# VOICE OF THE FAIR.

ANDREW SHUMAN, Editor.

Chicago, Thursday, May 4, 1865.

## 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. Our hospitals will continue to have suffering and needy inmates for years to come, and the purpose of our Sanitary Commissions, Soldiers' Homes and Aid Societies will not have been fully accomplished until all the sick are well, all the wounded healed, and all the disabled sent on their way rejoicing. Not until all our armies are disbanded, all our hos-pitals empty, all the sufferers by the war restored, with none others to come, will our mission have been completely fulfilled.

We must not, therefore, become weary of well doing until all is done that needs to be done. The object of the Great Northwestern Sanitary Fair, which will open in Chicago on the 30th of this month, is to raise funds enough to meet the necessities of our disabled soldiers in the future.

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. Both of these institutions propose to continue their patriotic and merciful work. The funds raised at the forthcoming Fair will be divided between them, and it is hoped that the amount thus raised will be large enough to render unnecessary any further calls upon the people for contributions for their sup-

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. The necessity of the soldiers' aid movement being obvious, and the importance of sustaining these agencies for the purpose, being patent, need we appeal to the loyal men and women of our land to "come up and help us?" Is not the duty a plain one? The fact that contributions and donations are already flowing in freely from all directions and from all sorts of people, proves that the popular mind is fully awake to this matter, and that the duty of making the Fair a great success is thoroughly appreciated. Let all do what they can, and they will be rewarded with the sweet consciousness of having done their share in this great and noble work of patriotic charity-of aiding, comforting and saving those who have borne the war's hardships and sufferings, while we have remained at home, mere spectators of the thrilling and bloody scenes in which they were the self-sacrificing actors.

### 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 possi-

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. At the same time the necessity of entering upon the work was so urgent that it was deemed prudent to dispense with the proposed ceremonies and commence the building at once. The work was therefore quietly and unostentatiously begun, and, by diligent prosecution, has now reached quite an advanced state. The flooring for the whole building has been laid, and the sides and roofs of the two side buildings are being raised.

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. It will cover the entire space of Dearborn Park, including the iron fence around the same, and will be 385 feet in length by 162 feet in width. It will be formed into three distinct halls, connected at either end and in the centre by passages 43 feet in width, all being under one roof.

The centre hall, extending from Washington

street to Randolph street, a distance of 385 feet, will be in the form of a gothic arch, 60 feet in width at the base, and nearly joining in the top centre at a height of 50 feet. It will be supported by twentythree trusses or arches, about sixteen feet apart.

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 three other halls, or aisles, connecting the centre or side halls, one at either end, and one in the centre, each of which will be 43 feet in width and 62 feet in length, extending through the main and side buildings the entire width of the whole building.

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. The centre building will be further lighted through forty-eight windows, twenty-four on each side, in the arched roof, at a height of thirty feet from the ground. These windows will be four feet by six in size. In the top centre of the main building will be an open space, seven feet in width, protected by an overhanging roof, four feet higher, which will answer for the double purpose of affording light and thorough ventilation. There will also be a similar mode of affording light and ventilation for the side buildings. Light will also be afforded for the side and end halls, through windows three feet by seven, at a height of eight feet from the ground, and only seven feet

Boston, Mass., 2 boxes, care of Mrs. W. E. Franklin.

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Worcester, Mass., 1 box, care of G. C. Cook.

Kishwaukee, Ill., 1 coop (13) chickens. apart around the entire building.

Washington street, one on Randolph street, one on Michigan avenue, and one on Park place. The principal front and entrance will be on Washing-ton street, in the centre of the building. The doorway will be twelve feet wide, and on either side of the doors will be handsome windows of stained glass. In the centre of the building, on either side of the main entrance on Washington street, is to be a handsome frame tower 60 feet in height, surmounted by a staff 34 feet in height, which will bear the national colors. Over the main entrance will be a large and handsomely stained glass win-dow 25 feet in height. Surmounting the centre of the gothic arch, between the centre towers, is to be an eagle six feet in height, supported by a huge shield bearing the national device. On the corners of the building fronting on Washington street are to be towers 30 feet high, surmounted by flag staffs 26 feet high.

The entire amount of timber in the building will be 400,000 feet. The cost of the lumber and carpen-ter work, exclusive of the roof, is to be \$19.000 There will be 70,000 square feet of roofing on the building, which is to be covered by felt, making all the structure water-proof.

The contracts for the building has been let to Mr. T. Menard, under the supervision of Mr. A. Bauer, architect. The building will be completed on the 20th of May.

#### 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. This banner has been literally cut to pieces in our action at the charge of Jonesboro, Ga., twelve bullets pierced it and one cut the flagstaff off.

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. We have many relics, but owing to the disadvantage in communication, it is impossible to forward more. When the fair closes send the flag to the Governor of Illinois.

I have to send by mail,

Very respectfully, your obedient servant, PETER EGE.

RECORD OF THE 34TH REGT. ILLINOIS VETERAN VOLUNTEERS, SECOND BRIGADE, SECOND DIVI-SION, FOURTEENTH ARMY CORPS, NOW WITH

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM T. SHERMAN: Shiloh, Tenn.; Seige 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. Regiment re-enlisted December 23, 1863.

