

VOICE OF THE FAIR.

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BE FRIENDS IN NEED.

Thousands of our brave volunteer soldiers—many of them the veterans of the campaigns of Vicksburg, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Georgia and the Carolinas—are now lying in hospitals, sick or wounded. They will not be fit for service or able to take care of themselves for months—some of them not for years.

It is for the purpose of properly caring for these disabled veterans, who have fought, bled and suffered in the nation's defense, that the forthcoming Northwestern Sanitary Fair is to be held. Funds are needed by the Sanitary and Christian Commissions and the Soldiers' Home, whose object is to give all needful help and comfort to the disabled or suffering heroes of our armies.

We cannot exert ourselves too much, or exhibit too great a liberality, in this matter. True, we, all of us, have given liberally already for this and kindred objects. But the necessity for giving more still exists, and even as our brave "boys in blue" wearied not and despaired not in their courage and endurance until the rebellion was suppressed, so should we not weary or despair in our efforts in their behalf, now that they need our help. It is a mere pittance of the large debt we owe them, and no whole-hearted patriot will hesitate to do his full share.

WHAT'S THE USE?

We still hear the question asked, "The war is virtually at an end, and what then is the use of another Sanitary Fair for the soldiers?"

We can best answer this question by asking another: "Will the end of the war empty our military hospitals, make all the thousands of sick and wounded soldiers well, and stop the sufferings of the hundreds of thousands of poor men, women and children, all over the country, who are suffering victims of the rebellion?"

It will require years to repair the damages done by the war, and among the most grievous of these damages are those under which our brave boys are suffering in the scores of hospitals throughout the land. These must continue to be taken care of, tenderly and well, and to do this is the mission of the Sanitary and Christian Commissions and Soldiers' Home, for the benefit of which the approaching Fair is to be held.

We wish that the end of the war would indeed end all suffering and obviate all necessity for effort and charity among the people to comfort and help the brave men who suffer. But it is easy to be seen that it will not, and that, therefore, it is our duty to keep up our soldiers' aid and sanitary organizations, and enable them to minister to the wants of the needy so long as the hospitals have inmates and the army and navy continue in existence.

A PHOTOGRAPH OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN, WITH HIS AUTOGRAPH SIGNATURE.

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS BID FOR IT.

Richard Edwards, of St. Louis, sends to the ladies of the Presbyterian Department of the Sanitary Fair, a photograph of Abraham Lincoln, which, as Mr. Edwards writes, has attached to it "his own signature, and was given me by himself about three weeks previous to his leaving Springfield for Washington. It may attract attention and competition. I may add that at the time it was taken, it was considered by the family as the best likeness ever taken."

Mr. Edwards, in a postscript, says, "You will please, ladies, consider me a bidder for the picture to the amount of one thousand dollars." Who is the next bidder?

A CHANCE FOR GALLANTRY.

A gentleman from London has transmitted to the Chairman of the Committee of the Foreign Department of the Fair, a Lady's Dressing Case, of novel construction, which cost about \$1,000. It is to be disposed of by ballot, as follows:

Tickets will be prepared, "The prettiest girl I know, Miss —," "The girl I love, Miss —," the blanks to be filled by the purchaser—\$1 each—the young lady receiving the most ballots to be awarded the dressing case. Here is a chance for our gallants to show their admiration and their love in a way not offensive, and yet pay a very pretty compliment. Come, girls, look your prettiest, and go to electioneering.

A UNION "AS IT SHOULD BE"

The Sanitary Commission and the Christian Commission have united in the forthcoming Northwestern Sanitary Fair. This is as it should be. Under the union arrangement the Soldiers' Home is to receive \$50,000, the Christian Commission \$50,000, and the Sanitary Commission what remains of the proceeds of the forthcoming Fair.

These three institutions having a common object—the relief of our disabled soldiers—it is entirely proper that they should act in concert, and share, as equally as possible, in the proceeds of the Fair that is to be held for the help of our needy soldiers.

New York raised over a million of dollars by her Sanitary Fair; Philadelphia raised nearly a million; and now the Northwest intends to excel both those great fairs, at Chicago. The West, when once fully aroused, cannot be beaten by the East in any work of liberality or patriotism.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CHICAGO FUNERAL ARCH.

