



"TO THE EFFICACY AND PERMANENCY OF OUR UNION, A GOVERNMENT FOR THE WHOLE IS INDISPENSABLE."—Washington.

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Is this an Abolition War?

We are told by certain so-called "peace" journals that this is an Abolition War. In the very next paragraph, perhaps, you will find the astounding assertion that two-thirds of the immense Union army are Democrats!

Now, if the first assertion be true, it seems that Democrats are ready and willing to carry on an Abolition war. But what same man believes the one or the other? Such assertions, justifying the positions of hundreds of thousands of patriotic men, who have heretofore acted with the Democratic party, are belittling the character of journals whose only avocation is to laud rebel victories, and to bawl for peace, without even the proposal of humbug propositions to effect it.

These Democratic statesmen, who have spent their lives and won an enviable and lasting reputation in the exposition and defense of the constitutional rights of all sections of our glorious Union, are now denounced by these crawling scribblers as Abolitionists, or what is the same thing, as siding and abetting an Abolition war. Behold! the Poor has raised its up against the HEAD, saying, I am greater than thou!

his next, is to throw around this oppressed people the protecting power of the Constitution, and to establish the peaceful supremacy of law in the place of mob violence and the rule of terror. May Heaven speed the day when these benevolent purposes shall be accomplished.

Floods—Great Destruction of Property.

It is impossible to compute the losses sustained by those owning property in the neighborhood of this river. All the way down to Willow Springs, the road is badly cut up, and all the small bridges are gone. At Point of Rocks, White's bridge and dwelling house have been swept away from thence to Jewett's, the fences near the river are all gone.

Of the eight houses at the mouth of Galilee Creek, but one is left standing. All the dams that stream have been swept away. At Skull Bar, eight houses have disappeared, and but two remain on the Bar, one of which is the store of J. V. R. Witt; his goods are undamaged. At this place the water, Sunday noon, was 45 to 50 feet above low water mark.

Jackson's bridge, Parly & Stevens' boats, and fences all the way down to Chad Roberts', have been swept away. Mr. Harley, at the mouth of Applegate, lost all his hay, grain, etc. The water was three feet deep in his house. The tax collector has just returned from a visit to the Chinamen on Applegate. He reports having had poor success in disposing of licenses, as the Chinamen's claims were damaged almost beyond redemption by the high water.

Some treaties, designed chiefly for the interests of commerce, and having no grave political importances, have been introduced into the Senate for their consideration. Although we have failed to induce some of the commercial powers to adopt a desirable measure, we have thus far removed all the obstacles from the way, except such as are merely temporary and of a remedial character.

Notwithstanding the utmost privacy was observed, a large number of persons followed the hearse to the undertaker's. There, in a private room, with none present but the immediate friends, the large deal case containing the coffin was opened. It lid bore the inscription: THE REMAINS OF COL. E. D. BAKER, KILLED IN BATTLE NEAR BALL'S BLUFF, OCTOBER 21, 1861.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

In the midst of unprecedented political troubles, we have cause of great gratitude to God for unusual good health and most abundant harvests.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

You will not be surprised to learn that, in the peculiar exigencies of the times, our intercourse with foreign nations has been attended with profound solicitude, chiefly turning upon our domestic affairs. A disloyal portion of the American people have, during the whole year, been engaged in an attempt to divide and destroy the Union.

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The revenue from all sources, including the loan for the financial year ending on the 30th of June, 1861, was eighty-six millions, eight hundred and thirty-five thousand, nine hundred and thirty-nine dollars, leaving a balance, on the 1st of July, of two millions, two hundred and fifty-seven thousand, eight hundred and sixty-six dollars and 89 cents.

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would promise a single soldier at first, have an aggregate of not less than forty thousand in the fall of the year, while of their citizens not more than a few hundred are among the insurgents, and they of rather doubtful whereabouts. After a somewhat gloomy struggle, the months of Winter close upon the people of Western Virginia, leaving the masters of their own country.

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