

VOICE OF THE FAIR.

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EDITOR'S INTRODUCTORY.

The undersigned has been "drafted into the service," as editor of this paper, by the committee on its publication. The committee will not accept no for an answer. Therefore, he assumes charge of the VOICE OF THE FAIR, and will conduct it to the best of his ability, not, however, without serious misgivings as to the extent of that ability. He earnestly invites his literary friends to assist and co-operate with him. The object of this paper, and the cause in which it is to be an instrument, are worthy of their very best efforts; and, if the undersigned can have their aid, he is confident that THE VOICE will be potent in good works, and a credit to Western literature.

The editor's friends will find him at the editorial rooms of the Evening Journal, almost any time of day.

ANDREW SHUMAN.

HEAR US FOR OUR CAUSE.

The "VOICE OF THE FAIR" is to be just what its title indicates—the organ, advocate and record of the forthcoming great North Western Sanitary Fair, under the auspices and for the benefit of which it is published.

This is the initial number of the paper, which will be published weekly as the harbinger of the coming great event, until the opening of the Fair, May 30th—when it will be issued daily, in an enlarged form, as long as the Fair continues.

And not only will it be devoted to the interests of the Fair proper, but it will be our aim to make it also a first-class literary publication, that will be sought for as much on account of its fresh and attractive reading matter in general, as for its character as the Fair record and directory.

Original contributions to its columns have been invited from all the distinguished literary ladies and gentlemen in the country, military chieftains, statesmen, and other public men. Writers of ability in Chicago and other portions of the Northwest will also give us their help, and we take this occasion to invite contributions, suitable for the columns of a paper of this character, from all who have the ability to write for publication. We want our literary circles in the Northwest to regard this as the proper medium of their communication with the public for the next month or two at least—to flash their wit, sing their songs, tell their "little stories," and indulge in their meditations through its columns—indeed to feel themselves perfectly "at home" with us, and manifest a true Western pride in this essentially Western enterprise.

We lift up our voice to the great loyal public, asking its liberal support, its advertising favors, its literary contributions, its attentive audience. What money our voice calls in, goes into the treasury of the Sanitary Fair, for the relief and comfort of those precious ones who are lying in the hospitals, North and South, suffering from sickness or wounds entailed by service in field or camp, in this mighty struggle for national preservation.—It is for a good cause, and no patriotic man or woman will ever begrudge the large or the small aid they will have contributed to it.

So much by way of introductory. Now to work.

OUR DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTORS IN ANTICIPATION.

We expect original poems from William Cullen Bryant, John G. Whittier, Longfellow, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and others, for THE VOICE, during the Fair.

James Russel Lowell will write us an essay. Bayard Taylor has a "little story" to tell us. Timothy Titcomb (Dr. Holland) will send us some of his good plain common sense. Henry Ward Beecher will tell us something about Fort Sumter, or something else. Artemus Ward will have something very funny for us.

President Johnson will get time, in the midst of his public duties, to give us a sentiment. Secretary McCulloch will drop us a line about the future of our nation's finances. Secretary Stanton will forward us a short war bulletin, specially prepared for THE VOICE, and Secretary Welles will have something to say about the Navy, while Generals Grant, Sherman and Sheridan will honor our columns with autograph letters.

Gov. Oglesby will issue a proclamation through THE VOICE, and Gov. Stone, of Iowa, will send greeting to the Fair. The Governors of other States will also be heard from, and so will various other public men.

And the ladies, too,—Grace Greenwood, Gail Hamilton, Anna Dickinson, Mrs. Stowe, and others,—will chat to our readers over their own signatures.

Altogether we anticipate a nice social time between our readers and the celebrities of literature, politics, statesmanship and war.

THE PRESIDENT'S REMAINS IN ILLINOIS.

The funeral train will reach Chicago on Monday morning, May 1st, and will be received by a grand procession of citizens and soldiers, and laid in state until the next day, when the train will leave for Springfield, where the remains will be interred, with imposing ceremonies, on Wednesday.

Very extensive preparations are being made, both in Chicago and Springfield, for manifesting due respect to the remains of the noble son of Illinois.

OUR GREAT FAIR will open on the 30th of May. The buildings for its accommodation are now being erected, covering ample grounds, and will be extensive enough to accommodate the exhibition, which promises to eclipse all the Sanitary Fairs that have yet been held in the United States.

