THE STAR AND BANNER.
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True Americanism.

"Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence, I conjure you to shun this fatal snare. Citizens, the jealousies of a free people ought to be constantly awake, History and experience both prove that foreign influence is one of the most baleful foes of republican government. — *Washington's Farewell Address.*

"Foreign influence to America, is like the Grecian Horse to Troy; it conceals an enemy in its heart. We cannot be too careful to exclude its entrance.—*Mellen.*

"I can scarcely withhold myself from joining in the wish of Silas Deane, that there was an ocean of fire between this and the old world."—*Jefferson.*

"It is true that we should become a little more Americanized."—*Jackson.*

"They will make our elections a curse instead of a blessing."—*Martin Van Buren.*

"The people of the United States! may they remember, that, to preserve their liberties, they must do their own voting and their own fighting."—*Jefferson.*

"Lord preserve our country from all foreign influence."—*The Last Prayer of General Jackson.*

Keep your *Gutters* clean of grass, dirt and rubbish, if you don't want a visit from the "City Fathers." See Ordinance in to-day's paper. Hope it will be enforced.

The contract for building a Lodge and Gateway at Evergreen Cemetery, was allotted to the Messrs. CHRITZMAN on Monday last. The building is to be commenced immediately.

The Railroad project is being revived. A meeting at Mangans Tavern has been called on the 22d instant. New propositions are afoot. This thing of building a Railroad in Adams county seems to be a dragging work. But a good job may be made yet, if we put it through. All honor to the man or men who shall do it.

A son of Mr. REUBEN DOWLIN, of this place, about six or seven years of age, had a narrow escape from death on Wednesday last. He was playing around a get-some water from a draw-well and fell in head-foremost. Another child noticing the fall, gave the alarm, and upon a couple of neighbors coming up, the lad was discovered in the bottom of the well, sustaining his head above water by clinging to the side wall. The well bucket being placed within his reach, he deliberately placed himself in it, and was drawn up safely, without having sustained the least injury. The well is 40 feet or more deep, the distance from the top to the water being not less than 30 feet.

The members of the Democratic Standing Committee of Adams County," have been ordered to assemble at the house of Ia D. Warren, in the borough of Gettysburg, on Monday the 20th day of August inst." Every member is, of course, expected to come prepared to purge himself of all Native American tendencies, to take a solemn obligation to give a preference to Foreigners and Roman nose over Americans at all popular elections, and swear allegiance to Postmaster-General CAMPBELL and will-o-the-wisp Democracy. Too late to mark, gentlemen!

Col. WM. T. SANDERS, well known throughout the State as for several years proprietor of the "Washington House," in Harrisburg, died at his father's residence in Baltimore, on Friday night last. His remains were brought to Harrisburg and interred on Saturday. Col. S. was an excellent man, true-hearted as a friend, and courteous in all his business relations.—His health had been declining for some time, and he had recently returned from the West after an ineffectual attempt at its restoration by travel.

The Rev. SAMUEL GUTELIUS, formerly of this place, has purchased the establishment of the "Union County Star," and will publish it hereafter at Mifflinburg, Union county.

The Rev. REUBEN WEIZER, of the Lutheran Church, has been tendered, and has accepted the Presidency of the Central College of Iowa, located at Fort des Moines, Polk county.

The Rev. FRANCIS SPRINGER has resigned the Presidency of Illinois University, at Springfield, and the Rev. D. GARBER the Professorship of Languages. The Rev. C. W. SCHAEFFER, of Germantown, Pa., was elected to fill the former chair, and the Rev. E. MILLER, of Peru, Illinois, the latter, but both have declined.

A BROAD ROAD.—"Who will hesitate when the road is so broad?" says the Washington Union, in an appeal for volunteers to the Democratic party

The width of the road that keep so many good men out of the Democratic path! It is a good good back door. "Wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction."

SLAVE HUNT IN AMERICA.—Two or three days since, a gentleman of this parish, in hunting numerous runaway slaves, came upon a party of them in the swamp on Cat Island. He succeeded in wresting two of them, but the third made fight, and upon being *shot in the shoulder*, fled to a sluice, where the dogs succeeded in drowning him before assistance could arrive."—*St. Francisville (La.) Chron.*

There are but few countries in the world where such noble game can be found. And is this the peculiarity also? There is no season when it is not lawful to pursue it.

Our exchanges from all parts represent the rains of last week to have been unprecedented for years. Streams in all directions were swollen to an unusual height, considerable damage being done to fencing, dams and bridges. In Gettysburg, on Sunday last, upwards of *four* inches of water fell—probably the greatest rain ever known in this place.

Our Principles.

The "Democratic" editors spend no bout half their time in telling what the Know Nothing principles are, and the other half in inquiring what they are. In alluding to this, the Louisville Journal says:

"Half the time they know all about these principles, and the other half they know nothing at all about them. One day they speak of them as perfectly notorious, and the next day they treat them as a mystery that ought to be brought to light. The distinctive principles of this party are even now more definitely marked and better understood than those of any other political party in the United States—infinitely better understood even by the democrats themselves than democratic principles are. If a Democrat is asked what the Know Nothing principles are, he finds no difficulty in making a prompt answer—but let him be asked what the principles of his own party are, and he either stands dumb or answers in vague or unintelligible generalities."

