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THOUSANDS ON THE MARCH.

The Great Parade Takes Place According to Program—Prospective Candidates for Commander-in-Chief—Washington and Lincoln, Nebraska Both Struggling for the Next Encampment.

DETROIT, Aug. 4.—The city of Detroit has assumed a martial air today. The veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic in attendance to the twenty-fifth annual encampment have been arriving for the past forty-eight hours, not only by hundreds, but thousands. The great event of this gathering is the parade which is now taking place. Thousands of grizzly veterans are in line, and fully 200,000 visitors are in the city.

Business is practically suspended, and the tramp of the G. A. R. and the inspiring music of bands are heard on every hand.

The parade this year was entirely of the old veterans, not a single military company turning out. The Fourth regiment, however, were out and doing police duty, and the city in reality has been given over to the veterans, every street within three blocks of the line of march being closed by the proclamation of the mayor and intrusion further guarded against by the roping off of the section and the stationing of a strong armed guard at each street intersection.

One company, that from Union City, Mich., are in heavy marching arms with the old Springfield muskets and the same accoutrements as they wore when they marched out of Detroit in the stormy days when men were needed and Michigan did its duty.

With its streets full of marching men, with every house quartering a veteran, with the strains of music floating on every breath of the wind, and with the sound of the drum and the shrill note of the fife in the air, Detroit is experiencing a time the like of which it has never seen before, and will never see again. Thanks to the perfect arrangements there is room for all with plenty to eat, and nothing lacking to make the silver encampment worthy of the name of perfect success.

Detroit Decorated.

Detroit is decorated. The spirit of war is abroad. Patriotism is running riot, and if the Grand Army doesn't enjoy itself this week it will not be from any fault on the part of Detroit. The decorations are widely, weirdly wonderful, and promise to take the ribbon for uniqueness. There are colossal arches of spotted white, over which will hover the angel of peace, and there are eiffel-gate structures bristling with quaker guns and other dangerous furniture.

Even nature has been forced to take a hand, and Grand Circus park has been transformed into a floral poultry show, with the immortal George as chief custodian. If all the birds represented there are eagles it behooves naturalists to wend their steps that way, for the like was never seen in the heavens above nor in the earth below. Washington in variegated plant decorates one side of a grass pyramid, and gazes serenely through a pair of stag eyes of a color which in the original would have called for an application of beefsteak. Every window on Woodward, Michigan, Jefferson and, in fact, all avenues are ablaze with pictures of heroes past and present, from Romulus in undress uniform to General Alger decked out like a walking arsenal, and it is a very poor place indeed that does not show the national colors.

The old saying about beauty unadorned applies with peculiar force to this city. No matter what her garb, whether aglow with the life and color of summer, or enshrouded in the glistening mantle of winter, she is peerless, and no decoration committee can do other than make Detroit royally handsome.

Receiving the Comrades.

There has been very little done except to receive the old comrades in arms and to renew the old associations, and to gather around the dignitaries who have won distinction since the days when all marched to the front to the old tunes and under the shade of the same flag. Among the early prominent arrivals yesterday was Secretary of War Redfield Proctor, who was accompanied by Quartermaster General Bachelder. He had no sooner left his private car than he was surrounded by a mob of people anxious to shake hands with him, and the whole day was spent in receiving the marks of distinction from the old veterans.

General Fairchild, of Wisconsin, with one empty sleeve to tell the wealth of love he bore his country and his country's cause, was another of the citizen soldiery that all delighted to honor, while General Alger, right at home where he is loved, was given a reception as hearty and cordial as any. Ex-President Hayes was also honored by loud applause whenever the crowd caught sight of him, and was last night surrounded by an immense crowd attending his reception at Colonel F. J. Heckler's house.

After the Next Encampment.

The politics of the Grand Army have been an object of much importance, first on the selection of a place of encampment and second for the choice of a commander-in-chief. While Washington has the lead in location, the champions of the capital cannot rest on their oars, as hustlers from Lincoln, Neb., are here, and when hustlers from that state arrive, it means hustle from first to last. They are waging a losing fight, an uphill fight, but are doing it with so much good will, so much vim and almost in the face of defeat, that the old veterans, many of whom have led a forlorn hope, cannot but admire their pluck, although they do not want

to go there, should Washington set up in its exertions. Washington won't do anything of the kind, however, and Frank Hatton, who is head and front of the Columbia warriors, will win and have the pleasure of getting an affirmative answer to his invitation of silver on a platter of gold, with the key of the city of Washington surmounting it.

