

HERE AND THERE THROUGH UNION HALL.

In strolling through Union Hall one comes across many articles scattered here and there, which may or may not be connected with any particular department, but which are deserving of notice. Most of these we have already spoken of, but as some of them are of special interest it is only right that we should refer to them again.

A SPLENDID SAFE.

In the centre of one of the cross halls will be noticed a beautifully finished and massive fire and burglar proof safe, which looks a perfect salamander. It is from the celebrated factory of Diebold, Bahmann & Co., of Cincinnati by whom it was donated to the Fair. The safes of this firm are well known throughout the country and are in use in many of our largest establishments, so far as we know they give every satisfaction, and are in every respect what they are represented.

HERRING'S PATENT.

In another part of the hall we find one of those old standard safes made by Silas Herring, and donated by the agent in this city, whose establishment is at 40 State street. Everyone has heard of Herring's safes than which better are not manufactured. It is unnecessary to praise them as the many tests they have stood spoke for them.

KNITTING MACHINES.

Amongst the many interesting and ingenious articles in the building are two knitting machines, donated by the agent, John Elliot, 120 Lake street. There is one of Aiken's make and near it another of Dalton's patent, both in working order and eagerly examined by the curious. Aiken's machine is the genuine old article, the first made, and being simple in construction can be managed by a child. It does plain work most efficiently and can also be adjusted to do certain patterns of fancy work. The finest machine, however, is Dalton's, which will knit a pair of socks in three minutes. By a little arrangement of the needles various patterns can be knitted, and the crotchet stitch made in the most perfect manner. These machines are each worth \$75, and were donated together with a hand loom by Mr. Elliot.

THE BAND IN THE GALLERY.

We have hitherto inadvertently omitted to mention that the sweet music which each afternoon and evening resounds through the hall, and adds so much to the pleasure of the visitors is furnished by the bands of the 15th and 8th Veteran Reserve Corps. They perform day about, and the excellence of the music they furnish is acknowledged by all. They are both very superior bands, and perform their duties most creditably and to the satisfaction and delight of all.

HEALEY'S PAINTING.

We direct special attention to the very fine painting of Gen. Sherman suspended over the Roman Catholic department. It is by M. Healey the well known artist, and is one of the best works he has ever produced. It is correct and life-like, and can be recognized at a glance. Gen. Sherman has never had a better representation of himself given in any likeness we have ever seen, and it reflects upon the artist the very highest credit.

DUSSELDORF PICTURES.

In passing through the east hall do not forget to call on Mrs. Green and see the fine pictures from Dusseldorf gallery, New York, which she has on exhibition. They are amongst the finest things at the Fair, and everyone will be pleased and delighted with an inspection of them.

THE POLICE.

The police have an office in the south end of the hall. There are always some of them in attendance, and all articles lost or found should be reported to them. They have already got on hand a number of articles, picked up in the building, and persons having lost anything should at once make application to them.

PICKPOCKETS.

Speaking of the police, reminds us that there have been several cases of pocket picking in the hall. It is well, therefore, for everyone to be on the lookout for these gentry, as they are quite ready and willing to relieve you of your purse.

NEW ARRIVALS FROM MICHIGAN.

A fine lot of oil paintings and crayons yesterday arrived from Michigan, all of which are donated to the Fair. The pictures are all of value and the frames new and beautiful. They are placed at the north end of the west wing, near the photographic department.

Give our patriotic Michigan friends a call and get a good bargain.

BRYAN HALL

Satisfies the most versatile taste; its beauty consists in the fresh attractions which are daily added to its already marvellous array of objects. While here, the most incorrigible grumbler is temporarily cured. Its claims upon the attention of all are not ephemeral, but permanent. It never degenerates to the level of an ordinary exhibition, and the most intimate familiarity with it fails to breed contempt. Its fault, if any, consists in its too fully gratifying even a morbid curiosity.

Yesterday was a regal day at this Hall. Not only did General Putnam step forth, and with elastic step, conduct to hymen's altar his blushing maid, but actually insisted on a repetition of the marriage, when, unfortunately for the General, the maid confessed a change of heart. "Woman!" exclaimed the disconsolate swain, "Thy name is Vanity!"

And if the people were pleased at the statement from Elizabeth Heeke that the robes which clasp the quivering limbs of Jefferson Davis were genuine, they were vastly more pleased with a sight of those complete suits of clothing worn by Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas, during that memorable campaign when the Little Giant carried the day. How gratifying for the friends of these truly lamented men, to remember, that though opponents, striving for identically the same honors, they were zealous friends even unto death.

