

AMERICAN VOLUNTEER.

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NO PAPER NEXT WEEK.—In order to afford the hands connected with our office a little recreation during the holidays, no paper will be issued by us next week.

WE are requested to state that both our banking institutions will be closed on Christmas day.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

This day (Thursday) is the anniversary of the advent of the Saviour—Merry Christmas!—a day generally observed as the occasion for friends meeting together at the festive board, and exchanging mutual congratulations.

ANNUAL VISIT OF ST. NICOLAS.

Twelve days before Christmas, when, all through the house, No creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hope that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

130th REGIMENT, P. V.

This regiment, composed entirely of companies from Cumberland and York counties, was engaged in the battle at Fredericksburg, and suffered severely.

CUMBERLAND GUARDS.

The Cumberland Guards of Mechanicsburg, Capt. King, suffered severely in the battles before Fredericksburg. The company is attached to the 7th Reg. P. V. C.

THE REPULSE OF BURNSIDE.

The repulse of Burnside near Fredericksburg, is a great National calamity. Not only is it a calamity, but it brings sorrow and mourning to every community in the North.

Who is responsible for this dreadful disaster? The miserable cabal who, unfortunately for our country, have the direction of affairs in their hands.

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Contempt of the Popular Will.

It will be seen that two or three attempts have been made in Congress to call for information in regard to the arbitrary arrests made by order of the administration, and that they were voted down to one.

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A Nation Mourns.

The contending emotions of sorrow and anger fill the breast of the Nation to-day. Our arms before Fredericksburg have been compelled to fall back; and while we are still in the dark as to the actual loss they have sustained in the worse than useless encounter while they have been precipitated;

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The Cabinet and the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. Last Tuesday the Republican members of the Senate met in caucus, and, after a session of four hours, during which several Senators made fierce attacks upon Secretary Seward, making him responsible for our defeat, and declaring that the country was tired of the present conduct of the war.

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HON. JOSEPH BAILY.

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Forney's Falshoods.

"The official organ of our 'imbecile' 'mud-turtle' President is now giving us the bad habit of lying. We are told by it that the retreat across the Rappahannock 'proves that a vigorous policy has at last been inaugurated, and that the country may confidently look for early and favorable results.'"

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