

## WHITE CITY GOSSIP.

The Great Exposition on the Columbian Fourth of July.

A Memorable Event Among All Nations at the Fair—Some Strange Features of the Celebration—New Buildings Opened.

[Special Chicago Correspondent]

ALL the Fourth of July celebrations ever witnessed in Chicago that which has just transpired was far and away the most memorable. Jackson park was the head center of the festivities, but the whole city, including the countless hosts of foreigners and strangers in our

midst, seemed to partake of the spirit of revelry. For several days previous to the Fourth the interest in the coming event had been waxing greater and greater as the expected treat drew near, and the pent-up enthusiasm of the patriotic spirits burst forth and found momentary relief in the surreptitious discharge of something with a bang to it, and the louder the bang the greater the relief. The hardy youngster of the street made himself exceedingly promiscuous by the din which he created whenever he found himself in a place apart from the presence of the blue-coated preservers of the city's peace, and he kept it up so assiduously day and night that quietly-disposed people had a hard time of it trying to get more than three consecutive winks of sleep at a time. This is nothing new, of course, on the Fourth of July, but it did seem as though the firecrackers were better this year and went off with a louder bang, and the torpedoes were larger and more reliable and made twice the usual noise. The guns and cannons were on their good behavior also and fairly rent the atmosphere in their efforts to swell the volume of sound that was being poured forth in honor of American independence, Columbus and the world's fair.

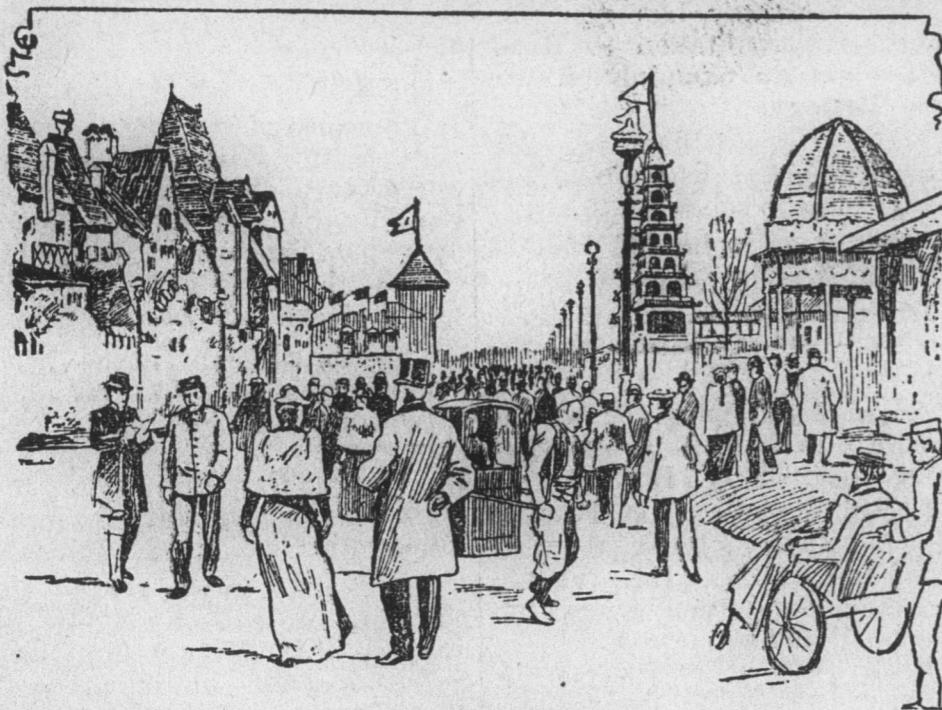
As has been said, the grand attraction was Jackson park. There from morning till night no sound of guns or fireworks was heard, as the discharge of any such was in the interest of public peace and property strictly prohibited.



WOMEN WARRIORS OF DAHOMEY.

dents. There were a few minor misfortunes, but nothing of a very serious nature occurred at the grounds.

