

AWAY TO WASHINGTON.

From Chicago to the Centre of National Interest.

Notes Along the Line of an Historical Route.

Facts and Gossip Concerning the Attack on the President.

Special Correspondence of The Bee: WASHINGTON, D. C., July 14.—Leaving Chicago at 5.10 p. m. by THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO

road, one reaches Washington at 9.30 the following evening—eight hours less than by any other line. A better time-table could not be arranged, as the least interesting part of the country is traveled in the night, and morning finds the train crossing the Ohio river at Bellaire and entering at once the ranges of the Appalachian mountains, extending in width through the northern part of West Virginia, and really terminating only at Harper's Ferry, forty miles out of Washington. The scenery is characteristic of only this range of mountains, in that instead of mountain peaks with bare rocks and precipitous sides, with sharp angles and deep canyons, as in the Rockies, the White mountains and the Adirondacks in New York, the summit of the Alleghanias are

ROUNDED KNOLLS, covered with full grown trees, and stretching away in all directions in gentle undulations. The ride through the day was between forest covered ridges alternating with deep valleys and then half way up the side of some mountain. The highest elevation reached on the road is nearly 3,500 feet. Not the least interesting features of the journey are the huts of the mountain, a large chimney of stone or sticks and mud and a small log cabin fastened on one side, full of children and a bare footed woman with a clay pipe. Cumberland Gap, the valley of the Shenandoah, and Harper's Ferry with its ruined arsenal and historical associations, were all places of unusual interest.

Washington, generally so deserted in summer, is a trifle more lively at present. The members of the cabinet are all here and it seems probable will remain for some time till the president's recovery is assured. Through the illimitable assurance of our friend J. C. Adams of Omaha memory we were enabled to visit

THE WHITE HOUSE

and grounds yesterday. The day was fairly comfortable, not nearly so warm as in Chicago, and Omaha. Two companies of the Second Artillery were rolling under the trees and on the west side of the grounds a solitary sentinel marched back and forth. The avenue looked deserted enough, a happy contrast to the scene a week since, when it was filled with a surging crowd anxiously waiting for the latest bulletin. A large force from the navy yard was busy on the west side of the white house in fixing an air compressor machine for cooling the president's room. It seems to be a happy time for inventors in that line, for several different methods have been tried unsuccessfully and every applicant has a hearing. The trouble seems to be in getting rid of the moisture while reducing the temperature. The last experiment is reported to be a success in that direction. All news I might give you of the condition of the president at date, would be old by the time this reaches you. The feeling here is very hopeful. For the first few days scarcely any business was transacted. Everything hung in suspense.

THE VICE PRESIDENT

seems to have won general commendation by the judicious course he has pursued and in his intercourse with cabinet officers and has displayed more judgment and a better appreciation of the situation than would have been credited to him before the assassination. Ingersoll calls Conkling the "well-dressed swell from New York," which is keen, if a little bitter. Guitauv is closely confined. No papers are allowed him and all reports of newspaper interviews with him are false. He has a morbid desire to know what people say of him and his deed. Yesterday when his usual request for papers was denied, he indulged in considerable profanity, and finally consoled himself with the remark: "But I have a friend in my Bible. You can't take that away." I have talked with several persons who have known the prisoner and have yet to meet one, who believes him insane. The precautions taken by him to avoid lynching, his conversation since, all indicate the possession of legal senses, the power to distinguish between right and wrong. If all men who conceive and execute notions out of the usual run of events, are insane, then the whole country is a vast insane asylum.

The city is looking very finely, and the streets are mostly paved with asphalt, and are kept remarkably clean. Washingtonians indignantly deny that the city is unhealthy in summer, and point to its death rate as below that of our large cities north.

The cyclone of a few days since was more severe than supposed. It was accompanied with a heavy rain and the roofs of solid brick houses were torn off like boards and the houses flooded. It was worthy of Kansas to say the least.

