



President Garfield and the Temperance Women.

The imperfect reports of the speech, and the President's reply, at the White House in Washington, when the women of the Woman's National Christian Temperance Union presented him the fine portrait of Mrs. Hayes, do not give a correct idea of the affair.

ADDRESS OF MISS WILLARD.

MR. PRESIDENT: We are honored to present to the nation through its honored chief a temperance testimonial from the men and women, high and low, rich and poor, fortunate and unfortunate, who have loved her whose pictured presence is now before us, because they have felt that she was the defender of our home, because amid the fogs of a time-worn social conservatism she held steadily aloft the torch of an example safe, gentle and benignant.

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY IN FULL. The following is the full text of President Garfield's reply: Mrs. Willard, Ladies and Gentlemen: The very appropriate gift to the Executive mansion which you have brought, the portrait of its late mistress, I gladly accept.

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SOCIAL SCIENCE PAPERS. By Rev. Wm. Tucker, D. D.

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Mr. Spencer applies the laws and principles of physics to biology, the laws and principles of biology to psychology, and the same laws of physics through biology and psychology to sociology. This is the thesis he has proposed to prove in his grand system of cosmic philosophy by which he essays the task of securing a scientific law for all phenomena.

The hypothesis of the necessity of all human actions is impossible of application in practical life. We always assume in our judgments of men and their actions, and in our feelings towards them and our treatment of them, that they are free and are endowed with liberty of choice and ability to act as they choose.

Conviction men that they are bound by physical laws, by material forces and by the power of circumstances, and you paralyze their energies, wither their strength, blast their hopes and cloud their prospects of future success and advancement.

Duty, obligation and responsibility are misnomers, if man's actions are necessary and not free. Legal enactments and moral precepts to govern stocks and stones would be regarded as madness, but they would indicate no greater madness than the giving such laws and precepts to men.

This confounding of all distinctions in the laws of matter and spirit unsettles the very foundations of society and makes law and government impossible.

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Seance Extraordinary with Mr. Wm. Eglinton.

Mr. Wm. Eglinton, of England, is creating great excitement among the intellectual and wealthy class of people dwelling at the Hub and the surrounding towns and cities. His seances are thronged with earnest seekers after a knowledge of man's immortality.

Woodhull on Mendacity.

In the London Court Journal not long since was published (and no doubt paid for as an advertisement), a remarkable letter from Victoria C. Woodhull, which in barefaced mendacity has probably never been exceeded.

Soon the zithern was moving over our heads, and touched by softest fingers, vibrated to the melody of "Home, Sweet Home," prophetic of that home beyond where all the noble acts of our lives vibrate in strains of sweetest music forevermore.

While the other manifestations were taking place, I felt different sized hands pressing gently upon my head, face and hands. It seemed to me as if this manifestation came in answer to an expressed wish that was taking shape within me, for I was running over in my mind the words of the second stanza of Mrs. Staples's "Circle Song."

Dear hands, soft tender hands, Cool with the breezes of spirit-lands, Oh, come, come, give to each one, Proof that their loved ones to them can come.

During this seance, also during the one for physical manifestations, a sprightly influence calling itself "Joey" was talking a greater part of the time with an audible and independent voice, and I thought then, and still think, that this face might have been that of "Joey."

After this seance was finished, the gas was lighted and arrangements were made for the light seance for materializations. Dark curtains were suspended over the doorway between the two parlors, and the back parlor was used as a cabinet.

Mr. Eglinton's seance was held on Saturday evening, March 19th. At a quarter of eight the medium presented himself, and after chatting a few minutes in a very agreeable manner, proceeded to make the necessary arrangements for the seance.

It seems to us that Mr. Eglinton is destined to do a great and good work while he remains in America. His organism is such that he is enabled to encounter the chilly atmosphere of skeptics, and submit to stringent test conditions.

Can Read Without Ever Having Learned.

Amos Wood, a colored man, nearly white, well advanced in life, and an industrious field laborer, has always lived about Linden and Rahway, and is now working for Frank Silliman.

There is no school like God's large schoolhouse. And there are no school-days to compare to the three score and ten years in which we move to and fro about this school house of our Father, with our books not slung over our shoulders, but carried in the heart.

Michigan State Association of Spiritualists and Liberalists--Annual Meeting at Flint. To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: In advance of the report of this meeting which the Secretary will send you, I give a word in regard to it.