A world's fair Sunday school building has just been completed in the environs of the fair grounds, which is attracting considerable interest among church people both here and abroad. It is a beautiful structure, built after the fashion of the fair buildings, and is a model of architectural excellence. It is located just across from the fair grounds on Stony Island avenue, on the western side, about midway of the park. The object of the building is to provide a meeting place for those interested in Sunday school work during the fair. The building will be removed



MIDWAY PLAISANCE.

ited, but when night came there was racket and fireworks enough to satisfy the wishes of the most hilarious celebrator on the grounds. The pyrotechnicians were all in the charge of authorized persons who were skilled in their use, and they were confined to the water front where they were not likely to endanger the precious buildings of the White City. The pieces displayed were some of the finest creations which those skilled in pyrotechnics were capable of putting together, and the crowd of people that witnessed the magnificent spectacle must have numbered nearly two hundred thousand.

The exercises began with speech-making, singing, etc., all of which attracted a goodly portion of the crowd, but the main center of interest during the day was among the foreigners of Midway Plaisance. There everybody

was celebrating. Even the inky-skinned women warriors of Dahomey were doing their best to honor Uncle Sam. They were clothed, as far as is their custom to be clothed, which at most is very sparingly, in the stars and stripes, and presented a very gorgeous appearance. They, like most of the other nationalities on the Plaisance, gave special performances in honor of the occasion, and they seemed to partake fully of the prevailing spirit of revelry.

The outpour from the city was something enormous and must have been in the aggregate very near a half million. The admissions footed up considerably over a third of a million. But the vast number who daily come and go by the "underground" route would in all probability greatly augment the receipts were they to have paid their passage.

The buildings of Venezuela and Costa Rica are both marvels of excellence architecturally and they both contain many articles of rare interest. The commissioners who have these buildings in charge are exceedingly affable and courteous and do their best to make all visitors thoroughly at home.

A most interesting exhibit in the Illinois building is the farm scene on the northwest wall, showing the fields of grain, fences, barns, wagons, cattle and all the accessories of a well kept farm in the Prairie state, all done in grasses, seeds, grain and corn husks and stalks. It took fifteen girls four hundred and eighty days to complete it with the frame, and it is said to cost \$15,000. It is really a work of art.

## RARE ANIMALS.

One of the Most Interesting Exhibits Sent by the Government.

An attractive feature of the government exhibit at the fair is a series of stuffed and mounted specimens of species which are nearing extinction. It is a lamentable fact that many of the sea and land animals indigenous to America and surrounding waters are fast disappearing. Notably among the specimens sent to Chicago from the Smithsonian institution is that of a sea otter, believed to be the only perfectly preserved example of this curious species in existence. For many years the government has been trying to get a perfect skin, and has been unable to get one until the present one was secured.

The difficulty is that the Alaskan natives not only distort the hides in preparing them for market, but in obedience to an old superstition, they bite off the nose of each beast before skinning it. Thus it happens that no museum in the world has a good specimen. The one shown by the National museum at the Centennial exposition possessed neither nose nor feet, being patched up with papier mache. Recently, however, the complete and uninjured skin of a male adult sea otter was obtained through the Alaska Commercial company. It will be stuffed and mounted on a rock covered with seaweed, so as to look as lifelike as possible. The fur of this animal is the most valuable known. A good pelt, with the usual imperfections, is worth two hundred and fifty dollars, while an exceptionally fine one will fetch one thousand dollars. It has been suggested that the president could preserve this precious creature by setting aside the islands of Saanach and Charnolous, in the north Pacific, as a reservation where they might be protected, just as he reserved the island of Afognak for the salmon by proclamation the other day. Otherwise the species cannot long survive. Hunters are shooting the few survivors now with explosive bullets.

Another interesting animal to be shown is the only specimen of the walrus that has ever been properly stuffed and mounted. Mr. William Palmer went all the way to the Pribilof seal islands to get it. The beast was shot on Walrus island, which is six miles from the island of St. Paul—an irregular rock a few hundred yards long.

In like fashion will be shown the first mounted specimen of the manatee ever exhibited. This great marine animal is first known to have been remarked by Christopher Columbus. It attains a length of thirteen feet and a weight of two thousand pounds. Though now almost extinct, the species was once along the gulf coast.

