

CINCINNATI.

It Lays Claim to Being the City of Schools.

Some of Its Magnificent Educational Institutions.

The Hillside Resorts and Peculiarities of the Place.

Correspondence of the Omaha Bee.

CINCINNATI, September 10.—After four years absence Cincinnati scenes and sights again surround me. Time has also worked its wondrous change here as elsewhere. Massive business blocks and palatial private residences have been erected, adding to the city's attractions, and which justly impress the stranger with the fact that this is a city of wealth and power.

It is true that the sceptre has departed from Cincinnati as regards population—that in this particular both Chicago and St. Louis have outstripped her in the race for commercial supremacy—yet for solid financial resources she claims precedence over both her rivals. Her claims however, for special notice and attention are not based upon the money influence centered here—not upon her mammoth business establishments, her factories, foundries, her forges and furnaces. The diadem encircling her brow, glistens and sparkles with precious gems and jewels of equal, if not greater worth and value. Her schools, her colleges, her public institutions founded, upheld, and sustained by both public and private magnificence and benefactions have won the admiration and plaudits of the entire world. Of her public free schools, I do not intend at this time to go into details and particulars—will now simply content myself by saying that they have carried off many of the honors in rival contests with every city not only of this, but of other lands and countries. If time and opportunity afford will, in a future correspondence devote considerable space to this subject.

One thing stands out most conspicuously in the history and career of Cincinnati. She holds within her borders a greater number of public spirited, generous hearted philanthropic citizens than any city upon the face of the earth. Her two high schools received their first endowment, and which made their continuance and great success a possibility from private generosity. There gentlemen Woodward and Hughes—were possessed but of moderate means—were of humble origin and situation, but gave their all for the public good and welfare. Their example in more recent times has been gradually imitated by the great princes of wealth who now flourish in this city. Some twenty-five years ago a Mr. McMicken gave all his property—a full million of dollars—for the founding of a free university, and the child of the humble laborer or mechanic here enjoys the fullest and amplest education, without cost and without price.

In more recent years a Reuben Springer donated a quarter of a million for a music hall, a Proboscio \$150,000 for the most beautiful fountain to be seen in the hemisphere, a West a like amount for an art museum that is destined to eclipse the famous collections to be found in Paris and London. Thus the bounty of the citizen supplemented by public aid and encouragement, is giving to Cincinnati a name and fame as the "Paris of America." Her objects of interest and attraction to the stranger far exceed and excel those of any other place, and they who give this city a name are unstinted in the praise and encomiums bestowed upon it.

Cincinnati's suburbs are, without exception, the loveliest in existence. Beautified by nature and art, paradisiac itself would seem to have been realized here. Village vies with village, and Clifton, Avondale, Mt. Auburn, East and West Walnut Hills, Riverside, College Hill, and other out-lying suburbs, where the aristocracy of wealth, refinement and culture abide, thrill the soil with delight and ecstasy as we wind in and out, through and among them. The smoothest lawns, the most charming flower beds, the greatest variety of shrubbery, and the richest, rarest statuary here abound in a profusion and abundance that remind the visitor of oriental splendor and magnificence. Spacious grounds, gravel walks, flanked with rows of stately trees, botanic gardens, sylvan nooks and dells, embowered arbors and the coziest of secluded retreats from a panoramic scene that is never effaced and ever recalled with raptures of delight. The grand and lofty mansion, where dwells the man of millions, is neighbor to the tiniest of cottage homes, almost wholly concealed from view by clustering vines and the unbragging foliage of encircling trees. Every variety of architecture is observable, and the scene thus becomes one of endless change and attractiveness.

Amusements of a kind and character unknown to other cities, give to Cincinnati a distinction that is "sui generis." First come the hill-top resorts—several in number—crowning the most elevated points of land on three sides of the city, viz: north, east and west, the Ohio river forming the south boundary. These resorts are large gardens—large enough to be called parks—beautifully improved, their sloping sides terraced off in the handsomest style and manner. To these places the city's population below the hills, comprising the great mass of the residents, flock for airing, comfort, amusement and entertainment during the heated period. Gambrian presides undisputed king here, and music bands, trained and skilled to highest excellence, discourse choicest and sweetest strains of melody to which all give rapt attention. The intervals between the playing afford chance for the quaffing of the popular beverage, and the hearty consumed brings joy to the heart and gold to the purses of the proprietors. Except on particu-

lar occasions, when extra entertainments have been provided, the admission to the favorite resorts is free. They are in "full blast" every night, and Sundays—the latter being the harvest season for rich returns to the owners and managers. The lovers of the best music of every nationality and every degree of the social scale, throng thither in great numbers. There are forty to sixty members to each band, led and directed by the highest skill and knowledge. Here also, far-reaching views of the surrounding country are obtainable, and winding streams, far extending valleys and gentle undulations of hill and dale give to the scenery a peculiar charm and loveliness, "Over the Rhine."

