

OUR PARIS LETTER.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES. FRANCE THE ALPHA AND OMEGA AT THE EXHIBITION. A PROSPEROUS NATION. THE CAPTIVE BALOON AND THE FLOATING RESTAURANT. THE TROCADERO PALACE. &c. &c.

(From our regular correspondent.)

PARIS, August 23d, 1878.

Another Champ de Mars is required to afford space for the ceremony of the distribution of prizes; 25,000 winners alone have the right to the accommodated and an equal number of sightseers, officials &c., to witness as many monarchs—not retired from business as Candide encountered at his famous Venetian supper party, or that Napoleon had packed in the pit of a Saxon theatre. It is too late to build a gigantic shanty, so that the palace of Industry, or the to be canvass-covered race course at Louchamp may be selected. The coming fete promises to outshout Herod in brilliancy; no discordant notes will likely be heard, as almost all the exhibitors, have secured a shred of blue ribbon. The lottery scheme appears to be enjoying the sleep of the just; likely the commissioners on reflection, object to games of chance, for raising the wind, especially when France is able to pay for her glory, and the more so when cosmopolitan visitors arrive again at the rate of 100,000 a day.

The industrial and agricultural portions of the French display fill the mind with a sense of the inexhaustible fertility of her soil, the unsurpassed fancy and skill of her workmen, and the power of the lively and indomitable race by which she is peopled to evince all the energy and enterprise which we are accustomed to consider peculiarly the qualities of Englishmen. No wise man feels jealousy at the manifestations of the ability of our sister Republic. The most important events in the commercial history of the world, the discovery of America, which brought ruin upon the other peoples prosperous in ancient times, passed over France alone without injuring her. With one coast upon the Atlantic and another upon the Mediterranean, France is almost unassailable by such revolutions. Marseilles had been a great port before the Romans had a navy. When Havre, Nantes, and St. Nazaire, grew into importance, the advantage was equally to France. Venice decayed and Amsterdam increased, but France, holding both ends of the thread, prospered before and after the discovery of the Genesve. When wine and corn were the typical constituents of wealth, no country could be so rich as that which possessed the smiling plains of Champagne, Normandy and Bordeaux. When coal and iron were discovered to be equally important for a country's greatness, the political insight of the third Napoleon secured for France free access to the coal-fields of England and Belgium. The high prices of coal in 1873 made it profitable to work the coal-measures which Northern France herself contained.

The immense variety of products shown in the Exhibition are the products of a land which is 3000 miles in girth, and has an area, since the loss of Alsace-Lorraine, of 204,098 square miles. It is a country watered by rivers, which are a proverb for their wealth of waters, and shaded by the historic forests of Ardennes, Fontainebleau, the Vosges, and Campagne, in all of which the oak, the beech, the pine, the elm, and the edible chestnut flourish, while the cork-tree grows in the South. The manufactures which fill the galleries of the Champ de Mars have grown up in the course of centuries of civilization, in constant vicissitudes and struggles for existence which taxed to the utmost the powers of an inventive race. No leading industry can be mentioned which does not owe much to France.

The captive—balloon is a great success, except on windy days, when no ascensions are allowed, another innovation is, the floating restaurant; a salon steamboat that leaves Paris in the morning for St. Germain, and returns in the afternoon; the single journey lasts 3 1/2 hours. The speculation is in the hands of the French restaurateurs at the Exhibition. The tourist can breakfast on board and return to Paris by rail, or rail to St. Germain and dine on board during the return journey, with electric lights at mast head. Several sights are pointed out along the Seine, the most vagabond of rivers in its course; there is the out-fall of the city sewer, and the heights of St. Cloud, the spot where Billoir placed the remains of his cut-up mistress, the Grenouillere, a democratic bathing for both sexes, and the new prison of Nanterre, in the land of roses to suggest to the fair sex, that if virtue be ever rewarded, vice shall never be left unpunished—if the police can help it.

The Trocadero building referred to in one of my former letters is considered a marvel of economical construction under most difficult circumstances, being based on the hollow site of an old quarry, with materials most carefully selected for durability and good effect. The acoustical arrangements are curious. Behind the grand organ is a large conque, or reflector and the occurrence of an echo is prevented, or supposed to be prevented—for many declare that it exists—in the following manner. Sound travels at the rate of 340 metres per second; and, as the quickest ear cannot discern too

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distinct sounds unless there be an interval of the tenth of a second between them, felt is employed in every place where there would be any danger of echo. The ceiling which is suspended from the roof timbers, is formed of peculiar felt only one fifth of an inch thick, so that the whole does not weigh more than 40 pounds per square metre. The ventilation of the immense *Salle des Fetes* is declared perfect; a well more than 16 feet in diameter, was sunk into the ancient quarry beneath, which has an extent of about 7 acres, and with its pillars present a large cooling surface. The air is drawn into that space by means of a steam screw fan, and driven by the same means up into the *Salle*, where it is distributed above at the rate of 5 feet per second, which is quickly reduced to 4 or 5 inches.

The number of medals awarded was largely increased—the gold from 1000 to 2000, silver from 4000 to 5400, bronze from 8000 to 18,000, and the honorable mentions from 8000 to 10,500. It seems quite unnecessary to limit the last named awards. In all 29,500 distinctions are to be distributed amongst 53,000 exhibitors; that is, in round numbers, one medal for every third exhibitor and an honorable mention for one in five. The grand medals of honor are in addition.

No less than 112,612 persons visited the Champ de Mars and Trocadero last Sunday. The official rehearsal of French music, which was to have taken place in the grand hall, was put off until next Thursday, as it has been remarked that the attendance at these concerts is less on Sundays than on week days. The concerts given by the Upsala students on the previous afternoon was most successful.