Candidates for Commander-in-Chief.

The most prominent candidates for the position as commander-in-chief are A. G. Weissert, of Milwaukee; Colonel William R. Smedburg, of San Francisco; Brevet Brigadier General Samuel H. Hurst, of Chillicothe, O., and Colonel C. P. Lincoln, of Michigan. Weissert was a prominent candidate for the position a year ago and withdrew in favor of General Veazey. He will probably get the support of General Veazey's friends and is a strong candidate.

Colonel Smedburg is probably the most enthusiastic G. A. R. man on the Pacific coast. He has done much toward the organizing and booming the G. A. R. in California and other Pacific states, and is very popular throughout the west. He is also a very energetic and enthusiastic Loyal Legion man, and will get the support of members of the Loyal Legion who are attending the encampment.

General Hurst is popularly known as "Fighting Sam," and comes with the unanimous backing of the Ohio delegation. He is an active G. A. R. man and was an excellent department commander. He was colonel of the Seventy-third Ohio Infantry and well deserved his title of "Fighting Sam." One hundred and seventy-one men in his regiment were killed in action—the heaviest proportion in Ohio regiments.

Colonel Lincoln is a well known Michigan man who now holds the position of deputy commissioner of pensions. He will get the unanimous support of Michigan and may get support from eastern states.

In addition to the above candidates have been mentioned the names of General H. A. Barnum, of New York city; General Ira John Palmer, of Albany, and General Ira M. Hedges, of Haverstraw, N. Y. They are all from the same state and will possibly divide between them on the first ballot the fifty votes of New York.

Presentation of Medals.

Last night's festivities consisted of three presentations, one to the commander-in-chief, Veazey, of a \$1,000 gold medal set with diamonds, one of the same sort to General Alger from his aides of last year, and one to Mayor Pingree, a member of the Second Massachusetts heavy artillery, who has cared for all the members of his battery by turning his magnificent estate into a camp with a menu card in the feed tent that would make many hotels green with envy.

The Color Question.

One of the perplexing questions to come up at this meeting is the admission of colored posts. The southern delegates are strongly opposed, while the negroes are as strong in their demand for equality and have the sympathy of the north to a large extent.

STILL SERIOUS.

The Labor Trouble Among the Striking Italians Not Yet Settled.

CIRCLEVILLE, O., Aug. 4.—Colonel Buell was unable to pay the Italian laborers for their work on the railroad and the situation is still serious. Buell is virtually a prisoner and the Italians would mob him if he should try to escape.

As the sympathy is all with the Italians, Sheriff Wallace says he is virtually without means to preserve order. Buell made several attempts to get money, but failed, and the Italians are living on charity. Sheriff Wallace and County Treasurer Harper had a dispute incident to the matter and Wallace drew his revolver, but was prevented from shooting by friends.

Effects of a Newspaper War.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 4.—A difficulty occurred here yesterday afternoon between N. G. Gonzales, editor of The State newspaper and M. F. Tighe, the Columbia correspondent of The Charleston News and Courier. The trouble grew out of a scurrilous publication by Tighe reflecting upon the political course of the State. Yesterday morning's edition of The State contained a scathing denunciation of Correspondent Tighe, who, in response sent an insulting letter to Gonzales. Gonzales procured a rawhide, proceeded to Tighe's office and commenced to cowhide him. The sheriff, the mayor, and the chief of police, who were conveniently near, however, overpowered Gonzales and put an end to the castigation.

Omaha Bricklayers Strike.

OMAHA, Aug. 4.—All the bricklayers in the city except the employes of two firms struck Monday morning for eight hours' work with eight hours' pay and seven hours on Saturday, at the same pay. The bosses refused to pay for the hour not worked on Saturday, hence the strike.

Nearly every hour brings forth a new strike. The new eight-hour law is being violated by the mayor and the police commissioners, by the policemen being compelled to work twelve-hour shifts. The Central Labor union will file a complaint against them, and attempt to remove them from office according to the provisions of the act.

Pittsburg Blazes.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 4.—A fire at Millvale, Pa., yesterday destroyed Watkins' box factory, and Lutz pickle factory adjoining, and damaging eight dwelling houses. The total loss was about \$25,000. The fire was caused by the explosion of a boiler in the box factory. No one was injured.

Wheat Burned by Lightning.

VINCENNES, Ind., Aug. 4.—During the storm Sunday evening lightning struck the wheat-ribs on John Halter's farm, in Johnson township, six miles south of this city, and seven were consumed. Fifteen hundred bushels of wheat were destroyed.