PERSONAL

We have met Judge Peabody who enjoys his work, and Washington. The overworked deputy clerk labor from 9 to 3 o'clock.

Talk With Senator Beck. Cincinnati Commercial.

hardly equal to an interview, "but I will tell you briefly all I know." "Where were you on the morning of the assassination?" "I was about 600 yards from the spot where the shot was fired. I was driving to the ticket office to bring my family home, and was driving down Ninth street, just past the patent office, when a colored man who knew me ran out and said, 'the president has been shot.' I made some skeptical remark, when down street I saw mounted men flying in every direction. I ordered the driver to go as fast as possible to the depot, and we arrived there while the president was yet lying on the floor."

"The crowd was already immense, and increasing every moment, and very much excited. Quite a number gathered about me, and a disposition to lynch the murderer seemed to be general. I remonstrated with this sentiment, saying that it would not be a sufficient expiation of so monstrous a crime—a crime against a whole nation and civilization itself. A young man came up to me and said, 'Mr. Beck, I know this last night I said, 'My God, can it be a conspiracy.' He said, 'I don't know, but I knew this would happen last night,' and disappeared. I am glad I did not recognize that young man. I suppose he was excited and beside himself."

"When was the last time you saw the president before he was wounded?" "On Thursday afternoon. We passed quite a little while together. He was unusually kind, buoyant and happy. His desire was to do all he could for some constituents of mine in whose I called. He began to talk of his wife's illness, and the happiness he expected to have during the holiday. His eyes filled as he talked, and when we parted he gave me one of his left-handed blows on the shoulder which, I told him, I would carry home as a love-tick."

"Did you see him after the shooting?" "No, but I called at the White House that evening and gave him a prescription which, I am sure, was of service. I told the cabinet that in my belief if Mrs. Garfield should break down on her arrival it would kill him. His mind was solely engaged about her, and I beseeched that Mrs. Blaine, who is one of the bravest women in the world and a woman of brains as well as nerve, should meet her and prepare her. This was done. Mrs. Garfield showed herself a woman of courage, and all went well. One smile from his wife was worth more to the half-dying president than all the doctors."

"Do you think the president will recover?" "I think he will. His only danger now is a too speedy removal. If they will leave him alone he will recover. If they attempt prematurely to change his position, he may have a relapse. Everything has been in his favor. He is a boy in health and at heart a good Christian man, who does not fear to die. He feels that he has run a career wronging no man, and he is now ready to go. But he don't want to go, and is full of cheer and hope. I believe, therefore, he will get well."

"What of the vice president?" "He is not a bad man. He is little-hearted and has suffered not a little. The reports have not been exaggerated. He is really a kind, good man, and when I saw him he was overwhelmed. The last thing he wanted was the presidency."

"Do you think there was a conspiracy?" "Of that I am entirely without information."

"What about the failure of the democrats to elect a president of the senate?" "They had no chance. The vice president never vacated the chair."

"But if he not offer to do so?" "The facts are these: The republicans agreed to go into an election if the democrats would elect Senator Harris, of Tennessee. The democrats, who have a high regard for Senator Harris, and Senator Harris, who is an unselfish democrat, refused to accept the office thus tendered. There was consequently no election, that is all."

OCCIDENTAL JOTTINGS.