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A DISGRACEFUL ACT.

The Austin "Republican" Office Mugged and Thrown Into the Street.

AUSTIN, Aug. 29, 1878.—Hotchkiss' printing office, the Austin *Republican*, was gutted last night. The facts are hard to get at, but as near as I can learn at this writing, his type, forms, and everything that could be removed was taken away. Type scattered from one end of the block to the other. The greatest part of his large press was taken apart and is missing.

Excitement is running pretty high, and street reports say it was done by the women, others say it was done by men outside of Austin.

Nothing can be learned as to the persons or time it was done. The damage is estimated at from \$300 to 1,000. As I came from breakfast this morning, I met a friend who said: "Have you seen the *Republican*?"

I says, "No; is it out?" "Yes," says he, "It is out of the window."

Hotchkiss has been heard to remark that he would make it hot for them yet, also that he would bet it was a printer that took his press to pieces.

Austin people, with a very few exceptions, feel happier this morning than for several years. Every man you meet is smiling.

Arrests are expected from Page's star chamber.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

For the accommodation of our business men the post office will be open on Sundays from 8 to 10 a. m. and from 12 a. m. to 2 p. m. On week days the General Delivery will be closed at 8 o'clock. The Money Order Office will be opened at 7:30 a. m., and closed at 6 p. m. Mail going east will close at nine p. m. Going west at 6:30 p. m.

Notice of Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage executed and delivered by Henry Rehfeld, of the City of St. Paul, Ramsey Co., Minn., Mortgagee, dated the fourteenth day of March, A. D. Eighteen Hundred and Seventy, and recorded as a mortgage in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Brown, in the State of Minnesota, on the 21st day of March, A. D. 1870, at six o'clock, P. M. in Book "E," of mortgages, on pages 325, 326 and 327, on which there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the amount of Two Hundred and fifteen dollars and sixty-five cents (\$215.65) and no action or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a power of sale contained in said mortgage and of the statute in such cases made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises therein described, which sale will be made at the front door of the Court House, in the City of New Ulm, in the County of Brown and State of Minnesota, at public auction by the Sheriff of said County, on Monday, the 11th day of September, 1878, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to satisfy the amount which shall be due on said mortgage, with the interest thereon and costs and expenses of sale and twenty-five dollars attorneys fees as stipulated in said mortgage in case of foreclosure. The premises described in said mortgage and so to be sold are the lot, piece or parcel of land situated in the County of Brown and State of Minnesota and known and described as follows, to wit: The North-east quarter of the South-east quarter and the South-west quarter of the South-east quarter of Section number ten (10) in Township number one hundred and ten (110) in Range number thirty-two (32) containing eighty (80) acres according to the Government survey thereof. Dated at St. Paul, Minn., this 23d day of July, A. D. 1878. JOHN J. SCHLER, Mortgagee. THOMAS HOWARD, Atty for Mortgagee.

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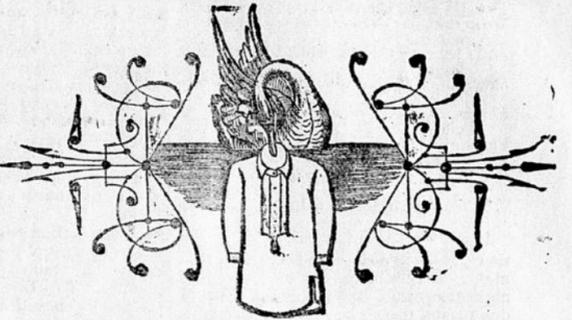
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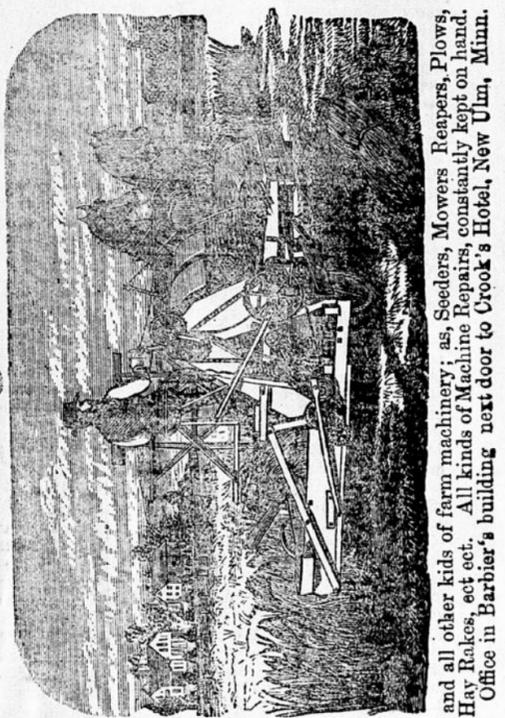
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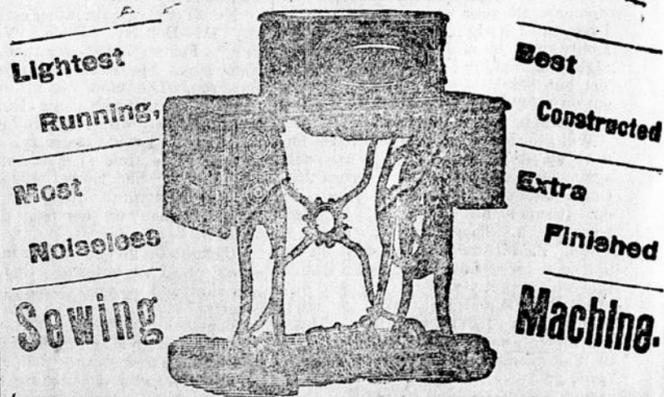
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