[From the Daily State Journal.]

## RELICS OF THE REBELLION.

There are many relics of the late rebellion stored away and highly prized in various sections of the state. The national and State flags which are carefully guarded at the capitol, perforated stained and tattered—give evidence of the fearful struggles of the Union army in winning a hard fought battle for freedom, liberty and the whole Union. The Easton *Express* says:

"Our townsman, Maj. C. C. Pike, is the owner of the first flag ever raised over the heads of an organized body of negro soldiers in the United States. The flag is of a peculiar design bearing on a bright blue field the chain of slavery arranged in a circle and having the links broken, while in an upper corner of the field appears the 'bright star of hope.' It was designed and made for a battalion of colored soldiers organized in the city of New Orleans in 1861, and afterwards disbanded by order of Gen. B. F. Butler as a measure contrary to the policy of the Government. The entire regiment was subsequently reorganized by Gen. Butler under other officers and served gallantly during the war as the 1st Louisiana Infantry. The first organization of a regiment was some months prior to the raising of colored troops by Gen. Hunter in South Carolina, which has been erroneously regarded as the first step taken in that direction. Easton may be proud of this historical memento."

## HOME READING.

One of the most pleasant and noblest duties of the head of the family is to furnish its members with good reading. In the times which have past it was considered enough to clothe and feed and shelter a family. This was the sum of parental duty; but lately it has been found out that wives and children have minds, and so it has become a matter to educate the children and furnish reading for the whole household; it has been found out that the mind wants its food as well as the body, and that it wants to be shielded from the pitiless storms of war and vice by the guarding and friendly roof of intelligence and truth.

An ignorant family in our day is an antiquated institution. It belongs of the musty past; it is a dark age which the light of the modern diffusion of intelligence has not yet reached.

Let good reading go into a home and the very atmosphere of that home gradually changes. It becomes clearer, purer, more cheerful, more hopeful and happy; the boys become to grow ambitious, to talk about places, principles, books, the world and the future; the girls begin to live a new life opening to them knowledge, duty and love; they see new fields of usefulness and pleasure; and so the family changes, and from its number will go intelligent men and women to fill honorable places and be useful members of the community. Let the torch of intelligence be lit in every household; let the old and young vie with each other in introducing new and useful topics of investigation, and in cherishing a love of reading, study and improvement.

## NEW ADDITIONAL VERSES TO "SWEET HOME."

The Western Reserve (O.) *Chronicle* says: Through the kindness of a relative of John Howard Payne we have come in possession of a curious document, namely, two additional verses of "Home, Sweet Home," which were addressed by Payne to his friend and kinswoman, Mrs. Bates, of London, whose husband was well known as a partner in the opulent house of Baring Brothers. The verses have the true spirit of that familiar poem, and offer a pathetic contrast between the wanderer of fortune to whom they were addressed, and the homeless wanderer who sang the delights of home he was never to know, in strains that will live while the world lasts. Our readers will be interested in the lines, which have never before been published, and which are very verbatim:

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There's no place like home, there's no place like home.

While blest with all fate can bestow,
Fate has been checkered with many a woe;
Though different our fortunes, our thoughts are the same,
Both, as we think of Columbia, exclaim
Home, home, sweet, sweet home!

JOHN HOWARD PAYNE.

## Commercial.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27—11:30 A. M.

COTTON—The market opened with a moderate inquiry, and thus far about 1300 bales have sold, generally at previous rates, but some sales of mixed lists showing a tendency more in favor of buyers.

Yesterday's business embraced 6300 bales, and the market closed as follows:

| | Average Lists. | Exchange Figures. |
|---|---|---|
| Low Ordinary | — @— | — |
| Ordinary | 16 @17 | — |
| Good Ordinary | 18⅛@18¼ | 18⅝ |
| Low Middling | 18¾@19¼ | 19⅛ |
| Middling | 19¾@19¾ | 19⅞ |
| Strict Middling | — @19⅞ | — |
| Good Middling | — @19⅞ | 19⅞ |

SUGAR:—

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|---|---|
| Good Fair, ⅌ lb | 8 @8⅛c |
| Yellow Clarified | 10¼@11¼ |
| Fair | 7¾@ 8 |
| Fully fair | 9 @ 9¼ |
| White | 11 @12 |

MOLASSES:—

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|---|---|
| Centrifugal | 20@30c |
| Fair | 39@41 |
| Prime | 43 |
| Reboiled, plantation, ⅌ gallon | 30@— |
| Reboiled, refinery | 30@ 65 |
| Golden Syrup | $1 00 |

FLOUR:—

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|---|---|
| Superfine | 7 00 |
| Double extra | 7 30 |
| Treble extra | 7 50 |
| Good Treble Extra | 7 75 |
| Good Extra | 7 62½ |
| Choice Extra | 8 50, and 9 00 |

CORN:

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| White mixed | 75 |
| Yellow | 85 |
| White | 78 |
| Choice White, in Dundees | 78 |
| St. Charles county White | — |
| Mixed, in poor order | — |

## St. John's Commemoration.

The Masonic Fraternity of BERRY LODGE, No. 45, will assemble in the Lodge Hall, on SUNDAY, December 31, 1871, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and will celebrate St. John's Day, (December 27,) by a Procession to St. James Chapel, on Roman street, where appropriate services will be held by Elder Thomas.

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