

FLORENCE AND SOME NOTABLE FORENTINES.

(BY REV. G. G. GRASSMURCK.)

A great city is a great poem, a poem whose story unfolds through the ages, and whose characters are striving and suffering human hearts.

With this intent let me lead you for a while to what, until lately, was the capital of the new kingdom of Italy—beautiful for situation, affluent in annals of the former times, far renowned in song.

There are some pictures, world-wide in their reputation, the first sight of which disappoints the eye, and it is only by the study of their various parts that you grow into perception of their wondrous beauty.

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Florence is said to have sprung out of the ruins of the ancient Fiesole. It is supposed to have been originally the place where the markets of Fiesole were held, the commercial spirit of the age being now slow to perceive that there were fewer facilities for barter on the mountain summit than on the fertile plain.

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As we read these stormy Florentine annals, and remember that those of other nations can furnish parallels, it is humiliating to think how long great nations linger in the swaddling-bands and primers of their childhood.

The history of Florence does not need to be followed until about the end of the fourteenth century. Cosmo de Medici appeared upon the stage. He was

born on the day of St. Cosmo, in the year 1389. His early years were full of trouble, and the discipline prepared him for the government. He learned in captivity and exile the prudence which gained him a fortune and enabled him to wield an influence over a distracted state.

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for the devil." Here also, mourned by the three sister arts—Architecture, Sculpture and Painting—is the tomb of Michael Angelo, the site said to have been chosen by himself, that when the doors of the church were open it might be in sight of the cupola of the cathedral.

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himself to art with an assiduity which soon led him to distance all competitors and was even bold enough to correct his master's errors. The death of Lorenzo, after three years of friendship, affected the artist so much that he retired to Caprese, brooding over his loss until he became misanthropical, but was softened at length by the tender preachings of nature and by the wise patience of the healer, Time.

Upon the later years of this great man we may not longer dwell. His paintings in the Lestine Chapel established his fame as a painter. His conspicuous share in the building of St. Peter's assures his architectural reputation.

In the church of San Marco is the pulpit from which Lavinara spoke in thunder; in the adjoining convent is the cell in which he wrote, and in the Piazza Gran Duca the fountain of Neptune stands upon the spot where his soul went out in fire.

The present state of Florence, and indeed of all the cities of the free Italian kingdom, is one of solemn responsibility upon the witnesses for God.

Among the people of to-day, there are few indeed, who have not heard of the merits of Prickly Ash Bark and Berries, as a household remedy.

The Only Objection.

The discussion of the name of Senator Allison, of Iowa, in connection with the presidency, and the many favorable comments upon his probable candidacy, are quite flattering.

Saved His Life.

Mr. D. I. Wilcox, of Horse Cave, Ky., says he was, for many years, badly afflicted with Phthisis, also Diabetes; the pains were almost unendurable and would sometimes almost throw him into convulsions.

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COUNTY LOCALS.

We want a number of additional Correspondents throughout the County. Can't you write us the news from your neighborhood?

WARASIL.

From the Item. The small grain is being rapidly harvested.

The prospect for an excellent crop of honey is good.

A harvest picnic to take place in two or three weeks is talked of.

Miss Eva Warrel has been attending the institute at Plattsburgh.

Miss Etta Pipes attended the teachers' institute at Plattsburgh last week.

Valentine Hay, living about two miles south, has been very sick with cholera morbus, but is much better now.

LOUISVILLE.

From the Observer. Harvest is in full blast in this vicinity.

Henry Milton has moved back into town.

Joe Fitzgerald has the dandy pair of young coons.

Mr. E. Palmer, one of our first-class merchants is considerably under the weather this week, we are sorry to state.

Elder Henry is holding a successful meeting at the upper church. Preaching every evening. Come out and hear him.

Oliver Ward accompanied by Jesse Livingston have gone to Greenwood. They were called to the bedside of Mrs. John Sayles who is not expected to live.

LYNN.

Corn is looking fine.

Farmers are very busy harvesting. The grain is all ripe and harvesters are running day and night.