OUR MISSION.

It may seem to many that the war being virtually ended, the necessity for charitable action ceases. These may question the need of such an enterprise as is about to be inaugurated in Chicago, when there come no longer to the nation the voices of suffering from the battle-field. They may think that Peace has brought healing on her wings, alike for the country and the individual; and that when War takes his departure, he carries with him all the evils which follow in his train.

Unfortunately these ideas are false. The cessation of war only ends the cumulative character of the ills which strife engenders. It is like a disease which leaves the patient prostrate, and in a condition from which he can be rescued only by the most careful skill—the most tender consideration. War leaves a people with their bodies covered with unhealed wounds. In leaving, it does no more than guarantee us against the future, while the present remains unchanged.

Thanks to the many and great efforts of the people of the North, the horrors of the past four years have been greatly mitigated. Each man and woman has been a veritable "good Samaritan," who has been untiring in the effort to bind up the wounds of those who have fallen among the wayside thieves of the fallen rebellion. But despite all their humanity, little more has been done than to soften a few of the more prominent severities of the conflict. The great bulk of the evils was untouched, and to deal with this there is need of much patient, laborious and unsparing exertion.

For the maimed living, and for the families of the heroic dead, are we imperatively called upon to labor. For all those whom the war has stricken down, for the orphan children, for the wounded, the sick, the dying, and even for the dead, are we required to continue in the work of charity.

There is no spot in the North that has not those whom the war has made objects of relief. Where the country has taken the father, upon the country devolves the duty of caring for those who are fatherless. Those whom the war has made sonless mothers have a claim upon the assistance of the benevolent, which is as sacred as the duty one owes to God. All those who, in consequence of the war, have been driven to penury have substantial claims upon our efforts. All, in short, whom the war has afflicted, whether in heart or in possessions, are claimants whose demands are none the less imperative from the fact that they are unspoken.

In fine, the object of the Sanitary Fair is to relieve all suffering having its origin in the internecine contest just closed. Every sentiment of honor in our souls requires that we shall give lavishly to those who have given their all for the country. The very most that we can do will be small compared to what has been yielded up by tens of thousands during this war. No gift on our part, however princely, can compensate for a dead father, or a husband who sleeps on some southern battle-field, or the only son of a widow who went forth for the Republic and came back no more.

It is a debt that we wish to pay. These gallant men who have bled and died for the commonwealth have secured us lasting peace and a future of unvarying prosperity. For securing us this, should not they be recompensed. They have given us something beyond all price; and for this we wish to reward them.

DONATIONS FOR THE FAIR FROM EUROPE.

C. L. Wilson, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reports the following receipts:

From St. Petersburg.—From His Excellency, Cassius M. Clay, United States Minister, 50 carte visites; from Messrs. Collins & Sibley, 10 Capotes; from Messrs. Chandler, Phelps & Curtin, 1 Malachite Wafer Stand, 1 pair Malachite Ear-rings, 1 pair Malachite cross, gold-mounted, 1 Malachite Snuff Box, 9 Malachite sets for Bracelets; from Jackson Haines, 25 Roubles; from Wm. H. Duster, 10 do.; from J. C. Speer, 10 do.; from Jonathan Provost, 5 do.; from D. C. Pierce, 6 do.; from G. W. Whistler, 20 do.

From London.—Benj. Moran, Secretary United States Legation, 1 Oil Painting, (sinking of the pirate Alabama by the U. S. Corvette, Kearsarge.) Also, at the hands of Mr. Moran, autographs and photographs of "friends of America in England," including those of Richard Cobden, W. E. Forster, editor London Daily News, Thos. B. Potter, Lord Houghton, &c., &c.; and from Henry T. Parker, a superbly bound copy of Schiller's works, valued at \$250.

Three photographic copies of the Bristol (England) Emancipation Society's Address to President Lincoln, from Z. B. Eastman, Consul.

OUR HEADING.

Our elegant heading, "THE VOICE OF THE FAIR," was engraved and donated to the Fair by W. D. BAKER, Esq., one of the very best Engravers, as he is one of the most liberal and patriotic men of our city. His donations to the Soldiers' Home, Home of the Friendless, and other charitable institutions, have always been liberally and heartily made.

