

OREGON SENTINEL.

JACKSONVILLE SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1881

ATROCIOUS DEED.

Dastardly Attack on President Garfield's Life.

On Saturday forenoon the people of the whole country were startled by the announcement over the wires that President Garfield had been assassinated that morning at a railroad depot in Washington city.

Nothing very assuring about the President's condition could be had, and at times it was thought that the celebration would have to be postponed.

In discussing the event some people were disposed to interpret Guitteau's act as the result of a conspiracy on the part of the Conkling stalwart faction to make Arthur President.

His mind being in a misanthropic, morbid, added state, the act was purely his own. His disappointment in not getting the foreign consulship to which he aspired and the fact that both the President and Secretary Blaine had for weeks refused to pay any attention to his importunities, coupled with his impetuosity, no doubt crazed his mind and led him to commit the murderous assault.

July 4th and 5th were days of great suspense. The dispatches received left considerable doubt as to the true condition of the wounded President and the worst was feared.

As many of our readers are anxious to learn the motives of the murderer, we append the following: MORE ABOUT GUITTEAU, THE ASSASSIN. Detective McElfresh, who took Guitteau to jail, says he asked him: "Where are you from?"

He replied: "I did it to save the Republican party?" "What is your politics?" He said: "I am a stalwart among stalwarts. With Garfield out of the way we can carry all the Northern States, and with him in the way we can't carry a single one."

stand, which will explain all." McElfresh asked him: "Is there anybody else with you in this matter?" He answered: "Not a living soul. I have contemplated this for the last week, and would have shot him when he went away with Mrs. Garfield, but I looked at her and she looked so bad that I changed my mind."

On reaching the jail Mr. Russ, the deputy warden, said: "This man has been here before." Guitteau said: "Yes, I was down here last Saturday morning, and wanted them to let me look through, and they told me that I couldn't, but to come on Monday."

He was asked: "What was your object in looking through?" The reply was: "I wanted to see what sort of quarters I would have to occupy."

WASHINGTON, July 2.—The following is a copy of the letter which the assassin wanted delivered to General Sherman: July 2, 1881. TO THE WHITE HOUSE: The President's tragic death was a sad necessity, but it will unite the Republican party to save the Republic. Life is a flimsy dream, and it matters little when one goes. A human life is of small value.

The following letter was found on the streets shortly after Guitteau's arrest. The envelope was unsealed and addressed: "Please deliver at once to General Sherman or his first assistant in charge of the War Department."

GENERAL SHERMAN: I have just shot the President. I shot him several times as I wished him to go as easily as possible. His death was a political necessity. I am a lawyer, a theologian and politician. I am a stalwart of the stalwarts. I was with General Grant and the rest of our men in New York during the canvass. I have some papers for the press which I shall leave with Byron Andrews and his company of journalists, at 1420 New York avenue, where all reporters can see them. I am going to jail. CHARLES GUITTEAU.

Very Respectfully, CHARLES GUITTEAU. THE NEWS AND VICE PRESIDENT ARTHUR. Late on Sunday night Arthur received a dispatch from Secretaries Hunt and James, that the President was sinking, and immediately upon its receipt decided to go to Washington by the midnight train, and then went to his house to prepare for the journey.

A Washington dispatch dated July 4th, says: "This afternoon the Vice President drove to the White House. He was received by the cabinet, all of whom were there, and they held a conference. The Vice President expressed his most profound regret at the occurrence, and said that nothing ever so moved him. He earnestly hoped for the President's recovery and expressed sincere admiration for the President. General Arthur was then ushered into a room where Mrs. Garfield received him. She showed marked emotion, but bore up well. In feeling terms the Vice President expressed sympathy for her, and hoped the President would recover and enjoy a peaceful and happy administration."

A member of the cabinet explained that the physicians had positively forbidden that the President should see Arthur; that he must have absolute quiet, and such a visit would necessarily excite him more or less. The Vice President recognized the force of this and acquiesced. Secretary Hunt, Postmaster General James and other members of the cabinet say that the Vice President manifested the most earnest and sincere feeling and sympathy, and it was evident that he was most deeply grieved. The Vice President said to the cabinet that aside from all other considerations, he earnestly hoped, on his own account, that the President would get well, and added: "God knows I do not want the position to which I was not elected—one I never expected to hold, and especially under such dreadful and distressing circumstances."

