

## A HISTORY EXHIBIT.

Interesting Relics of a Departed  
Genius at the World's Fair.

Chairs Made for the Presidents from the  
Horns of Elk by Seth Kinman, the  
Great California Hunter—A  
Unique Character.

[Special Chicago Correspondence.]

In the state buildings of the wonder-  
ful White City there are a great many  
objects of rare and historic interest  
which have been gathered up from out-  
of-the-way corners of the country and  
brought to the great Columbian expo-  
sition for exhibition. Many of these  
are articles whose histories are closely  
intertwined with the lives of some of  
our great men, Americans who have  
come up from obscurity and poverty  
and richly blessed our great nation  
with their useful lives and are now with  
us only in the grateful and affectionate  
remembrance of their noble deeds.



PRESIDENTIAL CHAIRS.

Coming under this head is a collection  
of curious articles displayed in the  
Humboldt section of the California  
building, one of the most extensive and  
imposing state structures at the fair,  
around which cluster memories of some  
of the grand men who have been at the  
head of this glorious nation.

This collection is composed of the  
belongings of Seth Kinman, the great  
California hunter and trapper, who was  
known during the later years of his life  
as the presenter of elk-horn chairs to  
the presidents of the United States, and  
who was widely known as being one of  
the most unique characters this country  
has ever produced. Among the  
articles in the collection are some of  
the beautiful and ingeniously con-  
structed chairs which were made for  
several of the presidents by the old  
hunter from the horns of animals he  
had slain in the wilds of the western  
mountains.

There is the Garfield chair, fashioned  
in a very skillful manner from the an-  
tlers of an enormous elk, which, owing  
to the sudden and deplorable death of  
the president at the hands of a de-  
mented assassin, was never presented.  
And there is also the Johnson chair, or  
Bear chair, constructed of the hide,  
head and paws of a monster grizzly.  
The paws, with their enormous claws,  
form the feet of the chair, and the  
hide, with the hairy side out, covers it  
throughout. The head is arranged in  
a very life-like manner beneath the  
seat in such a way that when the seat  
is pressed it springs forward in a very  
startling fashion. There is besides a  
queer looking chair made from the  
larger bones of a whale, obtained by  
old Seth, as he was wont to be called,  
from the Indians of Alaska, among  
whom he spent some years of his early  
western career. This chair is a plain  
and unattractive affair, but bears evi-  
dence of the marvelous mechanical  
skill of its eccentric maker. In addi-  
tion to these historic chairs and a  
large variety of Indian implements  
there is one of the queerest violins that  
ever was made. It was fashioned from  
the skull of a musical mule that was  
the close companion of the old hunter  
for many years. It is indeed a rare in-  
strument, and it has been coveted by  
parties in England who have offered  
large sums for it, but without effect.  
The bow of this remarkable instrument



GOV. HAYES AND SETH KINMAN.

was made from a rib of the mule and is  
strung with hairs from the animal's  
tail.

There is quite a pathetic story con-  
nected with this curious violin, in  
which old Seth's peculiar notion of  
turning his mule's head into a musical  
instrument is accounted for. Accord-  
ing to relatives of the old hunter who  
still live in Tazewell county, Ill., and  
from whom many incidents of his re-  
markable career are learned, he was  
considerable of a violinist and per-  
formed many strange and difficult feats  
with the instrument, playing with the  
violin held behind his back or across  
his shoulders fully as well as in the  
natural position. During his spare mo-  
ments he was very fond of playing the  
old tunes of his boyhood and such  
pieces as "The Arkansas Traveler," at  
which he was especially expert, always  
including the conversational part of  
the piece with great gusto, and "Old  
Dan Tucker," which he also rendered,  
it is said, in true backwoods fashion.

