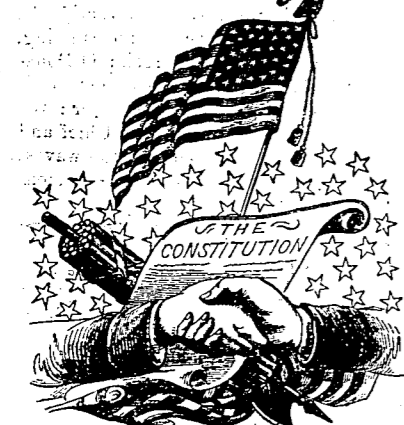


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OUR FLAG.



Now our flag is hung to the wild winds from the top of our flagpole.

DEMOCRATIC STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. A meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee...

A SENSIBLE SPEECH. We are in the habit of publishing the speeches made by Mr. Stevens, our representative in Congress...

WAR NEWS. Within the past two weeks the Union forces in Missouri have captured 2,500 rebels, including seventy commissioned officers.

GEN. SCOTT'S RETURN. One of the rather singular events of the day, is the return of Gen. Scott, in the Arago, which reached her berth at New York on Friday.

THE DIFFICULTY ADJUSTED. After the above article was in type, the National Intelligencer of Saturday was received, with the official announcement of the settlement...

DEATH OF PRINCE ALBERT. Prince Albert, the husband of Queen Victoria, died at the palace in London, on Saturday the 14th inst.

SMART-IF TRUE! The Paris correspondent of the London Daily News learns that when Mr. Sidellet was taking leave of his wife, on board the Trent...

BANK SUSPENSION. It is rumored that all the Boston, New York and Philadelphia Banks suspended specie payments on yesterday.

SHALL WE GIVE THEM UP?

An unhappy complication of public affairs has arisen out of the capture of Messrs. Mason and Sidellet, agents to England and France from the rebellious government of Jefferson Davis.

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Over one thousand pages are occupied by the exposition of sinners' plunders. The much talked of extravagance of the previous administration, and the thefts of Emory, are trifling compared with the squandering of Cameron, Welles and their agents.

"They are more frequently a hundred per cent. sometimes several hundred. In not a few cases, vessels, arms, supplies, etc., have been purchased in large quantities, that turn out to be absolutely worthless.

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Col. Robert E. Patterson of Philadelphia, son of Gen. Patterson, is now raising an infantry corps, to be composed wholly of Irishmen by birth or descent.

ASTOUNDING DISCLOSURES.

The report of the Van Wyck Investigating Committee, a few extracts from which we published last week, discloses an amount of corruption in the administration of the War and Navy Departments of which there is no parallel on record.

We will give a few items to show the extent of the government embezzlement. Mr. Cummings, an intimate personal and political friend of the Secretary of War, is invested by that functionary with the control of \$2,000,000, to purchase equipments for our army.

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It is time for conservative men, true friends of their country, to speak out boldly and take active measures to defeat this wicked treachery in Congress and out, which would sacrifice the Constitution and the Union to gratify political hate and fanatical malignity.

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OUR WORST ENEMIES.

We have frequently declared our conviction, says the N. H. Patriot, that the radical abolition section of the Republican party—the advocates of the emancipation policy and the arming of the slaves to be let loose upon the people of the South to pillage, murder and destroy, are the worst enemies that the true friends of the Union have to contend with.

It is impossible to do justice in this short sketch to this man's sermon. The community at large, besides the friends of the Union, and the friends of the present rebellion, which are rendered attractive and exciting by the aid of the press, are all well as they are.

THE CARRIERS' ADDRESS. The Carriers of the Intelligencer have recently turned poet, and will be glad to have their names mentioned in your NEW YEAR'S ADDRESS.

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REMEMBER YOUR PRISONERS. The ladies of the First German Reformed Church, we learn from the Boston Herald, have organized a committee to make a memorial to their pastor, Rev. A. H. Kimball, on the subject of the prisoners of war.

MANUEL VOLUNTEERS. We give below a list of the names of the volunteers from the town of Marlborough and vicinity, who have enlisted for the defense of their country.

CURE FOR FROSTED FEET. It is said that frost-bitten feet can be cured by being washed with warm water and then with cold water, and then with a mixture of vinegar and water.

LIST OF JURORS TO SERVE IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, commencing Monday, January 7th: Henry Brubaker, Esq., George L. Bowman, Esq., John C. B. Smith, Esq., etc.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

FAREWELL SERMON.—Rev. G. F. Kroegel, for the past year pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, preached his farewell sermon on Sunday morning last.

GRAND WEDDING LUNCH.—Read the advertisement in the Intelligencer of the 24th inst., regarding a grand wedding lunch to be given at the residence of Mr. J. H. S. on the 27th inst.

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REMARKS OF HON. THADDEUS STEVENS.

In Congress, December 10, 1861, on the Bill to amend an Act to provide for the relief of the rebels, etc.

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