



The Union as it was. The Constitution as it is!

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FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 19.

BLUNDERING AND FALSEHOOD.

The only departments in which those who have the management of the war are trusted to them have made themselves a name to be remembered, are obstinate blundering and persistent falsehood.

For some cause or other, which is incomprehensible to us, some of the Abolition papers of the country not only excuse the blundering of these incompetent men who are sacrificing our armies, but resort to the flimsiest twaddle to justify it.

Those who have read the leading article in yesterday's Pittsburgh Gazette must have been struck with this exhibition of fanatical folly. We can not account for such conduct upon the part of our contemporaries except upon the hypothesis of frenzy or insanity.

The strange admixture of stupidity, frenzy and impunity, which constitute the chief productions of our leading Abolition journals, is one of the most alarming indications of the times. We are engaged in the prosecution of as just a cause as man ever contended for, and yet we are told that we have been unsuccessful, because the Almighty ordained that it should be a failure.

Convicted of Murder. Frederick Smith has been convicted at Hagerstown, Md., of murder in the first degree, for killing Miss A. Tracy, in February last. The motive for the murder was shown to have been jealousy.

BURNING THE MACHINE.

Perhaps the relatives of the dead and wounded at Fredericksburg, and the great public generally will now understand the value of the vulgarism of the commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States, made after the removal of the great McClellan, when he said "he intended to run the machine himself."

It is to answer for all this? Burnside, or his superior who fights battles by telegraph, and rushes blindly against stone walls and impassable barriers? Let the trial go on and the verdict be rendered. A patient but outraged people have about reached the limit of forbearance.

ARMY CORRESPONDENCE. From the 168th Pennsylvania. NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 16, 1862.

ERRORS POST.—The 168th Regiment, Pennsylvania, drafted men, left Camp Howe on Monday evening, 1st inst., and arrived in Washington city on Wednesday, were put on board the steamer "South America" the same evening and left the next morning for Fort Monroe, and disembarked at that post on Sunday the 6th inst. The passage down the Potomac and through the bay was unusually boisterous, with the weather very wet and cold.

Mr. Editor.—Since my last we have had another brush with the enemy's pickets, near New Kent. The scouting party was commanded by Capt. A. Faith of company M, instead of Major Kintner, as stated in the Philadelphia Inquirer, who was my camp at the time. We succeeded in killing two, and capturing six men and 12 horses, with their equipments and arms. Our men escaped without a scratch.

A Fortunate Question. Dr. H.—, of the pleasant city of Elm, has been noted for many years for always driving the gentlest and most sober, and at the same time most fearfully "homely" of horses.

Top of man bumped his head against the roof of a room, what article of stationery would be supplied with? Ceiling whacks.

SATURDAY'S FIGHT BEFORE FREDERICKSBURG.

The special correspondent of the New York Times has the following: "At 3 o'clock an aid arrives from Gen. Couch to say that his (Couch's) troops were advancing finely, but that Wilcox was not here. Gen. Sumner, well knowing that the Ninth Army Corps keep pace with the Second, if he can."

At 4 o'clock, French reports that his right is held by a brigade (Masson's) which is without ammunition! "Sumner sends a message begging Burnside to be directed to advance. He says Franklin cannot advance. He is too far to do this to him to hold his own, for Jackson has just thrown in reinforcements, and is pushing hard to turn his left."

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First Edition.

LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH. Fitz John Porter Trial. British Vessels Running the Blockade. LOYALTY OF FLORIDA. McDowell Court of Inquiry.

Public temper is deeply aggravated by the contents of the introduction, as testimony in the Fitz John Porter case, by telegrams sent by the accused to Generals McClellan and Burnside, and which Porter endeavored to destroy, and supposed he had destroyed. They had been sent from the field over the military telegraph.

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