THE ASSASSIN'S HISTORY, &c. Charles J. Guitteau is of French Canadian extraction, about 38 years old. His parents resided in Chicago where he claims he was born and was known by many as a very eccentric individual. Those acquainted with him have regarded him as a crazy lunatic.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—Dr. Hood, medical examiner of the pension office, recalls that Guitteau made application for a pension some two months ago, upon representation that he was a soldier during the civil war. Dr. Hood investigated the claim and the papers were filed away with the endorsement "insane."

The Star shows that the assassin wrote to the President professing great devotion, and saying that he was an anti-stalwart, at the same time begging a place. Secretary Blaine thinks Guitteau crazy and regards himself of very superior ability. He had told Guitteau positively that an appointment was out of the question. Guitteau said he elected Garfield, and ought to have a big appointment.

Guitteau, the assassin, has a brother in Boston, who is an insurance agent. He resides on Appleton street. In an interview he referred to the vicious and irresponsible character of his brother, who seemed to have no moral attributes whatever. He paid no bills, his brother said, and was a source of great trouble to his family, from whom he estranged himself, and who seem to regard him as vicious and immoral. The following is an extract from a letter dated March 30, 1873, from the father of the assassin to John W. Guitteau, his brother in Boston, in which he writes, referring to Guitteau's abominable and deceitful dealings: "I have been made to believe him capable of almost any folly, stupidity or rascality. The one possible excuse I can render for him is that he is insane. Indeed, if I was compelled as a witness upon the stand, I am inclined to think I should testify that he is absolutely insane and hardly responsible for his acts."

Up to Tuesday morning the President seemed to waver between life and death, and although he was in a most critical condition, yet the dangerous symptoms were not of the most serious type. On Wednesday morning many people were of the opinion that the crisis had been reached, and that Garfield's firm hold of life gave strong hopes of his final recovery. The marked signs of improvement, corroborated by the favorable opinions of the eminent surgeons who are in constant attendance, are quite assuring to an anxious public.

WASHINGTON, July 7th, 9:15 A. M.—Night passed most comfortable, continues steadily to improve. He is cheerful and asks for more food. Pulse 94, temperature 99, respiration 23. No further bulletin till 1 P. M. Signed D. M. Bliss and others.

WASHINGTON, July 7th, 1 P. M.—Condition of President continues favorable, as this morning. Pulse 100, temperature 100, respiration 23. Unless some unfavorable change occurs, no further bulletins will be issued until 7:30 P. M.

July 8, at 5 P. M.—Our latest information from Washington is to this date. The President was still improving, and strong hopes of his ultimate recovery are now entertained by all his physicians, including Surgeon General Barnes, who had heretofore been very skeptical. So gratifying is the news that the Chamber of Commerce of New York at noon to-day voted a gift of \$250,000 to Mrs. Garfield.

Thousands of well-to-do Americans have gone to the continent of Europe on a pleasure trip. Ever since the 15th of May a continuous stream of pleasure-seekers have embarked for Europe, and ocean steamship accommodations have been taxed to their utmost. We need scarcely apprise our readers that the tidal wave of prosperity which has enabled these Americans to travel abroad has not in any way lessened our own resources. It is an inconvenience, to be sure, but we think we have grace enough to put up with everything that we can't help.

Some of our horsemen, notably J. A. Cardwell, wish us to call the attention of the citizens of Jackson county to the subject of improving and raising a better and more saleable class of horses. How to do it, and how one may know that he has done it. It is conceded by all that we have here in this valley the best climate for horse raising found anywhere; our horses will grow larger here and weigh from two to three hundred pounds more (from our horsefeed), than in Kentucky. A life reflection will convince all, that by taking advantage of our opportunities we can produce with as good and even larger horses than any other country; and the result would be, that instead of the world going to Kentucky to get choice horses, our own horses would soon attract the attention of the look out for good stock. By in order to do this we have to look up our interest. We should always be ready to supply the markets with as many horses as we can raise. In order to bring a greater demand for our horses, we should institute trials of speed and endurance, to test them. And in furtherance of this object it is proposed to have races at Carvell & Filtner's track sometime in September, provided enough money can be raised to hang up purses. Let us have a good horse race, and speed trials.

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