

VOICE OF THE FAIR.

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FAIR GOSSIP.

The rainy weather of the past two days has had the effect of thinning the attendance at the Fair somewhat, and yet even the general dampness of the outward world does not dampen the ardor of the busy hands and eyes and voices in the exhibition halls, where the lively times continue. There are fewer visitors, but more purchasers—and these latter are what the Fair now needs. There are such large stocks of goods of various kinds still on hand, that it would seem to require a long time before all of them can be disposed of. The prices are low, and we urge people to go and buy, bearing in mind the fact that the proceeds go to the needy soldiers.

Those young ladies who did themselves the "distinguished honor" of kissing General Grant at Union Hall on Monday morning feel quite proud of their exploit. Nobody but Mrs. Grant and her little Nellie ever did the like to our great chieftain since he has been a chieftain. The General was heard to say, after all the ladies had kissed him to their hearts' content, that "that beat the siege of Vicksburg out of sight."

There will be a fine opportunity for somebody to buy an Iowa farm cheaply at the Fair this morning at 11 o'clock, at Union Hall. The "Army Farm," presented to the Fair, will be sold at that hour to the highest bidder. It is a fine tract of land, as we are assured, well located in Harrison county, Iowa—consisting of 160 acres. At the same time and place, two other tracts of Iowa lands, and several village lots, also donated to the Fair, will be auctioned off.

Governor Oglesby, who spent Monday and Tuesday in this city, returned to Springfield Tuesday night. He made a quiet visit or two to the Fair while here, and addressed the returned soldiers at Camp Fry on Tuesday afternoon. Illinois is fortunate in having a Governor who has himself been one of the bravest of her soldiers, winning the Major General's stars on bloody fields, and now carrying in his precious person a rebel bullet. As gallant an officer as the national service has had, as ardent a patriot as lives under the sun, as faithful an Executive as any State ever has been honored with, and as whole-souled a gentleman as we ever find, is Governor Richard J. Oglesby.

We continue to see the bronzed but beaming faces and the ever-honorable "Union blue" of veteran soldiers in the halls of the Fair. The noble fellows are always welcome there.

Dr. A. Gibbs, chairman of the Cook County War Fund Committee, informs us that over a thousand wives of soldiers and three or four hundred of the children of soldiers, availed themselves of the special invitation of the officers of the Fair, extended through him to the families of soldiers, to visit the grand exhibition free of charge. It was a rich treat to them, and many a good heart was made glad to witness their enjoyment of it.

William Allen Butler, the New York poet, author of the celebrated poem of "Nothing to Wear," has been among the delighted visitors of our Fair.

The shares in the raffle for Gen. Grant's war-horse, presented by him to Mrs. Gen. Sherman for the Fair, are now going off quite rapidly. There are five hundred shares at \$2 a share. You may buy a ticket at any time during the day or evening at the Catholic booth.

Congressmen E. B. Washburne, of this State, and A. P. Edgerton, of Maryland, were at the Fair on Tuesday, taking a great interest therein.

U. S. Senator Yates, in behalf of a number of our citizens, on Tuesday, presented a costly cane to Hon. J. B. Bradwell, superintendent of the arms and trophies department of the Fair, at Bryan Hall. The cane, which had been presented to the Fair and purchased for Judge Bradwell, is of wood cut from Mount Vernon, near the grave of Washington. This was a richly deserved tribute to the energetic and untiring efforts of the Judge, in behalf of his department, for the past few months. It was by his personal effort that the immense collection in this wonderful department was brought together and so admirably arranged in the hall. None have worked harder, or to better effect, for the Fair, than has Judge Bradwell, and we are glad his services have been thus publicly recognized by his friends.

One of Garibaldi's officers has sent to the Fair the handkerchief that that distinguished Italian leader wore through the campaign in

Italy in 1860. It is a choice relic, and the only one from Garibaldi that the Fair has been so fortunate as to secure. It is in Bryan Hall. It is a figured red silk handkerchief.