COLORADO

Extensive oil wells are being developed in the Arkansas valley. The assessment in El Paso county this year is \$32,000 less than last year. The lowest bid for the construction of the new city hall of Denver is \$121,970. Cheyenne canon has been sold to parties who propose making it a summer resort. The new placers in the upper Arkansas and tributary streams are attracting much attention. Up to July first, ten millions more brick have been made in Denver this year than there were at the same time last year. Denver's new court house is an exact fac simile of that of Omaha, the plans having been prepared by E. L. Myers of Detroit. The tenants of Denver are complaining loudly of the exorbitant rents. Landlords claim, receive 25 per cent. on their investment, and refuse to come down. The Denver and Rio Grande railroad company pays \$50,000 per month to its employees in Denver alone. This does not include the salaries of the officers. The aggregate earnings of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad for the first week in July were \$134,262.47, and increase of \$27,758.50 over the same week last year. Colorado will probably produce this year 45,000 tons of lead, being one-half the total product of the country, leaving the same amount for Utah, Nevada, Missouri, etc. Two hundred and twenty-five tons of ore are being mined from the iron property at Leadville daily. The Silver Cord Works, adjoining, is outputting seventy tons. Important strikes are reported on Silver Creek, a branch of North Cottonwood. Specimens have been brought down to the valley which assay as high as 3,500 ounces to the ton. The output of ore in the carbonate camp for the first three months of 1881, was \$3,027,826. For the next three months \$3,465,955, or a total of \$6,493,781 for the first half of the year. This is for Leadville alone.

CALIFORNIA. The public library of San Francisco contains 27,919 volumes. 3,800 bales of wool had been shipped from Cloverdale to July 1st. The weevil has appeared in some localities near the Sacramento. The Carson mine has now stored within its walls over 300,000 ounces of bullion. C. W. Holt, of Petaluma, has 3,000 plum trees in bearing this season. One German prune of fifteen years old, will yield a ton of fruit. The average yield of a tree six year old is from 300 to 500 pounds, and plums are never worth less than three cents a bushel. The fruit crop, especially of the small fruits, in Pajaro valley, is very large this year. A lawyer named D. W. Weston, residing at Petaluma, has fallen heir to a fortune of \$100,000. Colusa has voted a tax of \$12,000 to build a school house, with only nine opposing votes. The Idaho mine, Nevada county, Cal., has recently declared its 173d dividend of \$7,500. Two hundred acres of redwoods at the Guernville camp-ground were lately sold for \$32,000. The assessment roll of Marysville is \$1,000,000. This is a decrease from last year's roll of nearly \$200,000. The assessed valuation of real estate in Fresno county is \$3,758,971, and of personal property \$1,975,670. M. C. Blake was nominated for mayor, and John Selwick for sheriff, by the republicans of San Francisco. The Central Pacific Company will soon build a new railroad from Folsom to Placerville, considerable shorter than the old line. J. O. Mills gives \$75,000 to the University of California, to endow the chair of intellectual and moral philosophy and civil polity. For San Joaquin county the assessor's roll shows a total valuation of \$28,372,822, an increase over last year of \$1,814,284. The real estate, not town lots, foots up \$15,274,238. The Bechtel, Bodie, hoisting works are 8,734 feet above the level of the sea. A few days ago a perfect diamond was found at that vicinity. It was discovered fourteen feet beneath the surface. On a cliff near Rincon point, in Ventura county, the rocks are so hot as to be un-usable to the naked hand. Sulphur fumes are also noticeable in that locality, and from all indications a fierce fire is raging below the surface.

