

VOICE OF THE FAIR.

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OUR SOLDIERS AND THE FUTURE.

The necessity of efforts for the aid, comfort and alleviation of our sick and wounded soldiers, does not end with the dawning of the day of peace.

We must not, therefore, become weary of well doing until all is done that needs to be done.

The Sanitary Commission has alleviated the suffering of thousands and has saved thousands from death, and the Chicago Soldiers' Home has given rest, food and comfort to thousands of the weary, hungry and sick from our armies.

In view of these facts, it would seem needless to say more to induce our patriotic people to exhibit an active and generous interest in the success of the forthcoming Fair.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE GREAT EVENT.

THE MAMMOTH FAIR BUILDING BEING ERECTED—ITS SIZE, DIMENSIONS, ETC.

The construction of the immense building in Dearborn park for the great Sanitary Fair, soon to be opened in Chicago, has been commenced and is being prosecuted as rapidly and perfectly as possible.

In consequence of the sudden calamity that had fallen upon the nation, the imposing ceremonies, with which the breaking of the ground for the commencement of the building was to have been celebrated, were indefinitely postponed.

The building will be the largest of the kind ever erected in the city of Chicago, already renowned for its immense wooden structures; and yet it is feared that the building will be inadequate for the fair.

The two smaller halls, one on each side of the main hall, will be 43 feet wide by 12 feet in height at the eaves, the roof rising gradually to a height of 16 feet in the centre.

There will be an open space of eight feet between the centre and side buildings for the admission of light through a large number of windows, three feet by seven.

There will be doors for entrance and exit on

Washington street, one on Randolph street, one on Michigan avenue, and one on Park place.

The entire amount of timber in the building will be 400,000 feet. The cost of the lumber and carpenter work, exclusive of the roof, is to be \$19,000.

The contracts for the building has been let to Mr. T. Menard, under the supervision of Mr. A. Bauer, architect.

THE TATTERED FLAG OF A VETERAN REGIMENT.—A GOOD RECORD.

HEADQUARTERS 34TH ILLINOIS VOL. INF., GOLDSBORO, N. C., April 7, 1865.

HON. JAS. B. BRADWELL, Chairman of Committee on Arms, Trophies, and Curiosities:

I have the honor, herewith, to transmit the remnant of the banner carried by my Regiment in the campaign against Atlanta, the Georgia campaign, and the campaign in North and South Carolina.

The Records of the Regiment show how devoted the men were to this, the flag of our country. During the campaign above stated, the Regiment lost over one hundred and fifty men in killed and wounded.

I have to send by mail.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant, PETER EGE.

RECORD OF THE 34TH REGT. ILLINOIS VETERAN VOLUNTEERS, SECOND BRIGADE, SECOND DIVISION, FOURTEENTH ARMY CORPS, NOW WITH MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM T. SHERMAN:

Shiloh, Tenn.; Siege of Corinth, Miss.; Clayville, Ky.; Day Walk, Ky.; Lavergne, Tenn.; Triune, Tenn.; Stone River, Tenn.; Liberty Gap, Tenn.; Tullahoma, Tenn.; Lookout Mt., Tenn.; Bloody Run, Ga.

March to relief of Knoxville, Tenn., and return to Chattanooga.

Campaign against Atlanta, Ga., including the battles of Rocky Face Ridge, Buzzard Roost, Resaca, Rome, near Dallas, Kennesaw, Peach Tree Creek, and Jonesboro, Laid for more than two months in the trenches, almost daily engaged in skirmishing with the enemy.

Loss in Regiment since organization, 600 killed and wounded.

Originally organized by Colonel Edward N. Kirk, Sept. 7, 1861, now commanded by Lieut. Col. Peter Ege.

RECEIPTS OF DONATIONS FOR NORTH-WESTERN SANITARY FAIR FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 29, 1865.

