



Our Flag Forever.

"I know of no mode in which a loyal citizen may so well demonstrate his devotion to his country as by sustaining the Flag, the Constitution and the Union, under all circumstances, and under every Administration, regardless of party politics, against all assaults, at home and abroad."—STEPHEN A. DOUGLASS.

THE WAR.

The Press of Monday says:—The series of affairs which have just taken place on the line of the Massaponax river seem to indicate that neither Burnside nor Lee is prepared to make it a field for the test of their grand military conclusions. The former is evidently manoeuvring to keep the enemy in his present position for a few days, and the latter is not willing to hazard the fate of his wicked cause upon the result of a single field. The great risk that Burnside had to take was in crossing the Rappahannock; that movement successfully accomplished, he can afford to give battle of the heaviest description beyond. There need be no fear of a demonstration in his rear, for his position is entirely tenable in a military point of view. He has a river behind him, and the enemy in front, with whom he can cope in superior force and material. This river is not fordable at present below a line running south from Dumfries, and Genl. Sigel has possession of the ford above. Gen. Slocum, with an excellent corps d'armee, is moving south by the roads east of the Bull Run ridge of mountains. Gen. Jackson cannot be spared from Lee's army to move up the Shenandoah valley again; and it must be confessed that General Halleck is master of the position in Virginia. It was necessary for General Burnside to discover, if possible, the exact position and force of the enemy after his movement across the river, and to watch the feints of the enemy in his endeavors to conceal his designs. As the rebels fell back, our troops advanced under General Sumner in front, and on the left under General Franklin, flanking the enemy gradually. Skirmishing between our troops and the rebels in advancing became general, when a rapid advance was made, and the main body of the enemy was found strongly posted on the little ridge of hills on the line of the Massaponax. The first impulse of General Sumner was to storm the position and force the rebels into the creek. In two or three sallies it is said he was repulsed, although it is not clear that he was operating his entire grand division. He was afterward ordered to hold the battlefield for the present. Genl. Franklin was more successful, driving the enemy before him at all points for the distance of a mile or more. He has the advantage in having seized the hills and ravines below and southeast of the city of Fredericksburg, and will, no doubt, be able to force the enemy to fall back across the Massaponax, especially if Sumner should renew the attack in front. Every effort is being made to keep our forces concentrated, to guard well the flanks of our great army, and to strengthen weak points. It remains to behold the expression of that genius in our commander in chief which will launch all his heavy columns at once against the enemy. To do this successfully, he must be guided alone by the circumstances of the case and his own experience in the accomplishment of his designs or schemes. "Success in war," said the Archduke Charles, "is only to be obtained by simultaneous action upon a given point, sustained with constancy and executed with decision." General Burnside has all the resolution and indomitable courage of a military hero. From all we can learn we see good reason to be hopeful that the great battle may soon be fought, which will give us decisive victory and conquer a peace."

Two Democrats, whose names appear upon the Democratic County Committee, have informed us that the action of the Committee in the appointment of State Delegates was news to them. They had not received any notice of the meeting of the Committee, and did not intend to be bound by its action. They will not agree that the usages of the party shall be set aside to gratify the Monitor faction. At the proper time their townships will be represented in a County Convention to elect delegates. As the State Convention will not be held until June next, April Court will be the proper time to hold the Convention. By that time the Democratic voters will have all the candidates for nomination in the field, and delegates can be elected and instructed to support the choice of the Democracy of the county.

SOMEBODY TO BE HURT.—The Harrisburg Patriot & Union gives Democratic Senators and Representatives notice that they must come to Harrisburg prepared to suffer death in case of a refusal to support the caucus nominee for United States Senator. There may be trouble in the election of a Senator as all the Democratic candidates we have heard named for that office have been guilty of opposing regular party nominations. If such Democrats are presented for an election, it might be possible that better Democrats than they might refuse to vote for them, even with the Patriot & Union's "summary punishment" staring them in the face.

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DROWNED.—On Friday last, a little daughter of Jacob Hawn, now in the army, but whose family live in the lock house about two miles below this place, fell into the lock, and was drowned, before assistance reached her. This will be sad news to the father, now in the ranks of the Union army, fighting for the honor of the old flag. May He "who doeth all things well," whisper comfort and consolation to the afflicted parents.—Journal, December 10.

FOUND.—We learn that the body of Uriah Hoffman, who was missed after the battle of Antietam, Md., has been found. The remains were in a state of decay among some bushes near the battlefield, but were identified by a letter which was in his pocket from his father. We give this as a rumor, which has been circulated through this place.

NEW TELEGRAPH OFFICE.—A new telegraph office has been opened at Mt. Union. That place has long been in want of one of these indispensable machines, and the company has, no doubt, the thanks of the citizens.

AMONGST the wounded at Fredericksburg, we notice the name of Lieut. Colonel George Dare of this county. He was wounded in the leg.

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