Yet another aquatic animal to be shown will be a specimen of the sea elephant. It was formerly found in large numbers along the coast of California. Among the interesting beasts to be shown by the National museum in its exhibit of the animals native to this country is the Rocky mountain antelope. This was the famous "woolly horse" which figured in the political songs of the Fremont campaign. It is not particularly rare, nor near extinction, but it is one of the least known of American mammals, because the regions which it inhabits are almost inaccessible. Nevertheless, it is not very alert and is easily shot when it can be got at. It will be represented by a group, as will also the woodland caribou, which is the reindeer of Newfoundland. The latter has been nearly exterminated. Another group shows the barren-ground caribou of Alaska. Both of these are regarded as varieties of the same species as the domesticated reindeer, which have been newly imported by the government from Siberia for the benefit of the Alaska natives. For them it is expected to supply the place of the walrus, inasmuch as it is the most useful animal in existence.

It is intended to exhibit representatives of the families of as many as possible of the strange and rare mammals native to all America, as, for example, certain scarce armadillos, cats, deer and rat-like beasts from the southern continent. Unfortunately some are so rare as to not be obtainable, only one or two specimens being known in the case of certain species. The mammals form only a part of the great series, which will extend from man to the amoeba.

### Laplanders at the Fair.

When the next world's fair is held it is not probable there will be any Laplanders present. Ten years ago there were twenty-seven thousand Laplanders. Now there are only eleven thousand.

Death and amalgamation are making away with them as a distinctive branch of the human family. Ethnologically this may be the truth. It doesn't seem to agree very well with what old King Bull, the head of the Midway colony, claims for himself and family. Bull says he is one hundred and twelve years old. His son, Bals Bull, he says is ninety years of age. Bals Hygd Bull, the grandson, is seventy-three, Bals Hygd Bull has a daughter fifty-nine years old, and her son is forty-one. The grandson of Bals Hygd Bull has a son twenty-nine years old. The daughter of this twenty-nine-year-old Bull is fourteen, and she has a little girl two years old. Thus, it appears, according to old King Bull, that eight generations of his family are living.

### A Valuable Relic.

In the last month of her life Mary Queen of Scots amused herself making a bed quilt. Upon a background of red, green and black silk she worked various designs with silk thread of bright colors. In several places she attempted embroidered portraits of noted characters of her time. The resemblances, however, are striking. This quilt was the gift of the queen to a maid of honor who remained with her through loss of power and friends. The quilt has been carefully treasured by the descendants of the one to whom it was given. It was brought by them to this country, and one of them, Senator John Bidlake, of South Dakota, sent it to the fair.

Porters utter great and wise things which they do not themselves understand.—Plate

## INDIANA STATE NEWS.

The directors of the Muncie Street Railway Co., who principally reside in Burlington, Vt., held a meeting there the other day, elected new officers and declared the deal off in which Russell B. Harrison, representing a New York syndicate, was negotiating for the purchase of the road. They also decided to at once supplement the steam motor propellers with the more modern electric system of cars. This is very gratifying.

FIRE started in Crawford's barn, Russiaville, and spread until \$40,000 worth of property was burned. Coffin Bros., dry goods and groceries, loss \$5,000; Jeter & Dixon, hardware, \$10,000; Crawford, livery, \$1,600; Hodson & Gilliland, shop, \$1,500; Wm. Eikenberry, buggies, \$1,000; Mrs. Moulder, residence, \$2,500; Mel Douglass, residence, \$1,500, and other smaller losses.

A SERIOUS shooting affray occurred at Richmond and caused much excitement from the prominence of the parties. Rev. John N. Beaver, a divine and evangelist who has been in the religious work for years, shot four times at Thomas G. Gray, one ball taking effect in the thigh and making a bad wound. The cause of the trouble is jealousy, Beaver believing that Gray was attempting to alienate the affections of his wife.

A SALOON building at Gas City owned by the Indianapolis Brewing Co., collapsed the other afternoon. The building was nearly completed. Two workmen engaged on the inside barely escaped being crushed in the ruins.

