







South the funds which should have been loaned at home, where they would have done some good, even if lost to the bank.

Nothing can be more unwise than for a banker to invest his capital in dead property, whether stocks or real estate.

But the banker never. We must learn that banking has to do legitimately only with the products of fixed property, and not with the property itself.

We do not say how much specie he shall keep on hand. That is his business.

Now we propose to restrict the business of issuing bills, or, in other words, coining money, as some choose to call it, to a small number of persons or corporations, and to those who have not only shown their ability to carry on the business of banking, distinct from, and independent of a circulation, but who can, in addition to their capital, place in the hands of the Government an amount of fairly valued productive property, at least double that of the bills intrusted to them.

Our plan would stop all that at once, and confine the issue of bills to those who not only are brokers, but men of property and responsibility. This is the system the plain people want, and sooner or later we will have it.

What is called ill nature and want of generosity, is often nothing more than a quick eye for the injustice and unreasonableness of others, and a determination not to gratify it; not the desire to save one's own money or trouble.

Poetry.

"The truly beautiful ever leaves a long echo of harmony in the soul."

For the Herald of Progress. MUSINGS.

BY WILLIAM H. NELLEN.

When the shades of eve descending, With the hues of day are blending, And the gorgeous eyes of sunset fade from off the western sky, While the moonbeams half revealing, And the shadows half concealing, Give a dim and weird-like aspect to the scenes that meet the eye,

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COMETS and cometary bodies furnish the subjects for two articles under "Teachings of Nature."

AN IMPORTANT paper on Banking and Currency, will be found on our third page.

AMONG THE VOICES FROM THE PEOPLE is a report from William Denton, one of the laborers in the Reform field, who helps the people to a knowledge of this world as well as the next.

GERRIT SMITH has given voice to another powerful argument for the Religion of Reason. The appearance in our columns, of this sermon, cannot fail to be acceptable to our readers.

CONSIDERABLE space is appropriated, in this paper, to reports and corrections of reports of Public Meetings.

THE exact purpose of the Oswego Convention cannot now be misapprehended, and its value can be intelligently estimated by all who have read the reports.

UPON THE SUBJECT OF THE WAR, we doubt not, the convention had but one voice, and that was: "Slavery is the cause, and Abolition the cure."

ON OTHER SUBJECTS, as Miss Barney suggests, there were diverse opinions.

The Mission of Newspapers.

The history of the newspapers in this country is full of interest, and their present state is such as demands the serious consideration of men in all ranks of society.

THE poet was not altogether correct when he said—"Vice to be hated needs only to be seen."

ON THE CONTRARY, familiarity encourages the youthful mind to regard what are called evil deeds as a necessary consequence of existence; thus the child grows up unrestrained by a sense of a pervading goodness in mankind, and begins to imitate that lawlessness of human power which is not guided by reason and by judgment.

Now, it is important that journalists should consider how far they are instrumental in preparing the youthful mind for the receptivity of those very passions which, when excited, produce frightful crimes that become topics of interest so frequently throughout the community.

What must a child think of a father who is found betting upon the issue of such a barbarous and disgraceful conflict? What must a child think of the journalist who devotes column after column to the narration of the particulars of a fight between two human beings lost to self-respect—unconscious of the beautiful machinery which they have been so willing to injure and even to destroy?

gusting to every rational mind? While the child may look in vain over the newspapers to find the record of some valuable work done in art or science, his mind is addressed by appeals to the lowest propensities in the animal nature.

Could not the ends of society be as well subserved by silence respecting the perpetrations of men? Would not our children grow up under a different state of things, with minds less contaminated by a sense of the reign of evil in the midst of a church-enlightened community?

The Pursuit after Truth.

A distinguished logician has said that "truth is naturally agreeable to the human mind." It matters not how depraved man is, however much he may delight in the practice of deception toward his fellows, he still desires to discover the truth in the dealings of others.