CATAFALCO AND IMMORTELES TO BE EXHIBITED AT THE GREAT SANITARY FAIR.

The universal expression in regard to the funeral arch at Park place, and the catafalco at the Court House, erected in honor of the late President Lincoln, on the arrival of the remains in Chicago, has induced the Committee of Arrangements to place them in the care and custody of the Mayor of this city, to be retained in some permanent place hereafter. The following correspondence will show that the Sanitary Fair is to have the benefit of them. The architects, Messrs. Boyington and Van Osdel, have generously consented to take charge and erect them as shall be directed by the Chairman of the department to which they are assigned:

CHICAGO, April 31, 1865.

Sir: I am directed by the committee appointed by the Common Council having in charge the arrangements for the reception of the remains of the late President, to place in your care and keeping, as the representative of the city, the funeral arch at Park place and the catafalco at the Court House, accompanied with the request that they may be placed in the Arms and Trophy Department of the Sanitary Fair, soon to be held in this city; to be safely guarded while in charge of the Committee on Trophies, Relics, etc., and returned to your care when the Fair shall close.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

CHARLES L. WILSON,
Secretary of the Committee.

Hon. JOHN B. RICE, Mayor.

CHICAGO, May 3, 1865.

To the Secretary of Committee appointed by the Common Council of Chicago for the reception of the remains of the late President:

Sir: I do hereby accept the funeral arch and catafalco used in the reception of the remains of Abraham Lincoln, late President of the United States, as the property of the city of Chicago; and very gladly accede to your request of having the same placed in the Arms, Trophy and Relic Department of the Sanitary Fair, to be inaugurated May 30, 1865, in this city of Chicago.

Very truly yours,
J. B. RICE,
Mayor City of Chicago.

Hon. CHARLES L. WILSON, Secretary Committee.
Some of the flowers and immortelles that remained on the coffin while the President's remains were lying in state in this city, have also been preserved for exhibition at the Sanitary Fair.

FAIR PLAY.

"The brave deserve the fair," is an old quotation, and a true one. That's why our Fair is to be held.

We often hear it said, now-a-days, that "the rebellion is played out." Say rather that it is *slayed out*.

The Sanitary Fair folks are erecting their large new building for the great exhibition on Dearborn Park, opposite the Soldiers' Rest. A soldier in the Rest, the other day, thus exclaimed:

"Here the weary are at rest,
There the grateful are at work."

This is not poetry, but truth. A volume could not have better expressed the designs of these two adjacent institutions.

An officer at Richmond, pointing to Roger A. Pryor, the dandified rebel Virginian, asked a companion if that wasn't Gov. Wise. "Oh, no," was the reply, "that fellow is more nice than Wise."

It is no longer true that Cotton is King, but the people of Chicago are proud to know that Rice is Mayor.

A sentimental young lady sends us some verses for publication in THE VOICE, commencing:

"He promised to come when evening came,
But patiently waiting, I look in vain."

The "effusion" is imperfect in rhythm, defective in rhyme, and by far too tender in sentiment to be appreciated by this "wicked, wicked world." We advise the dear creature hereafter to burn up very carefully all her "poetry" as soon as it is written, have mercy upon a poor editor's susceptibilities, and commence a suit at law against the young chap she complains of, for breach of promise. If she fails to recover damages, we will charge her nothing for our brotherly advice.

Chicago is called the "Garden City." That's because of her many pretty girls and lovely women. She's a flower-garden city.

Billy Trover was the son of a physician, and enlisted in the army. One day, during a fight, he was bragging how sure a marksman he was with a musket. Taking aim at a rebel, he remarked to a companion, "Jim, d'ye see that grey-back yonder?" "Yes." "Well, that reb. is as sure of death as if my old dad had prescribed for him."

THE GREAT NORTHWESTERN SANITARY FAIR—one of the greatest events of the kind yet known in this country since the war began—will open in this city on the 30th of this month. The immense building on the Lake shore, for its accommodation, is now rapidly going up, and contributions continue to come in freely from all parts of the country and of the world. It will be a splendid display and a magnificent success, present prospects indicate the certainty of this.

