

THE WEEKLY REVIEW



CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND.

Saturday, July 20, 1867.

THE NEWS.

John A. Bingham, of Ohio, one of those accused by Ben Butler of having murdered Mrs. Surratt, is said by a Washington correspondent of the New York *Times* to be actively engaged in the prosecution of the son, although not appearing as counsel. It will be recollect that Bingham was judge-advocate of the Military Commission that tried the conspirators, and it is natural that he should feel a little nervous as to the effect upon the public opinion, as regards himself, that the acquittal of John Surratt would have. Congressman Riddle, of Cleveland, is also said to be aiding the prosecution.

The monitor Onondaga, recently sold by our Government to France, is to be towed thither by the frigate *Themis*, of the French navy.

Arizona City has been destroyed by a flood in the Colorado River. Only two buildings were left uninjured.

Santa Anna is reported to have been a prisoner on parole at Campeachey on 22d inst., and in no danger.

There are now 1,720 convicts in the Illinois Penitentiary, 700 of whom earn about ten cents per day more than it costs to keep them.

The (Daily) *Gazette* charges that a white man was refused registration because he had not been in the State two months.

A telegraph dispatch from the wife of General Meagher says that although the greatest exertions have been made to secure the remains of General Meagher, they have not yet been recovered.

Mississippi papers say that a terrible disease similar to the cholera has broken out among the negroes on the plantations along the Yazoo River. This disease has every appearance of cholera, though it has confined itself to the negroes. On one plantation eleven died during a few days; on another four, and on a third place five died during one week and numbers are sick. The disease is thought, was brought on by the negroes eating large quantities of catfish, half-cooked and seasoned.

The *Commercial Advertiser* says: "A movement that looks as though it would become formidable, has been organized at Washington, among some of the members of Congress, to put Sheridan forward as a Presidential candidate. Speaker Colfax's friends do not like the attempt and will oppose it secretly or openly."

The Baltimore papers say that Charles Jarratt, negro who made an affidavit charging the Colored Union Leagues of Baltimore County, Md., with a conspiracy to kill all the whites, and connecting certain citizens with the atrocious intention, has been arrested, and is now in jail. He has appeared before a justice and made another affidavit, still contending that the negroes purposed rising, murdering the whites, &c.

The English and French commanders of the Pacific Coast Squadrons have been growling at the American Pacific Squadron for stationing a man-of-war at the Sandwich Islands. This Government, however, has not only refused to take the vessel away, but has ordered another to join her. The cause of this proceeding is kept quiet.

The international difficulties likely to arise in relation to the death of Maximilian has put the Government on the qui vive. In order to prevent any foreign nations from taking advantage of his execution by interfering in the affairs of Mexico several war steamers are to be sent from the Navy-yard to the mouth of the Rio Grande, with a view to watch the Austrian fleet, which is to arrive in Mexican waters to demand the body of the late Emperor. The President and his Cabinet are a unit on this question.

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Commission to select a reservation on which to settle the Indians, pending the discussion of which a message was received from the House announcing its non-concurrence with the bill for the relief of deserters. Senate adhered and refused conference.

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Ex-Senator Hill, of Georgia, in a speech at Atlanta, day before yesterday, took a decided ground against reconstruction.

The amount of gold reported in the United States Treasury, Wednesday, was \$3,000,000, of which \$21,000,000 were gold certificates.

On Monday night a terrible accident occurred at Lawrenceburg, Ind. Three little boys, brothers, were playing on the railroad track, and were lying between the rails, so that the engineer of the Cincinnati train did not see them in time to check the train or to give the alarm. The cars ran over them, and killed all three outright. We have no further particulars.

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We most heartily congratulate our readers upon our present hopeful prospects of the early completion of this great enterprise, in which our whole country is so vitally interested.

The contractors have furnished the most satisfactory reference of their responsibility and energy.

To the untiring energy and ability of Col. Wilson, the President of the road, the people are largely indebted for the successful issue, so far, of this great undertaking, which, when completed, will redound to the lasting benefit of not only the people of Crawfordsville, but of the whole country.

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The Democratic Convention.

Let every democrat and conservative remember the Convention on next Saturday.

The Soldier vs. The Bondholder.

The soldier who spilled his blood in defense of the country, and risked his life in her defense, was considered well paid if he obtained his compensation in greenbacks. But now the advocates of the favored and exclusive class tell us that it will never do to pay those who lent money to the Government in greenbacks, although that was the kind of money they lent the Government. The debt of the bondholders, they say, is a higher and more sacred one than that of the soldiers! Legal tenders are good enough for the latter, but nothing except gold will do for the aristocratic bondholders! A momentary obligation, in their estimation, is more precious than blood, and a risk of property more sacred than a risk of life! Do the soldiers believe this? Is not the currency they were paid in good enough for any body?—*Cin. Eng.*

A WOMAN writes to the Springfield, Massachusetts, *Republican* to advise all women to carry revolvers to protect themselves and their daughters from the attacks of ruffians. Society in New England must be terribly demoralized.

TOBACCO CROP.—We learn that an unusually large amount of land has been planted in tobacco in Southern Indiana the present season. The crop is reported as looking most promising, notwithstanding the lateness of transplanting. Southern Indiana will produce more tobacco in the present year than in any previous season.

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