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Now our flag is flying to the wild winds from the flag that our fathers had, and the guard of the spotless flag shall be maintained.

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

SCALE OF ADVERTISING RATES. At a meeting of the Publishers of the City of Lancaster, on Friday, December 18th, 1863, the following scale of advertising rates was adopted, to take effect from and after January 1st, 1864:

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BURNSIDE'S BLUNDERS.

The report of General Halleck shows that Burnside has been guilty of operations, which, had they been performed by any other than an ardent Abolitionist, would have resulted in his court martial and everlasting disgrace.

It is a curious fact, but one imperfectly charged, develops on Democratic stand-point, that the general wreck of personal and political rights, about all the liberty that the citizen retains is the privilege of reading the newspapers.

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LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

A REAL MERRY CHRISTMAS.—Friday last, Christmas, passed off very pleasantly in this city. Christmas eve the streets were generally illuminated, and the people were more than ever seen to be merry on such an occasion.

A DISCREETABLE SUNDAY.—Sunday last was one of the most disagreeable of days. It rained and snowed the night previous, and in the morning there was a heavy frost.

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ALMANAC FOR 1864.

Table with columns for months (JANUARY to DECEMBER) and days of the week, showing the calendar for 1864.

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