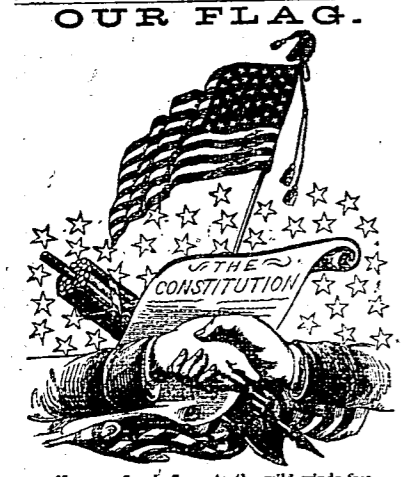


WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1863. LANCASTER, PA., APRIL 26, 1863.



OUR FLAG. Now our flag is flying to the wild winds free, And its folds its spirit's flame shall be Columbia's chosen.

"GLORIOUS TO THE CONSTITUTION, AS THE SHIPBOARD MARINER CLINGS TO THE LAST PLANK WHEN THE NIGHT AND THE FURTEST CLOSE AROUND HIM."—DANIEL WEBSTER.

A PROCLAMATION. The President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, do hereby proclaim and declare that the day of Thursday, the 30th day of April, A. D. 1863, is a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer.

At the request of a number of our country friends we publish, on our first page, the Address delivered by the senior Editor of The Intelligencer, before the Democratic Central Club of Philadelphia, on the evening of the 11th inst.

Latest War News. The news from the Army of the Department of the Gulf is of importance. Gen. Banks had fought the battle of Vermilion Bayou, on the 17th inst., and took 1,000 prisoners.

Military Operations. The news from the various scenes of military operations, says the Ledger, is interesting. At Vicksburg, successful efforts to pass the batteries have been made, and several of the most powerful of our Western gunboats have been added to Farragut's force.

Col. Henry A. Hambricht. This brave and accomplished officer, having obtained a short furlough of fifteen days, reached his home in this city, on Thursday morning last, having stopped a day or two at Pittsburg to visit his aged father, Gen. Hambricht, now confined to his bed by severe illness.

The Seward Letter.

The Express denies the utterance attributed to Secretary SEWARD in his correspondence with the British Minister, which we copied from the Hartford Times and published in our last issue, and intimates that we committed a forgery (!) or some other equally flagrant crime in giving it to the public, when the editor knows full well that the identical paragraph had been going the rounds of the leading Democratic press of Philadelphia, New York and elsewhere for the two or three weeks previous to its appearance in our paper, without any attempt at contradiction from a single respectable Republican newspaper.

We repeat that we copied the paragraph from one of our leading exchanges, believing it to be correct, or we would not have given it publicity; but we shall take measures to ascertain the truth or falsity of the passage—whether it is in the published or unpublished correspondence—for we are unwilling to place any confidence in the declarations of J. Morally Willis Geist, not knowing but that the published reply, purporting to come from Geo. E. Baker, (who may be a man of straw for aught any body in Lancaster knows,) is a sheer fabrication or forgery—most likely the latter—that pink of honesty himself.

Another Democratic Victory!

The municipal election in the City of Chicago, on Tuesday last, resulted in a glorious triumph for the Democracy. They elected their candidate for Mayor by 118 majority, in a poll of 20,306 votes, and 20 of the 32 Councilmen by still larger majorities.

Chicago was always one of the haunts of the black spots in Northern Illinois, and hardly ever failed to give a heavy Republican majority. But the people of that city, like everywhere else, are getting tired of Abolition rule—hence the tremendous reaction in public sentiment all over the Northern and Western States.

DEATH OF GEN. WEIDMAN.—We regret to learn from Lebanon of the death of Gen. John Weidman, at that place, on Thursday last, aged about 50 years. General W. was a kind and true-hearted man, and, as a lawyer, occupied a leading position at the Bar of Lebanon. He served a campaign in the Union army, as Captain of Cavalry, but was compelled to resign in consequence of falling heavily ill. He leaves a large circle of relatives and acquaintances to mourn his decease.

SPEECH OF SENATOR COWAN. We have been handed the speech of Hon. EDGAR COWAN, delivered in the United States Senate, on the 23d of March last, on the Indemnity Bill, and have read it with a great deal of pleasure. It is moderate and calm, and the sentiments such as becomes a statesman to utter in this terrible emergency.

THE INDEMNITY ACT UNCONSTITUTIONAL. An important decision has recently been made by Judge Van Trump, of the Fairfield county, (Ohio) State court. Edson B. Olds, who had been kidnapped by Bliss (a U. S. Marshal, we believe,) and others in Ohio, abducted from the State and imprisoned in Fort Lafayette, sued Bliss for the outrage. He was brought into court, where he plead the Indemnity Act, and asked a certificate to transfer the case from the Ohio State court to the U. S. court, as provided in that act. Judge Van Trump ruled the act of Congress, in so far as it provided for a transfer, to be unconstitutional, and refused the petition.

BERKS COUNTY SPEAKS!

The Democracy of Berks County held an Inaugural Convention, in the Court House yard, on Tuesday afternoon last. The meeting was presided over by Hon. S. E. ARLOW, and addresses were delivered by Hon. J. GLANCY JONES, Hon. HIRSHER CUYLER and others. The following strong and pointed resolutions were unanimously adopted:

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THE "ADMISSION" OF WEST VIRGINIA.

The President has proclaimed West Virginia to be "one of the United States." Among the many outrages committed by the Abolition party against the rights of the States and the liberties of the people, this division of Virginia against a plain provision of the Constitution, and contrary to the voice of the people immediately concerned, may be regarded as one of the most infamous. The act of Congress in the premises was unconstitutional, and the election held in pursuance of it a base fraud, base than any ever alleged against the "Border Ruffians" in Kansas.

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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The April Term of the Quarter Sessions was held last week—Judge Long and Britton on the bench. The Grand Jury returned their names, and the morning session of May was devoted to the charge of the Grand Jury. A concluded account of the week's proceedings.

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LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL SESSION OF THE DEPT. OF GEORGE. The General Session of the Department of George was held on Sunday evening last, at the residence of the Hon. J. B. KENNER, Pastor of the 1st German Reformed Church, in this city.

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INDIAN MASSACRE ON THE OVERLOOK MOUNTAIN NEWS.

The Rocky Mountain News, of April 9th says: Hon. Gordon N. Mott, Federal Judge, the newly elected delegate to Congress from Nevada Territory, gives the following particulars of a most horrible Indian massacre, and remarks that various reports have been received from Salt Lake. Judge Mott left Carson City on the coach that arrived here on Tuesday evening last, and was the only passenger to Reese River, where an Indian gentleman, named Lewis, and his two sons, aged respectively twelve and fourteen years, got in, bound for home in Iowa.

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