PAPAL INTERFERENCE IN GOVERNMENT.—The Genoa correspondent of the Newark "Advertiser" says circular instructions have been received from Rome by the Bishops in Sardinia to resist the introduction of the suppressing monasteries; and the Bishops have repeated them in instructions to the monks and clergy. These insurrectionary appeals recommend that the doors and gates be kept fastened against the officers of government, and instruct the nunnes to yield the keys only to superior force. The pains of excommunication are denounced against all who yield without resistance; but when overcomed they are ordered to accept the compensatory pensions provided by the law! Some of the monks, however, have more wisely resolved to reject the life emoluments, too debilitated by long seclusion to endure the fatigues and duties of life, and to seek the asylums of their order in other lands. By the decision of of the Holy See, all who voted for the law and all officers concerned in its execution, are held to be excommunicated from the church, under a decree of the Council of Trent, and must live and die without its sacraments and consolations.

The August Elections.

Elections were held in North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, and Texas, during the past week, but the returns thus far are meagre and indefinite.

In North Carolina the Americans have carried two members of Congress out of eight—probably three.

In Tennessee, GENTRY (American) gains for Governor, but not sufficient to elect. JOHNSON, the present incumbent, is out.

In Kentucky seems to have gone for the Americans. At Louisville a terrible riot occurred, the full particulars of which are given in another column. As usual the blame originated with the Foreign insolence and outrage. The authors of these outrages are deserving of punishment, but still more so the miserable demagogues who preside over the Democratic party, who encourage this insolence and outrage by constantly appealing to their passions, and impressing them with the idea that Americans are "out throats," "school barons," seeking the destruction of Churches and Convents, and the work of darkness and villainy. With such base appeals ringing in theirears, is it any wonder that the ignorant German and Irish immigrant grows insolent and lawless?

The Americans gain largely in Alabama, but whether sufficient to carry the State, is not yet ascertained.

THE RAINY MONTH.—Mr. E. Merriam, of Brooklyn, has published a very interesting report of the weather for the month of July, commencing with the year 1789, and continuing down to the year passed, a period of 76 consecutive years.

We learn from this Report that July of this year, for rain, heat, and lightning, fairly leaves its former self in the shade.

The following statement shows the years in which the "rainy term" has continued for more than four consecutive days in the month of July, during the long period above named:

In July, 1800, rain fell from 23 to 28—5 days.
In July, 1807, rain fell from 19 to 24—5 days.
In July, 1829, rain fell from 2 to 7—5 days.
In July, 1836, rain fell from 9 to 16—7 days.
In July, 1851, rain fell from 6 to 11—5 days.
In July, 1855, rain fell from 19 to 30—12 days.

Mr. Merriam's report is made up from memoranda of observations taken within a radius of 5 miles in and about New York city.

We notice in the call for a meeting of the "Democratic County Committee," the name of ex-Postmaster Jonny, of Abbottstown, prominent on the list of Committeemen. He seems to have been in "good standing" in the party heretofore. But Postmaster CAMPBELL having pronounced upon his orthodoxy, we presume the faithful tools of party in this county will have to strike Mr. Jordy's name from the roll.

Hon. Rush Elmore, associate justice of the Supreme Court of Kansas, has been removed by the President, on grounds similar to those assigned for Gov. Reeder's displacement. Judge Moore, of Alabama, has been appointed his successor.

The venerable Dr. Norry, it is stated, has a fortune in prospective. The copper mines at Bristol, Conn., owned by him, bid fair to be a very profitable concern. A vein of ore worth over a million of dollars, has lately been discovered.

The seat of Government of Iowa has been changed from Iowa City to Fort Des Moines.

We have received the first Annual Catalogue of the Hagerstown Female Seminary, under charge of Rev. C. C. HAUGHAUS, assisted by an able corps of teachers. Although the Institution has been in existence but one year, the pupils in attendance number 101.

The Annual Announcement of the Medical Department of Pa. College shows this Institution to be in a prosperous condition. The Register shows 135 students to have been in attendance during the last winter. The regular course of lectures for next Session will commence on Monday, Oct. 8, continuing to the last of March ensuing.

Pennsylvania Farm Journal is one of our best Agricultural Exchanges. Every Pennsylvania Farmer should take it. A. MERGUITH & Co., Publishers, Philadelphia—$1 per annum.

Godey's Lady's Book continues to reach us regularly and fully sustains its reputation. Of our most popular magazine. For 25 years GODEY has given it his personal attention, and never tires in the effort to gratify his numerous patrons. Address L. A. Godey, 114 Chestnut street, Philadelphia; $3 per annum.

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Graham's Magazine, for August, is on our table, handsomely embellished, as usual, and its pages well filled with readable contributions. We know of no better reading for ladies than GRAHAM'S. See, 106 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, to whom all communications must be addressed; $3 per annum.

Col. WALLACE, of the Philadelphia *Sun*, has associated with him his son, Capt. JOHN, Esq., as co-editor of that racy and interesting sheet. Mr. C. is a graceful and ready writer. The *Sun* is one of the best daily papers published in Philadelphia—lively and thoroughly American. We cheerfully commend it to the patronage of our friends.

Americanism and Proscription.

One of the staple electioneering devices of the opponents of Americanism is their denunciation of the movement as a "proscriptive" one, and to this view the attention of Catholics is most persevieringly and beseechingly directed. The Hon. J. J. CRITTENDEN, of Kentucky, recently made a speech at an immense American demonstration in that State, from which we answer a couple of extracts deserving attention:

Mr. C. demonstrated the necessity for the American party, by the wrongs of the parties—office and filling to pieces as they were—would not and could not do.

Mr. C. was asked, if it was not the material of the American party, a party which had sprung from humble private citizens, not from political leaders and the members of which were all native sons of the soil—men born in the land, who had been reared in the land, who had been educated in the land, and who had grown up and joined the ranks of the American party—