The mule was for several years dur-  
ing his later career the old hunter's sole

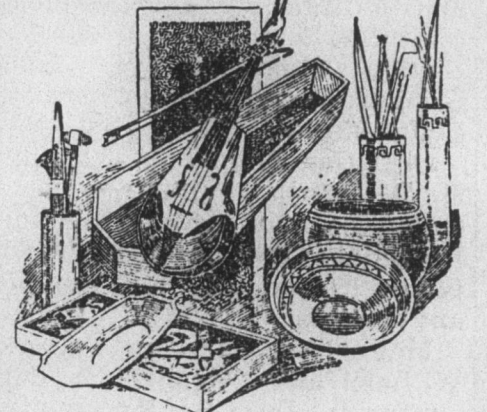
companion, sharing with him his quar-  
ters in a rude little cabin in the Sierra  
Madre mountains; and whenever Seth  
felt blue or despondent he would get  
his violin and saw away at it to raise  
his spirits. On such occasions the mule  
would draw near and stand in an atti-  
tude of deep interest, with his long  
ears turned appreciatively toward the  
instrument, and at intervals, when the  
piece was executed in a manner espe-  
cially praiseworthy, the queer little  
quadruped would raise his anything  
but melodious voice in a vigorous and  
jerky bray of approval. According to  
his master the little animal would leave  
his feed at any time to listen to the  
music of the violin.

When the mule died, which he did in  
a full and rounded mulehood, his affec-  
tionate master conceived the idea of  
perpetuating the memory of his mus-  
ical pet by turning his bones into the  
instrument of whose music the animal  
was so fond. The task was an exceed-  
ingly difficult one and, notwithstanding  
Old Seth's skill as a boneworker, it  
took him a long time to complete it,  
but when it was done he felt amply re-  
paid for his labor, for the instrument  
proved to be much superior to the one  
he used to play for the mule's benefit.

This remarkable violin the old hunter  
placed upon the day of his death,  
which occurred about five years ago in  
his mountain home where he had lived  
so long among his warm friends, the  
Humboldt Indians, who, in all his  
career among them, regarded Seth  
Kinman as a great and wonderful pale-  
face whose power was second only to  
that of the "Great Father" at Wash-  
ington.

Old Seth was not only a genius him-  
self, but he came from a family of  
geniuses. One of his brothers, Jesse  
by name, conceived the idea of the  
corn planter and constructed the first  
machine of the kind ever used for his  
own use. The invention was copied  
before he had perfected and secured a  
patent on it; and from that crude ma-  
chine has been evolved the great suc-  
cess in farm implements known as the  
check-rower. Another brother, John,  
invented the first device for packing  
flour in barrels that was known in this  
country.

The rest of the family were more  
studious and steady in their habits  
than was Seth. He possessed the true  
bohemian spirit, and took greater  
pleasures in a nomadic life than in the  
straight-laced manners and customs of  
civilization. At an early age he began  
to roam, leaving Williamsport, Pa., his  
home and birthplace, in 1830 at the  
age of fifteen and taking his way  
westward until he came to Tazewell  
county, Ill., where he remained until  
1849, when he broke loose again and  
braved the unknown dangers of the  
great plains of the far west, arriving  
finally, after many blood-curdling ad-  
ventures, upon the Pacific coast, set-



MULE'S-HEAD VIOLIN AND INDIAN IM-  
PLEMENTS.

tling among the few hardy pioneers  
who were then located in Humboldt  
county. He tried mining for a time  
on the Trinity river but followed hunt-  
ing mainly for a living.

In the winter of 1856 it occurred to  
Seth for the first time that it would be  
a good thing to do to make an elk-horn  
chair and send it to the president of  
the United States. He speedily worked  
out the idea and went himself with  
the chair to Washington and was pre-  
sented with a number of state officials  
when the chair was presented by one  
Dr. Wozencroft, who was chosen to  
make the speech. President Buchanan  
was greatly pleased, and in return pre-  
sented Seth with the best gun to be  
found in the east and a brace of fine  
pistols. The president also appointed  
the hunter to corral the Indians on the  
Humboldt reservation. Upon his re-  
turn to California Seth made a contract  
to supply the government troops and  
sawmill hands of Humboldt with fresh  
meat at the rate of twenty-five cents a  
pound, which contract kept him very  
busy killing bears and elk. It is said  
that he killed as high as two hundred  
and forty elk in one month, and he  
claimed to have shot in his time over  
eight hundred grizzly bears.