DAKOTA AND THE BLACK HILLS. De Smet is to have a Congregational church. Spearfish and Deadwood are connected by telephone. There are great forests of pines all along Rapid and Castle creeks. Deadwood voted bonds to the amount of \$10,000 for school buildings. A farmer at Fall River raised 24,000 pounds of onions from two acres. The general tone of the territorial press indicates a promise of good crop. The manufacture of porcelain has been added to the industries ofuster City. The mica mines near Custer promises to be a great source of wealth in the country. Mandan is to have a newspaper and Presbyterian church building to cost \$35,000. The railroad grade between Dell Rapids and Sioux Falls is about ready for track-layers. The total number of children enrolled in the schools of Anderson is 750; average daily attendance 465. The prospects for a bountiful harvest were never so flattering in the history of Dakota as the present year indicates. The Western Union telegraph company has purchased the line between Yankton and Sioux City, and is now operating it. The cyclone of the 6th in passing through Civil Bend township, Union county, cut a swath through the timber about 300 feet wide. There are an even twenty places in Pierre where liquor is sold, and the county derives an annual revenue therefrom of about \$6,000. Indians and white robbers no longer infest the routes of the Black Hills, and express charges on gold shipments are now reasonably low. A batch of young Indians from Pine Ridge agency arrived at Springfield, and are quartered at Hope school, where they will remain for the purpose of being educated. The county of Bon Homme has begun suit against ex-Treasurer Wells for the recovery of \$14,000 alleged to have been wrongfully issued in bonds of the county at the time said Wells was treasurer. The committee on the territorial school for deaf mutes advertise for a suitable tract of land of ten acres at or near Sioux Falls, whereupon to erect a building at once, which shall cost not less than \$3,000. An English company are now on the way in with 40,000 head of cattle. The headquarters of the company is at the Belle Fourche, at the junction of the Inyan Kara with that stream, where they have taken up seven ranches and are building dwellings, stables, etc., for their employees. WYOMING. The people of Cummins City are crying for better and cheaper mail facilities. Materials for the foundation of Cheyenne's new opera house are on the ground. The tournament of the Cheyenne firemen takes place on July 21st. Ten cents extra on each barrel of Colorado coal from Sidney, one from Laramie and probably one from Council Bluffs. The costly experience of stockmen on Laramie plains last winter has produced good results. Backing and packing hay in immense quantities, and procuring shelter for their cattle for the coming winter. MOATANA. The school building at Miles City will cost \$5,000. A postoffice has been established at Andersonville, Meagher county. Completed, the Northern Pacific will traverse about 90 miles of Montana. It is estimated that upwards of 250 houses will be erected in Butte during this year. Pelts and furs, whose value is in the neighborhood of \$100,000, were shipped this season from Benton, from Colorado. A mine of mica, of a thickness of four feet, and of a remarkably clean and fine quality, is a late discovery at the Barker. The graders of the Utah & Northern railroad are within two or three miles of Silver How, and steady progress is being made in the "out to Butte" march. The sixth annual fair of the Western Montana fair association will be held at Missoula, commencing on the 13th of September. It will be held four days. Robert Pelkey says he passed four bands of sheep, containing about 5,000 head to each band, between Wall and Boise, bound for Montana—mostly for the Yellowstone. They were also bound for the same place, and would have followed on to Montana in the near future.—[Missourian.] NEVADA. The Alta has reached the depth of 2,018 feet. The Suro tunnel now discharges 4,500,000 gallons of water per day. The stampede from the Wood river country to Nevada continues. In Sierra Valley, recently, the grasshoppers began making for the grain fields, when the frightened ranchers assembled on the edge of the grain lands, and with burning straw, sticks, stones, rags, and a large ditch, succeeded in repelling the invaders. The crops in that section will be the largest within fifteen years. NEW MEXICO. Rich gold ore has been struck in the Cerillos mines. A \$100,000 hotel of 75 rooms, is to be built at El Paso. The famous Alta mine, on Turkey creek, owned by Mr. Frank Dimick of

Santa Fe, was sold by that gentleman recently for \$53,000 cash. Carpenters are scarce in Albuquerque at \$1 per day. The new Palace Hotel at Santa Fe is being completed. The Homestake machinery at White Oaks is said to have a capacity of sixty tons per day. The vicinity of Socorro is destined to prove to be one of the richest mining camps in the territory.

OREGON. The fish-run at Astoria has wonderfully improved. This for this season 4,000 Chinook salmon have been brought to Oregon from Hong Kong. Two men while excavating near Albany yesterday, struck upon the remains of a very large animal embedded firmly in the clay. Many of the bones crumbled away in their efforts to remove them. The teeth and other portions of the jaw-bone, and one large tusk, were in a good state of preservation. One of the tusks measured twelve inches around it. The other teeth are fractured by picks in getting them out. The tusk is eight feet long, and eight inches in diameter at the base.

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