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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

FOREIGN NEWS

G. W. M. Reynolds, the widely-known writer of sensational fiction, is dead.

The anti-Irish agitation in the West of Ireland is causing some apprehension in England.

Bismarck has forbidden the circulation in the empire of the *Journal de la Russie*, a Russian revolutionary organ, published in Geneva.

The insurrection in Algeria is ended, and 4,000 insurgents are in the hands of the French.

The committee to which the divorce bill was referred is pronounced in favor of re-establishing divorce in France.

The Sultan last week signed a firman deposing Khedive of Egypt in favor of his son, Prince Mohammed Tewfik, and the Khedive signed his compliance with the demand for his abdication. This arrangement was afterward carried out, and Tewfik was elected as Viceroy of Egypt. The ex-Khedive, his Finance Minister and Prince Hassan leave for Constantinople. He is to receive a pension of \$5,000 a year.

The Indian Government has received information that Abdul Rahman, proprietor of the Afghan throne, who has hitherto lived under Russian protection, has invaded Badakhshan, and the Afghan troops in Balkh have revolted.

Arson is rife in St. Petersburg, and in every part of Russia. The town of Stryan, on the Volga, has been burned to the ground by fire. A number of persons have been arrested at Kief, St. Petersburg, and Moscow for clandestinely trading in explosives.

Lord Laurence, formerly Viceroy of India, is dead.

Advices from Buenos Ayres report that Chili had concluded a treaty with the Argentine States containing a clause which gives the whole of Patagonia to the Argentine Republic.

The French Prince Imperial, in his will, appoints Prince Victor Napoleon as his successor.

The French Government has determined on the execution of the distribution of new colors to the army to require the General to take the oath of allegiance to the republic. This action is owing to the fact that a number of Generals attended the requiem mass for the Prince Imperial.

Dispatches from South Africa report that the Zulus are endeavoring to drive Lord Beaconsfield is suffering from a severe attack of the gout.

A Berlin correspondent reports that last week's mysterious collision between Russia and Germany, and the Czar, in consequence of it, will not visit the empire.

Paris dispatches state that the editor of the *Tribune* has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment and 5,000 francs for caricaturing President Grey, Ministers Ferry, and Lepere, and M. Gambetta.

Bad weather is reported in England, seriously damaging the harvest prospects. The weather is said to be very dry, and the crops are suffering in the British market. All parts of France have also been injured by rains.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

Kew.

The mystery which has surrounded the killing of Mr. DeForest Hall, in New York, has been cleared up by the arrest of the murderer in Boston. The capture was brought about by a negro man selling to a pawnbroker the latter city a cameo set, and at the same time exhibiting a collar watch. Two days later a description of the jewelry stolen from the Hall residence was received, and the set was later identified by two friends of the murdered woman, who came from New York for the purpose. The man had disappeared, but the description of Chastice Cox, a negro who formerly lived opposite Hall's residence, was sent on, which described him pretty well as nearly as the pawnbroker remembered him. The city had been watched night and day by Detectives, and the game was finally nabbed by a newspaper man, who suspected a negro whom he saw on the street, followed him to a church, and then informed the police, who arrested him. Cox was found to have the Hall's watch, and made a free confession, in which he stated that he had lived opposite the Hall mansion and been occasionally employed there, he knew the place and the habits of the inmates. He entered the home to rob, but Mrs. Hall awoke, he put his hand over her mouth and fled. She revived again, when he gagged her with the sheet, and discovered that he had overdone the work, and that she was not breathing. He left the house, and had been skulking ever since.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has sustained the decision of the lower court in the case of Pete Manners and John O'Neill, Molly Maguire, convicted in Northumberland county and sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Coroner Hesser in 1874.

A collision occurred the other evening on the Metropolitan elevated railway at Franklin Street station, in West Broadway, New York. The up-town train was delayed there for a short time, and another train ran into it. The hind carriage of the first train and the engine of the second train were badly wrecked.

The New Jersey Court of Appeals has dismissed the writ of error in the case of Mrs. Smith and Covert Bennett, convicted of the murder of Policeman Smith, and it seems certain that the guilty pair will go to the scaffold.

A very serious railroad accident occurred a few days ago on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroad, near Buffalo, N. Y. A funeral car attached to the regular express train jumped the track, and after dragging along a short distance, turned on its side and was wrecked. The train, the engine and the car held to the track. The coupling broke. The special coach left the track at the side toward the lake, and the body of the car, wrenching away from the trucks, landed almost bodily on the ground. The train, wrecked. Of the eleven passengers, not one escaped uninjured, and two or three of them were so badly wounded as to render it doubtful if they will recover.

Albert Weber, the piano manufacturer, died in New York last week, leaving an estate valued at over \$500,000.

An immense tubular boiler in a Philadelphia shop and planing mill exploded a few days ago, killing the engineer and three other persons.

The annual boat-race between the Harvard and Yale crews, for the college championship, resulted in an easy victory for Harvard.

The "long strike" in Pittsburgh has come to an end. The workmen employed in making glass chimneys have agreed to resume work, after continuing their strike for two years.

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VOLUME III.

RENSSELAER, ASPER COUNTY, INDIANA, FRIDAY, JULY 4, 1879.

Two children of Mr. Wiswall, of the Harlem Railroad Company, were killed by lightning, one afternoon last week, in front of their home in Morrisania, N. Y.

Official reports from the Mayors and Presidents of the Boards of Health of the following cities and towns: Memphis, Vickburg, Jackson, Miss.; Shreveport, La.; Collierville, Tenn.; Hickman, Ky.; Grenada, Miss.; Helena, Ark.; Holly Springs, Miss.; Decatur, Ala.; Tusculum, Ala., bring the gratifying intelligence that in none of the places mentioned has the health outbreak been more favorable. In no instance has there been any indications of a return of fever. Better health than usual at this season of the year prevails, and every precaution that sanitary regulations can suggest has been rigorously observed, preventing the recurrence of last year's epidemic. Quarantine regulations have been established, ready to be enforced should an exigency arise.

