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Written for the ADVOCATE
SPIRITUALISM.
Of all devices by the wicked one for the overthrow of virtue and religion popularly known as "Modern Spiritualism" has been one of the most successful. Beginning with a low family living in Hydesville, N. Y., twenty-five years ago, it has spread over this country and Europe, until it claims, how truthful, we know not, millions of adherents. While some good men have been deceived, and connected themselves with this delusion, its principle adherents have been from the restless and inquisitive, who have no fixed sentiments concerning religion, but are ready to listen to any voice and obey any command except the bible's, and last but not least in numbers, the sensual and devilish, who find "Spiritualism" a good place to perpetrate their fiendish schemes, and indulge their base passions.

It would seem that the only thing necessary to convince any one of the demoralizing tendencies of "Spiritualism" is but to read a few pages of their literature. Their public prayers are some times offered to Satan at other times to Nature which they address as *Father and Mother*. They teach us we are the victims of fate, and we can no more help our actions than we can our existence; the soul migrates from one body into that of another; the idea of miracles is absurd; Christ never claimed to raise the dead and he knew he could not do it; the bible is a bundle of tracts, full of fables and koran superstitions and is of no more authority than the Shasters, or the writings of Confucius. Jehovah is called the Asiatic potentate, discovered by Astrology; the idea of an overruling God is a crushing superstition.

In a Convention of "Spiritualists" recently, in Michigan city, Indiana, Mrs. Todd, of Pacific Coast territory, declared that Jesus Christ was born at the expense of virtue, and that Mary was more to be honored than prostitutes of this day; the Holy spirit is the spirit of some good man; no charge should ever be made against any member of the "Spiritual Fraternity" for any crime whatever; there is no evil that can be avoided; what we call sin and evil in human actions is a necessity and being a necessity it is lawful and right; libertinism does not injure the immortal soul of man; Christ has imposed excessive and impractical restraints on us; there is no difference between Herod, Nero, and St. Paul, Jesus Christ and Judas Iscariot, for each had the experience he needed; all are to be angles, sin is a blessing and Lucifer is on his way to heaven; legal marriage is selfish, carnal, worldly, and belongs to Mommon; cursed be the relation of husband and wife.

It may be thought by those unacquainted with their literature that I have stated the case too strongly. I reply that I am fully prepared to sustain every word of the above by their own writings. The most bitter and unscrupulous infidels of the past never spoke more disrespectful of Christ and Christianity than do modern "Spiritualists," nor were there views uttered which were better calculated to overthrow all well-regulated society than their open avowal of free-love. With all its vain boasting "Spiritualism" has never revealed a new truth to help humanity, nor has it made anybody any better. On the other hand it has filled the hearts of many with doubt and distressing fears, and it has entered the doors of a thousand happy houses and degraded their inmates, separating husbands and wives and crushing the hearts of their children. We never knew a family swayed by this delusion which remained happy.

Concerning its phenomena we can say nothing. On certain mysterious feats it builds its reputation, but these, compared with the feats of jugglery practiced by the Chinese and others, dwindle into insignificance. But were we to admit that actual spirits are engaged in this then it is not hard to tell whence they come. Could good spirits tell us that all the crimes forbidden in the decalogue are so many and we must of necessity practice them, "Spiritualism" so teaches to all "Spiritualists." We commend the following from Saint Paul.

"Now the spirit speaketh expressly that on the latter times some shall depart from the faith giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils."
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GENERAL NOTES

A Crawford coultain has lost one hundred fine apple trees by the ravages of the frost.

Reports of outrages are getting to be alarmingly frequent throughout the country. Brokers will be glad to learn that "hops" are very plentiful this season at the sea side resorts.

Why didn't a dog want a place in the ark? Because he had a barque of his own.

About three million dollars per month in gold coin are being turned out from the Philadelphia mint; but very few of them find their way to the interior.

Thirty boarders were poisoned in Pittsburgh on Friday evening by eating smoked white fish. All but one are in a fair way of recovery.

The wheat crop throughout Armstrong county is all harvested and safely stored. It is a full average crop, and of superior quality. The oats crop, which is now being harvested, is abundant.

A cow that gives buttermilk is reported from Forest county. Her owner is looking for another of the same breed on the principle that one good churn deserves another.

An old toper was heard the other day to advise a young man to get married, "because then, my boy, you'll have somebody to pull off your boots when you go home drunk."

The Postoffice Department has issued thus far \$62,000,000 postal cards, of which about one-half have been sold and transmitted through the mails. The supply of smaller offices throughout the country will soon begin.

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JNO. G. HALL, Assignee,
Ridgway, Pa., July 31st, 1873—2235.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE IN ELK COUNTY.
The undersigned assignee of FRED WILMARTH and E. W. ROLFE, Bankrupts, will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION at Wilmarth, Elk County, Pennsylvania, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th day of AUGUST, 1873, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said FRED WILMARTH and E. W. ROLFE in and to the following described tracts of land, with the improvements and appurtenances, situate in Elk County, Pa.
The thousand acres known as the "Johnsonburg tract" and bounded as follows: viz.