In November, 1864, Mr. Kinman ar-  
rived in Washington with an elk-horn  
chair for President Lincoln. Chief  
Clerk Clinton Lloyd, of the house of  
representatives, made the presentation  
speech in very happy form, and Presi-  
dent Lincoln was much impressed and  
pleased with the gift, and marveled  
greatly at the devotion which prompted  
a journey for the sole purpose of pre-  
senting him with the chair.

Next in turn Presidents Johnson and  
Hayes received chairs from the hands  
of the great hunter, Mr. Hayes receiving  
his while yet governor of Ohio, though  
nominated for the presidency. The  
very fine chair intended for President  
Garfield was never presented for the  
reason stated. At the time of his death,  
at the age of seventy-two, old Seth was  
still intent upon presidential chairs  
and was preparing one for President  
Cleveland, which he declared was going  
to surpass any of his previous produc-  
tions. But his life work had to remain  
unfinished, and the old hunter closed  
his eyes forever upon the strange fruits  
of his genius, the trail of the elk, and  
his well-loved mountain home and  
went away to the great hunting  
grounds beyond the border of life.

A KANSAS CITY man calls his dog Christo-  
pher Columbus. This is rather overdoing  
the matter. Christopher had three backs  
while the Kansas City canine has but one.  
—Rochester Post.

Yachts take spins to show whether they  
are tip top or not.—Boston Transcript.

## INDIANA STATE NEWS.

A FEW days since the family of Clin-  
ton Stradling, residing north of Muncie,  
was poisoned by bad meat, and all six  
of the members, with a hired hand,  
came very near losing their lives. The  
meat peddler is being sought, but can  
not be found.

MICHAEL CUMMESKY, president of the  
Indiana district of the United Order of  
Mine Workers, has resigned to become  
assistant to State Mine Inspector Mc-  
Quade. Joseph Dunkerly, vice presi-  
dent, will succeed Cummesky.

A LOUISVILLE, Evansville and St.  
Louis passenger train ran through an  
open switch at Boonville, wrecking the  
engine and several coaches. Breakman  
Elmer Smith, of Evansville, had a rib  
broken, the fireman a shoulder blade  
broken and others were slightly  
wounded.

At Indianapolis Charles Reitz, a well-  
known electrician, is dead. He was  
among the first to see the capabilities  
in electricity a venacular motor, and  
was convinced of its applicability to  
carriages and wagons on an ordinary  
smooth roadway. He was the first to  
bring this idea to fruition, the result  
being a street carriage.

The grand jury of Grant county has  
returned indictments of murder in the  
first degree against Anderson Hatfield,  
Frank Stevens, Martin Adamson and  
James Lemon for the shooting of Abra-  
ham Stumpff in a potato patch, the  
other day.

W. H. SMITH, who resides near At-  
lanta, four miles south of Tipton, while  
passing along the public highway, just  
at the south of the city, was shot by  
some unknown person, the ball strik-  
ing his body about one inch below the  
heart. The physicians in charge of the  
case probed for the ball, but could not  
locate it. He will probably re-  
cover.

MRS. GREEK, aged eighty-two years,  
residing twelve miles east of Wabash,  
was probably fatally injured by a  
vicious ram. A number of sheep be-  
longing to a neighbor escaped from the  
pasture, and in trying to drive them  
out of her own place the ram turned  
upon Mrs. Greek, knocked her down,  
and broke an arm and leg, and hurt  
her internally. She can not survive.

BEFORE the news of his good fortune  
reached him, Rev. William Pettit, the  
wife murderer, died in prison north of  
consumption. He was the other day  
granted a new trial by the supreme  
court of Indiana.

THE strike of the Big Four boiler-  
makers at Indianapolis, which, during  
its existence, cost human blood, has  
been formally declared off, and the  
company was officially notified of the  
fact by President Frohleyer, of the In-  
dianapolis lodge. The action was  
taken unreservedly, no terms having  
been offered by the company. Mr.  
Garstar, superintendent of motive  
power, is of the opinion that few of the  
strikers will get their places back, as  
they are already filled.

