

THE CENTENNIAL.

Views of the Governors of Illinois, West Virginia and Tennessee.

PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

Louisiana's Efforts to See and Be Seen in 1876.

It Must Be a General Reunion of Americans.

We give to-day a third instalment of letters containing the views of Governor Beveridge, of Illinois; Governor Jacobs, of West Virginia; Governor Porter, of Tennessee, and Governor Kellogg, of Louisiana, in reference to the Philadelphia Exhibition. Though somewhat diverse on general matters, the leading idea throughout is that, for the honor of the country, the celebration must be successful in all respects. Governor Porter says, "This celebration ought to draw all the States together, and ought to be the means of dissipating and forever blotting out the curse of sectionalism and sectional feeling."

ILLINOIS.

A BRIEF, POINTED STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR BEVERIDGE—"THE FITNESS OF THINGS."

Q. I have had the pleasure of a brief but practical interview with Governor Beveridge on the subject of the great Exhibition to be held next year in the Quaker City. The Governor spoke with a certain reserve, but said sufficient to indicate that he was willing to help forward the movement much more than numerous members of the Legislature.

WEST VIRGINIA.

GOVERNOR JACOBS ANXIOUS, BUT IN DOUBT—THE STATE LEGISLATURE MUST PROVIDE THE WAYS AND MEANS.

Q. Leaving out the patriotic spirit which animates and enlivens the breast of the average West Virginian, the chance afforded by the Philadelphia Centennial to exhibit the mineral resources of this infant State makes that event a matter of considerable concern and still greater interest here. To develop these great resources is the grand problem, the solution of which agitates the minds of all West Virginia patriots and statesmen, consequently the eagerness with which they embrace the golden opportunity afforded by the Centennial of 1876 is strikingly observable.

TENNESSEE.

GOVERNOR PORTER IN LOVE WITH THE CENTENNIAL IDEA—ITS BLESSINGS IN PROSPECTIVE—STATE TREASURES FOR EXHIBITION.

Q. I called upon Governor Porter and at once proposed to lay before him the object of my visit, which, I told him, was to ascertain what action he proposed taking on behalf of the State with regard to the Centennial celebration at Philadelphia. I asked him what he thought of the celebration and he replied as follows:—

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State to meet all the demands made upon it. There is no doubt that there are many men in the State who, by reason of the panic of 1873 and the drought of last season, are in a desperate strait. Much of the clamor proceeds from them. They are using all their energy to meet their liabilities, and are, therefore, opposed to anything having a tendency to depress them, though it be of light nature. But the cry has been so persistent that all alike proclaim "hard times." For instance, a farmer in my county came to me the other day and complained of "hard times." I asked him whether he owed anything. He replied, "No." Whether he bought as much and lived as well as he ever did. He said, "Yes." "Well, then," I said, "you have very little to grieve you."

Q. CONGRESSMEN—Will you recommend any action on the part of the Legislature relative to the Centennial celebration? GOVERNOR PORTER—Not until after the discussion of the financial problems is over. CONGRESSMEN—What will you recommend? GOVERNOR PORTER—An adequate appropriation for the conspicuous display of Tennessee's immense resources. A CHANCE FOR IMMIGRANTS. CONGRESSMEN—Then Tennessee will be enabled to make a great display as any other State in the Union. GOVERNOR PORTER—Yes; and I am decidedly in favor of placing her conspicuously in the foreground, and so far as my ability extends it will be done. There is no State in the Union that has greater resources than ours. We have ores of the greatest and the richest variety. There is no limit to its coal, its iron, its marble, plain and variegated. Timber of the first quality and of every description grows here in the greatest abundance. The products of the soil are unequalled. We can raise anything we want, and if we desire make three crops in one season. We have no gold mines of any consequence, but we have plenty of lead, copper and silver and other ores. It is not geological in me now in referring to my State as if that she could eclipse Pennsylvania in display of her resources. They have been comparatively unknown, simply for the want of capital to develop them.

Q. CONGRESSMEN—Do you not think that such an exhibition of Tennessee's wealth as you propose would be worth a score of immigration bureaus? GOVERNOR PORTER—I must admit that I do. I am thoroughly satisfied that if Tennessee should make the exhibition it ought to have such a stream of immigration to it as she had never before known, and that is just what we want. If we had more of that sort of property would soon attract such a valuation as would make the much-talked-of State debt an easy burden to carry. Besides, our climate is so mild that our winters are comparatively light—so much so that instead of having to build big barns, as they do up North, cattle are turned out to graze; the dwellings instead are built large and open, for a Tennesseean believes in having plenty of pure, fresh air.

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of life. The cost of arms and some of the products of each State occupied a conspicuous place on the tables. The private boxes were beautifully ornamented with bunting, moss and flowers, resembling miniature hothouses. In the art gallery of the hall was a representative of the ship Dartmouth lying in Boston Harbor. Two boys, dressed in Indian costume, were stationed on board the vessel, which was engaged in the manufacture of tea chests overboard. Gillfin's wharf was shown to good advantage, and also the old stone building adjoining the dock. In the distance was a small vessel lying at anchor, which served to represent one of the old-fashioned sailing vessels of the coast. The hall was filled with the throngs of the people. The rear of the stage, it occupied the most prominent place and was built in the shape of a star. In the center of the stage stood a table with several decorations of this table were simply exquisite, the fragrance filling the hall.