It is most too hot to pick up items for the paper. The thermometer registered from 100 to 113 Thursday.

Well, our 4th of July picnic passed off with only one or two mishaps. Lis Austin sprained his ankle playing ball, and another fellow got his face hurt, but not by a ball.

The R. R. bridge builders expect to finish their work on the Weeping Water bottom this week when we look for the tracklayers up here again.

It is not about time for the candidates for county offices to be abroad with cigars in their pockets and bottles under the buggy seat (just for our friends, you know).

The survivors set the corner stakes for a depot building the other day and we expect the men along in a few days to put the building up. Then look out for a boom in our town and lots of subscriptions for the HERALD.

THREE GROVES.

The harvesting is about half completed.

Quarterly meeting was held at Union Saturday and Sunday last.

Mrs. Doc Wiley went down to Nebraska City on Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Kirkpatrick accompanied by their daughters from Nehawka visited Three Groves on Sunday a week ago.

James Wiley Esq. is out at York looking after the building of a dwelling to which he intends to move as soon as completed.

The corn crop is looking quite well and promise a large yield notwithstanding the dry weather is threatening it to some extent.

Mrs. Edward Wiley has been quite sick the last few days. But she was improving some yesterday; her recovery is somewhat doubtful.

Miss Jennie Rutherford, living over on the Rock Creek side, has been quite ill the last few months and from all accounts she will not get up again.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cole lost their little babe one day last week. The funeral services and burial took place at the Three Groves M. E. church.

About all the self-binders are thrown idle through this section for the want of twine; some will have to fall back on to the old reaping machine to cut their grain.

Mr. G. W. Worley from Elmwood has been down the last week attending to some unfinished business. Mr. Worley reports times good and crops looking well in his vicinity.

The sound of the locomotive of the construction train on the new rail road from Weeping Water to Nebraska City, can be heard quite distinctly in this part of the neighborhood.

John and Frank Carrell will soon commence to thresh, as they have bought a second hand machine lately and are preparing to go up all the threshing in this part of the neighborhood this fall.

It was learned yesterday that Murray, the great city of the west, has struck a boom. McStory and a Mr. Latta of that burg, commenced there Monday morning to sink a hole for coal. They think it can be found at a depth of 300 feet.

Something resembling coal sticking out along the bed of the creek has caused these gentlemen to set at work prospecting.

REPORTER.

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Dr. Butler, going on his bond of \$1,000 for his appearance at the District Court. Miss Cera Murfin went to Falls City, Monday, to visit her sister. She will be gone two weeks, the Y. M. who should have swung on the G. G. was absent Sunday night.

The first victim to be caught in the embrace of the mowser this year, was Wm. Selleck, one finger was nearly severed from his hand Monday evening. Who will be the next?

The ground plans for the new school house has been received, if built according to them it will be a credit to the town. The contract for its erection will have to be let soon, or the scholars will get too long a vacation.

From the Republican. Dr. Butler talks of paying a visit to Indiana soon.

A. A. Miller's new residence is about ready for occupancy.

E. E. Day will start for Ohio in a few days to return with his family.

Mrs. Geo. Ashmun was very sick for several days, but is better we are glad to note.

Miss Jessie Saunders has been very sick with billious fever, but is getting along nicely at present.

Mrs. Morse and little daughter, of Yankton, Dakota, are on a visit to her daughter, Miss La Verda, and sister Mrs. Oscar Torrens.

E. T. Comer erected a wind mill for E. E. Day last week on the Willow Spring farm, water will be pumped from the spring into a tank on the top of the hill at the rear of the house and a complete system of water works put in for the house and barn.

The repairs on the Gilbon House are progressing nicely. When completed, the repairs, Mr. Cromwell says will have cost him \$500. On the outside the house is painted a light yellow and looks much better than ever it did before.

Mr. A. H. Thompson, on Monday, began the erection of a large boarding house for the Lime and Stone company at their works. The building is to be 24x26, and two stories high.

This company will also have a neat dwelling built for the family who will run the boarding house. Wm. O'Brien will be the carpenter work on the latter building.

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