Table with columns for location, item, and amount. Includes entries for Dubuque, Iowa; Palatine, Illinois; Oskaloosa, Iowa; Elkader, Iowa; Hillsdale, Mich.; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Marion, Iowa; Lodi, Illinois; Iowa Falls, Iowa; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Joliet, Illinois; DeKalb, Mich.; Ann Arbor, Iowa; Washington, Iowa; Brighton, Iowa; Marselles, Illinois; Western, Iowa; Cedar Falls, Iowa; Dubuque, Iowa; Winona, Minn.; Red Oak, Iowa; Warren, Illinois; Ripon, Wis.; San Francisco, Cal.; Oskaloosa, Iowa; Yellow Springs, Ohio; Redfield & Son, Elkhart, Ind.; San Francisco, Cal.; Bridgeport, Ill.; New York City; Chicago, Ill.; New Orleans, La.; Palatine, Iowa; East Paw Paw, Iowa; Savannah, Ga.; Panora, Iowa; Redfield, Iowa; New Lebanon, Illinois; Sidney, Iowa; Cincinnati, Ohio; Hardin, Iowa; Palatine, Illinois; Buda, Ill.; Providence, R. I.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; New York City; Boston, Mass.; Worcester, Mass.; Kishwaukee, Ill.

AUTOGRAPHS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND LETTERS FROM DISTINGUISHED PERSONS.

AUTOGRAPH LETTERS FROM GEN. SHERMAN, GEN. DOUBLEDAY, GERRITT SMITH AND OTHERS.

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

From Charles Sumner, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Lyman Trumbull and Adjutant-Gen. N. B. Baker, autograph letters and photographs.

From John Boot, English medal. From John Jones, free papers, books and many things connected with slavery.

From G. E. Spinner, Treasurer, autograph letter and six photographs.

From John G. Saxe, autograph letter and autograph of George W. Curtis and several other distinguished persons.

From Mrs. L. Huntley Sigourney, autographs, photograph and autograph of Sam. Houston and Elihu Burritt.

From Col. J. H. Crossman, the \$100 soldier's loaf. From Col. Peter Ege, the battle-flag of the 34th Illinois Volunteers.

From Robert C. Wright, autograph of Lord Althorp.

From Rev. Abraham T. Hale, books and papers. From Gerritt Smith, photograph and ten autographs.

Also, the following autograph letters:

FROM HON. G. E. SPINNER. TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES, Washington, April 26, 1865.

Dear Sir: Your letter of the 11th inst. has just been received.

As you request, there are sent you herewith six photographs with my autograph on each card.

Now that the war at the South is about closed, it is hoped that our Sanitary Commissions will turn their attention to the mental ailments of Northern traitors.

Very respectfully yours, G. E. SPINNER.

James B. Bradwell, Chicago, Ill.

FROM HON. GERRITT SMITH. PETERBORO, N. Y., April 24, 1865.

MR. JAMES B. BRADWELL: Dear Sir: I am honored with your letter.

You ask me to write a letter for the Chicago Fair of 30th May. I do better than that for it. I send ten of the hairs of the immortal Thomas Clarkson.

Very respectfully, your friend, GERRITT SMITH.

LETTER FROM GENERAL SHERMAN. HEADQUARTERS MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

IN THE FIELD, April 20, 1865, RALEIGH, N. C. JAMES B. BRADWELL, Chairman, &c., Chicago:

DEAR SIR: Owing entirely to my erratic life of the past four months, your letter of March 28 did not reach me till yesterday. I think you will appreciate my motive when I say that I personally ought not to gather or send trophies of war to even a Sanitary Commission.

But I have already sent to my wife, who seems deeply interested in your Fair, a few articles, and will send a circular to some of my officers, who may have collected some things of interest, so that in the end, without promising much, I may be able to contribute a little to the advancement of a cause in which I feel much interest.

But there is something unseen, unheard and not susceptible of sale, that I will gladly contribute to you all. I will so direct the mighty force at my command, that the war shall cease, and the catalogue of widows and orphans will begin to lessen instead of increasing.

With respect, your friend, W. T. SHERMAN, Major Gen.

