

Voices from the People, AND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS.

For the Religio-Philosophical Journal. How Sweet.

BY MRS. A. K. STANLEY.

Sweet Rose, with that soft blush upon thy cheek, What wouldst thou say to me if thou couldst speak? Rocked by the sporting winds, so light and free, I stoop to kiss and feign would gather thee.

"Shrouds Have no Pockets."

MARY DYE.

This wonderful "charity sermon" will bear many repetitions, for never before has its first utterance been so lesson needed than now.

I remembered gladly, that "transplanted human worth will bloom to profit elsewhere."

Delicate health, the result of injuries received from a fall, keeps him house bound most of the time; the outer senses have nearly failed in the performance of their office; but the undying spirit looks through the dross of the body, the dull mortal ear cannot shut out the divine harmonies.

"Pray for me! help me! I am homeless, cold, desolate! About me the very blackness of darkness. I was drawn here by the light encircling this little hand; it was told me I could be lifted out of this world night of despair if I could make you hear."

Mr. Cross writes: "During our short married life our time was so much divided between traveling and illness that George Eliot wrote very little, so that I have but slight personal experience of how the creative effort affected her."

A Pet Dog Dying in a Hole it had Dug Beside its Master's Grave.

William Adams, who killed his sweetheart and committed suicide near Shelbyville, Ky., lately, was buried near that city. Adams owned a pet dog, which was an inseparable companion in his moody wanderings.

Foreign Population in France.

In a communication to the Academie de Medecine, on the diminution of the native population in France, M. Lacaze Duthiers has some interesting facts.

Dr. Thomas Thinks There Should be Some Changes in the Penal System.

By a singular coincidence the bill-boards of Kooler's Theatre were displaying the prints of "The Wages of Sin" as the congregation of Dr. Thomas passed them on their way to hear a sermon on "The Penal System," on Sunday, Feb. 22nd.

There are over fifty penitentiaries and 2,400 jails in this country," said Dr. Thomas. "They contain 50,000 criminals, and their estimated cost is \$400,000,000. Including jurors, judges, clerks, and court officers, it takes 1,000,000 men to run our penal system."

"Are criminals reformed by our penal system? In most cases they leave the penitentiary worse men and women than they entered. The time spent in the jails and bridewells is brief, but the average time in the penitentiary is three years; three and a half years would be a large average."

Called Back to Life.

Apparently Dead Twenty-four Hours, but Restored by His Son's Agitating Cry.

On Monday morning John Wisholm, father of one of the many families of Swedes living at the mine in Centre township, Perry county, Pa., was taken suddenly ill, and before a physician could be summoned he died.

When he died he first felt a sinking sensation, knew everything that went on in the room, but could not speak. He next remembered of being in a dense darkness and being led by two invisible forms, moving as though floating in the air, with nothing above or below.

Mr. Wisholm lived until yesterday, and then died, as his family sincerely believe, a second time. Whether the man was in a swoon, from which the piercing lamentations of the family aroused him, or whether he had, indeed, been permitted to return with a glance into the other world, we cannot say.

Slate-writing Extraordinary.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal. I notice an article by H. B. H. in regard to slate-writing, and I would like to call his attention to the following facts.

A Curious Dream.

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The Journal—Death of Dr. C. L. Wolfe Scarcely with Mrs. Hollis.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: While absolute perfection is not attainable on this sphere in Journalism, I believe the JOURNAL has attained the highest standard of excellence possible, and is still striving to do better.

Last 29th of July, Dr. C. L. Wolfe, a true and tried Spiritualist, passed to spirit-life. He was a brother of N. B. Wolfe of "Startling Facts." Although not a subscriber of the JOURNAL, he was a constant reader of it, and admired it above all other papers published in the interest of Spiritualism.

As an evidence of his standing among his fellow men, he was nominated for one of the most important offices in our county, and the opposing party declined to nominate a candidate against him. He did not seek notoriety among those of honored wealth in the land; it was by the poor and helping that he particularly wished to say what occurred in connection with Dr. Wolfe.

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One of the best known men in Tucker County, W. Va., is Lewis Kittle, who resides on the Indian Fork of Clover Run. His reputation among his neighbors and acquaintances is above reproach, and the following story, which he related to me, is well worth many other tales, just as remarkable as the one above, in that same sense, which was held (if my memory serves me right) in the month of November, 1876.