The Saratoga Eagle has an article with the title above from Mr. Thompson, an intelligent and thoughtful Spiritualist from which we extract: Why must all new developments come from outside the established system? After constant denial, the leaders of the old are now compelled to admit the wonderful powers of mesmerism and kindred psychic influences.

How true it is that history repeats itself and to some extent at least the which has been may be again. Through the long dark history of time the fears of men were stronger than their reason, and thus the shrewd and artful were ever ready to take advantage of the masses, and mould them to their liking.

Mesmeric control is the first step, the outer door to spiritual communion. When this mesmeric influence is better understood it will be utilized as an untold blessing in the hands of the good, but like all others can be abused.

GEORGE ELLIOT.—There was an ever-enduring pain in her life, with no vision of the compensation of the glories of heaven. This is sad to think of, but we must take George Elliot as we find her. In speaking of her the other day, a lady said: "Let him that is without sin among you cast the first stone."

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I learned that the two previous days had been filled with conferences and addresses by M. K. Wilson, of Auburn, Indiana, a man long and favorably known; Mrs. Walters, Mr. T. D. Lacey, etc. Friday night, Mr. Burdick resumed the chair; Delos Allen made some remarks and Mrs. Pearsall spoke.

Saturday night Jacob Wilbur and Mrs. C. Fannie Alyn spoke. Sunday morning was set apart for an Anniversary address on the 33rd year of modern Spiritualism, which it was my privilege to give.

Resolutions against any "doctor law" were passed, also in favor of fair yet thorough laws against the publication and sale of indecent literature, in favor of monogamic marriage and woman suffrage.

Why must all new developments come from outside the established system? After constant denial, the leaders of the old are now compelled to admit the wonderful powers of mesmerism and kindred psychic influences pertaining to the human soul, and lo! they have the key which unlocks a mighty mystery.

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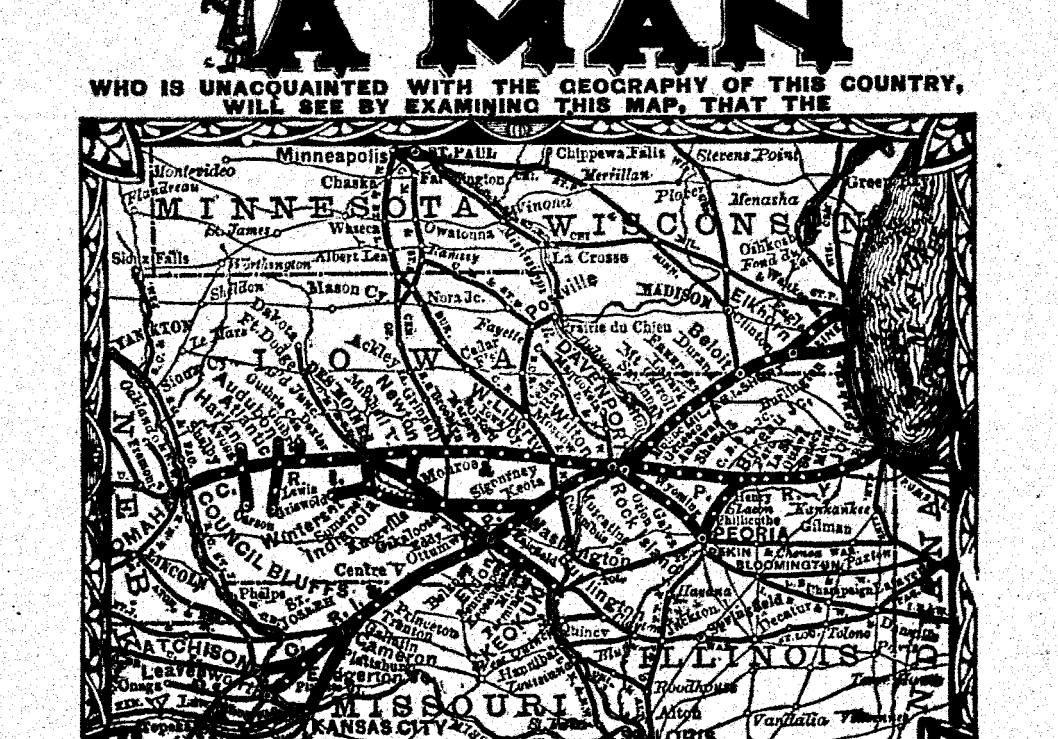
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