The original manuscripts of the poems of John G. Saxe and Mrs. Akers, and the sentiments of Bishop McIlvaine and Mr. Dana, published in this number of THE VOICE, and of the letters from Gen. Sherman, Parson Brownlow, and Gerritt Smith, published last week, are preserved, and will be on exhibition in the department of Relics, Autographs, &c., of the Fair, under charge of Judge Bradwell.

Judge Bradwell, of the department of Relics, Autographs, Photographs, etc., and C. L. Wilson, Esq., of the department of Foreign Correspondence of the Fair, are vigorously at work to secure valuable, novelties, and large donations for their respective departments, and are very successful. Almost daily they receive large contributions. They make a *business* of their work, hence their success.

Miss Hosmer's statue of Zenobia, which has been on exhibition at Boston so long, is coming to Chicago, to be one of the attractions of the Great Sanitary Fair.

NORTHWESTERN SANITARY FAIR.

APPEAL OF MRS. GENERAL WILLIAM T. SHERMAN.

A department of the Northwestern Sanitary Fair, to commence in Chicago, May 30, 1865, for the relief of our sick and wounded soldiers, having been placed under the care of Mrs. William T. Sherman, she is confident that it is not presuming upon the interest and generosity of officers and soldiers of our victorious armies to call upon them not only for money, but for such articles of value and army relics as they may have in their possession, which will have untold worth in the eyes of their loyal compatriots.

None know so well the needs of our brave army, in time of sickness, and when suffering from a gunshot and sabre stroke, as the army itself; none will appreciate more sensibly the efforts now making for the relief of the three hundred thousand heroic sufferers, languishing to-day in hospitals, and who will need tender care and cherishing for the coming year. For such of the gallant men as have fallen gloriously in battle, or from lingering wounds and sickness, our "Requiescat in pace" shall never be wanting. Yet duty to the living appeals no less to the tenderest sensibilities of the human heart. Who can have more claim upon the universal heart than the patriot soldier, the defender of his country's right, the vindicator of the country's honor?

Mrs. Sherman also appeals to her friends to whom this circular may come, for such aid in enriching her department with valuable contributions as their generosity and patriotism may suggest. Any contributions will be acceptable. Nothing sent can come amiss.

All donations of money should be forwarded, by draft or express, to "Mrs. General William T. Sherman, care of Mrs. Wm. H. Fitch, Chicago, Ill." All contributions of articles for sale should be marked—"Northwestern Sanitary Fair, Chicago, Ill. For Mrs. General Sherman's Department." The express companies bring small packages free. Heavy freight is transported free to the fair by the railroads. All donations should be forwarded by May 22.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FAIR.

James B. Bradwell, Chairman of the Committee on Arms, Trophies, Curiosities, Relics and Autographs, reports the following receipts:

From Elizabeth A. C. Akers, original poem.

Letter, autographs of Boston Corbett and Florence Percy.

Admiral Dupont—Autographs and photographs.

Senator Wilson—Photographs and autographs.

Gov. Gilmore—Autograph letter.

J. D. Defrees—One page of the last message to Congress of President Lincoln, in his own handwriting.

Geo. A. Shufeldt, Jr.—Autograph letters of Gen. Washington, Edward Livingston, Martin Van Buren, and Gov. Marey.

From Frade Heegaard—A letter written by the Bishop of Denmark to the people of his diocese in 1682.

Bishop McIlvaine—Autograph letter, photograph, autograph prayer.

Correspondence from the War Department in regard to the orders of Col. Dahlgren, and autograph letter of Gen. Townsend.

Richard H. Dana, Jr.—Autograph letter and photograph.

The following contributions from Dr. Edmund Hale, of St. Louis:—Feegee temple, \$20; Feegee war club, \$13; Feegee carved paddle, \$10; Feegee war paddle, \$10; savage paddle, \$8; two swords of sword-fish, \$2; saw of saw-fish, \$2; three swords shark's teeth, \$13; bows and arrows, \$10; two long spears shark's teeth, \$15; long spear, \$5; Madagascar war spear, \$5; Madagascar fish-spear, \$3; Esquimaux dress, \$5; two slabs whalebone, \$20; New Zealand adze, \$18; Australian boomerang, \$2; club from N. W. coast, \$2; whaling implements, \$15; Esquimaux harpoon, \$3; harpoon and paddle, \$4; porpoise jaw, \$1; two pieces taffa cloth, \$10; Japanese censer, \$5.

