

No election of Senators at Albany to this date. The "stalwarts" and "half-breeds" still hold their respective forts.

In our supplement to-day will be found much information concerning the attempted assassination of President Garfield.

The celebration in Rensselaer on the Fourth was a grand success, the throng present immense, the exercises entertaining, and, save for the anxiety and uncertainty manifested with reference to the condition of the President, everything passed off satisfactorily.

It was a difficult matter to convince our people, Saturday evening, that an attempt had been made upon the life of the President, but when on Sunday his death was announced to have occurred the evening previous at 7 o'clock, the Court House, Opera House, Post Office, most of the business places, and many private residences were draped in mourning. In the afternoon, when the people were about to assemble in the Opera House with a view to making arrangements for proper observance of the sad event, Dr. Washburn brought in the glad tidings that the President still lived. A sense of relief mixed with anxiety as to what might be the probable outcome, took the place of general gloom. The people now rejoice over the favorable reports received, and pray for the recovery of the President.

The latest news received is that the President continues to improve.

## LETTER FROM SIMON P. THOMPSON, SON, ESQ.

For the Sentinel.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., July 5, 1881.

This sultry noon we drop a word or two to let the Jasperites know our progress toward the Centennial State. Yesterday was not only a national anniversary in which joy and grief mingled in the popular assemblages throughout the land, but locally it was the semi-centennial of this BLOOMING CITY.

McClean county is rich in the quality of her soil and many industries. The University and State Normal make this county a very local Athens of learning. On a monument of 60 feet elevation, of pure marble, are engraved the army roster of her patriot dead. The literati well know that the brilliant Litta and the stately Davis, have here their home. We took a pleasant ride amid the environs of this prairie city. Senator Davis lives on a farm near the east end of Jefferson street. He has a mansion constructed of elegant free-stone and surrounded by spacious grounds. The Senator was leaving just as we rode up and we had no interview.

The Fair ground is on the west limits of the city, and in the races RENNSLAER took first honors. Maloy's Chaise made the best time.

The Cemetery is southeast and is a total of 160 acres. The general features are similar to Oak Hill at Washington. Our people made a great mistake in not purchasing a larger space for God's acres while real estate could be had in its woodland garb. The drives are unsurpassed in the Cemetery here and we were glad to have visited it. We halted here from necessity, and have made our stay a pleasure.

The air is sultry and we shall have a hot spell of Uncle Sam's dominion to pass over before reaching the GATES OF THE GODS.

We are well, and will be glad to see a copy of the SENTINEL at Canon City, Colorado.

We close this letter with an extract from the speech of Hon. George R. Helling, delivered on yesterday at Franklin Square. He is a Democrat and you will endorse what he says:

The things wherein some of us differ with President Garfield seem so far away while he lies grievously wounded that they have, as it were, utterly vanished, and in their stead loom up to-day those great qualities of heart and brain which have made many love him. May Divine Providence restore him in perfect health to his country, may the breakers of the world be compelled to suffer and soon be filled with gladness. His generous soul, his genial nature, his brilliant intellect, his scholarly acquirements, his conspicuous and unabashed worship of his mother, his devotion to all the interests which cluster about his family hearthstone—all these, and let me add, as one who is not his partisan, his patriotism, and fidelity to the cause of humanity, all these, I say, make James A. Garfield an example worth all men's emulation and a fit object of every American's pride.

S. P. THOMPSON.

Well, we can endorse most of the above utterances. While we have nothing to be taken back that has from time to time been urged against his elevation to the Presidency, in the presence of the great calamity and the outrageous and criminal wrong perpetrated upon the Executive, his family and the nation, all else can be hushed in the knowledge that, while elected by a party he is the Chief Magistrate of the whole nation.

## THE DEMOCRATIC STATE EDITORIAL CONVENTION.

The Attendance Large and the Meeting a Success.

throughout the State, convened at Michigan City, Ind., June 30th, 1881. The trains on the L. N. A. & C., and I. P. & C. Railroads brought in large delegations of editors, reporters and representatives, many of them accompanied by their wives. The city was appropriately decorated with national banners, and the arrival was welcomed by an open air concert by the cornet band. The hotels were soon filled with the distinguished guests and many were entertained at private houses.

At Mozart Hall at 8:30 the business meeting was called to order by the President, Hon. John B. Stoll, who in a few well chosen remarks stated the object of the meeting, after which the roll was called and the fact noted that not less than one hundred papers were represented. The report of the Committee appointed at Indianapolis last January for the purpose of preparing an address, was then called for and read. The propriety of adopting the address as read was then discussed by every one present with considerable warmth. An amendment was offered to receive the address, and postpone its consideration to the next meeting in January, which, after a lively discussion was finally adopted.

H. H. Walker, ex-Mayor of Michigan City, presented the Association with a beautiful flag, in a few touching remarks giving its history: After passing through the campaign of '80 it was presented to the donor's wife, who, before her death, requested that it be given to some Democratic Association. In a few appropriate remarks the President tendered to Mr. Walker the thanks of the Association.

Col. J. B. Maynard, of the Indianapolis Sentinel, followed with a short but entertaining address, at the close of which the meeting adjourned for the day.

In the words of the much-quoted Hawk-Eye man: "We can't all be editors and lounge around and wear good clothes," but we were allowed to participate in the day's proceedings, which was an occasion long to be remembered by all present. The afternoon was most agreeably spent in sight-seeing. A special train conveyed the visitors to the car works and prison, which institutions were duly inspected with much interest. At 3 o'clock the company returned, and, accompanied by the band, boarded the propeller Snook, and a delightful trip taken on the Lake. The wind was fair, and no one was sea-sick, although several of the party had never before indulged in "sailing on the lake." The music furnished by the band lent a double charm, as the white-caps kept up a dashing accompaniment. Returning, the party repaired to Mozart Hall, where a welcome address was graciously delivered by Mayor Harris. Hon. John B. Stoll responded in happily chosen words.

Wm. W. Woollen, of the Indianapolis Sentinel read a paper entitled "Indiana Journalism in the Olden Time," and handled the subject in a most forcible and happy manner. The many historical facts were given in an easy and fascinating style, while his mirth-provoking anecdotes were equalled only by the graceful manner in which they were delivered. At the conclusion of Mr. Woollen's address a committee on resolutions was appointed, when the convention adjourned until p.m. When that hour arrived Mozart Hall was filled with an audience eager to hear the distinguished speaker, Hon. Henri Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal. Before he was introduced, Mr. Reuben Daily, of the Jeffersonville News, Indiana's Bob Ingersoll, read a number of resolutions prepared by the committee of which he was chairman. A repetition of the additional may not be uninteresting to the readers of the Sentinel:

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