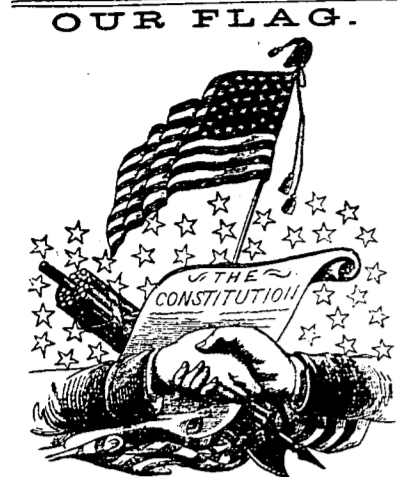


LANCASTER, PA., APRIL 19, 1864.



OUR FLAG. THE SHIPWRECKED MARINER.

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THE DRAFT POSTPONED TILL JUNE 1ST.—A dispatch from New York dated April 14th, announces that "The draft is postponed till the 1st of June."

A Congressional Storm.

The House of Representatives at Washington is becoming a perfect bear-garden. The entire sessions of Saturday week and two or three days of the last week, were occupied with a stormy discussion...

The debate was conducted with great spirit and acrimony on both sides, and, finally, the further consideration was postponed until Monday.

Immediately thereupon, Mr. WASHBURN, of Illinois, offered a preamble and resolution, declaring that Mr. HARRIS, of Maryland, in defending Mr. LONG, had also been guilty of using treasonable language...

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The Apportionment.

On Thursday week, Mr. CONNELL, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to apportion the State into Senatorial and Representative districts, reported a bill, in the Senate, which we presume will pass.

The bill is shamefully unfair throughout. Look, for instance, at that good, staunch old Democratic county of Montgomery. Her 18,057 taxables are to have no representation in the Senate, or what is infinitely worse, she is to be swallowed up by the Abolitionists of Chester and Delaware...

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WHAT AN ABOLITION PAPER SAYS.

The Cincinnati Gazette, an able and influential Abolition paper, arguing in favor of postponing the National Convention of that party beyond the month of June, uses language which, were it to appear in a Democratic paper, would be pronounced treasonable. It says: "We are at the beginning of a military campaign, in the third year of the war, whose results will be either the destruction of the rebel army and the triumph of the National cause, or a failure of exhaustive preparation and protracted effort as will have the moral effect of establishing the Confederacy, and will convince freemen power that our attempt to conquer it is hopeless, and ought not to be continued."

It is thus the rival factions of the Abolition party are contending for political supremacy, while the fate of the nation is suspended in a nicely adjusted balance, awaiting the issue of the impending conflict, to determine the direction of the scale. This propensity says the Cincinnati Enquirer—experience proves the Jews murdered each other in factious contests for the leadership, while the Roman Titus was thundering against their gates. The Greeks of Constantinople disputed in arms upon a point of doctrine, while Mahomet the Second was bridging the Hellespont to bring his hordes beneath the walls of their devoted city. Rome was several times sacked by barbarians because the people could not agree under what leader to serve in its defence.

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LOCAL DEPARTMENT

QUARTER SESSIONS COURT.—The April term of the Court of Quarter Sessions commenced yesterday—Judge Loomis presiding.

THE MARY WATSON CASE.—The lady's friend has been notified. It is a well known fact that the lady's friend has been notified...

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MASSACHUSETTS AND VIRGINIA.

Pending the contest for the election of Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1860, the Hon. Mr. Hays, of the House of Representatives, in a letter to the Hon. Mr. Adams, of the House of Representatives, has written the following words: "When, sir, I have heard the name of a gentleman called Mr. Adams, I have been reminded of a historical incident connected with the name of Adams. I have been reminded of a historical incident connected with the name of Adams. I have been reminded of a historical incident connected with the name of Adams."

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THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

The following extract from President Monroe's Annual Message of December 2d, 1823, contains the assertion of that policy in reference to the extension in America of the Monarchical system of government, since known as "The Monroe Doctrine."

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THE PRESIDENT'S DISLOYAL RELATIONS.

The Chicago Post, alluding to the passage of Mr. Lincoln's sister, with contraband goods, through our lines endorses a strong condemnation of Mr. Lincoln for his alleged course in the affair, and adds the following interesting statement: "In the recent diabolical outbreak of secessionists in Coles county, in this State, two of Mr. Lincoln's own cousins were among the active and leading participants in the attack upon the soldiers, who were held in both of them are now prisoners. They are W. F. Hanks, of Charleston, and S. Greenville Hanks, of Big Creek, Edgar county. The latter, when arrested, boasted that he was the man who killed Surgeon York."

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