

THE WEEKLY CLARION.

The union of the colony of Vancouver's Island with British Columbia was proclaimed last week.

The rumors about the outbreak in Ireland seem to be premature. Late cable telegrams announce that an outbreak is momentarily expected.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—The bridge over the Muskingum River, at Zanesville, Ohio, broke on the 4th, precipitating two engines and several cars into the river.

A committee has been appointed by the Alabama House of Representatives to inquire whether railroad charters have been complied with.

A colored man created a sensation in Richmond the other day by driving through the streets in an open one horse carriage, made entirely of broom straw.

The collision which occurred on the Memphis and Charleston railroad near Corinth, on the 30th ult., proves of a more serious nature than it was at first supposed to be.

The Orphan's Home.

We understand that this institution has been furnished, as a gratuity, by the publishing house of John P. Morton & Co., Louisville, Ky., with a supply of their books consisting of Readers, Grammars, Arithmetics, Algebras, and Histories.

INDIANA DEMOCRACY.—The Democratic Electoral Committee of Indiana issued an address, on the 4th, to the Democrats and National Union men of Indiana.

A bill has passed both Houses of the Alabama Legislature for the relief of defendants in judgments rendered upon contracts made between the 1st of September 1861 and 1st of May 1865.

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Dr. Copes and the Cotton Crop.

At the last regular meeting of the Academy of Science of New Orleans, Dr. J. S. Copes, read a very interesting paper on the subject of cotton.

The drought of June, July and August, he thinks have never been adequately considered. Its widespread destruction of the corn crop has never been fully understood.

Dr. Copes gives his reasons for believing that not one-third of the breadth of land which was required to produce the last full cotton crop (1860) was cultivated in cotton this year.

Thus it will be seen that Northern legislation is doing much to encourage the cultivation of cotton in India, Egypt, and Brazil.

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The Course of Congress.

The temper of Congress is even worse than before. Its legislation is frantic and violent. The members have run wild with fanatical frenzy and seem to be enjoying "a tumultuous time."

On the same day the House adopted the resolution of H. P. H. Brownwell, of Illinois, instructing the Committee on Territories to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill providing Territorial Governments for the several districts of country within the jurisdiction of the United States.

A bill was also introduced to take from the President the power to appoint revenue officers and give it to the negro-loving S. P. Chase.

Taking the proceedings of the radical caucus, where words containing sufficient acrimony with which to abuse Mr. Johnson, could not be found.

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HISTORY OF THE CONFEDERATE NAVY.—One of the editors of the Mobile Tribune is endeavoring to collect material for a work under the above title, and has already made some progress in that direction.

On Sunday the New Orleans Railroad Company will commence running a tri-weekly accommodation train.

The Rev. Lyman Abbott preached thanksgiving day in the New England Church, New York, on reconstruction.

A man named Smith has issued a circular to Congress announcing that he has discovered a fearful, terrible plot to destroy the lives of a sufficient number of Republicans to reduce them to a minority in Congress.

Queer revelations have recently been made in New York by Government officials in regard to the manufacture of whisky.

To 40 gallons of common whisky, add: 30 gallons water, 5 gallons tincture guinea pepper, 1 quart tincture of kellytory, 2 ounces acetic ether, 1 1/2 gallons strong tea.

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John H. Surratt is here in irons and will be sent to the United States at once." is the last telegram from Joy Morris, Minister of the United States at Constantinople.

From WASHINGTON.—A dispatch of the 5th says: Treasurer Spinner has issued a circular, regarding the returns of Assistant Treasurers, destined to the National Banks.

Secretary Seward visited the Senate today and remained sometime in conference with leading Republicans.

New York RAILROAD TROUBLES.—New York is kept constantly in hot water about her passenger railways.

PAINFUL.—The New York Tribune, speaking of the movement of the planters to encourage industry in the South, says indignantly: "They propose to cheat the Government out of the tax on cotton by having it manufactured at home."

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The beneficial effect of the rupture between Mr. Craig and the New York Associated Press is felt in Boston. The Saturday Evening Express says of it:

A letter received by the Department of Agriculture, from an officer of the Fourteenth United States Infantry, stationed at Fort McDowell, Arizona Territory, states that a Government farm was started on the reservation, near the fort, last spring.

A Washington dispatch says there will be a warm struggle between the executive and the legislative branches of the government to get control of the entire revenue department.

Winter PROPHECIES.—As winter is approaching, the usual number of prophecies may be expected with regard to the amount of cold weather anticipated.

The following general rules are worthy of preservation. 1. That which is originally void does not by lapse of time become valid.

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REMINISCENCES OF THE WAR.—A correspondent of the New Orleans Crescent has visited Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis seemed always glad to converse about his friends and advisers during the late war, and his remarks were tinged with deep and tender feeling.

It is believed in Montreal that the British government has refused to pay the Alabama claims, and that Canada would have to look out for trouble with the United States.

Everybody at the South remembers Lawrence M. Keitt, of South Carolina, the enthusiastic and impulsive M. C., who so long sat on the floor of the House of Representatives.

The Medina County (Ohio) Enterprise says that two large lion constrictors, the property of Stewart Craven, of Congress, Ohio, escaped from their keepers.

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