Contributions were received from the ARSENAL AT WASHINGTON, consisting, in an extensive variety, of rifles and fire arms; a thorough and complete set of fuses, and every species of small cartridges used in our armies; a new variety of shot and shell; among the latter are several of the genuine Armstrong make, which emanated from the swelling flanks of John Bull, to the now ossified Miss Secesh. The Armstrong shells are well worth a careful examination, and were contributed by General Meade; also, hand grenades and an enormous sword, the procreator of all swords, formerly the property of a slashing dragoon. The above are among the most recent contributions.

The sales at this department are progressing rapidly; we learn incidentally that at the close of the Fair, a number of choice relics will be disposed of at the fall of the hammer.

Last evening we noticed that Mrs. Smith was still the same pattern of industry she has been throughout the Fair, and was rapidly disposing of the few remaining numbers of that Washington ring. Her assiduity and diligence in promoting whatever enterprise promised most success, and her uniform good humor entitle her to the encomiums of all the staunch friends of this vast effort in behalf of our soldiers.

And if the above can be justly said of Mrs. Smith, what could not be said of Mrs. Judge Bradwell, who, long before this magnificent structure in which she presides was animated with its grandeur, was devoting all her wonderful energies to its complete success; her attentions to everybody and everything have been unceasing, and in the midst of a *melange* of questions, which would have frenzied an ordinary person, her courtesy and kindness have maintained an equable glow. The flattering success of this department *must*, to a vast extent, be attributed to her connection with it.

Nor can we forget our kind friend Dr. Perry, who still presides at that space specially devoted to implements of war; no amount of questioning can confuse him; for every inquiry he has a true and ready answer, and after conversing with him and listening to his rapid description of every article to which his attention is called, you marvel

"That one small head holds all he knows."

MISS HOSMER'S STATUE OF ZENOBI.

The magnificent statue of Zenobia, by Harriet Hosmer, of Rome, which by unavoidable causes, has been withheld from exhibition, is to-day opened to the public at Bryan Hall. It is undoubtedly the finest work of art ever brought to this country. 50,000 visitors in New York and Boston have seen it since its arrival, six months ago, and its exhibition here is the last opportunity for it to be seen, as it goes from Chicago to the residence of the owner, in Fifth Avenue New York.

TREMONT HOUSE, CHICAGO.

HON. T. B. BRYAN, S. W. S. FAIR.

SIR:—Herewith I send you a basket of flowers contributed by Mrs. Sherman. They are bouquets handed the General during the trip west. I am, with respect,

L. M. DAYTON.

Maj. and A. A. Gen'l, staff Maj. Gen. Sherman.

FOR THE VOICE OF THE FAIR.

THE INFLUENCE OF EXHIBITIONS IN IMPROVING THE TASTE OF THE PEOPLE.

One of the most important, and indeed, philosophically considered, the greatest result of an exhibition or fair, is the improvement of the taste of those who attend it.

While lectures and treatises on art, often fail of accomplishing their object, the sight of the thing itself, speaks with an eloquence that carries all before it. The reality possesses a magic which its word representation has not.

Take horticulture and landscape gardening. How little have the book-teachings of the great landscape gardeners, Loudon, Paxton, and even the persuasive Downing done, in diffusing a love for rural beauties. But mark the influence of Downing's solid productions—the gardens that he has planned on the Hudson—the little paradises that he has there created—the moss-covered rocks—the sparkling brooks—the shady groves—fit places for the musings of attic philosophers—the happy surroundings of happy homes—the foster mothers teaching love to him above who clothes the earth with beauty, and fills it with the lullaby of bird melodies—fit habitations for poetic spirits—for tristing places in life's weary pilgrimage—full of holy thoughts and holy deeds. These speak tangibly to the people. These realities spread a love for the beautiful, for shady nooks and gushing water-falls. To live beside these delicious retreats and not be seized with the desire to possess such as them, is impossible. These gems of the Hudson speak to the heart. Books only to the mind.

The cathedrals of Strasburg and Reims, of Rouen and Cologne, of York and Winchester—the lofty domes—the delicate tracery—the sounding aisles—the steeples towering to the skies—the roof above from nature's own design of interweaving boughs, imbued their surrounding populations with a taste for architecture, taught the nobleman and gentlemen to erect such castles as Kenilworth, Aluwick and Arandel, such halls as Haddon and Hardwick and Knowsley. In Italy, Palladio's marble structures formed the models of the renowned palaces of Florence, the beautiful.