The last Indiana legislature passed a  
law making it a misdemeanor to kill  
quail at any time during the year, ex-  
cept between November 10 and Decem-  
ber 31. The penalty for violation is a  
fine of five dollars for each and every  
bird killed, and double the amount for  
the second offense. Hunting on Sun-  
day is also made a more serious offense  
than ever before. The law was made  
severe for the purpose of preventing  
the wholesale slaughter of the inno-  
cent, but palatable bobwhites, and to  
prevent their total extermination. It  
is also unlawful to kill quail by any  
other means than shooting, and "pot"  
hunters who use snares and traps will  
be fined fifty dollars and imprisoned  
for thirty days if caught.

NEAR Muncie, Farmer W. F. Watson  
left his horse and buggy in woods that  
were being cleared. The horse got  
scared, ran off and took a bee line for  
a large pile of burning logs. The animal  
dashed into the fire and was cremated.  
The buggy was also burned.

The Muncie Flint Glass Co., of Muncie,  
Charles Boldt, president, has in-  
creased its capital stock from \$250,000  
to \$750,000. One-half of the increase  
preferred stock to draw dividends of 3  
percent., was taken by the stockhold-  
ers.

On the night of September 8 two  
masked robbers bound and gagged the  
driver of a small mail wagon at Terre  
Haute, and stole three heavy mail  
pouches. A few days ago the pouches  
were found in a corn-field. They had  
been cut, and every letter opened and  
rifled of any money. About sixty checks  
and drafts were found in a pile, the rob-  
bers not caring to take them. None of  
them are for large amounts. No clew.  
The letters will be forwarded as soon  
as a post office inspector arrives.

A DISASTROUS fire occurred at Win-  
field, in which a livery barn was con-  
sumed and nine valuable horses burned.  
Loss, \$5,000.

The following fourth-class post-  
masters were appointed the other day:  
Wm. Chandler, New Marion, Ripley  
county, vice Theodore Brown, resigned;  
J. M. Smelser, Ohio Falls, Clark coun-  
ty, vice W. M. Reynolds, removed.

AFTER January 1, all prisoners in the  
penitentiary north will be provided  
with the regulation fare. This plan  
will abolish the custom of convicts be-  
ing supplied with delicacies by outside  
friends and by purchase. This step  
will be taken in the belief that better  
discipline can be maintained. The  
management has also decided to uni-  
form the prison attaches, and to pre-  
scribe regulations for the appointment  
of guards.

WHILE boring a well near Turner,  
Ore., recently, a fir tree is claimed to  
have been struck at a distance of thirty-  
four feet under ground. The tree,  
it is said, measured two feet through,  
and the heart was sound. Twenty-  
four feet further down, it is stated,  
more vegetable matter was struck.

THE jaw of a woman became par-  
alyzed while she was talking through a  
telephone at Dover, Del., the other  
day. An attempt to force open her  
jaw resulted in its fracture.

The older we become the more the  
wheels of time seem to have been oiled.

## In Deep Water.

Like incautious and weak swimmers are  
those who incur the risk of chronic rheuma-  
tism by a neglect of safety. This can be in-  
sured at the start by that live preserving  
medicine, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.  
Rheumatism may attack the heart. There  
is no safety then. Forestall the chronic  
stage of the malady by using the Bitters,  
which is equally efficacious in malaria, dys-  
pepsia, liver complaint, constipation and  
kidney disorder.

STREET CAR DRIVER (to passenger)—"Why  
don't you put down that heavy satchel?  
You'll break your back holding it up." Pas-  
senger—"Be good, thin little horses has got  
all they can do to drag this big k'y and  
the load that's in it. I'll carry the bag mes-  
self."

## When Nature

Needs assistance it may be best to render  
it promptly, but one should remember to use  
even the most perfect remedies only when  
needed. The best and most complete and ef-  
fective remedy is the Syrup of Figs, manufac-  
tured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

Mrs. W. WALDON—"In our hotels the guests  
are well cared for. In every upper room  
there is a rope for escape in case of fire."  
Count De Barbere—"Ah, that is most amus-  
ing. If he wish he can use it also as a skip-  
ping rope."—Life.