Beginning at a hemlock corner standing 40 rods west of the Clarion River, and about 52 6-10 rods west and 25 rods south of the southwest corner of the south abutment of the Rail Road bridge and 48 8-10 rods north and 3-10 rods east of the original southwest corner of warrant No. 3287, thence east 213 7-10 rods to a post corner, thence north 510 rods to a post corner, thence west 313 7-10 rods to a post corner, thence south 510 rods to place of beginning. Containing 1000 more or less.
ALSO—That certain tract or piece of land beginning at a post standing 90 rods north of the southwest corner of said 1000 acre lot, thence north 316 rods to the north-west corner of said 1000 acre lot, thence west 80 rods to a hemlock corner, thence south 356 rods to a post corner, thence east 80 rods to place of beginning. Containing 198 acres of land.
ALSO—That certain tract or piece of land lying upon the east side of the above named 1000 acre lot. Beginning at the northwest corner of said tract, thence south on the east line of said tract 250 rods to a post in the same for a corner, thence east 100 rods to a hemlock corner, thence north 250 rods to a hemlock corner, thence west 100 rods to place of beginning. Containing 166 acres of land. Excepting and reserving the following described piece of land: viz.

Beginning at a post on the south line of said 1000 acre lot, 490 feet east of southwest corner of said tract thence north 855 feet to the Rail Road line, thence along the line of said Rail Road south 52 feet 421 feet to the middle of the Clarion River, to the southwest corner of said 1000 acre lot, thence west along said line to place of beginning.
The foregoing described three tracts of land comprising the "Johnsonburg Mill Property" on which is erected two steam saw mills with a capacity for cutting fifty thousand feet of lumber per day. One keg factory with a capacity for cutting four hundred kegs per day. One dwelling house, two boarding houses and ten tenement houses.
The interest of the said FRED WILMARTH to the above described "Johnsonburg Mill Property" is the undivided nine-fourteenths thereof that is to say, the undivided one-half of said property, under a contract in writing with GEORGE DICKINSON, of Ridgway, Pa., which one-half will be sold subject to the balance of purchase money due thereon, and the one-seventh of the other undivided one-half of said property, which one-seventh did descend to the said FRED WILMARTH late of Elk County, deceased, and which one-seventh of the L. WILMARTH one-half will be sold, subject to such debts of the said L. WILMARTH as he, deceased, as are liens of sundry such thereon.
ALSO—The undivided one-seventh of the following described tracts of lands and parts of tracts, which one-seventh did descend to FRED WILMARTH as a heir of L. WILMARTH and which one-seventh will be sold subject to such debts of said decedent as are liens, if any such there be.
All that certain tract or piece of land known as warrant No. 2574 situate in Benning township, Elk County, Pa. Containing 932 acres.
ALSO—All that certain tract or piece of land situate in warrant No. 3290 in Jones township, Elk County, Pa. Commencing at a post corner 151 rods north and 65 rods west of the southeast corner of the warrant, thence north 144 rods to a post, thence west 247 rods to a post, thence south 144 rods to a post, thence east 247 rods to place of beginning. Containing 229 acres.
ALSO—All that certain tract of land situate in Highland township, Elk county, Pa. Containing four hundred and ninety-six acres more or less, part of warrant No. 3500 and being all of that portion of said warrant within the County of Elk, except the eastern one-fourth part of said warrant owned or claimed by M. WEIDLER.
ALSO—All the undivided one-half of all that certain tract or piece of land situate in the township of Ridgway, Elk Co., Pa., and being part of warrants Nos. 3285 and 4850, bounded as follows: viz:

Beginning at the centre of the Clarion River in the south line of the 1000 acre Johnsonburg tract, thence west 45 rods to a hemlock corner, it being the southwest corner of said lot, thence north, the west line of same 90 rods to a post, thence west 80 rods to a post, it being the southwest corner of the 198 acre lot on the west side of the Johnsonburg lot, thence north on the west side of the same 20 rods to a post, thence west 112 10-100 rods to a post, it being the northeast corner of the 440 acre coal lot, thence south 176 rods to a post, thence east on line of said lot 150 rods, thence south on line of same 174 rods to a post, thence east 225 rods to the centre of Clarion River, thence up the river to place of beginning. Containing 484 acres.
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The subscriber having secured the contract for carrying the U. S. Mail between REYNOLDSVILLE & BROCKWAYVILLE has placed on that road a line of hacks. Hacks leave the Exchange Hotel in Reynoldsville every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday on the arrival of the Brockwayville stage, and return the same day. These hacks connect at Brockwayville with the Ridgway stages, making connection with trains on the P. & E. Road, both east and west. Every attention to the comfort of patrons of this line will be given, and a liberal patronage solicited.
Aug. 13-72tl.