We commend Mr. BAKER to all our readers who are in need of first-class work in his line, as he has no superior in the country.

MATRIMONIAL.—Those having in charge the representation of the "New England Farm House," at the approaching Fair, are desirous of having the manners and customs of the period in which the scenes are laid, set forth as fully and completely as possible. To forward this, they wish to have a bona fide marriage ceremony performed in the olden style, with costumes and the entertainment to correspond. To any parties proposing marriage about the time of the Fair, who will volunteer for this purpose, clergymen, costume, and wedding cheer, will be furnished. For further particulars address the Secretary, Mrs. J. O. Brayman, 116 State street, Chicago.

TROPHIES, CURIOSITIES, RELICS, AUTOGRAPHS, ETC.

We have received the following from the Committee on Arms, Trophies, Curiosities, Relics and Autographs, for the great Fair:

Reader, look over your house and place of business, and see if you have not something that comes under the above heading, that you can donate or send to the Fair for exhibition. We wish Indian Costumes and Relics of the Revolution or Rebellion, battle flags, old armor, captured arms, old books and manuscripts, rare coins, Continental money, rebel currency, autographs and photographs of distinguished men and women, old commissions, shells, mechanical devices and models, articles connected with the Institution of Slavery and its marts, from the block to the driver's lash.

We do not object to greenbacks. Let no one who reads this, fail to send us something.

All goods and packages for this department must be distinctly marked with the name of the Donor, and place from which sent; and directed "North Western Sanitary Commission, Chicago, Illinois. For the Fair. Care of James B. Bradwell, Chairman of Committee." And Bill of Lading should be at the same time sent by mail to the same address.

All newspapers are requested to copy the above.

AUTOGRAPHS AND RELICS.—The Committee on Arms, Trophies, Curiosities, Relics and Autographs, for the Fair, have received from E. A. Stansbury, of New York, by Hon. Jerome J. Beardsly, the autographs of Lord Aberdeen, Lord Morpeth, Lord Ashburton, Sir Robert Peel, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Sydney Smith, Mr. Hallum, J. Rogers, B. W. Proctor, and Edward Everett.

From the 19th Wisconsin, the original muster roll of Capt. Warring's Company of the Jeff. Davis Legion of Cavalry, captured at Richmond; a large amount of Confederate currency; specimens of Confederate bonds, and many other relics.

From Col. John H. Peck, a fifty-five dollar Continental Bill, taken from the body of a dead Indian, by him, on the battle-ground of Pea Ridge.

TO OUR MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN.

The VOICE OF THE FAIR will be a desirable advertising medium, it will be sent broad cast all over the North West, by Soldiers' Aid Societies, News dealers and otherwise. The rates of advertising are \$1.25 per square. Advertisements may be left at the office of Rounds & James, 46 State Street, where the paper is published.

The only persons who are authorized to receive advertisements are the members of the Fair paper committee, Messrs. Rounds & James, Miss Helen A. Butler, Miss Gertrude Van Patten, and Mr. Schwarlose.

All the money received for advertisements and subscriptions will go to the funds of the Fair.

OUR READERS must not regard this, the first number, of our paper as a fair specimen of what it will be. This issue was gotten up in haste. Future issues will be made up more carefully, and will possess a greater variety and a better quality of contents.

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THE WANTS OF OUR DISABLED SOLDIERS.

The Executive Committee of the Northwestern Sanitary Fair to the Public.

The Executive Committee having in charge the Northwestern Sanitary and Soldiers' Home Fair, make the following statement of facts:

First. The wants of our suffering soldiers are more pressing now than at any time during the war, and the means to relieve them within the control of the Sanitary Commission are less adequate.

Second. The bravest and the best of our fellow-countrymen, who shall have been wounded in the last charge and the crowning victory, are in danger of suffering the most.

Third. No former contributions can absolve the patriot from hastening to this appeal in behalf of the 300,000 men now lying in hospitals, at least 100,000 of whom are permanently disabled, and will need aid for a long time to come.

All persons having in their hands money contributed for the Fair, are urgently solicited to forward it at once, and the Committee will see that it is credited to the department to which it belongs.

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— Among the many things of interest in our great and growing city is the magnificent establishment of Edward Ely, corner of Washington and Dearborn streets. Be sure and visit it.