

## THE ENTERPRISE.

OREGON CITY, THURSDAY, SEPT. 23, 1881.

The news of the death of President Garfield was received in Oregon City about 8 P. M., on Monday evening. Although the intelligence was in a great measure expected, it cast a gloom over the city, that could only be compared to that of the time when the tidings came of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. The stores closed immediately and some of the saloons. Even the whistle of Young America was hushed and the gathering knots of four or five persons in each group lamented in low tones the sad fate of one of the noblest men who ever filled the presidential chair. The church and fire bells were rung and the evidence of grief was depicted on the countenance of every man in the community. Party lines were unknown and forgotten. The city is draped in mourning.

In the words of the assassin and scoundrel Guiteau, Chester A. Arthur is president. Mr. Arthur now has an opportunity to forget the role of politician and assume that of statesman. He has the choice of following in the steps of Garfield, the choice of the people, and whose every act has been sanctioned by the whole nation, or of following the advice of Conkling et al., whose patriotism exists only for the spoils and perquisites they can abstract from the Republican party. He has the power of cementing the Republican party, into one glorious whole, or of thoroughly disintegrating it. He has the opportunity of being either a man or a mouse, and which it will be, time only will tell. His present associates and advisers are Grant and Conkling, both of whom as leaders have been repudiated by the American people, and whether their councils will prevail over those of the rest of the nation, yet remains to be seen.

### THE OHIO CAMPAIGN.

The Democratic State Committee asks the Republican Committee to be frank in their Party's meeting in the campaign. The latter object.

COLUMBUS, Sept. 18.—The following is published to-day:

COLUMBUS, Sept. 17.  
Geo. K. Nash, Chairman of the Republican State Executive Committee. Dear Sir—During the week a long list of appointments for the able and distinguished speakers of the Republican party have been announced for Ohio, beginning the 20th inst. The Democratic committee has been ready to open the speaking of the campaign, but in consideration of the condition and critical illness of the president we have thought that propriety and sorrow in the presence of that awful calamity to our country, demanded that partisan feeling be silent. The tidings each day from the great sufferers grows gloomier, and indicate that death alone will end the tragedy. In view of the real condition of affairs we wish to suggest to you that we are willing to avoid all discussion that will lead to bitterness and out of respect to the president, this being his native state, if you will consent to the arrangement, we will not announce any meeting, provided you will withdraw your appointments. However, if you do not care to do it, our sense of duty compels us to say that we do not feel like opening the campaign while President Garfield lingers at the door of death. Yours respectfully,

CLARK IRVINE, Chairman.  
Geo. B. KEY, Secretary.

### THE REPLY.

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 17.  
Mr. Clark Irvine, Chairman of the Democratic State Executive Committee. Dear Sir—Your favor of this day is received. In reply I will say that this committee before it announced the opening of its campaign for the 27th inst. (not the 20th, as stated in your letter), determined that a fair, honest and candid presentation of the principles of the Republican party would be neither improper nor unpatriotic. These principles President Garfield loved and advocated with all his great power. From his lifelong and magnificent record we know their triumph is most earnestly wished for him. Whether by the will of Providence President Garfield lives or dies, his sacred duty obliges Republicans to use all proper means to maintain these principles. President Garfield when a soldier for the Union, never faltered because coward and useful commanders fell upon the field of battle. If Garfield's voice could be heard, he would bid his old comrades not to abandon those principles because he suffers. In contention for his own and their principles, As Republicans will follow his example and receive his commendation. Whether it is proper at this time to advocate the principles which the president always believed to be injurious to the country, is a question for your committee to determine for itself. In conclusion let me assure you that no one can feel greater sorrow over the critical condition of President Garfield than those who served him well and vindicated his honor and good name from all attacks less than one year ago. Very respectfully,

Geo. K. Nash,  
Chairman Republican State Ex. Com.

### DEATH OF PRESIDENT GARFIELD.

LONG BRANCH, Sept. 19, 7:25 A. M.

The president passed a very comfortable night, far better than was expected. He is now sleeping quietly.

9 A. M.—The president had a rigor at 8:30, A. M.

9:15, A. M.—The condition of the president this morning continues un-

favorable. Shortly after the rigor

the evening bulletin he had a chill

lasting 15 minutes. The febrile rise

following continued until midnight

during which the pulse ranged from

112 to 130. The sweating that followed

was quite profuse. The cough which

was troublesome during the chill gave

him but little annoyance during the re-

mainder of the night. This morn-

ing at 8 A. M. the temperature was 98

the pulse 108 and feeble and the respiration 22. At 9:30 another chill

came, on account of which the dressings

were temporarily postponed. A bulleti-

n was issued at 12:30 P. M.

9:45, A. M.—The rigor of this morn-

ing lasted nearly twenty minutes and was quite a severe one. The presi-

dent is reported as having slept some time

it subsided, but is now awake. He has

taken a small quantity of nourishment.

The frequency of the chills occasion-

grave anxiety. Dr. Bliss is of the opinion that if the rigors continue for 24 hours the president cannot live, and it is quite possible that he may be carried off in one of the chills.

ELMWOOD, Sept. 19, 10:15 A. M.

Dr. Boynton says that during the prevalence of the rigor the president's pulse went up to 130 beats and was very feeble. At this hour it has de-

creased to 110 beats. The patient is extremely weak and there is cause for great alarm. Dr. Bliss is of the opinion that the president may die in one of the rigors should they continue to be frequent.

10:40 A. M.—Dr. Agnew says the

situation at this time is decidedly

grave and could not well be worse.

The president has not rallied as usual

from the effects of rigor. Much ex-

haustion prevails and the worst fears

are entertained and justified.

11:30 A. M.—Dr. Bliss has briefly

summed up the situation as desolately

critical. He said there was no doubt

the rigors were the result of extended

complications in the right lung added

to the exhausted condition of the

president, which has been caused by

internal poisoning. Boynton expects the

situation to rally from the effects of the

morning's rigor, but admits there is

no cause for grave apprehension.

LOWELL, Sept. 19, 1:35 P. M.

The president has slept most of the

time since the morning chill. There

have been no evidence of a change

and no change in his condition con-

cerning his condition to be forwarded im-

mediately to Belmont.

JUDGE AGNEW, Sept. 19, 2 P. M.

The president passed the most quite night

he had experienced since he was shot.

The reason for it can be readily ac-

counted for by the extreme weakness of

the patient. He is fearfully weak and

debilitated.

12:30 P. M.—(Official).—The chill

from which the president was suffering

at the time the morning bulletin was issued lasted about 15 minutes, and concluded in the lower half of the room. On

the following I found Mrs. Garfield sitting

by her bedside with other women in

the room. I said to her, "How is

every thing going on?" She replied,

"He is sleeping nicely." I said "

I think you had better go to bed and

rest." I asked what had been prescribed

for him to take during the night.

She then said, "there's tea tea down

stairs. Daniel knows where to get it.

I went into the doctor's room and found

Dr. Bliss there and asked him what

he was given during the night.

He answered, "I think I had better try op-

ium and will bring it to you very soon."

Then went into the surgeon's room and over a little conversation with

Mrs. Garfield. She left off the pre-

scription and said, "He is sleeping nicely."

It seems to be in good

condition and passed out.

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