Most every one has heard of the phrase "Over the Rhine." It is the Cincinnati origin. It refers to a certain section of the city, of which the Miami canal, passing into and through the city, forms the southern boundary. It is the section peopled by the Germans, and where the German customs and German ideas predominate. I wish to speak of one street in this locality, viz: Vine street from the aforementioned canal for a distance of five blocks. No similar locality is to be found anywhere in the wide world. On both sides of this street for the distance of five blocks nothing but theatres, concert halls, beer gardens, variety shows and saloons, are to be seen. Several of these beer halls can comfortably accommodate two to three thousand people. This street is always thronged at evenings, but is liveliest and presents the gayest appearance on Saturday nights. Then everybody is seeking amusements and pleasure, and a perfect jam is the usual condition of this portion of Vine street on these nights. Calcium lights, electric lights, and lights from thousands of gas jets, make bright as day this great avenue of the city. The surging mass of people move to and fro, but perfect order prevails, for all can see as though it were day, and night is thus robbed of half its terrors. Many of the places of amusement in this locality make no charge for admission—others have prices of admission ranging from 10 to 50 cents. This brings theatrical entertainments within the reach of the poorer classes, and the vast patronage received has amply rewarded those who inaugurated the movement.

The zoological garden also attracts visitors in the city. Here is to be found a great collection of wild animals, whose native homes were in every zone and country.

Last Sunday afternoon I went to a place called Inwood Park, where a kind of a celebration was going on in honor of Hecker's memory, one of the leaders of the German revolution of 1848. The grounds were always crowded, and during the day and night fully twenty-five thousand people must have attended. Music, singing, speech-making, dancing, eating and drinking were the means prepared for social pleasure and pastime.

The exposition opens to-day, being the ninth one held here. Will put in an appearance in due time, and will jot down a few of my observations. Much activity also prevails just now in preparation for the soldiers' reunion coming of next week. A mighty army of the country's defenders will assemble, old comrades in arms will greet each other, and associations of friendship and fidelity to each other and the nation will be pledged anew. B.

Fortifications in France.

The official Militar Wochenblatt publishes in its latest number an article about the fortifications of Paris, in which it is stated that, by the completion of this work, Paris has become a most formidable fortress, and that thereby all the disadvantages that had arisen from the advance of the German frontier to the west have been annulled. For Paris will now be able to defend the centre as well as the west and south of France. At all events, it is certain that no future invader will be able to establish his advance posts in those districts in which, during the siege of 1870, the German reserve troops were quartered. The commander-in-chief of Paris will then have to defend a territory of more than 200 German square miles, and he will be enabled to make great sorties, by which the besieger may be surprised in such a way as to render it impossible for him to collect the necessary troops for repulsing such a violent attack. The chances of a successful siege of Paris are, therefore, very small, and all the more so as in the future certainly not more than a corps of line troops will have to defend Paris, as was the case in the war of 1870. It is altogether very doubtful whether it would in future be possible to blockade Paris completely, even with the help of several great armies connected with each other by cavalry divisions.

On the other hand, the defense of the French capital will also be of a very different task, and the genius of a strategist of the first rank will be needed for the fulfillment of such an enterprise, which must be planned and executed on a very grand scale. The capacity of a Gambetta, who boasted of being able to "organize the victory," will scarcely be sufficient for this purpose. The Germans may at present console themselves with the knowledge that such a hero does not exist as yet in France, and the French would certainly commit a great blunder if they fancied that they possessed in the now completed fortifications of Paris a guarantee against the possibility of ever again seeing their capital besieged. In a future war, France will, of course, take good care to concentrate her military force in good time, and the headquarters of Amiens, Rouen, Le Mans, and Orleans alone will be able to mobilize more than 100,000 men of line troops and 200,000 men of territorial army, and to send them to the east frontier. In order to advance into the heart of France, it will therefore not only be necessary to defeat these large armies, but also to open a way through the strong fortifications which the whole eastern frontier has been strengthened.

Besides the fortifications of Langres and Besancon, La Fere and Rheims, Toul and Verdun, besides those which have been erected near Nancy for the protection of the Moselle, and those of the northeastern frontier for the protection of the Meuse, strong works

have also been erected near Dijon and Lyons. All these fortifications have become important facts to reckon. The author of the article, in acknowledging the great value of these fortifications, willingly expressed his admiration that France, which was so deeply depressed in 1871, is now enabled to send an army of more than a million men into the field, and that she has completed such great works for her defense. These results have only been gained by the patriotism of the whole French nation, for all parties in France, though they are struggling bitterly against each other in all home questions, are perfectly united in all matters which concern foreign affairs. The author concludes his article with the earnest request that his countrymen should imitate the example of the French and show the same patriotism.

Monopolies in Politics.

New York Graphic. An important section of the democratic party in this state (Tammann and Irving Hall) has declared in favor of the people in the coming fight against the encroachments of corporate monopolies, and it now remains to be seen what the committee of one hundred will do. It is understood that the majority of the leading spirits of this organization with railroads is well known, as is that of Messrs. Cooper, Hewitt & Co. Corporation Counsel Whitney is a son-in-law of Mr. Payne, of Standard Oil Company notoriety. The monopoly democratic ex-Senators Hogan, Seebacher and Eccles have all flattered down on that side of the fence, and yet we venture the assertion that nine-tenths of the rank and file of this faction are anti-monopolists at heart, and it remains to be led by whether they will consent to be led by these false prophets. The republicans, too, would do well to not forget this important issue. A careful selection of candidates who are free from corporate affiliations will this year obtain many independent votes, and the party cannot again afford to send another monopoly senate to Albany. When democrats reproach the republican party for refusing to pass measures recommended by the republican Hepburn Committee, conservatively measured in the interest of the whole people, to which the party by its platform and Governor Cornell's utterances was plainly pledged—it is time that it did something to break the veto power which Mr. Vanderbilt has held upon legislation at Albany. The republicans of this state can better afford to get along without the services of Depey and Vanderbilt's money than with them.

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