

Voices from the People.

INFORMATION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS.

The Silver Wedding Bell!

[These lines were read at the 25th anniversary of the marriage of Gen. and Mrs. Bullard of Saratoga, N. Y.]

Oh! the wedding bell! the gay wedding bell! Many the changes its bright notes foretell.

Twenty-five years united, hand in hand, Brings to you heartstone a true spirit band.

Oh! the wedding bell! the glad wedding bell! Twenty-five years married, its sound shall well.

Oh! the silver wedding bell wedding bell! In health and vigor you are now a happy pair.

Ring out sweet bell! for the bride and bridegroom, That their sunset of life no cloud may gloom.

Call from blessed spirits an angelic song.

A Visit to Santa Fe, N. M.

We left Indianapolis the 10th day of August, and arrived here at Santa Fe, at four in the afternoon of the 14th. I do not think that I could tell any thing of the first two days of our journey, save that we had every comfort in our way.

I was so ill of malaria and the dull heavy pain of parting with my dear children, that I took very little notice of the country until we reached New Mexico.

Santa Fe, meaning the City of Faith, claims to be over three hundred years old. Some of the natives look older than that. The old Mission Church—San Miguel—was erected in 1613.

Relations of Forests to Malaria. Sometimes a twofold drainage of the upper, as well as the lower aspect of the soil may be practiced—that is, draining to the surface and to the subsoil.

Absorbent plants have been suggested and used as a means of drawing humidity from the soil, not without success in certain countries really malarious.

Died of Congestion. Egypt died when ninety-seven per cent. of her weight was concentrated in three per cent. of her population.

Robert Dymond writes: I have taken the Journal for fifteen years, and I think I will take it for as many more, if I live, and it is published.

A Prophetic Vision.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal.

In the JOURNAL of Nov. 23, is a narrative of a prophetic dream by D. D. Beldin, of Denver, Colorado.

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I alone have passed through this symbolical panorama; but when not far from the fountain I was joined by my brother-in-law and partner.

In the spring of 1857, I changed my set of beam-house men, not one of whom was in my employ at the time of my vision.

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The trappings of the white elephant of King Thebaw are said to be worth a million dollars.

Engineering describes under the name of "mystery gold," an alloy resembling gold in appearance, weight, and in withstanding the jeweller's test.

The Idea of God.

BY JOHN FISKE.

In the nature-worship of primitive men, beneath all the crudities of thought by which it was overlaid and obscured, there was thus after all an essential germ of truth which modern philosophy is constrained to recognize and revere.

The glorious consummation toward which organic evolution is tending is the production of the highest and most perfect psychical life.

The poor boy, a year before that solemn day, while in good health, and on his way to some cheerful entertainment, was met (as he felt assured) by a spiritual presence and warned to return home and prepare for death, which was to occur a year from that day.

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An Indian and a Chinaman are partners in the stationary business in a Nebraska town.

Hon. J. G. Watt's Birthday Party.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal.

On Saturday, Nov. 21, I enjoyed the pleasure of attending a party at the home of Jonathan G. Watt of Sturges, in his seventy-fourth birthday.

Among the letters from invited guests unable to attend, which were read to the company, was one from A. J. Graham of New York, the eminent teacher of phonography and a kinsman of Mr. Watt's.

Amongst my earliest recollections are those of Sturges and of yourself. Events there which I can never forget, laid in my childhood the solid foundation for a belief in the spiritual philosophy; and the fact that so clear an intellect as yours has arrived at a like faith but strengthens my confidence in my own analysis of the evidence.

The reading of this and other letters, and the enjoyable cheerfulness and inspiring good will, and the frank sincerity of the conference made the day one to be long remembered.

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Notes and Extracts on Miscellaneous Subjects.

The London Times of Oct. 22 had seven yards of political speeches.

A private company is about to lay a naphtha pipe 550 miles from Batu, Russia, to Batoum.

London papers abound with complaints of colonists, who aver that they have been deluded to Queensland by fraudulent misrepresentations.

The French doctor who sent poisoned game to a rival, "by way of a practical joke" has been sentenced to eight years imprisonment with hard labor.

The floating waste houses of the Seine, one of the picturesque features of old Paris, are to be suppressed for sanitary reasons.

The Duke of Cumberland is in something more than easy circumstances may be gathered from the fact that the gold and silver plate which he has inherited from the late King of Hanover and the Duke of Brunswick weighs upwards of eight tons.

The London Medical Times says that a year ago the Clinical Society resumed its meetings after their meetings as "unphysiological."

The historic park of Hamilton Palace, Scotland, will soon be broken up for a coal field, the gardens much changed, and the palace will probably soon be dismantled.

Leopold von Ranke, the greatest of living historians, and the creator of the modern historical method, is just 80 years of age.

Dr. Alvarez, a Paris homeopathist, brought suit against the Princess of Medina Celi for 600,000 francs for medical services, stating that he was entitled to more than the usual compensation on account of the great wealth of his patient.

Witchcraft and the Water-Ordeal.

In the Vienna Gazette, No. 67, of 1728, another phenomenon is noted. An official report is there given of certain alleged witches, imprisoned in Sze-gidin, being subjected to the water-ordeal, and who, on their floating, were put in a balance and found to weigh only some ounces.

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