The wonderful little "baby house"—one of the new features of Union Hall—is the great object of admiration among big and little folks. It is a miniature house, its interior completely furnished, and the whole affair looking for all the world like the dwelling of a Lilliputian. It is valued at \$1000, and is to be disposed of by lottery. Here is a chance for those wishing to make a magnificent present to their little friends.

The little genius, Dudley Waller, who reads and declaims so like a thoroughly educated elocutionist and orator, gives his levees at the south end of Union Hall from 11 to 12 A. M., from 3 to 4 and from 6 to 8 P. M. He is only eight years of age, and astonishes all his hearers.

The "Chicago Fair Memorial" made of bronze, large size, and appropriately inscribed on both sides, is now ready for those wishing to purchase a memento of this great event. It has a likeness of Mr. Lincoln on one side, and military and naval representations on the other. It is sold for \$2.

The Fair will probably close about one week from next Saturday, though it may continue a week beyond that.

The busiest man in Chicago, during the Fair, is Thomas B. Bryan, Esq., its General Superintendent. He has to be "all over and everywhere," persons at his elbows, on business, continually; this lady asking for this and that, one for another thing—reporters "sounding" him for news—employees requesting orders for the day or for pay—committees and individuals without number waiting on him or for him at the office—distinguished individuals to be introduced and shown over the Fair, with one eye upon the whole Fair all the while; and the other on his desk, where he dispatches business like a steam engine. Present at the opening and at the closing of the halls, and constantly so entirely occupied and employed that one would think the devoted man would be "tired to death," and yet he has a kind word and a sunny smile for everybody at any time of day. Some of our business men have excused themselves from helping along at the Fair for an hour or two occasionally, because they "hadn't time to leave their business;" and yet Mr. Bryan has probably as large a private business interests requiring his attention as the most of them, but at a sacrifice of personal comfort and private business, devotes himself, his energies and his means to the good cause which he has always had so much at heart ever since the war broke out. No man has done or given more for the aid and comfort of the soldiers than Mr. Bryan, and no man is doing or giving more to-day.

Horticultural Hall, with its floral, aquatic, zoological, ornithological and other attractions, does not become an "old story." It looks as fresh and much more inviting to-day than it did when the Fair opened.

Zenobia and the Emancipation painting are receiving more visitors daily. People are just beginning to find out the great merit and attractiveness of these works of art, in lower Bryan Hall.

The machinery department in the "west wing" of Union Hall is a fine field of study and curiosity, and the scene of life and a "busy hum" all day long.

The young gentlemen are still contesting the question as to who is "the prettiest lady in Chicago" by voting for their favorites and the \$1,000 dressing-case.

GOOD TEMPLAR'S DEPARTMENT.—The beautiful Silver Tea Set, worth \$80 was drawn by A. Gunderson. It was donated by Wm. A. Bradford & Co. A harrow from their department was turned over to the Agricultural department worth \$20, donated by McCowan Brothers, of Shannah, Ill. The Cane donated by Dr. Albert Day of Boston, made from one of the window sills of the old Hancock house, is still on exhibition and for sale, worth \$25. Mrs. Dickson of the Ladies' Restaurant, acknowledges the receipt of 8 cans of fruit, and 1 keg of pickles to this department. The beautiful Album containing 100 pictures of grand lodge officers, is on exhibition, price \$50. The Good Templars are doing a fine work for the Fair, as well as in the glorious work in which they are united.

PRESENTATION.—On Tuesday P. M. the ladies connected with the Methodist booth presented to their chairman, Mrs. Dr. Tiffany, a beautiful ice pitcher and salver, as an acknowledgment of her faithful and efficient services in the department. The presentation in behalf of the ladies was made by Rev. A. Edwards.

BOUQUETS.—Beautiful bouquets can be obtained at the southern extremity of Union Hall, and the venders are as sweet as their wares.

PRIZE.—H. J. Drew, drew the Jeff Davis jug in the Miscellaneous department. Will he come and get it?

BADGES FOR THE SOLDIERS.—Everybody says—"Why, of course, you give all the soldiers badges when they visit the Fair;" but everybody does not remember that the badges cost money and that it will drain the resources of that department to furnish a thousand a day to the "boys." Now come up and donate handsomely for the object you so highly esteem.

