

THE UNION MUST BE PRESERVED. J. B. DANFORTH, JR., EDITOR. Saturday Evening, Feb. 15.



If any one attempts to haul down the American flag, shoot him on the spot.—John A. Dix.

The Argus is the only paper in this county that takes telegraphic reports, consequently it can furnish the people of this and adjoining counties with news in advance of any other paper.

INGRATITUDE. If there is any one attribute of poor, frail humanity which receives, as it deserves, the unmeasured execration and contempt of mankind, it is that of ingratitude.

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Mr. Wentworth (John Brown republican) said that the convention had the proceedings of the convention by parties in power, who were now under their dying struggle. When they were satisfied that the convention were about making a constitution for the people, they raised the cry that delegates were secessionists, and that all they did was to initiate men into the order of the Knights of the Golden Circle.

Mr. Allen, of Williamson, (democrat) said that if there was a secessionist in that body it ought to be known and the individual expelled; to do which the convention ought to be held in session. He wanted the matter should be investigated. He wanted the facts to be ascertained as to the honor of the delegates to the convention.

Mr. Underwood (republican) was in favor of the resolution, and thought it to be the duty of the convention to preserve its dignity, and prevent reports from either slandering or blackguarding delegates.

THE TRIBUNE'S CALUMNIES TO BE EXPOSED.

We clip from the Springfield correspondent of the Chicago Times, the following synopsis of the remarks made in the constitutional convention, in regard to the appointment of a committee to investigate the report started by the Chicago Tribune, that a majority of the convention were secessionists.

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CONDUCT OF THE WAR.

The Attempt of the Abolitionists to Disparage Gen. McClellan.

Special Dispatch to the N. Y. Herald. WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. The greatest indignation prevails here at the persistence of the New York Tribune and other attacking journals in their daily publishing, in a variety of forms, the most shameless falsehood that General McClellan has been reduced to the simple command of the army of the Potomac.

There never has been a difference of any kind between the commander-in-chief and either the president or secretary of war, as already stated in this correspondence. Their views have, from the beginning, coincided in every particular relating to the war.

The abolition convention which met here last week, resolved that the constitution is, since the war, even more of a covenant with death than before, and so the work of the abolitionists is to be regarded as the most important.

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EASTERN JEALOUSY OF THE WEST.

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