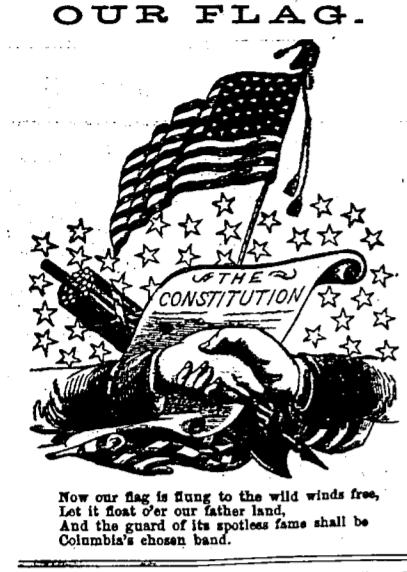


Geo. Sanderson, Editor. LANCASTER, PA., MAY 17, 1864.

OUR FLAG. Now our flag is hung to the wild winds free, Let God give our nation the victory we need...



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

Notice.

THE LANCASTER INTELLIGENCER will pass into the hands of a new firm on the first day of July next. The new firm will be Cooper, Sanderson & Co.

The War in Virginia.

After a terrible battle or series of battles in Virginia, running over a period of eight days, the Confederate General Lee was forced to retreat on Thursday night from his position near Spotsylvania Court House.

The Unemployed Generals to be Dropped.

The House of Representatives, on Wednesday, by a vote of 72 yeas to 45 nays, passed the joint resolution to drop from the rolls of the Army all the unemployed General Officers.

Aristocratic Apings.

It is laughable, says the New York Police Gazette, to notice the airs and assumed titles of aristocracy that the ladies in Washington put on, and how they try to be something above the common mass of the people.

West Virginia.

One U. S. Judge at least has indicated his opinion that the creation of the new State of West Virginia by Congress was an unwarranted and unconstitutional act.

The Pennsylvania Troops.

We notice with pride the gallant bearing of the Pennsylvania troops under Gen. Grant in every action, and with grief the heavy losses they suffer.

The New Tax Law.

The Pennsylvania Legislature, before its adjournment, passed a new State Tax Law, taxing the tonnage of all Railroads and Transportation Companies of the State.

DEATH OF YOUNG WOODWARD.

The echoes of the slanders of the father have scarcely died away in the Capital, under the truthful rebuke of Miller, Stiles and others, when we have, amid the reports of the victory in Virginia, the startling and painful intelligence of the death of Lieut. Col. Woodward, a son of Chief Justice Woodward, of this State.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

NEW SCHEDULE.—On yesterday a new schedule was put into operation on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and the different Philadelphia trains now have the following times:

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A BIG SELL.—The "boys" people of this city are making a big sell of their city property, and are selling at a low price.

REVEREND OF A WELL-KNOWN BREWER.—Mr. Charles Brewster, of West King street, this city, died at his residence on Thursday, May 13th, at the age of 72 years.

WHIT MONDAY.—Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the city was pretty well filled with people on Monday, the 14th inst., for the annual Whit Monday holiday.

RELIGIOUS.—The services of the German Reformed Church of this city closed the Sabbath of the formation of the Heidelberg Catechism with appropriate religious exercises.

NOTICE TO FURNISH.—The following is a notice to furnish for the City of Lancaster, Pa., for the year 1864.

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RETIRED FROM THE BUSINESS.—The venerable Mr. Francis Mackay, of this city, has retired from the business of a merchant, and has devoted himself to the study of the Bible.

DIVIDENDS.—The following Banks have declared semi-annual dividends:

THE 79th MEETS WITH A RAILROAD SMASH-UP.—By a private letter received in this city, it is stated that the 79th Regiment met with a railroad smash-up on the 15th inst.

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE IN THE SUPREME COURT.—The following gentlemen have been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of this State:

SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA.—The Supreme Court for the Middle District is now in session at Harrisburg.

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THE TRUE POLITICAL FAITH.

The following is an extract from a recent letter of Mr. CHARLES JARVIS, of Ellsworth, Maine, Mr. Jarvis is a prominent private citizen, long engaged toward the furthest limit of human life, he has been uniformly esteemed and respected.

EXPOSURE OF THE GROUNDS OF MY POLITICAL FAITH.

In 1776, the Thirteen North American Colonies, each one for itself, by delegates in Congress assembled, published their Declaration of Independence of the Mother Country, and announced to the world the inalienable right of every people, constituting a State, to amend or alter an existing, and to institute a new government.

In 1777, these same Thirteen States, in Congress assembled, drew up articles of Confederation, declaring them to be perpetual, and which were accepted by them, July 17th, their delegates in Congress affixed their signatures.

In 1787, twelve of these States, Rhode Island not present, by their delegates in convention framed the Federal Constitution, provided for its going into operation on the 21st day of September, 1789, and having in advance in line of battle, were almost immediately operation March 4, 1789, leaving North Carolina and Rhode Island to maintain their separate nationality, or join the newly organized Government at their pleasure.

The Federal Government was constituted by the States. The power granted by the States specifically enumerated in the Constitution, and the exercise of any power not granted was prohibited.

The power of annulling a State law contrary to the Constitution or a law of the United States was proposed to be invested in two-thirds of Congress.

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THE WAR IN VIRGINIA.

THE BATTLE OF THURSDAY, MAY 5. At one o'clock on Thursday we were in line of battle with the best corps of the Army of the Potomac.

THE BATTLE ON SATURDAY.

HEADQUARTERS, IN THE FIELD. P. M. We left our last bivouac on Friday night at 10 o'clock, and came to our present position, reaching here at 9 A. M.

The fighting here established the great superiority of our cavalry to Stuart's famous "Light Brigade." The latter was routed on the day's engagement, and retired towards Fredericksburg.

The position was admirable for defence, and was selected by Gen. Lee instantly on learning that Gen. Grant had ordered him and gained a crossing without a battle.

Our grand line of battle formed by all the corps was fully five miles in length, from northwest to southeast, with the centre thrown forward, giving it a convex form.

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the line between Hancock and the river. When subsequently the provisional brigade of Col. Marshall was moved to the centre, one of Forster's brigades took their place.

Up to the time I left the field the colors troops had not taken part in the battle. Many of the regiments of the North were under fire for the first time. All behaved with creditable manner, some of them standing to the work like veteran regiments.

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