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Circular Address of the Democratic State Committee.

DEKROIT, Dec. 15, 1862. We again address you on the subject of the political condition of the country.

THE CUMBERLAND. BY LONGELLOW. At anchor in Hampton Roads we lay...

Down upon his heavily runs, Silent and sullen, the floating fort...

Next morn' as the sun rose over the bay, Still hoisted our flag at the mainmast head...

He! brave hearts that went down in the sea! Ye are at peace in the troubled stream...

It is a frigid observation that the sentiment of a traitor, in a greater or lesser degree...

But, without citing instances of a sentiment of which all have in turn, from the youngest to the oldest, experienced...

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"How singular," I remarked, while making ready to leave the house, "I should never have imagined it was so very late."

"Do you think me capable of such profligacy?" I asked. "I am unwilling to withdraw a single expression—Let us set off."

"Such a careless indifference of manner made me wish," I said, "that decision to take me had been mine."

"No, it is nothing," said I—"a mere scratch." "I shall take your place," said Bob, while about to pick up the pistol.

"I have just returned from Cairo," said the former, "where I have slain fifteen thousand individuals."

"How is this?" cried Bob, after bringing his knuckles repeatedly in forcible contact with the table on which my head reclined.

"The occupation of Fredericksburg having been successfully accomplished, the next move was to drive the rebels from their strongholds in the rear of the city."

"The action on the right commenced about 10 o'clock and raged furiously all day long. The enemy occupied the woods and hills in the rear of the city, and in point of advantage the odds were decidedly in their favor."

"Miss Dever says that the sweetest line she ever read was her Hiram's name written in molasses on the front door step."

Correspondence of the N. Y. Herald. The Battles at Fredericksburg. The Battle on Friday.

The morning and afternoon of the 24th and 25th were spent in the preparation for the attack on the rebel lines.

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Seeking the bubble reputation 'em in the common mouth." "Steadily they marched across the plain, and never faltered until they were within a dozen yards of the ridge, when suddenly they were met by a galling fire from the rebel infantry."

The eventful morning came, and with it a dense fog, which obscured the movements of the troops. At 11 o'clock the fog was up just before daylight, but in consequence of the fog no observation could be had.

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Letter from Garibaldi. Luigi Paris, of Providence, Rhode Island, received a few days since the following letter from the Italian patriot, Garibaldi, and publishes it in the Providence Journal.

Nothing gives the General so much pleasure as the kind remembrance of his old friends and compatriots, and their grateful recognition of his services in the cause of unity of Italy.

The main point here set forth is the superiority of the flat-headed shells over the kind formerly employed. They can be made to pass through the water and strike a vessel below the water-line.

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Letter from Gen. Burnside. Who is Responsible? A respected correspondent takes exception to our remark that Burnside was not responsible, since he acted under express orders from Washington...

Michigan Argus. ANN ARBOR. Friday Morning, December 26. PERSONAL. It is now 84 years since we assumed charge of the Argus, and during such time we have not forced upon our readers editorial statements of our business affairs...

From the Fifth Mich. Cavalry. CAMP CORLEMAN, WASHINGTON, D. C. December 12, 1862. I tell you it is military. I like it first rate. I went to the Capitol, and in the Senate Chamber, sat in 'Old Zack's' seat...

THE LEGISLATURE. The following is the composition of the Legislature of this State which is most next month: SENATE. Dist. 1. Republican. 2. Union-Whig. 3. Democrat. 4. Democrat. 5. Democrat. 6. Democrat. 7. Democrat. 8. Democrat. 9. Democrat. 10. Democrat. 11. Democrat. 12. Democrat. 13. Democrat. 14. Democrat. 15. Democrat. 16. Democrat. 17. Democrat. 18. Democrat. 19. Democrat. 20. Democrat. 21. Democrat. 22. Democrat. 23. Democrat. 24. Democrat. 25. Democrat. 26. Democrat. 27. Democrat. 28. Democrat. 29. Democrat. 30. Democrat. 31. Democrat. 32. Democrat. 33. Democrat. 34. Democrat. 35. Democrat. 36. Democrat. 37. Democrat. 38. Democrat. 39. Democrat. 40. Democrat. 41. Democrat. 42. Democrat. 43. Democrat. 44. Democrat. 45. Democrat. 46. Democrat. 47. Democrat. 48. Democrat. 49. Democrat. 50. Democrat. 51. Democrat. 52. Democrat. 53. Democrat. 54. Democrat. 55. Democrat. 56. Democrat. 57. Democrat. 58. Democrat. 59. Democrat. 60. Democrat. 61. Democrat. 62. Democrat. 63. Democrat. 64. Democrat. 65. Democrat. 66. Democrat. 67. Democrat. 68. Democrat. 69. Democrat. 70. Democrat. 71. Democrat. 72. Democrat. 73. Democrat. 74. Democrat. 75. Democrat. 76. Democrat. 77. Democrat. 78. Democrat. 79. Democrat. 80. Democrat. 81. Democrat. 82. Democrat. 83. Democrat. 84. Democrat. 85. Democrat. 86. Democrat. 87. Democrat. 88. Democrat. 89. Democrat. 90. Democrat. 91. Democrat. 92. Democrat. 93. Democrat. 94. Democrat. 95. Democrat. 96. Democrat. 97. Democrat. 98. Democrat. 99. Democrat. 100. Democrat.

From Mexico. The steamship Union has arrived from Havana on the 15th. There is no later news from Mexico. The new Captain General Dulce had arrived at Havana, and Gen. Serrano has left for Spain. The secessionists intended joining in an invasion to him by accompanying him to the entrance of the harbor in a steamer, but he requested them not, and Gen. Dulce forbade it.

From Mexico. Kansas City, Jan. 20. The Santa Fe mail, with dates to the 10th, has arrived. Orders have been issued by General Carlton that all persons arriving in this city shall report to the Provost Marshal. Strangers will have to exhibit the written authority under which they travel, and give satisfactory evidence as to their loyalty.

Married. On Monday evening December 15th, by the Rev. G. D. Gillespie, at the home of the bride, ABRAHAM PIERCE, of Northfield, and Mrs. ELIZABETH ANDERSON, of Ann Arbor. Died. In Leonard Hill, on the 19th inst., of Consumption, BENJAMIN F. BROWN, brother of DANIEL B. and JAMES BROWN, of this city. His remains were brought here on Saturday and interred on Sunday.



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