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FATHER ROBINSON ON THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

"Is the Government still afraid of offending the South?" I should judge so on reading the dispatch of President Lincoln, modifying Gen. Fremont's proclamation—in my opinion a very inopportune step, backward to say the least of it.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.—At 6 o'clock the Conference was opened, and brief speeches were made by several speakers, upon a variety of subjects.

AT THE CLOSE of the lecture, Judge Boardman made some remarks on Virtue, and the principles involved in the forming of proper unions.

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A GOOD EXAMPLE.

The Evening Post alludes in terms of high commendation to the number and character of the troops furnished by Indiana, numbering the same as those from Ohio, a State with one million more population.

AGAIN, the wounded and the sick are placed in the special care of this State agent, and when discharged, are sent home comfortably, at the expense of the State.

GOVERNMENT SLAVES.

THE publication of the correspondence of Hon. Joseph Holt with the President on the subject of Fremont's proclamation, sets the moral weakness and inconsistency of the President in a stronger light than has been supposed or represented.

SO far, therefore, as the administration can do it, the United States must have not only recognized slavery as a national institution, but have actually engaged in slaveholding on a gigantic scale! Thus the nationalizers of slavery have gained from the republicans a concession immeasurably greater than they ever dared to ask of the most liberal of their democratic friends.

Public Meetings.

Reported for the Herald of Progress. Annual Festival of the Religious-Philosophical Society.

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I once knew a little girl in Kentucky, who had a ravenous appetite, and who, after eating a hearty meal, would be thrown into spasms. By the aid of my clairvoyant powers I determined that the spirits of two negro women were feeding on the magnetism of the child, which induced her to eat such quantities of food.

AT 10 o'clock, S. P. Leland took the stand, to give the regular lecture of the session. He spoke on the matter-of-fact evidences of immortality; said the dreamy speculations of past ages regarding this great central fact can no longer satisfy the growing demands of our day.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.—A. J. Higgins spoke on the political issues of the day. He said Constitutions were made for man, not man for them; and when they serve his best interest, let him respect them; and when they fail to do this, they no longer deserve respect.

E. F. Brewster hailed with joy and satisfaction the present war, believing that its tendency was to put individuals loose from stereotyped institutions.

AT 2 o'clock, Mrs. Lucia Barnes, of McHenry, Ill., took the stand. She is a trance-speaker of much promise. Her descriptions were dramatic, and a spirit of subduing tenderness ran through her lecture, making it very attractive and interesting.

A. J. Higgins sang a song entitled the "Irresistible Conflict," after which, Mrs. Judd, Mrs. Durland, and others, were influenced by Indian spirits, and spoke in foreign tongues.

SATURDAY EVENING.—S. P. Leland opened the Conference by a brief speech on Marriage, followed by Judge Boardman, who told some practical truths regarding Marriage, and the principles involved in the forming of proper unions.

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Judge Boardman read an able lecture on

A new post-office has been established at Mount Lebanon, Columbia County, New York, to which mail matter intended for the New Lebanon Shaker Village should be directed.

the Inspirations of God and Eternity. His lecture, in substance, was a studied effort to prove the Buddhist transmigration theory.

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Remarks were made by Brewster, Dunton, Stearns, Boardman, and others, from the stand, and by several in the audience.

Henry C. Wright upon the Oswego Convention.

I think our brother, Henry C., gave the public an incorrect impression in his article in the HERALD, No. 80, although I was pleased with the general tenor of the letter.

themselves, beautiful ideas, and necessary movements. Their intention has been, first, to gain a thorough acquaintance with each other; this was a principal idea in the commencement of our meetings at Quincy, Mass.

It is stated, with reference to the pardon of private Scott, sentenced to be shot for sleeping at his post, that the President went himself, after dark, to the encampment, to be sure that the pardon had been received.

A CORRECTION. COLUMBUS, Pa., Sept. 15, 1861. EDITOR HERALD OF PROGRESS, Sir: In your issue of the 14th instant, I am reported to have said, at the National Speakers' Convention, Oswego, that 'I think it is by sympathy that mediums are controlled, and challenge the public to produce a medium who is controlled by an influence that cannot, if he chooses, control the one they are addressing.'

