THE STAR AND BANNER.

GETTYSBURG.

Friday Evening, Nov. 7, 856.

The Campaign Ended.

☞The struggle is now over. Ten years of this great Republic have passed away—the results upon the great issues—or rather the candidates—presented for their approval or disapproval. The whirl of excitement which has so fiercely agitated the industry for the last three months, is slowly yet rapidly subsiding. In a few more days the claims of business will have resumed their ordinary sway over the public mind, to the gratification, we presume of nine-tenths of the American people. For ourselves, we are free to confess that we shall gladly share in the relief from the turmoil and battle of partizan strife thus afforded. For months the columns of the STAR have been almost entirely devoted to a discussion of the issues involved in the canvass through which we have passed, and to a vindication of the cause of Freedom. These issues we deemed of great importance, and we have no cause to regret the time, labor, and attention we have bestowed upon them. So the result what it may—and as the time of opening this article we have a strong foreboding of the Republican party being triumphed, in consequence of the divided vote of their opponents—we feel that we have discharged our whole duty. We stand acquitted, in our conscience, of whatever may be left behind us on the question of the election of the candidates of the candidates of the Cincinnati Convention.

We now turn gladly to our accustomed duties, and hope to share with our readers the relief that must be felt by the great mass of them, in the storing of our columns with other than political matter.—Deeply indebted to our friends for the practical assistance and unwearying goodwill furnished in the constantly increasing list of patrons, we shall aim to make the STAR worthy of that confidence. For the present we bid adieu to politics—maintaining the integrity of our past years, and ready and willing, at the proper time to re-enter the political arena, and do battle, as heretofore, earnestly and actively, for the cause of Right, and Truth and Justice.

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The first is a scene with the moon and both sledges. The moon gives the description of one of the many exigences of that most perilous adventure.

"The moon is nearly full, and the dawn of sunlight, mingling with here, invests everything with an atmosphere of ashy gray. It clothes the jagged ice-ridges make the horizon of our bay, shadows out the terraces in definition, dull grows down the crystals of ice in the fiords, and bronzes pale and dreary upon the ridges and mysterious plains of ice that make up the rest of our field of view. Rising up above all this, and shading down into strange combinations, is the intense blue of the sky, and the sharp and pure and spire, bracing the outline of the snowy and contrasted lightness, and pointing to the lonely and distant horizon of our field. It is a landscape such as Milton or Dante might imagine—imaginary, desolate and mysterious.

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