



The Union as it was; The Constitution as it is! FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 16.

Reading matter on every page.

HUMILIATION AND PRAYER.

When the devil was sick, the devil as a saint... The President of the Southern Confederacy has lately apparently repented more confidence in the efficacy of fasting and prayer...

PARTIAL RAISING OF THE BLOCKADE.

An important proclamation by the President... The President has issued a proclamation declaring that the blockade of the ports of Beaufort, Fort Royal and New Orleans...

THE CONSERVATIVE MOVE.

We publish in another column the proceedings of the second meeting of the conservative members of Congress... It will be seen that the abolitionists and destructionists have already taken the alarm...

DEATH OF CHARLES J. INGERSOLL.

This distinguished son of Pennsylvania died yesterday at his home in Philadelphia, in the 80th year of his age, having been born in that city in 1792... He was liberal, educated, commencing public life in 1808...

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