Among other remarks that I made at the Oswego Convention, were these: By means of the law of sympathy only do I consider it possible for spirits to influence mortals.

It is impossible, in the present state of the country, that allusions should not have been continually made to it, and to slavery; but as for making the war or slavery the 'one great thought,' it was not so, as an examination of either the reports (Mr. Clark's or my own) will show.

Another correction. EDITOR HERALD OF PROGRESS: Please allow me to correct a statement made by your reporter of the Oswego Convention, of my remarks on Sunday, P. M.

As Spiritualists, professing the broadest charity towards the erring—though not endorsing their excesses as right—ought we to pronounce unqualified maledictions against an individual accused of seducing one person? Why, the usually considered less charitable Christians could do no more in the case of a Rev. Mr. Comstock, I heard of whilst at Adrian, two or three years since.

Brief Items. While Gen. Fremont is giving his services to the country for six thousand dollars a-year, suspicion and distrust thrown in, he is paying an agent to attend to his own business twenty-four thousand!

—An earnest call is made for blankets for our soldiers; the manufacturers not being able to supply the demand. They will be received and, if desired, paid for at a fair valuation.

—The mutineers condemned to the Tortugas, have been mustered into a N. Y. Regiment at Newport News, by Gen. Wool, and will be allowed opportunity to retrieve their disgrace.

—Charles Sumner in a recent speech at Worcester, said: Look at the war as you will, and you will always see slavery. Slavery is its inspiration; its motive power; its end and aim.

—Hon. Schuyler Colfax says that, when complaints were uttered against Fremont, that with 20,000 troops in St. Louis, he did not send a portion against Price, the General showed him the muster-roll of all the U. S. troops in and around St. Louis, numbering barely 8,000.

FOREIGN ITEMS. We have Liverpool dates to Sept. 21st. —Prince Alfred comes passenger on the Niagara.

—The Count de Paris and Duc de Chartres, nephews of the Prince de Joinville, have been assigned to the staff of General McClellan, with the rank of captain.

NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS. 'Talent alone cannot make a writer; there must be a whole mind behind the book.'

THE BREATH OF LIFE; OR, Mal-Respiration and its Effects upon the Enjoyments and Life of Man. By GEORGE CATLIN. New York: John Wiley, Publisher. pp. 76. Price 50 cents.

—An 'Isle'—LAND.—The greater part of regulations of the All-wise Maker and Teacher can have their way, and are not contravened by pernicious habits or erroneous teaching.

and danger of admitting it in an unnatural way, in double quantities, upon the lungs, and charged with the surrounding epidemic or contagious infections of the moment.

There are many mineral and vegetable poisons also, which can be inhaled by the nose without harm, but if taken through the mouth destroy life.

Nature produces no diseases nor deformities; but the offspring of men and women, whose systems are impaired by injurious habits, are no doubt oftentimes ushered into the world with constitutional weaknesses and predispositions for contracting the same habits, with their results, and it is safe to say that three-fourths of the generating portions of every civilized community existing are more or less under these disqualifications, which, together with want of proper care of their offspring, in infancy and childhood, I believe to be the cause of four-fifths of the mental and physical deformities, loss of teeth, and premature deaths, between conception and infancy, childhood, manhood, and old age.

Attractive Miscellany. 'All things are engaged in writing their history—The air-falls of sounds, the sky of tokens; the ground is all memoranda and signatures, and every object covered with hints, which speak to the intelligent.'

Singular Scenes from a Singular Life. BY VINE W. OSGOOD. (Concluded from last week.)

While sitting in the library one morning, a few days subsequent to these events, looking over some papers from which my father had requested me to select one, when my hand came accidentally in contact with a spring, and the cover to a concealed apartment in the box over which contained the papers, sprang open.

My heart throbb'd wildly, and a shiver ran through every nerve as my eyes rested upon the tress and the ornaments, that in my vision I had seen my father take from my mother's lifeless form, as she lay in her still beauty upon the beach.

