

The Family Circle.

Who are the spirits watching by the dead? Faith, from whose eyes a solemn light is shed! And Hope, with fairer sunshine on the dead.

I did not know, till she was lost, How much she was beloved; She knows it in that better world To which she is removed.

Call not that man wretched, who, whatever else he suffers as to pain inflicted or pleasure denied, has a child for whom he hopes and on whom he leans.

I felt my sorrow ere it came, As storms are felt on high, Before a single cloud descends Their presence on the sky.

So great a portion of our time is occupied by the mere pleasures of life that few hours of leisure is allowed for reflection on the past, or meditation on the future.

Strong as the death it masters, is the hope That onward looks to immortality; Let the frame perish, so the soul survive, Pure, spiritual, and loving. I believe

Mr. BARNES—Should you consider the following lines worthy a place in the "Sunday Evening" corner of your Journal, they are at your disposal.

ON THE LANGUAGE OF THE SCRIPTURES. We have weeks wrote and published, whose style of composition we look upon with pleasure and admiration; many of which are indeed wonderful, and constitute ornaments, leaving ornaments of the ages in which they were originally produced.

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Population is necessary to the prosperity of any country—and the population being of an honest and industrious character, renders prosperity more certain, uniform and unvarying.

To afford ample support to this class of citizens, so highly useful and necessary, is certainly the duty of those engaged in other pursuits.

It is a singular fact in history that the tribe of Indians called Cumanches, who lived a wandering life in the Mexican Territory, in and about Texas, have maintained their independence against the power, of Spain and the Mexican States since the days of Cortez and Pizarro.

The Public Men of Texas.—A letter written in Texas, thus pictured the public men of that republic:

Female Orator.—The Boston Representatives' Hall was crowded on Wednesday afternoon with people of both sexes, "black spirits and white," to hear a lady from South Carolina, who rejoiced in the name of Miss Grimke, declaim upon the subject of abolition.

When Mr. CLAY was making his speech in the Senate, against Mr. Galboun's slavery resolutions, he made use of the following striking similitude:—"In private life, if a wife, points, and frets, and scolds, what would be thought of the good sense or discretion of the husband who would threaten her with separation, divorce, disunion! Who would use these terrible words upon every petty disagreement in domestic life! No man, who has a heart or right feelings, would employ such idle menaces. He would approach the lady with kind and conciliatory language, and apply those natural and more agreeable remedies, which never fail to restore domestic harmony."

Prospective Economy!—Silas Wright's Sub-Treasury Bill appropriates HALF A MILLION OF DOLLARS for the construction of buildings, safes, vaults, fixtures, &c. for the convenience of those who have charge of the public funds, and to store the gold and silver for the office holders.

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CP. Gen. Jackson, when he turned his back upon the White House exclaimed, "I feel close upon me the great presence and happy." The truth of the exclamation, so far as it related to the prosperity of "this people" is evinced by the state of commerce in 1837 compared with 1836.

Written by Master Lester Stansbury Buckingham. At the close of the Temperance Festival on the 23d inst. Mr. Buckingham spoke of the vast importance of leading our children to understand and adopt, from principle, the temperance cause; and observed that, as Hiram had his son to swear eternal enmity to the Romans, so he had his son to declare an uncompromising war with all intoxicating drinks.

Hear Mr. River! He is surely entitled to credit from the Administration party, and he closes his late speech in the Senate in the following terms. If an enemy had said it!—

As I said on the former occasion, Mr. President, I stand here as no advocate of the banks. I have not the slightest interest in, nor connection with them, direct or indirect, present or prospective.

In offering the measure I have submitted to the Senate, I have discharged what I consider to be my duty to the country. That country is now in a state of suffering and distress, aggravated by deep anxieties and apprehensions in regard to the future.

In taking this course, I know full well, Mr. President, I am to incur the anathemas of PART. But I can never forget that I have a country to serve as well as a party to obey.

A Movement.—The American Sentinel, one of the leading organs of Van Burenism, is out in the most decided manner against the New Constitution. The Editor says:—"The Reform Convention has adjourned; and after a session of ten months, at an expense of upwards of three hundred thousand dollars, has presented the fruits of its labors for public approbation or rejection."

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POTTSVILLE.

SATURDAY MORNING MARCH 2, 1838.

It is an established principle in Democracy, that a representative ought to obey the will of his constituents. This assumes of course a knowledge of that will, on the part of the representative.

We put the question seriously—Is the county of Schuylkill at present represented in the legislature of Pennsylvania? They will answer almost with one voice, it is not.

We publish in another column, a communication from William Bobyshell, esq. of Port Carbon, in relation to our remarks on his alleged apology.

In this communication we are directly charged with being concerned in a "plot" against neighbor Bobyshell, having for its ultimate object collision and division among the members of the Democratic family.

Welsh Procession.—St. David's Day was celebrated, in Port Carbon, by a procession of the members of the Welsh Society. The procession was formed at Port Carbon, and marched over to Pottsville, accompanied by a band of music, and appropriate banners, the members, numbering about a hundred, exhibiting the insignia of their order, where they attended divine worship in the Welsh Church.

Washington's Birth-Day was celebrated, as appears from a publication in another column, by a Lodge of Odd Fellows, in our borough, who selected the occasion to lay the corner stone of a new lodge.

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The Duel.

We publish, below, an extract from the statement of facts, made by the Hon. George W. Jones and Henry A. Wise, relative to the fatal meeting between Messrs. Cilley and Graves.

After the reception of this note from Mr. Jones, Mr. Wise called on him, at Dr. Reilly's, and informed Mr. Jones that Mr. Graves had procured a rifle other than that left at his room by Dr. Duncan.

Upon the assembling of the friends, Mr. Jones inquired of Mr. Wise whether his friend (Mr. Graves) was satisfied?

After Mr. Cilley, Mr. Wise, for Mr. Jones, expressed a desire to Mr. Jones to see Mr. Cilley.

Such is the naked statement of all the material facts and circumstances attending this unfortunate affair of honor, which we make in justice to our friends, to ourselves, to all concerned, to the living and to the dead; and it is made for the only purpose of allaying excitement in the public mind, and to prevent any and all further controversy upon a subject, which already is full enough of woe.

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