

INQUIRING OF THE EXPOSITION

Wise Men Want to Know of the Next Great Show's Prospects.

EXHIBITORS ALREADY GETTING ANXIOUS

Letters Coming to the Temporary Officers Asking for Information As to the Outlook for Greater America Project.

Inquiries from possible exhibitors are beginning to flow into the office of the Greater America Exposition in this city and the prospect of the enterprise has not yet been published. For instance, yesterday a letter was received from Thomas Knight of Kansas City, who is a member of the executive committee of the National Irrigation congress, inquiring about the status of the exposition. He gave as a reason for writing that the congress was thinking of preparing a comprehensive exhibit of everything pertaining to irrigation should it be decided to hold the exposition and as he considers it never too early to begin work he sought information. He requested an early answer that he might get the other members of the committee together to arrange a display worthy the cause and the occasion.

Another letter was received yesterday from the M. R. Levitt company of Brooklyn, N. Y., which desires to exhibit in the Mining building three machines for making photographs upon glass, the work being complete in three minutes. The company alleges it has the privilege of exhibiting its late invention at the Paris exposition in 1900 and would like to come here next year if possible. It lays claim to gold medals awarded to it at the World's fair and at the Atlanta exposition.

This editorial endorsement is from the Bloomfield Journal, published in Knox county. In the matter of holding the exposition next year much care has been exercised to learn how the laborer, the mechanic and the merchant feel in regard to the big enterprise. In our humble opinion the important factor in the success of the exposition has as yet been unheard of. This is purely an agricultural state, as is the whole Mississippi valley, practically speaking, hence the farmer is the great producer and, as his interests fluctuate, so indicate the interests of the town, city and state. The success of the splendid exposition just closed was, in a large measure, due to the attendance from the rural districts. The financial success of the exposition at the exposition is secondary to the great success we all hoped it to bring to the western country. We hoped it to bring to the western country, the natural resources, our desirable healthful climate, the thrift and progress of our people, and to induce men with brains and capital to invest here, because it is profitable to be here, and all this we wanted done in one year, which ordinarily would take twenty-five years to accomplish. If we have done this we have done more than we were paid for the last exposition and want another, because it may do us more good than the one just closed. The merchants of this town are with the farmer and they want that which enriches the farmer. More land has been sold at an advanced price within the last three years than had here in the preceding three years.

FIELD RIPE FOR THE REAPERS.

Immigration Agent Mott on the Opportunities for the Exposition. C. W. Mott of St. Paul, Minn., general immigration agent of the Great Northern railway, is in the city. It was by Mr. Mott's direction that the project car of the Northern Pacific road was placed at the Trans-Atlantic Exposition.

"We are well satisfied with results at Omaha," says Mr. Mott. "By actual count nearly 1,000,000 people passed through our product car. Only a portion of these were particularly interested but a majority got a fair idea of the products of six states traversed by the Northern Pacific."

"I note that your people are proposing a Greater America Exposition for 1899. I have a suggestion to make to the promoters of this new project. It is this: Men should be sent to the Philippines, China, Japan, Korea and the Sandwich Islands by the government or your exposition company, or both, to select native artisans, farmers, manufacturers, miners, stock growers, etc., and bring them over to Omaha in considerable numbers, making them the guests of your exposition. It costs them here for two months and pay their expenses. Eastern manufacturers and industries would place exhibits here in order that these Orientals might learn all about American machinery, appliances and manufactures generally. One of the results of the east is ever on the alert to extend its trade in manufactures, while the west is ever looking for better markets for its natural products. Bring representative men from Asiatic countries and from the near-by islands, and the business men of the whole United States would flock to Omaha to meet them. It is important also that exhibits from the newly acquired islands be placed at your exposition. Americans want to know what the natives manufacture and what they want to buy of us. Large numbers of Japanese devoted each to exhibits from Japan and Korea, and leave the rest to rivalry between them. American importers would be interested to come and see the Asiatic exhibits. A vast interchange of trade is possible. On the other side of the Pacific

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Gilbert at Kewanee Shoot. KEWANEE, Ill., Dec. 21.—The three day shooting tournament ended today. The principal prizes were for the best averages of the three days. In the live bird average the professionals Fred Gilbert of Spirit Lake, Ia., won, having killed ninety-two out of 100. Fred Bingham of Chicago, second with a score of ninety-one. Bingham led until today.

In the target average for professionals Gilbert, with J. R. Elliott of Kansas City second. Most of the prominent shooters left tonight for Indianapolis to enter the tournament there.

Erne and Hawkins Matched. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Frank Erne of Buffalo and Dal Hawkins of San Francisco were matched today to fight twenty-five rounds at the lightweight limit, 133 pounds, the club offering the best inducements and also for a side bet of \$20,000. The Pacific coast some time in February, as several California clubs have made bids for the contest.

Builders of the Shamrock. LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Yachting World apparently reports that the British American Yacht Club has entrusted the building of the Shamrock, the challenger for the America's cup, to the Thornycrofts. The paper adds that the yacht will be built at the Thornycrofts factory and never yet constructed a racing yacht.

