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OUR FLAG. Now our flag is hung to the wild winds free. Let it float on our banner land.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. This anxiously looked for paper will be found published at length on our first page.

It is a cleverly written document, moderate in tone, but with many strong points calculated to influence public opinion. Should, however, the President adhere firmly to his views on the slavery question set forth in his Message, we have strong hopes that he will soon retract the rebuke he administered to Secretary Cameron.

While this policy of emancipation would depopulate and impoverish the South, and heap enormous burdens upon the North, it would be a means of accomplishing the great end of the war, to wit, the restoration of the Union.

The only sensible, rational and economical method of dealing with this question is to leave it to the individual States. With all the general Government's meddling with slavery, it is not likely to be abolished in any other way.

The denunciation of the Confederate Constitution Laws by the venerable ex-Judge Pettigrew, in open Court, at Charleston, S. C., has astonished many people, says the Harrisburg Patriot. He denied the power of the Confederate States to set up such an "iniquitous" and "unlawful" constitution.

The new York election. On Tuesday last, resulted in the election of George Opdyke (Rep.) for Mayor, by the following vote: GEORGE OPDYKE (Rep.) 25,843; GEORGE C. OGDEN (Mop.) 24,812; GEORGE C. OGDEN (Mop.) 24,714.

There is some talk of contesting the election of Mr. OPDYKE. It is claimed by the friends of Mr. GUNTHER that sufficient votes were thrown out, on account of some trifling informality, to have elected him by about eighty of a majority over Mr. OPDYKE.

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EMANCIPATION AND COMPENSATION

The President in his message assumes that a large number of "contrabands" will necessarily be liberated by the present war, and recommends that provision be made for coloring them to some extent.

It is also recommended that authority be given to take, in lieu of taxes, a certain valuation of these troublesome persons in States desiring to get rid of them. The objection to this is that it would reduce upon the emancipated, the Government affording reasonable compensation to loyal owners for the loss of their property.

Now should Congress enter upon a system of emancipation in connection with compensation to loyal masters, the burden upon the Government would be greater than it could possibly carry. The Secretary of War estimates the lowest value of slave property in the States at \$700,000,000, which is not more than one-fourth the actual value in times of peace.

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THE EMANCIPATION POLICY

The Louisville (Ky.) Journal, the ablest and most influential paper in the border States, thus argues the present question connected with the progress of the war.

It is wrong and inexpedient, in a measure utterly fatal. Moreover, it is in other respects unworthy of a virtuous and enlightened nation. It is a policy which would be a permanent constitutional, but radically and permanently inconsistent with the ends of the Constitution.

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LOCAL DEPARTMENT

WHAT LOVELY WEATHER. Who ever saw more lovely weather at this season of the year? Mr. T. W. ...

A SOLDIER'S FURNERAL. Corporal MOONEY, of the 10th Maine Infantry, was killed at the battle of Antietam, Sept. 17, 1862.

THE HOWARD EVENINGS. The Howard Association, on the evening of the 8th inst., held a meeting at the residence of Mrs. ...

AN ACCOMMODATING AGENT. One of the most accommodating and gentlemanly agents we know of in this city, is Mr. ...

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE. On motion of A. H. Hood, Esq., yesterday week, ANREW M. ...

PREPARATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS. The approach of Christmas is seen in the preparations which are being made in this city.

DONNELLY'S PERPETUAL ALMANAC is a most useful and interesting work, published by ...

A FIGHTFUL RAINWAVE. Yesterday afternoon, a heavy rain fell, and the wind blew from the north.

THIRTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS—SECOND SESSION

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ARMING THE SLAVES

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