

The Congressional Committee and the Memphis Riots.

The Memphis *Avalanche*, in an article upon the report of the Congressional smelling committee into the late riots in that city, says:

"We have read a part of the published testimony accompanying the report, and we are of the opinion that there never were so many falsehoods crammed in the same space. The testimony of Gen. Stoneman is perverted and garbled. This able and accomplished officer did say to the committee that there was not as much loyalty in Memphis at present as there was twelve months ago; but he said more. He told the committee that this change was occasioned by the course of the radical Legislature of Tennessee; but this part of his testimony is carefully and dishonestly omitted. Mr. John Oldridge, another witness before the committee, in his letter published in the *Avalanche* on Saturday last, exposes another fraud. Washburne in his report represents Oldridge as saying that a certain prominent citizen was drunk; and Oldridge, over his signature, exposes the fraud, and brands the brow of Washburne with falsehood, for he says 'he made no such statement before the committee,' as has been attributed to him in the report. An old hag by the name of Frances Thompson figured extensively in the report as a witness. Her testimony and loving name are sweet morsels in radical mouths. Even the northern people will blush for shame when they learn that this slattern is a notorious procuress and strumpet, and a hideous monstrosity in appearance. She can be seen hobbling along on crutches at almost every hour of the night, plying her vocation. * * Base and degraded is the man who would use the evidence of such a creature to accomplish party purposes, and the cause that resorts to such baseness is indeed hard run for material. Judge Hunter was another important witness, and since Tade has run away we suggest that the fugglemen of the criminal Court hunt up Frances Thompson and pour out his heart-stricken soul into her sympathizing bosom. Wouldn't they make a beautiful tableau?"

DASTARDLY OUTRAGE AT CRAWFORDSVILLE.—From Major Walter Scott we learn that a negro named Cook raped a little girl eight years of age in that place last Saturday. After committing the outrage Cook escaped, but was pursued by Marshall Ross and captured at Thornton. The greatest excitement prevailed in the community, and at one time it was thought that the populace would lynch the black villain, but fortunately better counsel prevailed.—*Herald*.

"How are you, Smith?" said Jones. Smith pretended not to know him, and answered hesitatingly.

"Sir, you have the advantage of me."

"Yes, I suppose so; everybody has that's got common sense."