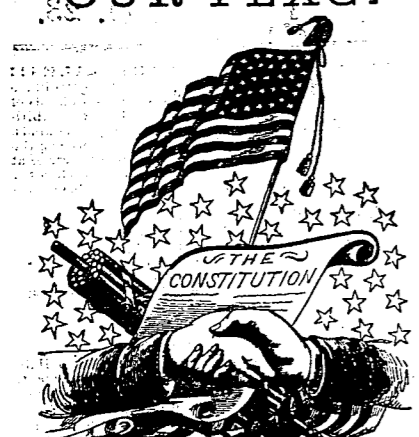


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Now our flag is there to the wild winds free, Let it float on our fatherland, And its great folds of spotless fame shall be Columbia's chosen laud.

PERSONAL. We need money badly, and it will be a very great relief to us if our friends and patrons will furnish us with a little of the "needful" without delay.

POLITICAL-MILITARY OFFICERS. The unfortunate affair at Great Bethel, on Monday week—although of very little consequence, per se—serves to expose the suicidal policy of appointing mere party politicians to high military commands in the Army.

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HON. GEORGE M. DALLAS. It is impossible for me, just returned from an unusually prolonged residence at a foreign Court, not to feel in the highest degree gratified by the cordiality of your welcome.

HON. GEORGE M. DALLAS. The noble and beautiful symbol of our institutions, the symbol consecrated by all the blood of the Revolution, and by the blood of the better still by the blessings of all the free and enlightened of the world—the Flag of the Union, floated glorious in the sunshine, a welcome presence in every harbor and on every shore.

HON. GEORGE M. DALLAS. Let us then, be firmly linked, as a "band of brothers," around this unchanged standard. For my part, I will stand by it to the death.

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LOCAL DEPARTMENT. On Tuesday evening last, at 8 o'clock, a number of our citizens assembled in the hall of the South Street, to pay a tribute to the memory of the late Senator Douglas.

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