Strange Scenes Said to Have Been Witnessed in a House at Rich Mountain.

On a Saturday night upon after this Courtright was absent and Kittle occupied the room alone. During the night he was awakened by a strange chilliness. A cool, grayish mist made the furniture in the room dimly visible. There was an oppressive silence as for a low unceasing sound, like the echo of a slight breeze.

On the 30th of December, 1883, through the indomitable perseverance of the Rev. Charles S. Lamb, a society was formed in Pioneer Township, Missaukee Co., Mich., to be known as the Pioneer Union. The platform of principles—"God is our Father, Man is our brother"—as taken from your valuable paper, is plain, simple and concise, and we firmly believe it is good for time and eternity.

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A Genuine Skeptic Expressing his Views.

While I am not what is called a Spiritualist, I have seen many of the phenomena, and have satisfied myself that, while a great portion of the manifestations to be witnessed, proceeding from so-called mediums, are of a nature which cannot be explained away on a substratum which cannot be explained away on an accepted theory of physical laws.

We have in the present world a method of diffusing general news and intelligence; even one hundred years ago, the facilities for such diffusion were comparatively small, yet any important event would in the course of a few months spread over the civilized world.

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Notes and Extracts on Miscellaneous Subjects.

It is claimed that a sweet potato weighing fifty-one pounds has just been dug at Wildwood, Fla. A retired London milkman says milk brewed in milk make a better cream than the dairy.

A young man of New Haven, Conn., has a collection of 7,000 birds' eggs, embracing nearly 2,000 varieties. Writing of noes, an authority says greatness of intellect has in all ages been closely allied to greatness of nose.

A sponge measuring eight feet in circumference has been taken off Key West, and it is said to be the largest in the world. The Mormon temple at Salt Lake will yet require more than four years for its completion, and will cost \$3,000,000.

A condemned murderer at Marshall, Texas, passed his last hour around the court-room for the benefit of his wife and six children. Edison says that if a telephone wire could be carried above the trees and mountains, one could whisper around the world.

There are eighteen thousand veterans going through the world on wooden legs who lost their limbs in the United States civil war. Irregular eating at restaurants is becoming a fruitful source of dyspepsia in our cities, according to an eminent writer on hygiene.

At Price Bismarck's private table a member of the household speaks a word until he has tacitly or otherwise given him leave. A naturalist has discovered that one of the curiosities of natural history is that a woman says "shoo" to frighten a chicken and "boo" to a goose.

Dr. Finlay, a Cuban physician, claims to have demonstrated that inoculation with yellow fever may be had from the sting of the Cuban mosquito. A steambath which recently arrived at Baltimore reports the appearance on the third day out from Liverpool of no less than sixteen starwags.

It is a belief of the Buddhists of Ceylon that if a woman behaves herself properly she will eventually become a man. Small temptation to virtue, that. Senator Cameron has a new claim to fame. A hog which he has secured from two above his body, and two tails, was born on his farm lately.

A Ulster county, New York, woman whose pet cat went the way that cats must go, wrapped it in a shroud of crazy work in silk and consigned it to a grave. A little more than one-half of the railway mileage of the world is in America. The United States alone has a greater number of miles than the whole of Europe.

Ten million pounds of glass bottles, or 7,000,000 individual bottles, were ordered from Philadelphia manufacturers by a New York State patent medicine firm a few days ago. Virginia punishes her state prison convicts by withholding their rations of tobacco, and being deprived of the weed for two days, it is said, will bring the most obstinate to time.

Princess Louise's illustrations and sketches of Canadian life and scenery are used exclusively in illustration of the new guide book, "The Dominion of the North," just issued by the Dominion Government. Justice Field tripping around with a little banjo in company with Mrs. General Logan, carrying a miniature silk flag, was one of the odd sights at a recent German in Washington.

Miss Alger, of Boston, says that in her experience as a visitor for the associated charities she finds no drunkenness among the Italians, and the greatest fastidiousness coupled with economy among the French. Statistics just published in Holland show that in 1882 75 per cent of the Dutch nation was convicted for drunkenness. The total population amounts to barely 4,000,000, yet \$17,500,000 is annually expended upon drink.

