

Voices from the People.

AND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS.

THE SILENT WEAVERS.

BY BELLE BUSH. I never speak a hasty word But that my heart goes grieving; I never breathe an unkind wish...

The Small Boy.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: In self-governed communities the small boy of each decade becomes the responsible controller of society...

A Visit to the Camp Meeting, and a Glance Over the Field at Large.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: Being in the neighborhood of Clinton, Iowa, on business, I went to take a look at the Spiritualist camp meeting near that town...

Colored Priests.

Joseph Griffin of Virginia and James Brown of Maryland, both colored, are studying for the Catholic priesthood in St. Peter's College, near Liverpool, England...

Funerals.

The Jewish Messenger, commenting on an article deprecating lavish or liberal expenditure on funerals and cemeteries, says: "We fear that advocates of funeral reforms forget that it is the poor who are most concerned..."

"Atlantis" Not a Fable.

A wonderful career has been that of Mrs. Alice Le Plongeon, who, as a bride of 19, went from her home in England to share the dangers of the jungles of Central America with her husband, Dr. Augustus Le Plongeon...

A Terrible God!

In a letter to Joseph Cook, as to "What saves Men," Dr. John Hall (Presbyterian) speaks of the suffering and death of Christ, or the reason of his offering of himself, as follows: "He owns to a fixed belief that his Father has given him a work to do..."

Happiness.

But far above all else humanity stands, and he that has learned to live well, has learned to live with humanity happily. Life will not admit of jarring and conflicting interests...

"Are We Worse Than The Heathen?"

A short time since you printed a letter with the above heading, written by me. It is as follows: "There are 3,000 licensed dens of crime right here in the city of New York. A community which boasts of a Christian civilization tolerates and legalizes a business which is nothing else than a curse to the people..."

Sunday Abroad.

Interest in Sunday legislation is developing abroad. In New England, for instance, though the dominant motive is moral and industrial, the religious observance of the day will incidentally be promoted. The investigation ordered by the German government shows that over one-half of the industrial establishments of the empire are open on Sundays, keeping more than one-half of their workmen employed...

A Free Thinker's Death.

Courland Palmer is reported to have spent his latest moments in setting forth his agnostic views and expressing his confidence that they will spread over all the earth. Nearly his last words are said to have been these: "The general impression is that free-thinkers are afraid of death. I want you, one and all, to tell the world that you have seen a free-thinker die without the least fear of what the hereafter may be..."

Notes and Extracts on Miscellaneous Subjects.

