

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Pope has written an encyclical letter, in which he calls upon Bishops to combat Socialism, Communism and Internationalism by preaching the principles of the church.

News from the seat of war in Afghanistan is to the effect that Gen. Roberts, finding the British forces collected in considerable numbers, attacked them with three small columns and was completely victorious.

The failure of the Cornish Bank, which created so much alarm in England a few days ago, turns out to have been an affair of much less importance than was at first supposed. The liabilities are only about \$3,250,000.

News from Afghanistan reports the occupation of Candahar by the British invading forces, and the precipitate flight of the native officials.

Some commotion has been caused in Berlin by the publication of Bismarck's bill for the punishment of members of the German Parliament who use uncompromising expressions. The measure abridges freedom of debate, and is aimed at the Socialists.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

East.

Philadelphia reports 739 fires for the year 1878. Value of property destroyed, \$1,534,518.

Philadelphia papers chronicle the death of Morton MacMichael, for many years proprietor of the *North American*, and lately Mayor of the city.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has just rendered a decision which has startled the people from one end of the State to the other. The decision, which is to the effect that a widow's dome remains unapproachable by any power directed against her husband, will affect the title to millions of dollars' worth of real estate in Pennsylvania, and lead to incalculable litigation.

Ben. Hunter, for the instigation of the killing of John M. Armstrong, for the purpose of securing a life-insurance policy, was hanged at Camden, N. J., on the 10th inst. The wretched had made two unsuccessful attempts at suicide—first by blood-letting and then by starvation—and was so weak and exhausted that he had to be carried to the gallows and held up while the rope was adjusted around his neck. He died by strangulation.

West.

The extensive boot and shoe house of Appleton, Noyes & Maude, in St. Louis, has made an assignment.

The miscreants, seven in number, who burned the two cattle ranches, Mitchell and Ketchum, at the stake, near Kearney, Neb., have all been arrested.

A bold robbery was perpetrated in the city of Chicago the other day. Two men, in a cutter, drove up in front of a jewelry store in one of the most crowded thoroughfares, at 6 o'clock in the evening, slighted, broke the glass case, seized \$4,000 worth of diamonds, leaped into the cutter, drove off, and have not since been heard of.

Fort Robinson, in Nebraska, has been the scene of a bloody encounter, resulting in a wholesale slaughter of Indians and the death and wounding of several soldiers. For some time a large number of Cheyenne Indians who were engaged in the raid in Western Nebraska last summer, and were subsequently captured, have been held under restraint at the post. It has been determined by the Government to set them savages sent into the Indian Territory. The Indians were being made to their end. They declared their determination not to go south, respecting that they would die in resisting such a movement. The military tried to starve them into submission, and even went so far as to deprive them of fuel, but their stubborn natures would not yield. Finally it was determined to place the two leading chiefs, Old Crow and Wild Hog, in irons, and separate them from the common Indians. In carrying out this step there was a furious struggle between Wild Hog and the guards, in which one of the latter was dangerously wounded. The affair caused the wildest excitement throughout the country. Some of them commenced chanting war-songs, and, at a given signal, the entire camp made a dash through their prison windows, and, firing on the guard with revolvers which they had succeeded in concealing, all ran for the open prairie. The guard opened fire on the fleeing savages, shooting them down by dozens in the frozen snow, presenting a scene that discounts the custer massacre. The savages are ground down and cannot even sell their crops under their own names. There are 1,700 white and 4,000 colored voters in the parish, and there are more white men who vote the Republican ticket than blacks who vote the Democratic ticket. The Democratic majority in the recent election, given in the official journal, was 2,000. Senator Cameron—Any prosecutions against fraudulent voters, etc., being carried in any of the State courts? Witness—No, Sir. For so the whole judicial system on this hearsey only. I know nothing from personal observation. I and my brother were driven our simple because we were political rebels. Several other witnesses testified similarly to the Republicans, who testified similarly to the Democrats in regard to their voting in Natchez.

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THE BLAINE INVESTIGATION.

The Teller committee began work at New Orleans on the 7th inst., and on that day several witnesses were examined regarding the charges of bulldozing, intimidation, etc. J. E. Brooks of Natchez parish, an ex-Confederate soldier, but since 1871 a Republican, testified that "there is no lawlessness among the negroes—miserable individuals. They hardly dare strike back. They are murdered there like sheep. Political speeches calling upon the negroes to come loose from the Democratic party are styled incendiary speeches, and are never made a speech of it strictly with regard to political subjects. The negroes are ground down and cannot even sell their crops under their own names.

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THE CEDAR FALLS GLEANINGS.

The Cedar Falls will not down. It comes up in the morning, stays up all day. We read in the New York papers that a new petition has been filed in one of the courts of that city, by Cornelius T. Vanderbilt, charging that he had been held under restraint at the post. It has been determined by the Government to set them savages sent into the Indian Territory. The Indians were being made to their end. They declared their determination not to go south, respecting that they would die in resisting such a movement.

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THE POTTER COMMITTEE.

Before the Potter Investigating Committee, holding its session at Washington, the counsel of Secretary Sherman offered, as evidence the affidavit of one St. Martins, who was formerly a Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms for the committee, that he had been swayed before the sub-committee last winter, and casting imputation upon Representative Stenger in that connection. The committee decided by a strict party vote to return the affidavit to the counsel of Secretary Sherman, and that counsel instructed to inform Mr. Sherman that St. Martins' affidavit should be examined, the members of the sub-committee, should Mr. Sherman or any member of the committee so desire. St. Martins' affidavit is, in substance, that his appointment as Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms was procured by Weber, on condition that he would perform certain services that were particularly vantageous to the Democrats in the investigation. He says: "I was induced to leave my home in Donnellson, Ia., to Weber, and interview Democratic members of the committee, and confidential agents of Samuel J. Tilden, A. G. Gibson, J. H. Maddox and George W. Carter. At interviews with the agents (generally I saw each separately) I became convinced that they desired special service, and were interviewing me for the purpose of determining whether I was disengaged and reliable, and that their services might be safely intrusted to me for execution. Maddox revealed the service I was expected to render. Firstly, the journey to St. James parish, on the 1st of January, to Arnestad, Duncan and Stewart, but not to go to St. James parish, and to a number of other colored people took refuge in the bushes. On the Tuesday following the attack on Fairfax, the slingers on the legions began, and some eighty, the witness stated, were killed altogether. Daniel Kennedy, Vicks Wallace and Rebecca Ross, all colored, were substantially to the same occurrences related by Branch. E. C. Ruth, a colored Justice of the Peace, testified that 200 colored men in his ward were forced to join the Democratic club, and then received certificates entitling them to protection. Witness testified to other acts of lawlessness. J. N. Mitchell, the only white man examined during the day, testified concerning armed

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