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. Long march to Florence, Ala., and return via Gaylesville, Ala., and Rome, Ga., to Atlanta. Campaign through Georgia. Seige and capture of Savannah, Campaign through North and South Carolina, including battle on Black River, N. C., March 16, 1895, and battle near Bentonville, N. C., March 19, 1865. 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

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

Dubuque,	Iowa, 2 boxes\$306 20
Palatine,	Illinois, 6 bbls 10 00
Oskaloosa,	Iowa, 2 kegs 10 00
Elkader,	" I box 5 00
Hillsdale,	Mich., 8 bbls 20 00
Cedar Rapids,	Iowa, 1 box 30 00
Marion,	" 2 boxes 172 50
Lodi,	Illinois, 9 pkgs 27 50
Iowa Falls,	Iowa, 14 " 111 00
Cedar Rapids,	" 1 box 19 00
Joliet,	Illinois, I " 9 00
DeKalb,	" 11 bbls 27 50
Ann Arbor,	
Washington,	
Brighton,	
Marseilles,	" 3 boxes 31 25
	Illinois, 3 pkgs
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Western, Cedar Falls, Dubuque, Winona, Red Oak, Warren,	" 2 pkgs 17 00
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winona,	" 16 " 36 00 Minn., 4 " 20 00 Iowa, 15 " 34 50 Illinois, 1 " 5 00 Wis., 11 " 55 00
Red Oak,	10wa, 15 " 34 50
warren,	Illinois, 1 " 5 00
Ripon,	Wis., 11 " 65 00
San Francisco,	Cal., I box
Oskaloosa,	Cal., 1 box
Yellow Springs,	10wa, 2 bbls
Redfield & Son, E	lkhart, Ind., 1 bbl. flour
San Francisco,	Cal., 13 boxesbox for Good Templar's de-
Bridgeport, Ill., 1	box for Good Templar's de-
partment	box for Gas Fitter's dep't
New York City, 1	box for Gas Fitter's dep't
Chicago, III., I DE	ge for Public School den't
New Orleans, La	1 box and 1 mortar.
Guttenberg.	Iowa, 18 pkgs
Palatine,	Illinois, 3 " 73 50
East Paw Paw.	" 1 box 95 00
Savannah, Ga., 1	box for Trophy department,
Panora,	10Wn 1 hov 70 00
Redfield.	Illinois, 7 bils 72 75 Iowa, 7 bils 21 00 Iowa, 1 child's dress 21 00 Ohio, 6 boxes for Book de-
New Lebanon	Illinois 7 bble 01 00
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Hardin,	Iowa, 1 box
Polotino	Tillmole 0 bbl-
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Grand Rapids, Mich., I pkge, care of Mrs. J. M. Un-	
derwood.	
New York City, 1	chair, care of Mrs. W. E. Franklin.
Boston Mass 2 hoves care of Rev Poblt College	

# AUTOGRAPHS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND LETTERS FROM DISTIN-GUISHED 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 fol-

lowing 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 auto-

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 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. The hairs on his head are worth more than the brains in 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. My mind and attention are so absorbed in other matters, that I hardly pause to gather the thousands of little tokens that would interest others, and it may be the sale would realize a sum of money that would relieve the wants of many a widow and orphan left desolate by a war that seems to me causeless and horrid in the extreme.

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 cat-alogue of widows and orphans will begin to lessen instead of increasing; and better still, will soon send to their homes the noble fellows from the mighty Northwest-not lame or sick, but brawny and hardened in the open air-with broad chests and strong arms, and a love of home and country intensified by their long absence. If I can only enable a few of them to reach Chicago before your Fair closes, they will be as liberal with their greenbacks as a sailor of his money, and I will thereby contribute as much as if I were to send you a cart load of broken shells, old muskets or other war trophies. 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 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. This view would have been fatal to the stability of the Republic, and I am more than gratified to learn that in the future this concentration of all crimes will receive the punishment it deserves.

A. DOUBLEDAY, Major-Gen. Vol.

A MAGIC LOAF. The following has been received from Col. Cross-

man, 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.

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

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

#### DONATIONS FOR THE FAIR FROM EUROPE.

Mr. Charles L. Wilson, the Chairman of the Conmittee on Foreign Correspondence, acknowledge the receipt of the notification of articles valued a \$1,000 in gold—the unsolicited contributions from Englishmen sympathizing with the United State Also, the following autographs, all at the hands of James H. McChesney, U. S. Consul at Newcastle

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

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

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

### AUTOGRAPHS OF

Garibaldi—Letter to Mazzini, and Sig. with Por Mazzini—12 Autographs written for the Chica Fair; Letter: and Addressed Envelope.

Victor Hugo-Letter; and Facsimile of Lett on John Brown. Louis Blanc-Envelope with Port.; Autograp

written for the Chicago Fair; and Envelope.
John Ruskin—Envelope with Port., (unpublish

Charles Kingsley-Memo, with Sig.; Letter; an Envelope.

Goldwin Smith—Letter, (to accompany an 0 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 Conte

Robert Brown—Envelope. Charles Dickens—Sig. and Notes. John Bright-Two Notes,

Professor Francis W. Newman—Letter. Gavazzi—Note.

Dante Gabriel Kossuth-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 Orsine—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, Orient)

cholar)-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 Wal George Cruikshank-Letter.

Miss Jessie White, afterwards Mde. Mario—M. Karl Blind—Declaration on the Baden Amnes George Combe-Note. And many others.

## DONATIONS TO THE FAIR.

Cash received for the week ending April 29th: Cor Live Eagle Department...... ...\$1,000 LABOR, INCOME AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, IL

Romanus Hodgemen, Princeton, Ill... IOWA DEPARTMENT. Ladies' Aid Society, Fairfield, Iowa, per Mrs. C. W. Slagle.....

Proceeds of Exhibition at New Hampton, Iowa, per H. Gurley..... Proceeds of Concert, Sidney, Iowa, per Mrs.

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Proceeds of Tableaux at Arcola, Ill., per A. W. Surby. Osseo, Mich., per G. D. Palmer,... Proceeds of Festival, Palmyra, Wis., per

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