

A Striking Statement.

N. I. Iberian.

Paschal Beverly Randolph wrote a book, which he entitled "After Death: The Disembodiment of man." This book was written in St. Martinville, in 1866, copy rited in Massachusetts in 1868, and the third edition was published in Boston in 1870, from which we publish the following excerpts:

"I am, at this writing of the first edition of this book, here in the carpenter shop of Auguste Landry, in St. Martinville, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, May 12th, 1866, over 40 years of age. Twenty-five of those years have mainly been spent in the one single pursuit of knowledge on the subject whereof I am now writing, concerning Psychical Man. I have sought for this knowledge in twelve States of this Union; in France, Ireland, Scotland, England, Turkey, Egypt, Syria, Central & Western America, Arabia, Mexico, and California."

"We see a lump of granite, and know that time and attrition will wear it down to sand; sand will divide up until we have alluvial soil, out of which comes vegetation, in various degrees of refinement, from the coarse cryptogamia to the most splendid flower and delicious fruit. Were it possible to behold the procession of the Flora pass before us in one glorious panorama, we would behold gigantic ferns and grasses, flourishing in miraculous fertility of ages; heavy carbonaceous plants, chemical laboratories of the first order, extracting the grosser substances from the air and elaborating oxygen to fill their places. Presently ages having elapsed they fall and rot, making new soil and richer, out of which comes a higher order of plants, chemical laboratories of the second, producing still more marked changes in the atmosphere and climate. Presently, as the picture unfolds, we behold orders, genera, and species succeeding each other at every tick of eternity's clock; finer, fairer trees and flowers now deck the scene, and animal life now comes in as chemical laboratories of a still higher order. For if vegetation alone were adequate to the preparation of the earth, air, and waters for the abode of incarnate mind, there would have been no need of animals, and there being no demand, there would have been no supply. But vegetation could not do it; nor could a single species of animal do it, but it required millions of species of differently organized animals to prepare the world for man; to cook the air and cleanse it; to purify the waters, and render them fit for higher uses, just as it required a million varied flora to throw down the noxious vapors condense them into fibre, to be converted by and by into coalbeds and petroleum lakes—just like the mighty bay of oil now underlying the parish of St. Martin, La., and which branches off to Rapides, Vermillion, Lafayette, and Calcasieu—a body large and deep enough to furnish fuel to the world for a century."

Shudders At His Past.

"I recall now with horror," says Mail Carrier Burnett Mann, of Levanna, O., "my three years of suffering from Kidney trouble. I was hardly ever free from dull aches or acute pains in my back. To stoop or lift mail sacks made me groan. I felt tired, worn out, about ready to give up, when I began to use Electric Bitters, but six bottles completely cured me and made me feel like a new man." They're unrivaled to regulate Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed by T. J. Labbe. Only 50 cents.

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Last Monday afternoon a nipple of excitement was caused here by the exhibition of a sample of oil at Messrs. Laughlin's store, brought in from Mr. Ozeme Segura's place above the twin oaks, on the St. Martinville road. There is a low place in the back of his field, near the lake marsh. On the surface of the water, in a ditch which drains this section, was discovered the oil. It is so clear that the eye would fail to detect it. It was first discovered by one of the men on the place who washed his hands in this ditch, after which he noticed that his hands were oily and emitted a strong odor of petroleum. This led to an investigation and the skimming of the sample off the water. The indications are that it is a very fine grade of oil—if one may judge as much from its cleanness and positive odor. Mr. Walter J. Burke holds an option of this tract of land.—Iberian.

This land is in St. Martin parish.

Old Soldier's Experience.

M. M. Austin, a civil war veteran, of Winchester, Ind., writes: "My wife was sick a long time in spite of good doctor's treatment, but was wholly cured by Dr. King New Life Pills, which worked wonders for her health." They always do. Try them. Only 25c at T. J. Labbe drug store.

