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## CURRENT NEWS.

WASHINGTON.

A number of affidavits have been filed in the Treasury Department, charging Collector Thomas and other Custom-house officers at Baltimore with setting at defiance Executive Order No. 1, by participating in and manipulating a Republican Primary Convention in Baltimore last week. The Treasury Department will investigate the charges. In consequence of the interference of the Custom-house officers, a ticket issued by them with the likeness of Gen. Grant at its head was successful. There is a division in the party in consequence, and two Republican tickets will be run.

The American members of the Silver Congress have been summoned to Washington to receive their instructions. It is understood that the Congress will meet in Paris on the 25th of July.

Justice Miller of the United States Supreme Court has recently undergone a painful and dangerous surgical operation known as lithotomy. It was performed by Dr. Smith, of Baltimore, and is believed to have been entirely successful.

### WEST AND SOUTHWEST.

The Ohio Democratic State Convention, held at Cleveland on the 26th, adopted resolutions demanding the absolute repeal of the Resumption act, the removal of all restrictions upon the coining of silver, the gradual substitution of greenbacks for national bank notes, the same to be made full legal tender for all purposes. The decision of the Forty-fourth Congress as to the Presidential title is regarded as final and conclusive, but that decision ought not to preclude authentic investigation and exposure of all frauds connected with the Presidential election. David R. Page, of Summit, was nominated for Secretary of State, and A. F. Hume, of Butler, for Supreme Judge.

The Illinois Republican State Convention, held at Springfield on the 26th, adopted resolutions opposing any further contraction of the currency, and in favor of making greenbacks receivable for import duties. The platform is silent regarding the present National Administration, and the concluding resolution says: "We believe that those who preserved the country should govern it, instead of those who attempted to destroy it." After the adoption of the platform three rousing cheers were given for General Grant for President in 1860.

W. H. Andrews, the well known Cincinnati dry-goods merchant, was shot and probably fatally wounded on the night of the 25th at the residence of his father-in-law, at Warren, Pa., by a burglar whom he discovered in his room. The latter escaped.

At Bronson, Mich., on the night of the 26th, Samuel Whitaker shot his wife dead and then killed himself. The parties were respectable, and domestic trouble was the cause of the tragedy.

Ex-Lieut.-Gov. Hahn, of Louisiana, is to be appointed Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint.

There are reports of Indian depredations in the Black Hills.

It is the belief of old residents in Eastern Oregon that all the Indians in that section are disaffected, and that they will be ready on slight provocation to take up arms against the whites. Even the Warm Spring Indians, who have heretofore been strong friends of the Government, and who have on several occasions rendered efficient service against murderous tribes of their own race, refuse to put their forces against the Bannocks, and it is thought that a large party of them will join the hostiles. It begins to look as if the Indians intend to do their worst this summer.

Indians made an attack upon the mail-coach near the Pecos River, Texas, on the night of the 26th. Several shots were exchanged and one passenger was wounded. The stage escaped. Other depredations have been committed by the Indians in this locality, and there is complaint that the troops are not doing their duty in permitting such a state of affairs.

The County Treasurer of Stark County, O., George Fessler, has turned up missing, and there is a shortage of some \$50,000 in his cash accounts.

The Indiana editors met in convention at Lafayette on the 27th.

Pablo Parra, a Mexican, was hanged at Corpus Christi, Texas, on the 28th, for the murder of Dr. Newman in 1870.

George Solomon, colored, was hanged at Fairfield, Texas, on the 28th, for the murder of his wife and step-daughter in June, 1877.

In the recent attack of Col. Bernard's command upon the hostiles at Curry Creek, Idaho, the latter are reported to have had 1,500 warriors. Col. Bernard's force numbered about 200. The Indians were not aware of the presence of the soldiers. When within 300 yards of the enemy the order was given to charge, which order was bravely executed, and the Indians, after making a brief resistance, were forced to retreat with a loss of about 40 killed. Col. Bernard pursued them 10 miles. They have probably gone to their stronghold in Stein Mountain. Three soldiers and one scout were killed, and two soldiers were wounded. General Howard and the other commands have reinforced Col. Bernard, and an active campaign may be expected.

The Governor of Oregon telegraphed to Gen. McDowell on the 28th that the Indians on the Klamath Reservation are hostile and have driven off the settlers from the surrounding country. Five whites are reported killed. The Governor asks for arms and authority to organize troops.

Tambo, a Bannock Indian, was hanged at Boise City, Idaho, on the 28th, for the murder of a white man.

Gen. Bradley's command have gone into camp on the Little Missouri River, about 70 miles from Deadwood.

At East St. Louis, Ill., on Sunday, the 29th, a force of Deputy Marshals, appointed by Mayor Bowman, attempted to dislodge from the Police Station a body of Metropolitan Policemen. Both parties were fully armed, and the attacking party were repulsed with the loss of two men killed, named Neville and Connors. The police derive their authority from the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners, who are appointed by the Governor; the Mayor has contested the legality of the Commission, and after considerable undecisive litigation, the Mayor undertook to gain possession by force of arms.

