

NEWS OF THE MORNING.

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The testimony of Bishop Hare on the cause of the removal of the Poncas, given before the Senate Committee, as detailed in our dispatches yesterday morning, does not tend to modify the conclusions which have been reached by all who have given this shameful case any examination. The Bishop stated that the Poncas were removed in order to get them out of the reach of the Sioux, who had been raiding upon them. This statement of course involved the admission that the United States Government was afraid of the Sioux, and that rather than have any trouble with them it was willing to commit a cruel outrage upon a loyal and peaceable tribe. Bishop Hare's own part in the removal of the Poncas appears to have been altogether unjustifiable, even on his own showing. Had it not been for the fact that his explanation of the removal of the Poncas from the reservation is not a full one, except on Union Consolidated. The market for a week past has been quite dull and unsatisfactory.

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