I burst into tears. It was fearful to be thus convinced of a loved father's inhumanity! I tried to evade it. I tried, even with the evidence in my own hands, to believe it all the workings of sick fancy; but it came home to my heart with crushing force as I opened the locket, which contained pictures of my father and mother, as she was when my father first saw her.

There was the ring he had taken from her finger—her bridal ring. Alas! what sorrow that ill-fated bridal had brought upon her pure young spirit. The angel of light had wedded with the mere worldling—the man of dress, the act bringing its own retribution.

Still tangled in the long brown curls, was a withered stem of one of the water lilies she had twined in her hair upon the night of her death. I shuddered with horror as I thought of that scene. Could my mother have been a suicide? Could my father have been intentionally accessory to her death? I questioned myself vainly. What an unfathomable mystery it all appeared to me!

I slipped the diamond ring upon my finger, resolving never to part with it. I knew my father would not ask me about it if he missed it, as that would involve an explanation.

wife, whose only accomplishments were her...
slender soul and her sweet gift of song.

He grew moody and irritable, and his sweet...
mother, in her innocence, tried to win him back...

I saw him leave his cottage home and his...
wife, with the tears raining over her white...

After months of anxious waiting, I saw my...
pale, sad mother, with her young babe clasped...

She was not poor, for my father, as if to...
indemnify her for the wrong he meant to do her...

It was long before he discovered her, and...
then it was only to conceal down bitter...

My father's entrance into the library...
dispelled the vision, and hastily slipping the...

I saw her in falling health and ordered to a...
warmer climate; with many tears she left her...

Hitherto my visions had had some...
connection with my own history or that of my friends...

It was a fearful power—this reading people's...
secrets, and I thank God that I never made it...

I began to mingle with the world with a...
purpose now; I learned to stand by great men...

New revelations constantly awaited me. I...
seldom came in contact with any person without...

In a short time proximity to people was not...
necessary in order to read their histories. I had...

Much of my reserve had worn off in my...
intimacy with the world. My parents had begun...

I looked forward to the arrival of my...
 betrothed with the greatest pleasure. I had...

My lover came. Acquaintance only...
strengthened my attachment for him. I flattered...

My parents were delighted, and we were...
for once a happy family, my mother manifesting...

We were to be married in the evening; it...
wanted but an hour to the time appointed for...

I arose and surveyed my faultless form...
in the mirror; I looked at the splendid diamonds...

"Evelyn," he exclaimed, "my beautiful...
Evelyn!" He came towards me and stooped to...

He was selling himself; wronging three...
human souls for gold—only gold! For as he...

By folly and extravagance he had sadly...
impaired his own large fortune, and, even with...

The first light of reason that dawned...
upon me, brought with it a knowledge of the...

My strange flight upon what was to have...
been my nuptial night, was attributed to a...

By degrees the details of that eventful...
evening returned to my mind, but they excited no...

When I recovered, I called my father to my...
room and told him that I could never fulfill...

My father never essayed to move me from...
my purpose with even the gentlest discussion...

From this time, thought-reading became...
habitual to me. I saw my father's days and...

I loved him enthusiastically, and took the...
most active delight in hastening the preparations...

My father never essayed to move me from...
my purpose with even the gentlest discussion...

I saw some narrow selfishness in every...
soul—I became a misanthrope. I hated to see...

Life became irksome to me; I confined...
myself wholly to my room and the library; I...

I saw before me a soul, so sustained, so...
tranquil, so pure and elevated, that I felt...

I contrasted my life with his. I had lived...
surrounded by the grandeur of the past, the...

An irresistible influence attracted me to...
his bedside after day. As he was convalescing...

Again I loved; this time I loved a true...
man; my highest ideal was realized. He asked...

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became my next consideration; this would be...

We went together to him, and when the...
old tempter of wrath began to gather upon his...

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We were married, and from that hour, as...
if their mission was accomplished, all my...

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