

News of the Week.

EXECUTIVE.

Congress.—The Union Congressional Committee has heard from enough Congressmen to form a quorum, of their intention to attend the July session of Congress.

The War Department, by direction of the President, has issued a circular to the Southern military commanders, enclosing the Attorney General's opinion, for their guidance in carrying out the provisions of the Reconstruction acts.

The President has appointed the present Consul at the City of Mexico, Mr. Ottenberg, the successor of Mr. Campbell, who has resigned.—The President arrived at Boston on Saturday evening. He was received by the Mayor on behalf of the city authorities, and by Governor Bullock on behalf of the State.—The great Masonic celebration took place in Boston, June 24, the President attending. A large number of people witnessed the procession and ceremonies, and the day was generally observed as a holiday.

The President issued his proclamation June 20, officially declaring the ratification of the treaty with Russia for the cession of her North American territory to the United States.—The ex-rebel General James Longstreet was pardoned June 20. The application for his pardon was endorsed by General Grant and a number of Congressmen.

Cabinet.—The conclusions of Attorney General Stanbery's opinion on the Reconstruction acts have been considered and adopted by the President and Cabinet, and are to be issued for the government of the military commanders.

Treasury.—Over twenty-four hundred persons are now employed in the Treasury Department, exclusive of those in the Printing Bureau. 575 are women.—The customs receipts at Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore, from the 8th to the 15th inst., amounted to \$747,309.—A wealthy banker of San Francisco died recently, bequeathing \$20,000 towards paying the public debt.

Diplomatic.—Mr. Alexander R. Rangabe, the Grecian Minister, was presented to the President, June 19.

Hon. Isaac Newton, Commissioner of Agriculture, died June 19th.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.

Pennsylvania.—Republican papers in this State are recommending a Constitutional Convention. The measures urged are the increase of the Senate to 100 and Assembly to 400 members.—The Commissioners of the National Cemetery met at Gettysburg, June 20, and adopted resolutions looking to the transfer of the Cemetery to the Government, and the erection of the Reynolds and Battle Monuments. Governor Geary and General Grant were present.—Nearly a ton of papers, including 850 volumes of Adjutant General's reports, stolen from the Capitol at Harrisburg, have been recovered from a paper mill near Carlisle.

New York.—The Central Railroad is preparing to carry seats to market in cars lined with cork, a non-conductor of heat. The atmosphere is forced through the car from chambers at both ends, keeping up a constant circulation of cold air.

New Hampshire.—The House of Representatives has unanimously voted the hospitalities of that State to President Johnson, and then to avoid misunderstanding, invited Hon. Thaddeus Stevens to make a similar visit.

Rhode Island.—There are more deaths than births among the colored population of this State.

Connecticut.—The new city directory of Hartford contains 10,427 names, and the names of 177 streets and courts, 29 churches, 48 benevolent and social societies, 90 missionary and Sabbath-schools, and 74 corporations, beside the banks and insurance companies.—A Poston paper says that neither in the State Library, nor in any of the departments of the State House at Hartford, is there a Bible.

Ohio.—The Republican Convention met at Columbus. General R. B. Hayes was nominated for Governor on the first ballot. Among the resolutions adopted was one in favor of "impartial manhood suffrage."—The colored men will hold a State Convention at Columbus on July 3d.

Illinois.—Chicago, according to its new Directory, has 355 lawyers, 338 doctors, 107 churches, 105 hotels, 708 groceries, 136 drug stores, 152 dry goods stores, 203 meat markets, and 1174 saloons. There are 89,108 names in the Directory.—In Cairo, a negro known as "Old Rube," was voted for as Circuit Judge, in opposition to Col. Olney, and received nearly 200 votes.

Iowa.—The Republican Convention met at Des Moines, June 20, and nominated Hon. Samuel Morrill for Governor. Resolutions were adopted declaring for universal suffrage, and demanding a July session of Congress and the punishment of the rebellious leader.

California.—Grizzly bears are killed with strychnine, enclosed in a ball of tallow and sewed into a piece of fresh mutton.

Minnesota.—The railroads have been considerably damaged by the recent heavy rains.

Maryland.—The Constitutional Convention has decided not to interfere with the usury laws of the State, and has directed an investigation of the conduct of the Baltimore city government, especially with reference to the endorsement of certain railroad bonds and the building of the City Hall.—A lottery scheme "for the benefit of Southern orphans," in Baltimore, has just exploded. Palmer & Co., representing its directors, have been indicted for selling lottery tickets, on the testimony of Mrs. Hammond, President of the association.

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Kansas.—The papers express much alarm for the crops on account of the army of grasshoppers.