James C. Slocum was arrested at Quincy, Ill., on the 27th ult., charged with bigamy. Slocum some months ago went to Hannibal, Mo., and, representing himself as a capitalist, ingratiated himself into the good graces of the citizens generally, and especially of Mrs. Ada Quealey, widow of the late John J. A. Quealey, Representative in the State Legislature, to whom he was married on the 12th. A few days afterward Slocum slid out, taking with him all the jewelry and other portable property belonging to wife No. 2 that he could lay hands on, amounting in value to some \$2,300. His arrest was made through the efforts of his Eastern wife.

Judge Sidney Breese, of the Illinois Supreme Court, died suddenly at Pinckneyville on the 27th. He was 78 years of age, widely known and universally respected.

Allen Phillips and wife were struck dead by lightning while returning from Topeka, Kansas, to their farm, a few miles distant, during a thunder-storm on the 1st. The lightning struck a sycamore tree under which they were passing, and, attracted by the steel on an umbrella that Mrs. Phillips was carrying, passed down the handle and directly through the bodies of both persons and thence to the earth. Their team was found, after the accident, some 80 rods away, with the bodies lying in the wagon.

Two express packages, containing \$21,000, were stolen from the American Express Company's wagon at Painesville, O., on the 1st. No clew to the thief.

One of a gang of burglars arrested at Bucyrus, O., the other day, turns out to be a young woman in male attire. She says she discarded the habiliments of her sex five years ago, but refuses to give her real name.

Later advices from Gen. Howard's command indicate that the hostile Bannocks, instead of retreating to their mountain fastness, have gone northward to join other affected tribes in Oregon and Washington Territory. A dispatch from Baker City, Oregon, 1st, says that the hostiles are pouring into John Day Valley, apparently being pursued by the military, supposed to be a portion of Howard's forces.

The steamer Capitol City, of the Anchor Line, was burned while lying at the elevator at Memphis, about 2 o'clock on the morning of the 2d. The elevator was also destroyed.

Thomas Ewing, of Colfax, Ind., aged 73, was burned to death, also another passenger, a lame man, name unknown. The fire is alleged to have been set by an incendiary.

The burned steamer was valued at about \$100,000, on which there was no insurance. Losses on elevator and freight about as much more, probably mostly covered by insurance.

The Deadwood coach was again stopped by two highwaymen on the night of the 1st, about 65 miles south of Deadwood. There were six passengers on board, one of whom was a lady. Daniel Finn, one of the passengers, revisited, shooting one of the robbers, and was himself shot by one of the latter. Two other passengers were also wounded, none of them seriously. The robbers got two gold watches and several pocket-books with their contents.

Eliza Pinkston, now a resident of Canton, Miss., and married to a colored man named Wayman Pritchard, has made an affidavit stating that the story told by her before the Returning Board at New Orleans in November, 1876, was untrue in all essential particulars; that she was induced to make such statement by Dinkgrave and O. H. Brewster, who promised her therefor

the sum of \$500, only \$50 of which she ever received; that she does not know who killed her husband and wounded herself, but has every reason to believe it was a colored man with whom her husband had twice fought and who had threatened to take his life.

### EAST AND SOUTHEAST.

Frank Perino, colored, was hanged at Savannah, Ga., on the 26th, for the murder of J. F. Lee, a white farmer, in April last. He acknowledged his guilt.

The annual boat-race between the crews of Harvard and Yale took place at New London, Conn., on the 28th. Harvard won. Distance, 4 miles; time, 20:44.

Harley Brown, a discharged employee, has confessed to placing obstructions on the track by which a passenger train was wrecked near Wilmington, Del., and four persons killed. He claims that he intended to stop the train just before it reached the obstruction, thinking that out of gratitude for his zeal the company would restore him to his former position.

President Hayes took part in the Wyoming Centennial celebration at Wilkesbarre, Pa., on the 4th. He was accompanied by Mrs. Hayes, Secretary Sherman, Attorney-General Devens, and others.

Col. Alvah Buckbee, a prominent resident of Elmira, N. Y., on the 1st, shot his wife and his mother-in-law and then blew his own brains out, dying instantly. Both women were fatally injured.

### GENERAL.

In the controversy between Messrs. Hewitt and Watterson regarding the course of the former in reference to the Electoral Commission, Mr. Watterson charged Mr. Hewitt with having withheld from his political associates in Congress the knowledge that Mr. Tilden was

opposed to the appointment of the Commission. Mr. Hewitt denies that he knew Mr. Tilden disapproved of the Commission. It is said that Mr. Watterson represents the views of Mr. Tilden in this controversy, and that Mr. Tilden and Mr. Hewitt "are out."