A Frankfort (Ky.) dispatch says: "On Saturday night at Sand Ridge, twelve miles from Frankfort, a man attacked the house of Samuel Faulkner, severely wounding Faulkner as he ran from the house, and then setting fire to the dwelling, which was consumed by its inmates—Harvey Russell, aged 37, who was also shot, and two children of Faulkner, aged 10 and 3 years. No cause is given for this brutal affair."

The Crescent City Oil Works, at Mechanicsville, near New Orleans, La., burned the other day. Loss, \$125,000; insurance, \$115,000.

One of the most remarkable feats ever accomplished in railroad work was performed on Saturday, June 28, by the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern, in a change of gauge on 700 miles of road. Heretofore the gauge has been five feet. The regular business of the road was interfered with only about six or seven hours. The cost of the change will not fall short of \$2,000,000.

Investigation of the reports concerning cattle disease in Colorado have proved that there was needless alarm, no new cases having been developed for some time previous to the examination.

The Indiana Supreme Court has decided that Gnegit, the Indianapolis servant-girl murderer, must hang Sept. 19, which will be the first anniversary of his crime. The plea of the prisoner's drunkenness at the time of commission of the crime was rejected, the court holding that this was an aggravation, rather than a palliation, of the offense.

Nine hundred feet of snow sheds on the Central Pacific were burned recently. Ex-Congressman Robert M. Knapp, of Jerseyville, Ill., died at his home in that place, a few days ago, aged 40 years.

Last week's great rain-storm in Central and Western Iowa and Eastern Nebraska did serious damage by flood and lightning. The drowning of the wife and two daughters of a farmer at Stuart, Iowa, is reported, their house being washed away by the sudden rising of a small stream.

R. S. Taylor and Robert Taylor, brothers, and B. C. Wren, all farmers, between whom an old feud existed, met in Wellsville, Mo., a few days ago, and renewed their quarrel. The Taylors fired four balls into Wren's body, mortally wounding him. Wren's son killed R. S. Taylor instantly and fatally wounded B. C. Wren.

The earnings of the Central Pacific (C.P.) Railroad Company for May were \$1,541,000, and for the first five months of the year \$9,300,000, or \$4,410,000 in 1878.

A Fort Wayne (Ind.) paper reports that there is great excitement at Gosport, fifteen miles west of there, over the attempt of a saloon-keeper named Jerry Owen to murder his four motherless children, the oldest of whom is aged 9. He first assaulted a son, aged 7, whose arm he broke, and then, with a razor, he cut the throat of a daughter, aged 9 years three months, each wound penetrating to the skull. She can hardly survive. He beat a large, thick club, four feet long, and beat all four children, the youngest a babe of 2 years, until they were reported to be a mass of wounds. The feud was arrested.

The boiler of a Government steamboat exploded at Nebraska City, Neb., last week, blowing the boat to atoms, killing two persons, mortally wounding two others, and badly scalding several more.

By the explosion of an upright boiler in an iron-works at Youngstown, Ohio, a number of persons were badly injured, some of them it is feared, beyond the hope of recovery.

The pleasure steamer May Queen exploded a boiler on Lake Minnesota, Minn., the other day, fatally wounding four persons, and seriously injuring many others.

Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, has revoked the licenses of several of the disreputable saloons of iniquity in that city, and threatens to close up many others if their owners do not mend their ways.

A seventy-five hours' pedestrian contest for \$10,000, at the Exposition building, in Chicago, between Daniel O'Leary, of Chicago, and Peter Crossland, of London, was won by the former. O'Leary made 250 miles and the Londoner 235 miles.

In the Chicago Directory for 1879, just issued, there are 161,212 names, being 7,085 more than in the previous year. Last year. Supposing that these names, most of them heads of families, represent an average of four persons each, the population of Chicago would be 644,848.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The excess of exports over imports of merchandise in twelve months ended May 31, 1879, was \$390,709,800; for twelve months ended May 31, 1878, \$241,809,100. The excess of exports over imports of gold and silver coin and bullion was for the twelve months ended May 31, 1879, \$5,284,615; for twelve months ended May 31, 1878, \$7,243,001.

The receipts from internal revenue during the last year amount to \$110,063,989; for the fiscal year over \$118,000,000, an increase of over \$3,000,000, despite the reduction of the tax on tobacco.

POLITICAL POINTS.

The convention of Nationals, who withdrew from the Columbus Convention, was held at Toledo, Ohio. The convention was called to order by M. N. Odell, of Lucas, and J. T. Thompson, of Toledo, was elected temporary Chairman. Chas. W. Connelley, editor of the *True Nationalist*, of Toledo, was made Secretary, with two assistants. The following is the substance of the financial plank of the plan adopted: That the United States should exercise its most vigilant protection of the coinage of money, independent of the action of any foreign power; that it is the duty of the General Government to supply the entire currency medium; that all bank issues of currency should be so arranged that "the so-called specie redemption" be suppressed; and a twelfth, that the locking up in the treasury of the United States of the larger part of the country's volume of the people's money be denounced as an atrocious crime, without excuse or palliation; and that we demand the ultimate coinage of the silver dollar of 41 2/3 grains. Letters were read from Peter Cooper, and others. The convention refused to nominate a State ticket, and after several speeches the meeting adjourned.

Representative men of the Butler wing of the Democratic party state that the General will receive and accept this fall a Labor Reform and Democratic nomination for Governor of Massachusetts.

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MISCELLANEOUS GLEANINGS.

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