

AMERICAN VOLUNTEER.

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OUR FLAG.



Forever float that standard sheet! Where breathes the foe but falls before us!

We call attention to the card in another column of CHAS. C. TUCKER, Pension and Bounty Land Agent at Washington City.

MOUSEY JOY ACADEMY.—This institution, situated in the beautiful village of Mount Joy, Lancaster county, offers rare inducements to parents or guardians having boys to educate.

STARRY TINE.—A few minutes before nine o'clock, on Tuesday morning, smoke was seen to issue from the second story of the new brick school house in Pomfret street.

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THE RECENT BATTLE NEAR LEESBURG.

In our war news column will be found a condensed account of the disastrous battle at Ball's Bluff, on the Upper Potomac. It sickens the heart to read the distressing tidings of this fearful contest.

The battle was certainly badly planned. Our troops had but three pieces of artillery with them, and they were captured by the enemy. We had no battery to protect our troops—no reserve—no reinforcements.

Our troops, it seems, crossed the river in small squads. Three old flats were all the vessels used to take over the men. The rebel pickets, which were stationed all along the river, could see every boat load cross, and knew how many we had over as well as we did.

Gov. CURTIS has issued the following proclamation, setting apart Thursday, N. v. 28, as a day of Thanksgiving.

WHEREAS, Every good gift is from above and comes down to us from the Almighty, I whom it is meet, right and the bounden duty of every people to render thanks for His mercies.

THURSDAY, 28th OF NOVEMBER NEXT, as a day of solemn Thanksgiving to God, for having prepared our own and watered our furrows, and blessed the labor of the husbandman, and covered the year with His goodness.

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THE LESSONS OF THE HOUR.

The election in Pennsylvania has come and gone, but it has left a lesson behind, pregnant with instruction for those who will be instructed thereby.

One year ago the democratic party was swept from power in this country as the Simon sweepers away the sands of the desert and blasts in its course every vestige of animal life.

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The Philadelphia News is terribly exercised at the defeat of the Republican candidates in Philadelphia, and lays the blame thereof on President LINCOLN.

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Nearly every hour brings us a different account of the recent and conflict near Leesburg or Edward's Ferry, or Ball's Bluff. There is no denying the fact that a great mistake was made.

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