

Crutch Extra!!!

IMPORTANT FROM WASHINGTON.

Death of President Lincoln.

THE ASSASSIN ESCAPES.

\$10,000 REWARD OFFERED.

Last night, at half past ten o'clock, at Ford's Theatre, the President, while sitting in his private box, was shot by an assassin, who suddenly entered the box. The assassin then escaped upon the stage, brandishing a large dagger or knife, and made his escape by the back of the Theatre. The pistol ball entered the back of the President's head. The wound is mortal. The President has been insensible ever since it has been inflicted, and is now dying. About the same hour an assassin, whether the same or another, entered Mr. Seward's house, and under pretence of having a prescription, was shown to the Secretary's sick chamber. The assassin immediately rushed to the bed, and inflicted two or three stabs in the throat and two in the face. It is hoped the wound may not be mortal. The noise alarmed Mr. Frank Seward, who was in an adjoining room, and he hastened to the door of his father's room, where he met the assassin, who inflicted upon him one or more dangerous wounds.

Three o'clock, A. M. Investigation strongly indicates J. W. Booth as the assassin of the President. Whether it was the same or a different person that attempted to murder Mr. Seward remains in doubt. Since it was sent I find that both of these were committed about the same moment, and by different murderers. A letter found in Mr. Booth's trunk identifies him as the President's murderer. A reward of \$10,000 is offered to any one arresting either or both assassins. Gen. Grant was not here. He went to Philadelphia. As the assassin jumped from the box to the stage, he cried, "*Sic Semper Tyrannis*," "the South is avenged." The President died at 7. 30, A. M. Fred. Seward died in the forenoon. The President was entirely unconscious up to the time of his death.

I have a report that Booth is arrested, but false, I think. He made his way across the stage, and the back side of the stage, leaped on his horse, and escaped. I was at the Theatre, and saw the whole affair inside. The President was taken across the street to the house, where he remained till he died. Mrs. Lincoln remained with him, also the members of the Cabinet, friends, etc.

Washington City is draped in mourning, and most everybody is crying. Johnson was sworn in as President this forenoon. They think Seward will live, and also his youngest son, but Frank is dead.