A TOUCHING INCIDENT.—On Saturday evening when Gen. Grant was unsuccessfully endeavoring to make his way through the dense crowds in Union Hall; becoming fatigued he took refuge for a moment in the Catholic booth, near the gallery. As he was passing out one of the ladies took up the little daughter of the lamented Col. Mulligan and said, "General you must kiss this little girl before you go." The great man laid down his bouquets and clasping the fatherless child imparted a kiss on her forehead.

This so touched the feelings of Mrs. Mulligan who sat by that she burst into tears. It is, by this unaffected modesty and uniform kindness of disposition and conduct that the hero wins the love as he has done the admiration of the country.

VALUABLE PRIZES DRAWN.

The following are the lucky numbers drawn at the Jewelers Department, to date.

No. 11	drew Silver Wine Castor.....	\$50.00
" 10 "	" " Tete a Tete Set....	40.00
" 31 "	" " Tea Set.....	60.00
" 12 "	" " Tete a Tete Set....	45.00
" 5 "	" " Coffee Urn.....	40.00
" 9 "	" " Silver Tea Set.....	60.00
" 2 "	" " Cake Dish.....	12.00
" 8 "	" " Castor.....	10.00
" 33 "	" " Tea Set.....	60.00
" 1 "	" " Berry Dish.....	15.00
" 40 "	" " Solid Silver Goblets.....	80.00
" 1 "	" " Silver Castor.....	15.00
" 13 "	" " Ice Pitcher.....	20.00
" 21 "	" " Ice Fountain.....	25.00
" 12 "	" " Ice Pitcher.....	20.00
" 22 "	" " Custard Stand....	50.00
" 20 "	" " Toast and Egg Stand	25.00

\$627.00

The Jewelers' Booth is the great attraction, for those desiring to realize the value of their greenbacks. If they do not succeed, the soldiers do, and they are the noble boys we are now working for. Come up with your dollars and take a chance for the soldiers.

JAS. H. HOES,

Chairman of Committee on Jewelry.

PLEASING INCIDENT.—On Monday morning, June 12, there was an event which has been overlooked, but must now be mentioned.

Mrs. Gen. Grant, having entered the Methodist booth, was there presented with a beautiful saddle-cloth, worked in gold by Mr. Carbut, and purchased for \$200 by dollar subscriptions; and with a basket of flowers from the Presbyterian booth; a pair of antlers from the Iowa department, and a box of perfumery from Mr. Woodworth. The presentation of the saddle-cloth, in behalf of the Methodist booth, was made by Mrs. Crews, wife of Rev. Hooper Crews, of Joliet, and pleasantly acknowledged by Mrs. Grant.

FLORAL DEPARTMENT DONATIONS.

Meacham, Brickton, cut flowers.
 Simmons, Chicago, " "
 Phoenix, Bloomington, cut flowers.
 " " box plants.
 Sanders, Chicago, eighteen bouquets.
 Mrs. Dunlap, Jefferson, cut flowers.
 Mr. Stoley, Chicago, plants.
 Alice and Alma Hill, Babcock's Grove, cut flowers.
 Mrs. Merrill, Aurora, cut flowers.
 A. T. Williams, Chicago, six bouquets.
 School, Charleston, cut flowers.
 Marengo children, " "
 Lydia Hull, Babcock's Grove, fine pond lilies.
 Ladies' Union League, Brickton, cut flowers.
 Joel Reeves, Ainsworth, " "
 D. C. Young, Joliet, " "
 Soldier's widow, Aurora, " "
 Marengo, three or four lots from children.
 Baptist Department, cut flowers.
 Sanders, Chicago, two doz. spruce.
 Hovey & Co., Boston, 15 vols. Magazine Horticulture, value \$30.00.
 J. C. Ure, Chicago, lot cut flowers.
 Sulzer & Bro., Chicago, fine large ivys.
 H. H. Koon, Springfield, one box fine flowers.

ARTICLES TO BE DISPOSED OF BY VOTE, OR TICKET, OR RAFFLE, AND THEIR VALUATIONS.

UNION HALL.