The Emperor of China is said to take great interest in astronomy. It is announced that there will be another Passion Play at Ober-Ammergau in 1890. The financial reports of the Australian colonies show largely increasing revenues. A necklace of human knucklebones was the gift received by a missionary from a native chief. Evangelist Moody advises young men who desire to be revivalists to start out as book agents and study human nature. Peter Anderson recently died in Finland and left his estate, by will, to the Devil. Andersen's mother will contest the will. Lucy Stone, one of the first champions of woman's rights and the abolition of slavery, has just celebrated her seventieth birthday. Amalie Hives, a Richmond critic says, wrote her tragedy, "Herod and Mariamne," some five years ago, before she was 21 years old. A mammoth squash at Medford, Ore., is reported to have grown 5 1/2 feet in length and 11 1/2 inches in circumference in twenty-one days. It is estimated at Melbourne that there is now from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 worth of exportable wheat held in the colony of Victoria. A six-year-old girl passed through Albany on her way to New York City, traveling alone. She wore a card giving her name and destination. So many murderers have escaped arrest in London of late years the people are said to be losing faith in the police as agents of public safety. Eight Arab marauders, captured in London, realized 610 guineas, and the same number of more 490 guineas. The average was 62 2/3 guineas. At the 14th of July fete in Paris one Frenchman carried about a star-spangled banner and shouted: "Hurrah for the real republic!" He was drunk. A general complaint in England this summer is that continued rain has caused an enormous amount of pecuniary loss, of loss of health and loss of pleasure. Alpenstocks made of mahogany, with silver plate on the top for the name of the owner, are rather extravagant means of assistance to mountain climbing. A statue to General Gordon was unveiled in the Rochester, England, Cathedral, on Thursday, by Lord Wolseley, in the presence of a distinguished company. Bank books showing deposits of \$7,000, made twenty-eight years ago, have just been found in a crevice in the room occupied by a miser who died in South Hanover, Mass. Princess Letitia, who is to wed the Duc d'Aosta, speaks seven languages, is a good musician, and is a clever painter. She resembles her father, and is said to be every inch a Bonaparte in type and character. It is said that washing was and is still done in Japan by getting into a boat and letting the garments drag after the boat by a long string. The Japanese have no instinct for laundry work like the Chinese. A Michigan peddler who sold goods on the cars, accompanied sister in a beautiful station and first singing a comic song, have just been found in a place his customers, dropped dead in a train a few days ago. He is believed to have left a fortune of \$200,000, accumulated in this manner. The old cabin once occupied by John W. Mackay, of Bonaparte street, was the site of the Alibi City from 1856 to 1859, is to be exhibited at the Mechanics' Fair in San Francisco. The picks, shovel and rocker used by Mackay will also be exhibited. Young Hearst, editor of the San Francisco Examiner, graduated from Harvard in 1884, and was recently noted in college as the occupant of a room whose fittings cost \$4,000. His father, the Senator, made him a present of the Examiner on commencement-day. Senator Castelar, now 66 years old, lives with his accomplished sister in a beautiful home at Madrid. There are frequent rumors that he is going to get married, but they are only rumors. He is now growing bald, though his hair and mustache are still jet black. In what month do people marry? A country minister in New England says that of 48 couples of these 17 were married in December, 15 in January, 9 in February, 8 each in June and October, 7 each in March, April, May and November, 6 in August and 4 each in February and July. The British agent, Esting, Montenegro, reports that there is only one road fit for a wagon in the whole country, and that there is practically no industry, the Montenegrins scoring any pursuit but that of arms. All artisans are foreigners, and all goods except agricultural productions are imported. A mischievous dog frightened the ostriches at a farm near Los Angeles, Cal., and they broke out of their pens and ran in all directions with the speed of greyhounds. They were finally captured with assistance of a hard chase and struggle. A Mexican was kicked in the stomach by one of the birds and severely injured. A new bullet proposed for the English army is of an unusually small caliber, and is encased in an iron shell of nickel, which increases its power of penetration. The bullet is of the shape of a cone, the way the other employs draped an open summer car, which was used to serve as a hearse, and this was followed by a string of cars, all draped, and accompanied by the employes and their friends. A plant called the "laughing plant," or, in scientific parlance, "Cannabala Sativa," has been discovered, and it is alleged that when it is eaten in its green state or taken as a tincture made either from the green or the dried leaf, as a powder of the dried leaf or smoked as tobacco it is potent in producing exaltation, laughter and cheering ideas. The last soldier to return from the war is William Kennedy, who passed through Macon, Ga., a few days ago on his way back to the home of his childhood. At the time of his surrender he was in service in Virginia, and when mustered he was married a young Virginia girl who had nursed him. This is his first visit to his Georgia home since he left in 1861. About two weeks ago Henry Goetz gave James K. Messer, of Hanover, a large farm dog, which was immediately shipped by rail from Philadelphia, Pa., to Williamsport, 140 miles. The other day the dog walked into his former master's house in a dazed condition. It was learned that he had left Williamsport a week ago and had walked the entire distance. How he found his way back is the wonder of the story. The Bishop of London sternly frowns down all ritualistic advances. Recently he was at a service in a London church, where he insisted on the erection of a platform at the north end of the altar for his accommodation. Then the "server," having lit the candle at the south end, advanced timidly toward the north. But Dr. Temple gave him a look that put him precipitately to flight, and the service went on with only one candle. George Wetmore, of Warren, Pa., has a snake story. He said he and two other fellows, while working near Corydon, after the war, met a snake that was across the wagon tracks. He stunned the reptile by tapping it on the back with a stick. Then they cut off his head. Afterward, when a rattlesnake was being cut off, the headless snake savagely switched its tail around and left a bloody bruise on the wrist of the man who was cutting the rattle. The snake's skin was made into a hat. A treasure like that of De Brack—not exactly lost as its whereabouts are known, but with the bottom facts not readily accessible—is said to lie at Byestock in Russia, buried by order of Napoleon in 1812. The man who claims to have papers describing the treasure and location, and who wants the Russian Government to give him a portion of the money in exchange for his knowledge, claims to be the grandson of the only man who escaped massacre at the hands of the Russians of the convoy that was sent to bury the money. He is M. Villchanda, a French citizen. Why his father and grandfather never tried to get at the buried wealth, is not clear.