Events on New Orleans Track. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—This was the twenty-fourth day of the Crescent City Jockey club's winter meeting. The weather

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Prominent Unitarian Recovering. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Dr. Horatio Stebbins, who was reported dying of heart failure yesterday, is slightly improved today. There is no immediate anticipation of his death.

Nelson Ends His Romance. CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Albert Nelson today shot Miss Aggie Johnson three times and then cut his own throat. Both have chances of recovery. Jealousy is said to have been the motive.

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In order to obtain the idea of a number of people who have made municipal affairs a study Messrs. W. S. King, W. C. Lambert, Edward Johnston, W. A. Bennett and R. A. Carpenter have been added to the original charter revision committee. The committee is to meet at the Doctor-Johnson office this afternoon for the purpose of going over the charter amendment bill prior to its submission to a mass meeting of citizens. In connection with this meeting City Clerk Carpenter is preparing a statement showing the total expenses of the city for the years 1897 and 1898. This being done in order to ascertain how much money must be raised by taxation to pay the running expenses of the city and the interest on outstanding obligations.

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Chicagoan Kills Himself. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 21.—Alex W. Nutt, a resident of Chicago who came to Los Angeles on a pleasure visit, committed suicide this afternoon by shooting himself through the head. Nutt carried out his purpose in a deliberate manner.

Battle with Moonshiners. RICHMOND, Dec. 21.—Big Bone Gap, Wise county, special reports a fight this morning near Flat Top, Letcher county, Ky., between revenue officers and moonshiners, in

Baker's court and is likely to come up at any time. Before the street was graded the appraisers sent in a report to the council giving it as their opinion that Henderson would not be damaged. After the grade lines had been staked Henderson erected a new residence on his lot without filing it with the result that it is now several feet below grade. Both City Attorney Montgomery and City Engineer Beal told Henderson where the surface of the street would be after the grading, but he declined to build accordingly. It is understood that he now wants damages to the amount of \$1,000.

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DEATH RECORD.

Judge William Marshall. FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 21.—(Special)—William Marshall, one of the judges of the district court in the Sixth judicial district, died suddenly of heart disease at his residence on Second street early this morning. Yesterday afternoon he held a short session of the district court and was apparently in the best of health. Last evening he went to bed as usual, but toward morning complained of difficulty in breathing. He dressed and came downstairs and died a few minutes later in a chair.

Judge Marshall was born in Harrison county, Ohio, July 29, 1832. He graduated from the classical department of Michigan university in 1855. In 1861 he was commissioned captain in the Eighth Ohio infantry and was promoted to lieutenant colonel in 1863. He was discharged for disability in 1863. Judge Marshall was admitted to the bar in Monmouth, Ill., in 1865 and later served two terms as prosecuting attorney of the county. He came to Fremont in 1874 and in 1878 he was elected to the senate and was made speaker pro tem. In 1883 he was elected district attorney of this judicial district and held that office until by legislative enactment it passed out of existence. He was appointed judge of the district court in all vacancies in 1887 and has three times been elected. He was a member of McPherson post of the Grand Army of the Republic, which was the only organization of the sort to which he belonged. He was a bachelor and had residing with him two sisters and a brother since he came to Fremont.

Judge Munger of Omaha will adjourn the sitting of his court on Thursday in order to be present at the funeral, which will be held at the First Presbyterian church on Friday. The Dodge County Bar Association will attend in a body and a committee was appointed consisting of Hon. E. F. Gray, R. J. Stinson and W. J. Courtright to make all necessary arrangements and render such assistance as might be desired. The Grand Army will also attend in a body.

Dennis McCarthy. Dennis McCarthy, father of Rev. P. F. McCarthy of this city, died at St. Joseph's hospital, Tuesday evening, after a brief illness. Mr. McCarthy was born in Ellersberry, Kings county, Ireland, sixty-three years ago. He came to this country when a boy, and made his home at Newark, N. J., where he resided till a year ago. Funeral services will be held in the hospital chapel, tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Burial in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

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Continental Hall, Ancient Landmark. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Continental hall, an old landmark of Paterson, N. J., was destroyed by fire today. Flames starting in the basement gained headway so rapidly that the occupants of the building awakened by the smoke had narrow escapes from suffocation and burning. Loss, \$75,000.

Barn and Cattle Sheds. PAWNEE, Neb., Dec. 21.—(Special Telegram)—Fire tonight destroyed the barn and cattle sheds of F. L. Bennett near this city. The loss was about \$1,500; no insurance.

Chicagoan Kills Himself. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 21.—Alex W. Nutt, a resident of Chicago who came to Los Angeles on a pleasure visit, committed suicide this afternoon by shooting himself through the head. Nutt carried out his purpose in a deliberate manner.

Battle with Moonshiners. RICHMOND, Dec. 21.—Big Bone Gap, Wise county, special reports a fight this morning near Flat Top, Letcher county, Ky., between revenue officers and moonshiners, in

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