Dressing case. European department, worth \$1000.
 Four grand pianos, four organs, four melodeons, and quantities of sheet music, all worth \$7000. In one grand raffle.
 Silver epergne, \$160; tea set, \$60; custard stand, \$50; wine stand, \$60; tea set, \$40; pearl set, \$200; watch, \$100; all in the jewelry department.
 A brown statuette, \$100; two albums, \$50; each in Berlin department.
 Sofa cushion, \$35. London department.
 Black silk basquine, \$75. Dry goods department.
 Afghan, \$75; two statuettes, by Rogers, \$25; each painting of flowers, \$30; shell pictures, \$25; baby set with afghan, \$75. New Jerusalem department.
 Embroidered stand, \$45; sofa pillow, \$50; doll bride wardrobe and bed, \$50; hair wreath, made from hair of President Lincoln and Cabinet, \$1000. Episcopalian department.
 Lamb's knitting machine, \$100; two Wilcox & Gibb's sewing machines, \$75 & \$100; one Singer's machine, \$100; button hole machine, \$175. All at sewing machine department.
 Crayton sketch, \$75; silver pitcher, \$30; portrait of Lincoln, \$30. Friends of Progress department.
 Wine stand, \$50. Miscellaneous department.
 Shell basket from Cuba, \$75; silver set, \$75. Catholic department.
 One basket wax flowers, \$50. Philadelphia department.
 Pictures:—Home of Washington, \$60 Heart of the Andes, \$60; Fruit pieces, \$60; Irving and Friends, \$50. New York department.
 Tea-set, \$80; Wax fruit basket, \$50; Rustic seat, \$50. Iowa department.
 Ermine set, \$60; Two Robes, coon and wolf, \$50 each. Hat, cap and fur department.
 Billiard table (Brunswick's) \$1000.
 Plated tea-set, \$200; seed wreath, \$50. Good Templar's department.
 Bouquet Stand, (Tripod,) 25 shares at \$1 each.
 Crape Shawl, 40 shares at \$3 each.
 Child's Afghan, 30 shares at \$1 each.
 Baby with furnished cradle, 50 shares at 50 cents each.
 One set infant's wardrobe, 25 shares, \$8 each.
 Painting, in water colors, (flowers,) 60 shares at 50 cents each.
 Photograph Album of noted Massachusetts men, with Autographs of same, 40 shares at 50 cents each.
 Album of Generals, 100 shares at \$1 each.
 Doll, (Scotch Boy,) 30 shares at \$1 each.
 Five first class engravings, 40 shares at \$5 each.

BRYAN HALL.

Magnificent autograph book containing autographs of eminent persons in Europe and America, \$1000. Miscellaneous department.
 14 paintings, \$250. Michigan department.
 Elegant scrap book containing portraits of nearly all eminent persons mentioned in English history, \$50. Baptist stand in east wing.
 Washington ring, \$250.
 Lock of Napoleon's hair.
 Spoon used by Gen. Sherman at Fort Moultrie, \$30.
 Ivory card box (most exquisite,) \$30.
 Gold-headed cane made from wood cut from tomb of Washington, \$60.
 Pen used by Lincoln in signing the resolution of Congress submitting to the Legislature of the several States a proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States.
 Antique silver watch chain owned by William of Nassau, Prince of Orange, \$100.

OAK RIDGE CEMETERY,
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., June 13, '65.

A. H. HOVEY, Esq.—Dear Sir: I have shipped to you to-day, by the U. S. Express Co., a box of flowers taken from the vault in which lie the remains of President Lincoln. The bouquet was arranged and placed on the coffin by Mrs. Willis from flowers taken principally from the grounds of the cemetery. Knowing the great desire of the people to obtain anything in the shape of mementoes, I take the greatest pleasure in sending you this, feeling that while I am gratifying them, I can also do something for the noble cause in which you are engaged.

Yours truly,

GEO WILLIS,
Warden Oak Ridge Cemetery.

C. Bronson, of the Tobacco Works at Toledo, O., has donated, through S. Stephenson, \$25 in cash to the Tobacco and Cigar Department of the Fair.