His embodied genius has covered the land of Virgil and Dante with palaces, terraces and arcades, full of chaste, beauty and classic form.

As it is with architecture and horticulture so it is with painting and sculpture. Raphael, typical of beauty and grace; Michael Angelo, at once painter, sculptor and architect; Rembrandt, master of gorgeous coloring and "effect so rare," Titian, father of colors brilliant and lovely, how far more eloquent have ye been, than those who would teach us what to talk of, and not show us the glorious originals—the Crucifixion, the Transfiguration, the Descent from the Cross, the Last Judgment, the Apollo Belvidere, the Venus de Medici, the Greek Slave.

How much mightier are ye than the Hazlitts and the Ruskins?

The World's Fair, at London in 1851 exerted a vast influence, in refining and improving the taste of those who attended it. Paintings, statues, architectural designs, models of ships, curious and useful machines, costly and beautiful fabrics, the best of everything were there, gathered together to serve as models of beauty and usefulness to all the world.

Let us so profit by our Fair that it shall be productive in rich results, in the improvement of our taste and in the love of nature's works and hope that it may be the harbinger of many a coming fair in the metropolis of the Northwest.

C. H.

DONATIONS TO THE FAIR.

Judge Bradwell, chairman of the Arms and Trophy department, has the honor of acknowledging the following:

A. M. Tenney—A twenty dollar bill, the first ever issued at Natchez, Mississippi.

Mrs. Hosmer—Two balls picked up on the old battle ground of New Orleans, also a natural curiosity, called "What is it?"

Coin of 1749—S. B. Carter.

A. C. Bline—Three manuals and ten pieces of Continental money.

An ancient book by M. P. Hatch, brought from Charleston, S. C.

Piece of cloth made before the Revolutionary war, by Mrs. Harrison, great, great grandmother of Mrs. D. R. Fuller, and Mrs. F. Bigelow of our city. The owner was taken prisoner by the Indians, taken to Canada and kept six months; this with other articles was in the Mohawk Valley.

From Capt. Lyman Bridges—A rebel knife, and also pair of shoe bottoms.

Large number of articles from Frank M. Slade Palatine, Ill.

From Gen. Meade—Shot and shell, also one sword, also one rebel sword.

Two canes from John O. Foster, cut from a tree on Belle Isle, Va., near where our boys are buried, April 12th, 1865.

Eleven photographs of Gen. W. Slocum. Likeness of Stonewall Jackson, by Benj. O. Foster.

The pen with which President Lincoln signed the Resolution of Congress submitting to the legislatures of the several states a proposition to amend the constitution of the United States.

Court records by E. Hamilton, captured at Fort Donnellson.

From Gen. Meade—A box containing seven broken muskets—eight in good condition; two Armstrong shells, made in England for their dear misguided brethren.

From L. Parnly, through Baptist department, a piece of Continental money; an ancient paper, 109 years old; natural curiosity from W. N. Hover of Milwaukee; also two autographs of Adoniram Judson.

From Unitarian department—One very valuable Historic cane.

From William Richards—Knife taken from rebel at siege of Vicksburg.

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 & Gibbs sewing machines, \$75 & \$100; one Singer's machine, \$100; button hole machine, \$175. All at sewing machine department.

Crayon 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 Dept.

Ermine set, \$60; Two Robes, Coon and wolf, \$50 each. Hat, cap and fur Dept.

Billiard Table (Brunswick's) \$1000.

Plated Tea-set, \$200; seed wreath, \$50. Good Templar's Dept.

BRYAN HALL.

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.

S. P. ROUNDS, Chairman Type Founder's Committee, acknowledges receipt of the following donations for the N. W. Fair:

From Messrs. Geo. Mathers' Sons, Printing Ink Manufacturers, New York City, an assortment of colored Printing Inks, valued at \$75.46.

From Alexander Zeese, Electrotyper, Chicago, cash \$10.00.

—DR. BELLOWS.—Dr. Bellows of New York, President of the U. S. Sanitary Commission, will speak in Union Hall to-day at 3 P. M. The presentation to the officers of the "Eagle Army," will follow immediately thereafter. Mr. A. Sewell master of ceremonies.