reaching headquarters he was placed in the midst of a group of persons, while an officer was dispatched to the residence of Secretary Seward for the servants and attendants who saw the assailant of the Secretary.

Upon the return of the officer the gas was turned down; and as the servants entered the room the gas was suddenly let on with a full blaze. The boy instantly pointed out the man in the group as the one who entered the Secretary's house. The demeanor of the prisoner at once changed, his defiant manner giving place to manifestations of fear.

After some other investigation, there remaining little doubt as to the identity of the man, he was placed in safe keeping, within iron walls. The prisoner is variously known as Paine, alias Thomas, and several other names. — Wash Star.

THE PLAGUE.—The Siberian plague, as it is called, was at last accounts raging at St. Petersburg, and already there is serious alarm in Western Europe, for fear that it will extend to the continental nations. There is every reason to believe that, like the Asiatic cholera, and all the great epidemic diseases known to history, it will extend its ravages westward. The French government has ordered all vessels from St. Petersburg to be put in strict quarantine, while the Austrian government has sent a medical commission to Russia to inquire into the nature of the epidemic, and the best means of treating it. There is no doubt but this is the same disease as that known to history as the plague, and which has in its time visited every continent but ours. Should it extend to Western Europe, it may not spare us, and hence its progress will, from this time forth, be watched with the keenest solicitude. Its character is that of a contagious fever, accompanied by buboes, carbuncles, and other unsightly eruptions. Persons taken with it often die within thirty hours. It generally lasts, however, a week or ten days before terminating fatally. — New York World.

The Northern papers publish a letter purporting to have been written by J. W. Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln. It appears in several newspapers in different cities, and is reported by each journal to have been furnished by the same person. The date, except "1864," is missing in all the copies. The tone and tenor of this letter go to establish the theory that the murder of Mr. Lincoln was the act of a mere fanatic, who acted on his own responsibility, and had no conference with others, and no share in any "conspiracy."

The Richmond markets are pretty well supplied with meats, vegetables and country produce generally, and prices are not extravagant, though they are higher than there is any necessity for. — HENRY H. BENTLEY.

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