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OUR FLAG. Now our flag is hung to the wild winds free, Let it float over our father land...

GLING TO THE CONSTITUTION. AS THE SHIPWRECKED MARINER CLINGS TO THE LAST PLANK, WHEN NIGHT AND THE TEMPEST CLOSE AROUND HIM.—DANIEL WEBSTER.

Tax on Newspapers. The Government tax on newspapers is excessive. It reaches them in four different ways.

The Very Latest. From Cairo, Ill., we learn that the rebels are becoming troublesome again in North Western Tennessee.

McClellan's Abnegation. The course pursued by General McClellan, in the evidence given by him before the McDowell Court of Inquiry, cannot but add to the esteem and admiration in which his character is held by the world.

Removal of Gen. Wool. The veteran Gen. Wool has been removed from the command of the Department of Maryland, and Gen. Schenck is his successor.

It is Not the Cause. If negro slavery is the cause of the war, as alleged by President Lincoln in his Message, why did it not produce war for the last eighty years?

The Cabinet Imbroglio. The storm in the Cabinet has been allayed, and SEWARD and CHASE have returned to their posts again.

Takes the Responsibility.

In a dispatch to the Secretary of War, General BURNSIDE takes upon himself all the blame of the disastrous repulse of the Federal army before Fredericksburg. He admits that he crossed the Rappahannock at a point different from the one indicated by General HALLOCK, but that he was induced to do so under the belief that the enemy had weakened his force in front by throwing a large portion of it down the river.

Retaliation Threatened. President Davis of the Confederate States has issued a proclamation, in which, after reciting some of the alleged atrocities of General Butler, and the vain appeal made to our Government for redress, he declares "Benjamin F. Butler to be a felon, deserving of capital punishment."

Gen. Banks at New Orleans. The expedition of General BANKS is at length heard from. He has superseded General Butler, and established his headquarters at New Orleans where he arrived on the 14th.

Treason in High Places. The Providence Post has a chapter on "Treason in High Places." It says: "We have in months heretofore seen a nest of traitors close to the very heart of Government at Washington."

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Honest Iago! The Senate having requested the Secretary of the Treasury to furnish that body with the amounts of money paid on account of legal and other services in investigating land titles in California, since the year 1857, the Secretary gives the reply of \$200,373, exclusive of the ordinary expenses of the Courts in California.

WAR AND OTHER NEWS.

Our intelligence from the Army of the Rappahannock, though not of paramount importance, embraces, nevertheless, some points of interest. In the first place, correspondents of the Northern papers assure us, with due emphasis, that the army is not going into winter quarters. They advise us, however, that operations in front may possibly be abandoned, and a portion of the army sent back to Washington to defend the Capital against any advance of the enemy in that direction.

Notwithstanding these indications of prolonged occupation, an impression prevails that "another attempt will soon be made to break the enemy's lines."

In the meanwhile, the enemy does not appear to be idle. A Confederate detachment made a bold attempt, on Wednesday night last, to cross the Rappahannock fourteen miles below Port Conway, and we are gravely assured, that the entire party was only saved from capture from the fact that some of Major Keenan's Pennsylvania cavalry fired their guns prematurely, whereupon the enemy concluded not to cross at all.

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Decisions by the Revenue Commissioner. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has made the following decisions: That morocco, goat, kip or sheep skins are subject to a tax of three per centum ad valorem, payable either when taken, carried or finished.

The Washington Correspondent of the New York Tribune writes triumphantly, that it is now certain that the President will stand fast by his emancipation proclamation, Sept. 22nd, and that he has also made up his mind to garrison the Southern Forts with black soldiers "who will doubtless," it is said, "be used to enforce the proclamation of freedom for the benefit of their brethren."

Republican Doctrine. In the debate in the Senate on the subject of arbitrary arrests, Senator Morrill thus avowed the Republican doctrine on the subject of Law and the Constitution: "The laws of war are the law of the land, and that is our state to-day and our condition to-day and in the future."

A CONGRESSIONAL PROTEST.

In the House of Representatives, on yesterday week, Hon. GEORGE H. PENDLTON, of Ohio, in behalf of himself and thirty-five colleagues, presented the following able, dignified and crushing protest against the passage of Mr. Seward's bill "for the relief of the President for certain arrests."

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LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

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COMMITTEE ON THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR AND THE DEFEAT AT FREDERICKSBURG.

The Committee on the Conduct of the War returned from the army at an early hour Sunday morning. The committee were in session yesterday, and had before them the report of General Halleck and Major Meigs. The report will be presented to Congress to-day, it is understood.

It appears that the change of base from Warrenton to Aquia was a part of the plans of Burnside. He laid his plans before Gen. Halleck, Meigs and Hays, at the celebrated council of war in Warrenton, of which the report you read at the time. The plan was then approved, but was brought to Washington to be submitted to the President; on the following day he received notice to move on; that his plan had the entire sanction of the President and Secretary of War. His idea was to move suddenly to Fredericksburg; to cross there; open his base of supplies from Aquia, and push rapidly on to Richmond.

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LANCASTER INTELLIGENCER ALMANAC FOR THE YEAR 1863!

Table with columns for months (JANUARY to DECEMBER) and days of the week (SUNDAY to FRIDAY). It lists the day of the week for each date in 1863.

SHIPMENTS OF COTTON. A commission merchant at St. Louis, has just received the following paragraph from the Cincinnati Gazette, and accompanies it with the comments appended: "Certain New York members of Congress are said to be plotting to receive a large sum of money for procuring commissions in the army in one case charging as high as four hundred dollars for their services in procuring a single commission of a low grade."