Last Sunday afternoon the writer accepted the invitation of Mr. E. T. Weeks to take a buggy ride to Lake Chicot, where there is evidences of oil. It is in St. Martin's parish, just north of Iberia. We saw a long shallow slough, in which were a number of overturned trees. These trees had fallen to every point of the compass.

It is reported that some few years ago fire was set to the dry grasses then growing on the lake bottom. The grass was quickly consumed, but the fires did not go out. A considerable area of the bed of the dry lake seemed to be on fire, below the surface of the ground. For several weeks the burning district emitted great volumes of light colored smoke, and this continued till a heavy rain fell, filling the low lands with water. Then it was that these trees fell in all directions, exposing the fact that their green living roots had been burned away, while trunks and branches were not scorched. At the time it was thought to be peat and the incident was given but little consideration. Lately, however, other causes have been accredited with maintaining the subterranean fires and this thought has led to a careful investigation of the locality which has resulted in the defining of both oil and gas. Messrs. Weeks and others hold options on this territory.—Iberian.

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The Money Hiding Fools.

States.

Those individuals who have no faith in banks and hide their money in and about the house are constantly coming to grief. The latest case is that of William Ranney of Cromwell, Conn., who stuffed \$500 in the toe of an old shoe he had discarded and place it in the attic. Afterward Mrs. Ranney, who was blissfully ignorant of what her husband had done, decided that it was time to give the house a thorough cleaning and engaged a tramp to beat the carpets. When his work was done he said he would be satisfied to accept an old pair of shoes in payment for his services.

Mrs. Ranney was delighted at having her carpets beaten at such small cost and gladly gave him the shoes her husband had discarded. The tramp took them thankfully and went away. When Mr. Ranney came home in the evening Mrs. Ranney proudly related the bargain she made with the tramp who preferred a pair of shoes to beer money. Mr. Ranney dropped apparently in a fit, for he ground his teeth, beat the floor with his hands and churned the air furiously with his feet.

At first Mrs. Ranney was astonished and then becoming alarmed at her husband's condition, seized a pitcher of water and poured it on his head. This treatment brought him around in a jiffy and raising himself to a sitting position Mr. Ranney glared at his wife a moment and then in a voice that roared like a megaphone he informed her that in addition to the shoes she had given the tramp \$500. Mrs. Ranney fainted and her husband went off into another fit.

Up to the present time nothing has been heard of the model tramp who beat the carpet and preferred a pair of second hand shoes to the price of a can of beer.

Morbihan plantation, just to the North-east of us, is the site of new oil discoveries. Seepage oil is clearly and unmistakably found there in considerable quantities, indicating a possible large supply below. A sample bottle of the oil was brought in last Saturday morning by Mr. Ed. de Generes, who holds options on adjoining lands.—Iberian.

The Advice of Russel Sage.

Daily States.

Mr. Russell Sage, of New York, whose sagacity as a financier and other good qualities has enabled him to put by a snug sum of money for a rainy day is out in a statement indorsing President McKinley's warning to the people of the country not to trust the present prosperous conditions too far. Mr. Sage even goes to the length of predicting another "Black Friday" even blacker than that which occurred in this country, as the result of the reckless speculation in 1873, and which in a twinkling swept away thousands of fortunes and precipitated the most disastrous panic on this side of the Atlantic. Mr. Sage bases his prediction on the present speculative craze which he declares is based on a "false and illusive foundation" for neither existing nor future conditions warrant the skyward tendency of the market and the moment a level is reached there will be a reaction which will bring misery to thousands.

The President's words, coupled with those of such as experienced man of affairs as Russel Sage will, it is to be hoped, be a warning in time to those who regard present conditions as a fixture. The Baltimore Sun finds it rather strange,

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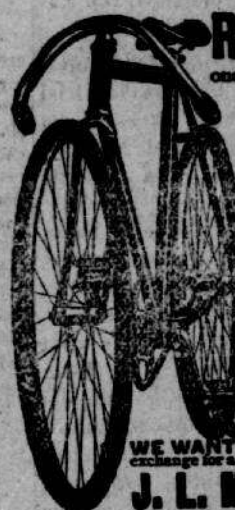
A Grand Old Lady Gives Her Experience.