**A FRAUD EXPOSED.**

How a Montreal Firm Has Been Gulling the People.

LOOKED AFTER IN WASHINGTON.

The Postoffice Department Taking Steps to Stop Mail and Money Sent to "The Home Fascinator" of Montreal—The World's Fair Prizes Proved a Farce.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—The officers of the assistant attorney general for the post office department have at last adopted plans, approved by the postmaster general, which is thought will break up a very novel and extensive fraudulent enterprise, that The Home Fascinator company of Montreal, Canada, with the aid of the mails, has been working very successfully upon many credulous people in the United States.

This concern, it is stated, publishes a monthly journal called The Home Fascinator, alleged to be devoted to useful knowledge, romance, etc., etc. The "etc." seemed to cover the greater part of the paper and consisted of an advertisement of four prizes to be awarded to persons sending in the largest correct list of English words of not less than four letters, constructed from the letters contained in the words "The World's Fair," each competitor to send with the list the sum of \$1, the subscription price of the paper.

An enormous circulation had been acquired throughout the United States upon the basis of this offer. Prizes were advertised to be awarded on June 25, 1891, the first prize consisting of \$1,000 in gold, the second prize, a grand piano, valued at \$400, and the fourth prize, a sewing machine, estimated at \$65. As to the third prize, consisting of "a silver tea set, gold-lined and valued at \$120," the clever and unique plan was adopted of awarding it to thousands of persons, as indicated by the receipt of the following printed notice, which was sent through the United States mails to the subscribers of the paper throughout the country:

OFFICE OF THE HOME FASCINATOR, (MONTREAL, July 20, 1891.)

DEAR MADAME—With pleasure we inform you that you are one of the successful competitors in the world's fair contest, and that you have been awarded an elegant silver tea set, gold lined. The cost of boxing, packing and shipping is \$4.00, which amount kindly remit us by registered letter, postoffice order or express money order, and we will instruct our United States agent to ship the prize to you.

To avoid mistakes, you will oblige us by returning this letter with your full address written plainly in ink on the lines below. Congratulating you, we remain faithfully,

THE HOME FASCINATOR PUBLISHING COMPANY.

P. S.—We ask you as a special favor to show this beautiful prize to your friends, and at the same time speak a good word for The Home Fascinator.

The circulars asking for remittance of \$4.00 to pay for packing and shipping the prize, it is stated, have been freely distributed throughout Kentucky, Missouri, Iowa and Pennsylvania so far as advices have been received. In one small town in Missouri, six persons were notified that each one had been awarded the silver tea set and six money orders, amounting to \$4.00 each were promptly forwarded to The Home Fascinator company at Montreal, Canada. Canada has no statute authorizing the stoppage of payment of money orders or the delivery of registered letters addressed to a person working a fraud through the mails. The postmaster general of this country can not prevent the issuance of money orders or the mailing of a registered letter, so it looked as if the scheme would work with no power to prevent the complete success of the swindle. The return of the circular letter destroyed all written evidence of advice from The Fascinator company to the victim.

The department seemed powerless to act and avert the consummation of a great wrong carried on through its own mails, and it was suggested that all American terminal postoffices designated as exchange postoffices with Canada, should be treated as offices of destination, and the postmasters there instructed by wire to refuse to certify money orders or forward registered letters, payable and directed to The Home Fascinator company, Montreal, Canada, but to return the same to the offices of origin marked fraudulent.

It is expected that many thousands of letters containing money will thus be restored to the writers.

THEY HAVE FALLEN OFF.

This Year's Customs Receipts as Compared with Those of 1890.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—A statement prepared at the treasury department shows that the receipts of customs at the port of New York for the seven months of the present calendar year have fallen off as compared with the corresponding months of the calendar year 1890, \$22,444,378. The receipts for July, 1891, were \$11,303,169, while for July, 1890, they were \$17,173,016, showing a falling off of nearly \$6,000,000.

It is estimated that two-thirds of the custom duties paid in the United States are collected at the port of New York. Other ports show as great a decrease as New York. If the same decrease continues during the year, receipts from customs at New York will show a falling off of \$36,000,000 and from all ports in the United States of about \$48,000,000 as compared with the calendar year 1890.

An Early Morning Fire.

PROVIDENCE, Aug. 4.—Two dwellings, a school house and a barn, were burned in Pawtucket early this morning. Loss \$10,000, mostly insured. The place has no fire apparatus.