THE ADDRESSES AND SPEECHES OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN.

The officers of the Northwestern Sanitary Fair have deputed the Rev. Dr. Humphrey, of this city, to compile and edit a volume of the addresses delivered by President Lincoln at various times during his official career. It will be a neatly printed volume, and will contain all the remarkable and characteristic speeches that were made by our late President during the last five years.

The book will be printed at the printing office of Messrs. Rounds & James, which is a sufficient guarantee that it will be got out in admirable style, as far as the typography is concerned. The book will be offered for sale at the Fair.

FOR THE VOICE OF THE FAIR.

A SENTIMENT FROM A BOSTON SCHOLAR.

Peace with Rebellion cannot be made; it must come. It must come, as fair weather comes after a tempest. It must come, as public health comes after the plague or the cholera. But, whoever heard of public health restored by a compact, to which society was one party, and the epidemic the other!

RICH. H. DANA, JR.

BOSTON, April 29th, 1865.

A SENTIMENT BY BISHOP McILVAINE.

May God prosper the Fair, and bless our brave soldiers, and make us all most thankful for the success which has attended their devotion and sufferings.

CHAS. P. McILVAINE,
Bishop of the Diocese of Ohio.

CINCINNATI, May 4th, 1865.

A LARGE CABIN.—A Western paper says, "It's only twenty-one years since the first log cabin was erected in Burlington, Iowa, and now it contains 20,120 inhabitants."

THE GREAT FAIR.

ITS CHEERING PROSPECTS—LIBERAL DONATIONS COMING IN—MAGNIFICENT ATTRACTIONS, &c.

The following encouraging statement of the condition and prospects of the great Northwestern Sanitary Fair enterprise, is furnished by Mrs. D. P. Livermore, who, as one of the general officers of the Sanitary Commission in this city, is one of the most active and efficient workers for its success:

The contributions in money to the fair have already reached the sum of \$30,000. From California articles of Chinese and Japanese ware selected in San Francisco, have been forwarded, and are now in Chicago, which cost there \$1,500 in gold, and are worth five times that amount in New York. Another \$1,000 worth are yet to be shipped.

From Berlin, articles have been received worth there \$1,500.

From St. Petersburg, two valuable boxes are received, the duties on which, had they not been remitted, would have been over \$80.

We have had notifications of \$1,500 worth of articles to be forwarded from Liverpool and \$5,000 worth from Paris. It is expected that they will be received some time this month.

Two valuable boxes arrived on Saturday from New York, containing fancy furniture, clothes, parian and porcelain wares, articles of papier mache and china.

The artists of Boston give an album containing fifty sketches made by themselves, worth \$100 a sketch, which can be sold, with its exquisite case, in that city, for \$5,000. They inquire, "Shall we sell it here and give you the money, or send it to Chicago for sale?" In addition, Boston promises to send cut glass, French and German baskets of exquisite manufacture and designs, fancy china, etc. Some of these boxes have already arrived, and the ladies of that city, aided by a committee of gentlemen, are still working to aid the fair. The contributions from Boston will be large, handsome, and valuable.

New York and Philadelphia have each promised most generous aid; and in each city a competent committee, accustomed to this kind of work, is diligently gathering contributions from it.

Ansonia, New Haven county, Conn., sends us a valuable box, worth from \$600 to \$1,000.

New Bedford, contributes a most valuable collection of shells.

The Rochester, N. Y., Chemical works sends \$5,000 worth of the choicest flavoring extracts, odors, perfumes, hair oils, fancy soaps, pomades, colognes, toilet articles, &c., with elegant show cases for their exhibition and elegant appearance at the fair.

Pittsburgh, Pa., sends stoves, hardware, a model "Monitor" eight feet long, and a "Merrimac" thirteen feet long, for a mimic contest to be exhibited in Monitor hall.