## McVicker's Theater, Chicago.

Mr. Wm. H. Crane in "Brother John" till  
Nov. 4, followed by Thos. W. Keene's re-  
pertoire of classic plays, supported by Miss  
Florence Rockwell, aged 15 years.

FAR IN THE REAR.—Poet—"I have a little  
thing here after Swinburne." Editor—"I  
don't after Swinburne, you say (planning  
over MS.)? Well, young man, I don't think  
you're likely to catch up with him in a bur-  
ry. Get after some one else."—Truth.

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WOULD BE NEEDED.—"Tell the publisher  
to order a pound of hyphens right away,"  
said the foreman of the composing-room to  
the clerk. "Why?" "The editor has a lot of  
society people's names he wants to print."  
—Puck.

## THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.  
LIVE STOCK—Cattle..... \$3.65 @ 3.85  
Sheep..... 2.75 @ 3.00  
Hogs..... 6.00 @ 7.25  
FLOUR—No. 2..... 3.45 @ 3.55  
Minnesota Patents..... 3.00 @ 4.30  
WHEAT—No. 2 Red..... 68 @ 68 1/2  
Corn—No. 2..... 47 1/2 @ 47 3/4  
Oats—Mixed..... 44 @ 45  
OATS—Mixed Western..... 34 @ 35  
RYE—Western..... 53 @ 55  
PORK—Mess..... 10.75 @ 10.90  
LARD—Western..... 10.35 @ 10.75  
BUTTER—Western Creamery..... 20 @ 20 1/2

CHICAGO.  
BEEVES—Shipping Steers..... \$3.15 @ 3.25  
Cows..... 2.25 @ 2.50  
Stocks..... 2.10 @ 2.30  
Feeders..... 3.00 @ 3.50  
Butcher Steers..... 2.30 @ 3.00  
Hogs..... 6.00 @ 6.80  
SHEEP..... 1.50 @ 1.60  
BUTTER—Creamery..... 22 @ 23  
Dairy..... 18 @ 20  
EGGS—Fresh..... 20 @ 20 1/2  
BROOM CORN—  
Earl..... 3 1/2 @ 4 1/2  
Self-working..... 3 1/2 @ 4  
CROOKED..... 1 1/2 @ 2 1/2

POTATOES—New (per bu.)..... 45 @ 60  
PORK—Mess..... 17.50 @ 18.00  
LARD—Steam..... 10.40 @ 10.50  
FLOUR—Spring Patents..... 2.60 @ 2.90  
Spring Straights..... 1.50 @ 2.25  
Winter Patents..... 2.90 @ 3.30  
Winter Straights..... 1.80 @ 1.90  
GRAIN—Wheat, October..... 40 1/2 @ 42 1/2  
Corn, No. 2..... 37 1/2 @ 37 3/4  
Oats, No. 2..... 27 1/2 @ 27 3/4  
Rye, No. 2..... 43 @ 43 1/2  
Barley, Medium to Fancy..... 18 @ 20  
LUMBER—  
Sliding..... 15.50 @ 24.50  
Flooring..... 37.00 @ 38.00  
Common Boards..... 14.25 @ 14.50  
Penciling..... 13.00 @ 16.00  
Lath, Dry..... 10.00 @ 12.75  
Shingles..... 2.45 @ 3.00

KANSAS CITY.  
CATTLE—Steers..... \$3.25 @ 4.45  
Stockers and Feeders..... 2.25 @ 3.45  
HOGS—Light..... 6.40 @ 6.55  
Medium and Heavy..... 6.15 @ 6.40  
SHEEP..... 2.50 @ 3.60

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be completely strapped without becoming  
broke.—Buffalo Courier.

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"Well, rather—why, that fellow can play a  
duet, he's so forehanded!"—Puck.

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him for anything." "I know it; she does it  
for nothing."—Truth.

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