

THE VOLUNTEER.

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to the public Treasury were for the past year...

\$4,561,885, the expenditures \$4,123,262—leaving...

available balance, when added to that of the year...

previous, of \$677,037. The condition of the State...

works is spoken of at large, and the Governor sets...

the Treasury will be able to cancel annually one...

million of the public debt. Six hundred thousand...

dollars of relief notes are still in circulation. The...

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and valuable portion of the message, is that in which...

he takes ground against the increase of paper money...

in the State, and shows the pernicious influence that...

inflation of prices from this cause has upon domestic...

trade. He hopes to see all notes under five dollars...

driven from circulation, and at some future day the...

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The Governor argues, with conclusive force,

against the increase of irresponsible corporations, for...

purpose of private gain, and urges the adoption of...

the individual liability principle, to its fullest extent...

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RELIGIOUS TOLERATION.

In presenting to the Senate, the petition from the...

Maryland Baptist Union Association, "asking the...

interposition of the United States to secure to Ameri-

can citizens abroad, the rights of religious worship...

according to their consciences." General Cass made...

a few appropriate and impressive remarks in favor...

of interposition. He said he presented the petition...

with pleasure, not only on regard to the motives...

and position of those who make this application...

but also because he heartily concurred with them in...

the importance of the object, and in the propriety...

of calling the attention of the Government to it—

an object dear to us and to the world, in its consequences...

now and hereafter. This body of pious and intelli-

gent christians anxiously desire the freedom of reli-

gious worship for their countrymen, wherever the...

accidents of life may carry them. And it is not...

strange that this sentiment should be strongly felt...

and strongly expressed in this land of Gospel liberty...

it is strange that in this age of the world, and in...

this day of intellectual advancement, any obstacle...

should be interposed by any Government in christen-

dom so prevent the believers in the faith of Jesus...

from following the dictates of their conscience, and...

while rendering unto Caesar the things God's...

Conscience prohibit them from rendering unto God the...

things that are God's, aggressively to their own con-

science fully with the signers of this petition, that...

the best of freedom is the freedom of conscience...

and that there is no tyranny so revolting as that...

which tyrannizes over the mind."

We go heart and hand with this movement, because...

we believe it to be the right and duty of every one...

to worship God in the mode which he may conscient-

iously believe to be most acceptable. American...

citizens travelling abroad, should be entitled to per-

form their religious duties to suit themselves. In...

demanding this right of foreign powers, we ask...

nothing inconsistent with reason, justice or propri-

ety. We do not ask them to disconnect church and...

State, or to change their laws in relation to their...

own subjects; but we demand as a right, that they...

should not dictate to us the manner in which we shall...

worship God. The enlightened age in which we live...

requires that religious differences should be tol-

erated. We practice this toleration towards all per-

sons who visit or reside in our country, and our citi-

zens abroad should enjoy the same rights.

We hope that Congress will take up this subject...

in earnest, as it is of considerable importance. We...

can hardly suppose it possible that any government...

would refuse to yield to so just a demand for it...

it could not effect any disadvantageous change in their...

internal policy. At all events we would have the...

experiment tried.

SPRITUAL RAPTURES AND SUICIDES.—The Spiritual...

Rapting delusion is producing the same deplorable...

effects as the delusion of the past years—agony...

unassisted reason and suicide, in consequence of...

excitement of mind upon spiritual topics. The news-

papers of New York are filled with the investiga-

tions before a coroner's jury, in the case of Martin...

Langdon, who committed suicide last week, while...

laboring under insanity, induced by attendance at...

the so-called spiritual circles. The deceased was a...

strange man. He had, prior to his acquaintance...

with these rapping humbugs, lost a child, a circum-

stance which appears to have been truly to great...

account by the operators on his credulity. For ten...

months past, his thoughts had been constantly upon...

the rappings. He attended the circles, and read the...

spiritual newspapers. Mrs. Langdon, the wife of...

the deceased, says that she was induced to attend...

one of these rapping meetings, where she saw her...

husband magnetized, and adds:

STATE AGRICULTURAL FAIR.

The Executive Committee, at a meeting held the...

10th of December last, adopted the subjoined...

resolution:

Resolved, That competition for premiums for...

field crops be invited until Saturday, the 15th of...

January next; that the list of premiums be published...

in a Harbinger, Pittsburg, Lancaster and German-

township newspapers, and that editors throughout...

the State friendly to the cause of Agriculture be...

requested to give this notice an insertion in their...

papers.

Competitors must furnish a full statement of the...

mode of cultivation, and accompany the same with...

the certificate of two respectable men, as to the...

product and measurement of the ground, and also...

exhibit a sample of each crop at the annual meet-

ing in January, when the premiums will be award-

ed.

A. O. HEISTER, Harbinger,

MICHEL DOUDLE, York,

JACOB FRANTZ, Lancaster,

Committee.

Harrisburg Dec. 11, 1852.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION OF FIELD CROPS.

For best 5 acres of Corn, \$15

Best acre of do, 10

do 5 acres of Wheat, 10

do acre of do, 8

do acre of Irish Potatoes, 10

do half acre do, 10

do 5 acres of Rye, 10

do 5 acres of Oats, 8

do 5 acres of Barley, 8

do 5 acres of Timothy, 8

do 5 acres of Clover, 8

do quarter acre of Carrots, 8

do quarter acre of Ruta Baga, 8

do quarter acre of Sugar Beets, 8

do quarter acre of Mangel Wurzel, 8

do quarter acre of Turnips, 8

Ohio Non-Residence.

The Democratic State Convention met on the 8th...

inst., at Columbus, and nominated for Governor—

Wm. Medill; Lieut. Governor—Mr. Bliss; Treasurer—

John Breelin.

Singleton Mercer, well known as having several...

years since killed Mr. Herberston, was shot in the...

head recently, in an oyster cellar, at the corner of...

Third and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia. The per-

son who fired the piece escaped.

The London Daily News, commenting upon the...

establishment of the French Empire, declares it to...

be the precursor of a war. The News says: "Where...

the storm is first to burst, or under