LETTER FROM GEN. DOUBLEDAY. TO JAMES B. BRADWELL, Chairman of the Committee on Arms, Trophies, &c., N. W. Sanitary Com. and Soldiers' Home Fair, Chicago, Ill.:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 27, 1865.

Dear Sir: In answer to the circular you were kind enough to forward, I enclose herewith four photographs with autographs attached.

Since the commencement of the rebellion our people have been too much accustomed to regard treason as a mere political difference of opinion.

A. DOUBLEDAY, Major-Gen. Vol.

A MAGIC LOAF.

The following has been received from Col. Crossman, Philadelphia, accompanied by a loaf of bread: This loaf of bread was bought by an officer at Harrisburgh for five cents, and sold by him for the same amount, with the pledge from the purchaser to sell it again in the same way, and always for the same price to each succeeding purchaser.

"It passed through a number of hands and finally produced the amount of one hundred and ten dollars and twenty-five cents, which has been, in accordance to the designs, donated to the Sanitary Fair."

A continued subscription is solicited. This loaf has realized \$200, at previous Fairs—\$100 at Philadelphia, and \$100 at another Fair. Cannot our Fair beat this?

DONATIONS FOR THE FAIR FROM EUROPE.

Mr. Charles L. Wilson, the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, acknowledges the receipt of the notification of articles valued at \$1,000 in gold—the unsolicited contributions from Englishmen sympathizing with the United States.

Mazzini, in sending his autograph, says: "I send you six autographs of mine and one of Garibaldi. If more are required from me, you have only to speak; for such a cause as that of the Northern Sanitary Commission, I would gladly write month."

Again he says: "The women of the Northwestern States of America, God bless them, have done more for the emancipation of woman than all the books, lectures, meetings and systems which have discussed the problem during the last fifty years."

From Hon. Herr Kreisman, Secretary of the U. S. Legation, and Hon. Norman B. Judd, U. S. Minister, at Berlin, three large cases full of valuable contributions from the American friends in Prussia. Further acknowledgments in our next.

AUTOGRAPHS OF

Garibaldi—Letter to Mazzini, and Sig. with Port. Mazzini—12 Autographs written for the Chicago Fair; Letter; and Addressed Envelope.

Victor Hugo—Letter; and Facsimile of Letter on John Brown.

Louis Blanc—Envelope with Port.; Autograph written for the Chicago Fair; and Envelope.

John Ruskin—Envelope with Port., (unpublished.)

Charles Kingsley—Memo. with Sig.; Letter; and Envelope.

Goldwin Smith—Letter, (to accompany an Oil Painting presented to the Chicago Fair.)

Archbishop of Canterbury—Letter. Rev. F. D. Maurice—Envelope.

Professor Cairnes—(Author of the History of the Slave Power), Letter on the American Continent.

Robert Brown—Envelope. Charles Dickens—Sig. and Notes.

John Bright—Two Notes. Professor Francis W. Newman—Letter.

Gavazzi—Note. Dante Gabriel Rossetti—Note.

James Hogg, (the Ettrick Shepherd)—M. S. Dr. Chalmers—Letter.

Bishop Colenso—Two Letters. Admiral Beechey, (the Arctic Navigator)—Sig.

Sir Robert Peel—Letter. Jas. Silk Buckingham—Letter.

Harriet Martineau—Sig. Felice Orsini—Poem and Letter.

Professor Tom Taylor. Horatius and Andrew Bouar—Note and Sig.

Gerald Massey—Notes of Lecture. Johannes Rouge—Two Letters.

Professor George Scott, (of Manchester, Oriental scholar)—Letter in Persian.

Sir David Erskine, (friend of Sir Walter Scott)—Letter.

The late Earl of Buchan—Letter. Private Secretary to the Queen—Note.

" " of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

George Cruikshank—Letter. Miss Jessie White, afterwards Mde. Mario—M.

Karl Blind—Declaration on the Baden Annexation.

George Combe—Note. And many others.

DONATIONS TO THE FAIR.

Cash received for the week ending April 29th: Live Eagle Department.....\$1,000

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