Canton, O., Moline, Ill., and numerous other towns send cider mills, cultivators, farm plows, sorghum evaporators, wheat drills, hay forks, and an immense quantity of like articles. The machinery and agricultural implement department is to be a very large and valuable one.

The chairman of the grocery department announces that he has received from \$5,000 to \$10,000 worth of groceries for his department in New York alone, and has yet to visit Philadelphia, Baltimore and other cities.

The chairman of the book department received \$500 worth of contributions to his department on Friday morning. His department will amount, he is confident, from the way donations are coming in, to \$5,000.

The chairman of the wines and liquor department informs us that his department will be worth from \$6,000 to \$10,000.

The chairman of the boot and shoe department estimates his donations to be already above \$5,000.

The chairman of the iron and steel department received \$600 worth of donations from one house on Friday morning.

Two thousand dollars per week are paid into the treasury of the fair, by Alfred L. Sewell, of Dunlop, Sewell & Spalding, for sales of the photograph of the live eagle of the 8th Wisconsin volunteers, which is to be at the fair. He is publishing a life of the eagle, which will have an immense sale. Immense numbers of copies are bespoken.

Rev. E. S. Norris, the agent of the fair in Iowa, was in Chicago on Saturday, to make arrangements for his department, and for the entertainment during the fair of the sixty persons who are to take charge of it. He announces that, if possible, Iowa feels more interest in this than in her own fair, held a year ago. Every county is organized and at work. The State fair held in Dubuque, a year ago, realized \$65,000; the Iowa department of this fair is expected to realize the same amount. The people of that State declare it shall. They have collected 1,000 bushels of potatoes, among other things, for the hospitals, now awaiting shipment at Dubuque.

Rev. Ed. Eggleston, and Mrs. Thos. Simpson, who have the Minnesota department of the fair in charge, announce that that department will yield the fair \$25,000.

Michigan has set her figures at \$50,000 as the result of her department in the fair, and is turning heaven and earth to accomplish it.

The Good Templars' department will yield from \$15,000 to \$25,000, mostly in money; so its leading men, who are managing the fair, inform us.

We have secured for the art gallery, the free use of Bierstadt's "Rocky Mountains," "The Spirit of the Waterfall," by T. B. Reed; "Souvenir of the Alps," by Paul Weber; "Mother and Children," by Thos. Sully; "Rothermel's 'Patrick Henry';" pictures by McClurg, Hetzel, Woodman and Wolf and other prominent eastern artists. Mr. Volk writes that the only trouble will be that the art gallery will not hold them all. Harriet Hosmer's "Zenobia," visited in Boston by 35,000 persons, is offered us on most favorable terms. We shall doubtless have it on exhibition. The following excerpt is from the Boston Traveler of May 1st:

"The immediate destination of the statue is not determined. Pressing requests have been made for its exhibition all over the country, to which 'negative answers have been returned; but within a few days one has been made for it from a quarter difficult to refuse, that of one of the wonderful charities developed by the war, the Sanitary Commission. It is proposed to place it in the great fair soon to be held at Chicago, which it is supposed will be the most successful, and probably the last, event of the kind in this department of benevolence. The owner, Mr. Griswold, of Fifth avenue, N. Y., has generously given his consent for its exhibition, and other circumstances favorable. Messrs. Childs & Jenks will take charge of 'her majesty' on her westward march for empire, where, if her reign is as potent as at the seaboard, she will add largely to the number of her admiring subjects. We congratulate the people of the great Northwest, and Chicago in particular, upon the enjoyment in reserve for them upon the appearance of this great work of art. The artist is 'not unknown in the valley of the Mississippi, some of her best work being at St. Louis and other cities of that section.'

I might continue this enumeration for several pages longer. The musical instrument department is growing prodigiously—the sewing machine department has received already forty-four sewing machines, and so on. Suffice it that there is scarcely a department that does not promise finely; indeed, magnificently. Perhaps there should be an exception made of the denominational departments. From these we hear more despondent talk; but these will be mainly filled with the fancy handiwork of ladies, together with useful articles for ladies and children, of which there will be an immense quantity, from all parts of the country.

A SUIT OF ARMOUR.—A blockhead having unexpectedly come into property, sent for a tailor to come and measure him for a coat of arms.