North Carolina.—It is announced that some people walk twenty-five miles to Raleigh, to obtain the rations of bread and meat distributed from the Freedmen's Bureau.—The crops on many of the plantations have been utterly destroyed by the rains.

South Carolina.—Gen. Sickles has asked to be relieved from duty, on account of the strictures on his course in the Attorney General's opinion, and has requested a Court of Inquiry on his actions. The military authorities have succeeded in arresting William Jennings, leader of a gang of outlaws who have been preying for over a year past in the interior districts.—General Sickles has written to Senator Wilson that the appropriation for the expense of reconstruction is inadequate, the whole amount, \$500,000, being only what is required for the Carolinas alone. He says the Departments refuse to assist him beyond the appropriation for his district.

Florida.—Several prominent gentlemen of St. Marks, despairing of finding any white person who can take the necessary oath as Postmaster, have recommended to the Post-office Department the name of a colored man, and it is thought he will be appointed.

Georgia.—A Georgia paper sums up the Attorney General's opinion thus:—"Everybody can vote that is registered. Everybody can register that will swear. Everybody can swear that has a mind to. Every negro has a mind to swear."—A \$100,000 opera house is going up in Atlanta.—The newspapers of South Carolina and Georgia state that the Sea Island cotton crop will be a very profitable one. Cotton mills are going up in several localities.

Alabama.—Gen. Pope has telegraphed to Gen. Grant denying that negroes have been appointed as municipal officers in Mobile.

Mississippi sent 75,000 men to the Rebel army, losing by battle and disease 27,500. The colored population is 50,000 in excess of the white.

Louisiana.—The registration lists thus far, are said to show a total registry of 21,829 whites and 49,822 blacks. It is believed that nearly every one of both colors entitled to registry is taking advantage of it.—Some of the Radicals propose General Longstreet for U. S. Senator.—In New Orleans, a few days since, about ten thousand dollars in Confederate money, mixed with other waste paper, was sold at four cents a pound.—General Sheridan has telegraphed to General Grant, desiring to extend the time for registration in Louisiana, as requested by the President. He also denounces the Attorney General's opinion.

Texas.—The Houston Telegraph approves of Horace Greeley for next President.

Kentucky.—The wheat is reported injured and in many places destroyed by the rust.

Missouri.—In St. Louis, the police have been taking the names of those who frequent disreputable houses, and are considering the propriety of publishing them for the benefit of the community.

Tennessee.—The Nashville City Councils have passed an ordinance providing for the education of colored children between the ages of five and fifteen years.

Utah.—The Salt Lake Vidette, publishes a rumor that Orson Hyde and Amos Lyman, both high in the Mormon Church, have lately been preaching against polygamy and special revelations.

City.—Fox's American Varieties Theatre, in Walnut street, above Eighth, was destroyed by fire June 19th. The audience escaped uninjured. When the fire had nearly burnt itself out, the front wall of the building, on Walnut street, fell, killing eleven and injuring eight others.—Upwards of thirty thousand persons visited the New Ledger Buildings June 21.

Indians.—Fort Randall, on the Missouri river, was attacked by Indians, June 10, and one man was killed and 37 horses were captured. A box of letters and mail bags, mutilated by Indians, has been sent from Nebraska to the Post-office Department.

News from the Plains shows a continuance of Indian depredations. General Hancock has gone to Denver, Colorado. General Thomas is at Omaha.

Coal. It is stated, is now found near Fort Benton. This coal is of excellent quality and is used for the Upper Missouri steam boats, thus supplying a long felt want, as wood for fuel is becoming scarce on that part of the river.

Freedmen.—Gen. Howard has recommended the officers of the Freedmen's Bureau to form temperance associations among the freedmen, to which whites may be admitted. He has received reports of the condition of the freedmen in Mississippi and Florida. These are generally very favorable, the crops being promising, and the freedmen industrious, and usually on good terms with the whites.

FOREIGN.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

June 18.—London, 2 P. M.—A very formidable anti-Popery riot broke out in Birmingham to-day. Two streets have been completely sacked. The Roman Catholic chapel has been attacked and is threatened with destruction.—3 P. M.—At this hour the rioters are in full possession of Birmingham. All efforts to preserve order have proved futile. Large bodies of troops have been sent to the scene of the disturbance, with orders to put down the riot at all hazards.—Evening.—A public breakfast has been tendered to Wm. Lloyd Garrison by a committee, of which the Duke of Argyll is chairman. John Bright is to preside.—Dublin.—One of the victims of the recent riot was buried at Waterford to-day. A procession, consisting of over 6000 persons, all wearing green emblems, followed the corpse.