WILLARD, the fourteen-year-old son of Thomas Shidler, was swimming in Delaware lake, at Muncie, with a half dozen playmates, when he got beyond his depth and was drowned. His body was recovered after the lake had been raked for one hour.

JAMES DRUMMOND, a pioneer of LaPorte county, and one of the veterans of the Black Hawk war, is about to receive a pension in acknowledgment of services rendered. The pension will date from 1833, and the money which has accumulated during this long lapse of time will make the pensioner the possessor of a comfortable fortune.

FOUR boys were walking up the slopes of a coal mine near Rosedale when three empty cars rushed down and caught them. Joseph Crane, aged thirteen, was instantly killed; Otto Crogan, aged fourteen, received fatal injuries, and Rolla Crogan and Joe Blacker, aged eleven and thirteen, respectively, had bones broken.

MILTON PHILLEY, foreman of the straw department at the strawboard factory Gas City, dropped dead instantly while at work. He was a man of brawny stature and apparently good health, and only an autopsy could throw any light on the cause of his death, which came from heart disease.

REV. J. A. SANPELT, an aged Lutheran minister, died at Evansville, a few days since, the result of a stroke of paralysis. He had preached there continually for 47 years, and his congregation numbers 1,000 souls. He is well known in Lutheran circles all over this country and Europe. He was 71 years of age.

The Hebron bank muddle is at an end. A committee of the depositors met with Zimri Dwiggrins and secured a settlement. Dwiggrins is to pay \$1,000 a month until the amount is paid.

EDITOR J. K. BUSH was instantly killed and his wife seriously injured in a runaway at Noblesville. An only daughter, who was with them, escaped injury.

A POST-OFFICE has been established at Cornelius, Brown county, and Samuel E. Long appointed postmaster.

JOE HILL, a colored paper-hanger, and wife, of Shelbyville, have had numerous quarrels, and are now living separately. The other afternoon Hill paid his wife a visit at her mother's house, when they had another fight. The mother joined in and struck him on the head with an ax, injuring him seriously.

PENSIONS have been granted the following-named Indians: Original—Michael E. Bricker, Nathaniel Davis, Increase—James G. Ryan, Wm. Hines, Martin Wagner, John Cogle, Reissue—Samuel Burton, John Vore, Moses Powell, Christian C. Mikesell. Original Widows, etc.—Mary E. Lawswell, Phebe Jane Metzger, minors of David Hill, Harriet Bedgood, Nancy Zwyggers, Ann Rebecca Dye (mother), Ellen Burris (mother), Mary E. Crosley, Evaline Nang, Mary Eisen, minor of Jacob Albright.

As a result of the continuous stringency in the money market nearly 5,000 men employed in the various manufacturing industries of Indianapolis were thrown out of work the other day, and until relief is afforded as will enable the proprietors to resume business with the usual force. A majority of the manufacturers have a large amount of its manufactured products on hand, but the demand has fallen off in every class of business within the past month, and collections are so slow that many factories will close down, while others will continue, but with reduced forces.

THE other night a gang of horse thieves made a raid in Muncie and stole three valuable horses and three buggies. A stranger representing himself to be a railroad man went to the home of Amos Richardson, near Hartford, and gave a small boy \$2 to drive him to Muncie. When they arrived, the stranger skipped with the rig, leaving the boy alone.

DURING a heavy rain and hailstorm, at Hartford City, the other afternoon, two lightning flashes shocked a score of people, struck the Catholic church, J. P. A. Leonard's house, Postmaster Gibbs' house and a number of trees. The excitement amounted to almost a panic, and yet no one was seriously injured.

CHAUNCY VERMILLION, a farmer living near Anderson, while unloading hay from a wagon by means of a pulley and rope, caught his head in the noose and was carried to the top of the barn and was almost dead when the rope was cut and he dropped to the floor. His condition is serious.

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GOVERNMENT detectives in some of the "moonshine" districts carry kodaks with them to secure evidence. They pick up a little bit of still life.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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THE report that the Boston waiters have concluded to strike against tips must be taken cum barrelo salis.—Memphis Avalanche.

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