**Defends Himself on the Bribery Charge in the Elliott Trial.**

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 4.—Juror Aubert, regarding whom startling charges of bribery have been made in connection with the Elliott murder trial, was interviewed by a reporter Sunday night. Aubert is now in Greensburg, Sandusky county, visiting his father-in-law. He refuses absolutely to talk of the secret of the jury room, but makes a general denial of the charges which have been printed regarding his conduct on the jury.

He denies emphatically that he cast a vote for acquittal on the first ballot and says he don't think that any one save that juror himself will ever know who did cast it. Aubert declares he was conscientious in all his actions as a juror and don't want the credit of influencing jurymen of greater age and experience than himself. He says if anyone knows of the attempted bribing in the case he wants their knowledge made public so the actual guilty parties may become known and thus clear him of even a suspicion. He says he never had a conversation with his brother during the trial except in the hearing of others. Aubert intimates that all jurors censured Prosecutor Haling for his reference to Florence, Elliott's wife's sister.

TO LYNCH A MURDERER.

A Mob Surrounds a Jail for That Purpose.

MCARTHUR, O., Aug. 4.—Michael Woolweaver and his sons Henry and Colby, who killed Car Inspector Leamon and wounded Station Agent Ewing, at McArthur Junction last Saturday, were arraigned before Justice Redd yesterday. They waived examination, and in default of bail were committed to jail.

This town is wild with excitement, and there are pretty reliable rumors of mob violence. The sheriff, on account of the intense feeling, feared to bring his prisoners into court, but started to conduct them to Jackson, and try them there, but the angry crowd refused to allow them to go; then the trial proceeded and the criminals were unmoored. An attack is feared upon the jail, as every minute the excitement increases.

AFTER EIGHT YEARS

An Ohio Boy Returns Home After Circling the Globe.

MARTIN'S FERRY, O., Aug. 4.—Eight years ago, William McLaughlin, then a youth of 15, asked his mother to get an early supper, that he wished to go to Wheeling. McLaughlin ate, left, and was never seen again by his family, or heard from until Sunday night, when he turned up safe and sound after travels almost over the entire world. In the eight years young McLaughlin has accumulated quite a fortune. He left home in a fit of pique.

Body Brought Back.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—On board the steamer Ems, which arrived here at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon was the body of Mrs. Elliott J. Slocum, late of Detroit, who died at Dresden on June 6, where she had gone in February last to visit her sister, Elliott J. Slocum, the dead woman's son, accompanied the remains. He was met at the dock by E. Rose Master, the Hon. Don M. Dickinson and Bishop Worthington of Nebraska. The remains were taken to Detroit on the private car of Mr. Ledyard, president of the Michigan Central road.

Collecting Mail Statistics.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—In order that the census office may be enabled to make a comparative statement showing relative uses being made of the telegraphs, telephonic and mail systems of communications, the postoffice department desires to obtain statistics next month from 148 representative postoffices in the United States showing the number of pieces and the weight of paid mail matter, with the amount of postage thereon, together with the statistics of the free matter mailed during certain specified periods.

Raised a Row with a Knife.

CONTOOCOOCK, N. H., Aug. 4.—William Welsh, of Horse Hill, Concord, caused a row in the house of a family named Walker, about three miles from here yesterday. Welsh was armed with a big dirk knife with which he did considerable execution. Robert Walker was fatally stabbed, while his brother John was severely cut on the arms and ribs. A guest named Hunt was also severely stabbed. Welsh was arrested.

Farmer and Wife Murdered.

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., Aug. 4.—Jackson Donnelly, a rich farmer living five miles east of here, and his wife were found murdered in their house at noon yesterday. The supposed motive for the murder was to secure money, which the robbers expected to find in the house.

Drouth Broken.

COLUMBUS, Ind., Aug. 4.—The drouth, which has prevailed here until farmers began to be alarmed, was broken late Sunday afternoon by a steady rain, which continued all night and until noon today. The ground is thoroughly soaked.

Depot Safe Robbed.

NEW HAVEN, Aug. 4.—The depot of the New York and New Haven railroad, at North Haven, was broken into last night, and the safe blown open and robbed of \$100 and 1,500 tickets.

Died Abroad.

URBANA, O., Aug. 4.—Edith Morris, one of Urbana's society young ladies who went to Europe some time since with Cincinnati friends, died in Paris Sunday.

Grocery Burned.

PORTSMOUTH, O., Aug. 4.—Frank Switalski's grocery burned yesterday. Loss, \$3,000.