June 19.—London, evening.—The riot in Birmingham was speedily suppressed by Government. In the House of Commons to-night the Home Secretary announced that the disturbances had ended, and that the troops sent there are to return to their stations.—The Government, warned by the landing of Fenians at Dunganvar, have stationed men-of-war in the channels.—Liverpool, evening.—The liabilities of Frazer, Trenholm & Co., exceed their assets by nearly £1,000,000.

June 20.—London, evening.—In the House of Commons, this evening, the Government was asked if it could give the House any information in regard to cruelties alleged to have been practised by Omar Pasha in Candia. Lord Stanley replied in the negative.—Paris.—Marquis de Moustier, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has held a special conference with the Ministers of the United States and Spain. The meeting was called for the consideration of South American affairs, and it is said the war now existing in Rio de la Plata between the allied South American Powers and Paraguay was the principal topic discussed.—Constantinople, evening.—Edward Blaquey Bey, Ambassador of the Sublime Porte to the United States, visited yesterday at America. At last accounts, about nine thousand pilgrims for Mecca had arrived at Suez, but owing to strictly enforced sanitary regulations no cholera nor any malignant disease had appeared among them.

June 21.—London evening.—A despatch from Constantinople gives a report that the Sublime Porte has refused to consent to the request of the great Powers, that hostilities be suspended in Candia, and that inquiry be made into the grievances of the Christians by the great Powers and the Porte. The Turkish government professes to have information from Omar Pasha that he is making considerable progress and hopes soon to subdue the Cretes.—Paris.—The government has decided to make a considerable reduction in the military forces of the Empire.—Florence.—Intelligence from Rome reports that two hundred armed men threw themselves into the city, it was supposed with the intention of proclaiming a republic; but the desperate attempt failed, and forty of the revolutionists are now in prison.—Vienna, evening.—The Austrian government has granted an amnesty to all political prisoners, including Kosuth.—Warsaw.—The Emperor Alexander has issued a decree suspending the confiscations in Poland.

June 22.—Paris.—The Corps Legislatif has adjourned the debate on the reforms proposed by the Emperor, till November.—Berlin, evening.—The Constitution of the North German Confederation, having been ratified by all the States composing that body, will be officially promulgated on Tuesday next.—Constantinople.—The Sultan of Turkey left to-day for Paris.

June 23.—London.—The Sultan has acceded to the proposition of the European Powers for a joint Commission to inquire into the grievances and demands of the people of Crete.—Vienna.—The people of Croatia are greatly opposed to union with Hungary.—St. Petersburg.—The Czar has arrived here from his visit to Paris.

June 24.—London.—The Times, in a city article says, a general feeling of uneasiness and distrust is noticeable in financial circles.—Berlin, evening.—

Baron Von Der Heydt, Minister of Finance, and acting Prime Minister, closed the Diet to-day. In his speech he said the cordial relations now existing between the King of Prussia and his powerful neighbors were an assurance of lasting peace.—Vienna.—Austria has joined France, Prussia, Italy and Russia, in their note to the Sublime Porte, urging an investigation of the difficulties in the Island of Candia.

Mexico.—It is reported that Maximilian was condemned by court-martial on the night of the 3d inst., and sentenced to be shot. Miramon and Mejia were similarly sentenced. "A pronunciamiento," declaring Santa Anna General-in-Chief of the Mexican army and President of the Mexican Republic, has been published at Tampico.—The President has received despatches announcing that Santa Anna has landed in Mexico, and been proclaimed Provisional President.—Santa Anna was captured from the steamer Virginia by the Liberals, at Sisal, on the 12th inst., and the news of his capture is confirmed by a Havana despatch of the 17th. Very Cruz still holds out against the Liberals, although the inhabitants suffer for want of food.—Marquez, on hearing of the capture of Maximilian, opened papers left him by the latter, and finding that one of them was an abdication in favor of young Turbide, he proclaimed Turbide Emperor under the regency of Carlotta.

The Exposition.—Of 524 American exhibitors at the Paris Exposition, 183 have secured prizes and 79 honorable mention. Grand prizes have been awarded to 4 exhibitors, gold medals to 17, and silver medals to 62.

South America.—Three thousand Brazilian soldiers have died of cholera at Curaza. Pestilence is an efficient ally of Paraguayans.—The stores in Panama, which had been closed by the increase of the mercantile law, have re-opened. Chill is reducing her armament, and the expectation of peace with Spain was reviving business. The insurrection in the interior of Peru continues.

China.—The steamer Colorado arrived at San Francisco from Yokohama recently, bringing advices from China and Japan. The rebels had caused much alarm near Pekin, by burning villages. The U. S. steamer, Wachusett, had saved Kiangnan from the insurgents. The foreign Ministers were expected at Hankow this fall.

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