Mrs. Thankful Orilla Hurd lives in the beautiful village of Brighton, Livingston Co., Mich. This venerable and highly respected lady was born in the year 1812, the year of the great war, in Hebron, Washington Co., New York. She came to Michigan in 1840, the year of "Tippecanoe and Tyler too." All her faculties are excellently preserved, and possessing a very retentive memory, her mind is full of interesting reminiscences of her early life, of the early days of the State of Michigan and the interesting and remarkable people she has met, and the stirring events of which she was a witness. But nothing in her varied and manifold recollections are more marvelous and worthy of attention than are her experiences in the use of JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA. Mrs. Hurd inherited a tendency and predisposition to scrofula, that terribly destructive blood taint which has caused and is cursing the lives of thousands and marking thousands more as victims of the death angel. Transmitted from generation to generation, it is found in nearly every family in one form or another. It may make its appearance in dreadful running sores, in unsightly swellings in the neck of goitre, or in eruptions of varied forms. Attacking the mucous membrane, it may be known as catarrh in the head, or developing in the lungs it may be, and often is, the prime cause of consumption.

Speaking of her case, Mrs. Hurd says: "I was troubled for many years with a bad skin disease. My arms and limbs would break out in a mass of sores, discharging yellow matter. My neck began to swell and became very unsightly in appearance. My body was covered with scrofulous eruptions. My eyes were also greatly inflamed and weakened, and they pained me very much. My blood was in a very bad condition and my head ached severely at frequent intervals, and I had no appetite. I had sores also in my ears. I was in a miserable condition, I had tried every remedy that had been recommended, and doctor after doctor had failed. One of the best physicians in the state told me I must die of scrofulous consumption, as internal abscesses were beginning to form. I at length was told of Dr. Johnston, of Detroit, and his famous Sarsaparilla. I tried a bottle, more as an experiment than anything else, as I had no faith in it, and greatly to my agreeable surprise, I began to grow better. You can be sure I kept on taking it. I took a great many bottles. But I steadily improved until I became entirely well. All the sores healed up, all the bad symptoms disappeared. I gained perfect health, and I have never been troubled with scrofula since. Of course an old lady of 83 years is not a young woman, but I have had remarkably good health since then, and I firmly believe that JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA is the greatest blood purifier and the best medicine in the wide world, both for scrofula and as a spring medicine." This remarkably interesting old lady did not look to be more than sixty, and she repeated several times, "I believe my life was saved by JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA."

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however, that Mr. Sage, whose immense fortune was accumulated under circumstances like those now existing and in nearly the same class of stocks as are now being sold for twice their real value, should sound the note of warning to the ordinary speculator. It is the latter individual upon whom Mr. Sage and his associates depend to float their schemes, and as he has never been accused of posing as a philanthropist in the matter of safeguarding the cash his less fortunate brethren may have, there is reason to suspect that he is maneuvering to "bear" the market.

The Baltimore Sun, however, believes that the warning of the President, who may have scented danger ahead, should be accepted by reasonable and conservative men in the business and financial world. The Sun then says:

"Inflation is possible to a limited extent, and he who is wise is he who follows the slower but surer method of seeking a livelihood in legitimate channels of trade. All branches of industry are prosperous and they may remain so for years, but the disposition which this fosters to plunge is to be curbed as a dangerous proceeding. When an effort is made to overstrain the earning capacity of a dollar, something is sure to give way, and the man who invariably suffers is the "small speculator" who buys what the promoters and those "on the inside" are selling for their own benefit. Mr. Sage's advice is sound, no matter what may be his motive, and the small speculator should guard now against the coming of another "Black Friday."

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