

STAR & REPUBLICAN BANNER.

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THE GARLAND. With sweetest flowers enriched, From various gardens culled with care.

FOR THE GERTYSBURGH STAR AND BANNER. THE SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS.

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Of all the black and baleful clouds That wrap life's morn in mourning shrouds,

These kind friends of Mercy seek, With hand so strong, and heart so meek,

Who are these, again I ask, Who thus perform this blessed task?

Which come with still, but life fraught pow'r, Waking to bloom each embryo flower.

THE REPOSITORY. FROM THE VIRGINIA FREE PRESS. TO MY MOTHER.

Nonne jussus est filius amare matrem? Where yet the native forest-son?

Mourningful, indeed, is the retrospect of childhood's employment, youthful simplicity and innocence.

How melancholy then, is it, under these changes and these reflections, to retrace the paths of boyhood and the period of maternal care!

Her affectionate Son, ISAAC. Charlestown, Va., Oct. 1838.

FROM THE FREDERICK VISTIER. Union Prayer Meeting. A prayer meeting has lately been established in the city of Frederick,

churches have generally been pretty well crowded. The exercises are singing, prayer, and reading a portion of God's word.

FROM THE NEW YORK WHIG. Maternus, the Roman Bandit. A SKETCH.

Maternus, a Roman of obscure origin, and a private soldier, with abilities far above his station, deserted the ranks of the army.

He lay encamped on the eastern frontier of Gaul, in a large open plain, and had himself retired to the innermost recess of his tent.

It was past midnight, and yet she came out, and he was still by the side of his murdered brother—murdered in sport!

At that instant, her eyes rested on the corpse of her brother, and she raised her finger towards him, as if she would inquire the means of such a sight, and stood motionless in silence.

As he pondered over these things, he felt the raging fires of deep smothered vengeance kindling afresh, and bursting forth from the dark caverns of his soul.

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Never too Old to Learn.

We extract the following from an article which appeared some months since in the Portland Orion, which forcibly illustrates by a reference to well authenticated facts,

Socrates, at an extreme old age, learnt to play on musical instruments. This would look ridiculous for some of the rich old men in our city,

Cato, at eighty years of age, thought proper to learn the Greek language. Many of our young men at thirty and forty have forgotten even the alphabet of a language the knowledge of which was necessary to enter college, and which was made a daily exercise through college.

An Actual scene after Battle. The battle of Soldin, between the Russians and the King of Prussia, was warmly contested; and after it was over, a clergyman went upon the ground, and afterwards wrote the following account of what he saw:

"At one o'clock the cannonading ceased, and I went out on foot to Soldin to learn in whose favor the battle had turned. Towards evening, seven hundred Russian fugitives came to Soldin. It was a pitiful sight; some holding up their hands cursing and swearing; others praying and praising the King of Prussia, without hats or clothes, some on foot, others two on a horse, with their heads and arms tied up; some dragging along by the stirrups, and others by the tails of the horses.

From the Iowa Ter. Gazette. Our Town. We took occasion, some time during the spring, to speak of the great number of improvements then going on in our town, and of others in contemplation;

POTATOES.—The Philadelphia Gazette of Saturday says: "We learn that the barge Globe, now at Race street wharf, has on board a very large cargo of Potatoes, amounting to nearly two thousand bushels, which are selling at the comparatively low rate of 62½ cents per bushel.

can materially retard its onward march. Its advantages, and the incalculable resources of the country tributary to it, clearly indicate this; and they are beginning to attract the attention of the man of enterprise, and the capitalist, who is seeking to make profitable investments.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—A Fact for Parents.—There is some difficulty in Cincinnati in deciding the question whether or not the common school houses should be allowed to be used for Sunday schools. On one side it is held that the city ordinances forbid the use of these buildings for any other purpose than common schools; while the other maintains that "Sunday Schools are as common as Monday or Saturday schools."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.—Parents are bound to employ no instructor, who will not educate their children religiously. To commit our children to the care of irreligious persons, is to commit lambs to the superintendance of wolves.

An article in the Cincinnati Gazette mentions that the Hon. John McLean, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, had delivered before the College of Teachers in that city a lecture on the formation of Society and Government.

The Canada papers mention that forty deserters from the United States troops at Plattsburg had found their way to Montreal. The writer recently saw three of our men in uniform, with their bundles, having just crossed the line. They were taking matters quite coolly, and in answer to a question, at once confessed their purpose.

The Montreal Herald states that a wagon, containing two cannons and a large quantity of cutlasses and swords, was lately captured at Missisquoi Bay, by a party of volunteers. The Herald says that no fewer than ten wagons, similarly loaded, have passed undetected.

The Indiana Journal states that Emigration is pouring into the West its thousands, and that hundreds are seen every day passing in quest of new homes in the great valley of the West.

Why, said a country clergyman to one of his flock, do you always snore in your pew when I am in the pulpit, while you are all attention to every stranger I invite? Because, sir, when you preach I am sure all's right; but can't trust a stranger without keeping a good look out.

CORN IN INDIANA.—The Visitor published at Greencastle, Putnam County, Ia., says: "The corn in this county is truly promising; the ears are generally full and large, and a better turn out is expected than has been for many years."