Henry A. Far, who was one of the Confederate naval officers who seized the steamer Chesapeake during her passage from New York to Portland, Me., in 1863, has recently been arrested in Boston charged with murder. It will be remembered that one of the engineers who revisited was shot. The vessel was turned over to the Confederate authorities, and was subsequently retaken by a Federal gunboat in the British port of LaHave, Nova Scotia. The case was tried before the Admiralty and the vessel adjudged a lawful prize. Capt. Braine, who commanded the expedition that captured the Chesapeake, now resides in Chicago. He was arrested in 1866 and confined in prison till 1869, when he was pardoned out, his case never having been tried.

Congressman Acklin has published a card denouncing as a willful lie the attack upon his character lately given publicity, and reviving Gen. Rosser of the authorship of the slander. Acklin further says that previous to and after the pretended occurrence he had the honor of asking the lady mentioned to be his wife, which offer she declined, and that his attentions were continued at his request.

Gen. McKenzie's late expedition to Mexico was commanded in two columns by Col. Shafter and Capt. Young. The latter crossed at the mouth of Devil's River and marched to Buro Mountain, 40 miles in the interior, where the great want of water compelled a retreat. The commands joined on the headwaters of San Rodriguez, where Col. Valdez, commanding the Mexican forces, met them and demanded their withdrawal from Mexican territory. He was informed that the command had no hostility towards Mexico, but was after thieves and Indians. Col. Nunez, who had arrived with additional troops, stated in general terms that he was obliged to obey orders and attack the United States troops, whereupon some correspondence passed—but no collision occurred.

The revising Court Martial ordered to examine the case of General Fitz John Porter, is now in session at West Point.

The Treasury statement for July 1 shows an increase in the debt during June of \$2,149,381. Total coin bonds, \$1,780,745,650; total without interest, \$455,875,602; total debt, \$2,236,620,892. Coin in Treasury, \$197,415,132. Debt, less cash in Treasury, \$2,038,805.

In view of the urgent demand for troops for service on the plains, orders have been issued to the various recruiting officers to hasten, as far as practicable, enlistment, in order to bring up the numerical force of the army to 25,000 men, the aggregate number authorized by law. By direction of the Secretary of War, regiments in the Indian country, engaged in active operations, are to be increased to the maximum strength, while such regiments as are retained on garrison duty at the various seacoast fortifications are to be reduced below the minimum.

### FOREIGN.

Queen Mercedes, the young wife of King Alfonso of Spain, died on the 26th. She was only 18, and had been but a few months married.

The Austrian occupation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in the interests of peace, has been settled upon by the Congress, Turkey protesting. The independence of Servia is not to be recognized until the Servian Jews are relieved from their present disabilities. It is provided that the Governor of Roumania is to be a Christian, appointed by the Porte with the approval of the Powers.

The Sultan of Morocco is dead.

The Congress has decided to cede to Russia that portion of Bessarabia which she lost in 1856, extending from the Pruth to the Kilia Valley. The Congress also decided to transfer the Dobrudzha to Roumania. The frontier of the new territory is to be advanced so as to run from the neighborhood of Silistra, without including that town, to Mangalia, on the Black Sea. Roumania will thus acquire a fertile tract of country, and be established on both banks of the Danube. The Congress has recognized the independence of Roumania and Montenegro.

The Pan-Anglican Synod of the Protestant Episcopal Church assembled at Lambeth Palace, London, on the 2d. Ninety Bishops were present at the first meeting. The Archbishop of Canterbury presided.

### BISMARCK AND HIS DOG.

Bismarck has always been fond of dogs. When he was a student and a country squire he never went out for a walk without having a couple of hounds at his heels. At Gottingen, where he led a wild, reckless life, he was summoned before the dean for entertaining some boisterous friends with whom he had traveled into the Hartz. With characteristic assurance he put on dressing-gown and riding-boots and started the venerable official by rushing into the room with a large bloodhound at his heels.

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### Appropriations by Congress for Improvement of Western Rivers.

The following are the sums appropriated in the River and Harbor bill for expenditure on principal Western rivers:

MISSOURI RIVER.	
Removal of snags, mouth	\$10,000
Removal of snags, mouth of Illinois south	5,415,000
Improving channel, Illinois, south of St. Paul to Des Moines Canal	180,000
Improving channel, canal to Cairo	250,000
(Of this sum \$75,000 is for clearing Cahokia Chute.)	340,000
Finishing Des Moines Canal and operating same	35,000
Improving Rock Island Rapids	30,000
Improving harbors:	
La Crosse	\$12,000
Dubuque	10,000
Burlington	70,000
St. Madison	8,000
Galena	20,000
Waukesha	40,000
Vicksburg	40,000
New Orleans	50,000-\$200,000
Total—Missouri River	\$1,161,000

MINNESOTA RIVER.	
Improvement of channel	\$10,000
Survey from mouth to Sioux City	\$60,000
Removal of snags	50,000
Improving harbors:	
St. Joe	\$20,000
Atchison	20,000
Leavenworth	20,000
Nebraska City	20,000
Omaha	20,000
Council Bluffs	20,000
Sioux City	12,000-\$200,000
Improving channel above Yankton	20,000
Total for Missouri River	\$257,000