



The Union as it was. The Constitution as it is. THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 29.

Reading matter on every page.

MILITARY RESERVES.

The organization of a military reserve for this city, consisting of one regiment, at least, is beginning to be agitated, since the late call by the Governor for additional forces. That such an undertaking would be successful there is, of course, no question.

Governor Curtin asked the Legislature for money to equip a reserve corps of fifteen thousand for Pennsylvania, he exhibited sagacity which is now being appreciated. Although the United States Government had announced that she required no more troops, these reserves were wanted and that, too, badly, by the time they had begun to feel themselves fitted for service.

In this city, had the spirit which aroused our people last summer been cultivated, we might now have one or two regiments admirably drilled, and ready for service upon the mere announcement that their services being required. But it is not too late to begin the raising of a regiment yet; there are no obstacles in the way that we are aware of; the absurd cry of "Home Guards" should not deter any one from joining, because no one can tell how soon a "home guard" may become a soldier of the Union.

Mr. Stiles, in his speech at Allentown, defining his position before a very large meeting of his fellow citizens, denounced the Southern traitors, and announced his determination to use all the power to crush rebellion, and to suppress the Administration in its avowed purposes.

MASSACHUSETTS. A mere sojourner in the United States would be impressed with the idea that Massachusetts was carrying on the war against the rebels exclusively. That State certainly furnishes all the material for Northern agitation, but we deny her claim to anything like patriotism.

POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE.

The Hon. Hendrick B. Wright, of the New Orleans True Delta, May 26, in a long letter to his constituents, relative to his course in Congress, during the present session, it will be remembered that Mr. Wright was the nominee of both parties in his district, the platform agreed upon being "the prosecution of the war for the restoration of the Union."

Mr. Wright, however, soon discovered that he was not the object of the abolition leaders in Congress, it was that of the honest masses of his congressional district. He was, consequently, compelled to vote against some of the schemes of the extremists, and he is out in the letter referred to, giving his reasons for so doing.

On Saturday last there was a Congressional election in this State, in the district composed of the counties of Bucks and Lehigh, for the unexpired term occasioned by the death of Hon. Thomas B. Cooper. The Democratic candidate, J. D. Stiles, was elected by over 6000 majority; this is a change of nearly a thousand since the last Presidential election.

The peculiar feature of the canvass which resulted in Mr. Stiles' election was the effort of his opponents to identify him with the treason of John C. Breckinridge; but the quiet, slow and easy, common sense people of the counties of Bucks and Lehigh were not to be bamboozled by any such transparent villainy.

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