The costumes as a rule were rich, lovely and quaint. The sweetest girls were attired in some instances in the plain drab Quakerism, with many a cap and apron, while others wore those more heavy brocade silks and satins that rarely see the light of day from close association with the old-fashioned trunks of grandmothers and great grandmothers. There were girls of such high hues as to drive the color of the sky into the background, with their satin petticoats, ornamented with white and black velvet spiral trimmings around the edges, lace cap and band, and diamond jewelry. General James H. H. was gorgeous in continental uniform, consisting of a cutaway coat of blue and white, a buff waistcoat, brass buttons and with colored velvet on the lapels, knee breeches fastened with huge buckles, white stockings and brown shoes. The Countess of Westmoreland's own children would not have recognized him. The reception lasted for upwards of a half hour, the couple shaking hands with all who came forward. The most distinguished guests were Bishop Kierulff, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Bishop Demence, of the Catholic Church. More ecclesiastical dignitaries were present than on the floor-arm-arm.

The department of antiquity proved one of the most interesting features of the exhibition. It comprises many rare articles, curious and interesting. The walls were hung with the portraits of the great sears of the country, and then there were the great sears of the world, the best representative ever existed and made our forefathers live again.

LETTERS OF REGRET.

Letters expressive of regret at enforced absence were read from the President, the Hon. George H. Williams, General Sherman and Governor Harrison.

AN IMPERIAL SNUB.

PRESIDENT GRANT REFUSES TO CELEBRATE THE MECKLENBURG CENTENNIAL—THE FAR HEEL STATE SIGNALLY SNUBBED.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 9, 1875.

While the entire sisterhood of States comprising the Federal Union are engaged in the most extensive preparations to make the national Centennial at Philadelphia in 1876 a grand success the Old North State is excited over the Mecklenburg Centennial to take place in May, 1876, in this city. A Centennial association has been formed, with a central committee whose headquarters are located in Charlotte. The association is now in the midst of its preparations, and on the 20th of March next will be celebrated in a manner similar to the historic occasion to be commemorated. This association, acting in behalf of the State, has addressed invitations to several of the Governors and other officials of nearly all the States to be present, from all of whom it has received courteous and favorable responses. It was reserved, however, for the good State of North Carolina to be snubbed, and that, too, by the President of the United States. Some time ago the Central Committee, under the instruction of the Centennial Association, which represents the State, addressed the following invitation to the President:—

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the orders of the party that committed the murder. "I can hardly tell as yet. It is a difficult charge to prove, and I do not know whether it will probably be sent to a reservation in Florida, where they will be held as prisoners of war." The terms of the conversation was changed, and after a while the reporter was informed that it was years ago, when known as Westport Landing, and its wonderful growth, that of the Black Hills came up. The General expressed himself with emphasis on this subject, and the reporter was no longer surprised that he considered the enterprise premature.

"Do you think that gold can be found there in large quantities?" "No. There are many other mining districts in other States much more accessible, and which are far more valuable than those of the Black Hills. Now, if I, then, that such a fortune has been created."

PIGEON SHOOTING.

MATCHES DECIDED ON LONG ISLAND—DR. G. WINNE AND T. E. BROADWAY THE WINNERS.

The pigeon shooting fraternity gathered in considerable strength at the grounds of the Long Island Shooting Club yesterday, there being offered for consideration two matches between amateurs. The sport was excessively disagreeable for the sport, and the general rating was a complete enjoyment out of the question.

First on the program was a match of \$50 each and the birds, between Mr. P. Duffy and Dr. G. Winne, both of Brooklyn, who agreed to shoot at twenty-five birds each, under the Long Island rules, with the exception of the ranges, Duffy standing at twenty-one yards and the Doctor at twenty-four and a half yards. It was "dud, trap and handle," so the contestants did their level best to produce rattling birds, and they succeeded. The story of the contest is soon told. Mr. Duffy was not in form, and brought down but five out of sixteen, when he retired, being shot out by his opponent. The Doctor did fair work, many of his pigeons getting into the traps, and forty-five yards away, and they were all rattling. Duffy was in good humor, beside showing in excellent form and style, his quips and quarts frequently elicited much merriment. He, no doubt, did much toward the discouragement of the Doctor.

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A VICTIM OF THE POLARIS EXPEDITION.

Pony Ebering, an Esquimaux girl, of Repulse Bay, aged nine years, recently breathed her last in Groton, Conn. She was the adopted daughter of Esquimaux Joe, the interpreter and companion for many years of the late Captain C. T. Hall, Arctic explorer. The history of this child is a somewhat romantic one. When the wife of Esquimaux Joe, Hanna, lost her two children she became broken-hearted, and Captain Hall, to console her, succeeded in obtaining for her a bright infant girl in exchange for a sleigh at Repulse Bay in 1858. After Hall had been absent from the United States for five years he returned to this country, in 1863, by the whaling bark Ansell Gibbs, of New Bedford, from Hudson Bay, bringing with him Joe, Hanna and Pony. While Hanna was making arrangements for the equipment of the Polaris expedition, Pony, with her adopted parents, resided at Groton, Conn., in a house belonging to Commodore Sydney O. Buddington, an old whaling captain.

THE CASE OF HER DEATH.

On the 10th of October, 1874, a large number of the Polaris crew were suddenly carried away by the ice while landing provisions from the ship on the north side of the Polar Sea. The expedition