

PORKOPOLIS.

Some Facts About Cincinnati's Steady Growth.

The Annual Exposition Now Being Held There.

It is a Credit, Not Only to the City, But to the State.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 15.—Cincinnati is much more of a city in matter of inhabitants and amount of trade than many people west of the Missouri have been disposed to believe. The census of 1880 established her rightful claim to the proud title of "Queen City of the West." But the war came and a very large part of her trade, drawn from the southern states, was cut off, and Chicago and St. Louis, being a nearer market to the young, growing west, commanded more and more of the business territory beyond the Mississippi. When the census of 1870 was taken Cincinnati was found to have fallen greatly in the rear of her two powerful rivals. Her growth, however, has been steady, continuous and healthy. In 1870 her population numbered 216,000; in 1880 it had increased to 299,000. She is possessed of resources and energy unsurpassed by any municipality west of the Alleghenies. Finding herself discriminated against by the railroads that stretched out from the left bank of the Ohio river and penetrated the southern states to the borders of the gulf, she conceived the bold venture of constructing a railroad that should tap the rich southern section and that should be thoroughly loyal and acknowledge due fealty to its originator and creator. And to put into successful execution the grand scheme she pledged the credit of the people in the sum of \$20,000,000. And the iron horse starting from this side of the Ohio river, and passing over a bridge that places no embargo upon Cincinnati trade (being therefore in marked contrast to that similar work spanning the Missouri at Omaha) speeds away across chasms and cataclysms, over mountains and down valleys, through forest and farm-land, until, foaming and snorting, it enters the Pittsburgh of the South Chattanooga. Thus has Cincinnati poured out her wealth in a mighty stream to regain and repossess her lost commercial empire. And her success in this achievement publishes to the world that real, solid, substantial financial resources and energy, ruling mistress in Ohio's metropolis. But if additional evidence is sought for to sustain the proposition, a brief visit to the ninth annual exposition, now being held here, would satisfy the most incredulous. Cincinnati's grand music hall, with adjacent wings added thereto, specially intended and constructed for exposition purposes, are made use of to display what this city can produce in manufactured art, in natural products and in the possessions which are the hand maids of wealth, refinement and high culture.

charged with sentiment and emotion, and so inspiring elevating and refining, we emerge and enter the departments of natural history and sciences and the mathematical division. Whilst visiting the wonders of creation and of man's inventive genius in the spacious halls devoted to these departments I thought of my friend with a scientific turn of mind—Andrew Rosewater. If he were here, I soliloquized, how happy he would be. He would be in his "native heath," so to say. What an interest he would take in the vast collections in the animal, vegetable and mineral creations. And how much of benefit would I derive from his presence. How many obscurities would be cleared away and how many unobserved and unnoticed points of interest my attention would be called to.

I never beheld anything more full and complete in the way of such collections. In the center of one of these departments—that of natural history—looms up the massive colossal skeleton of the mastodon, an extinct species of the animal creation. Besides his mighty bulk the modern elephant would appear as of diminutive size. The skeleton frame of the other gigantic monsters of the forest and also of the watery realm are on exhibition. Fossil remains of every kind and character, mineral specimens, the richest and rarest in existence, and shells from ocean and river, of every hue and color, line the many table stands and shelves that fill up the great space occupied by these exhibits.

I must not end my exposition notes without any reference to the art gallery. This department is not neglected by the crowds that visit the exposition. Oil paintings and in water colors, by both native and foreign artists of celebrity, are presented to public inspection. Many of them are the property of Cincinnati citizens who have kindly loaned them for the benefit of the exposition. Quite a number, also, are the property of Mr. Bookwalter, democratic candidate for the governorship of Ohio. Cincinnati is quite an art center, and the school of design and drawing located here has already produced results highly creditable to the institution and to the people. A cultivated taste has thus been created and a knowledge of the fine arts is as wide spread here as in the classic quarters of New England's culture—Boston.

The exposition will continue until about October 7th. Cheap excursions from every direction bring great crowds of strangers daily to the city and none fail to see Cincinnati's great exhibition.

THE LODGES.

Preparations for a Season of Active Work—Labors of Omaha Free Masons.

The Scottish Rite—Notes From the Odd Fellows—A Notable Gathering.

CLEANING UP FROM HERE AND THERE. (The editor of the Lodges will be pleased to receive and insert items of interest relating to all fraternal societies throughout the west. It is especially requested that Omaha and Nebraska lodges, encampments and councils send news regarding the increase and development of their orders, announcements of meetings, the arrival of visiting brethren and such other items as will be of general interest. No orders of a fraternal or benevolent nature will be knowingly neglected in this column, but the editor, must of course, largely depend for material upon the good will and interest manifested by the brethren.)

THE FREE MASONS.

The return of cool weather and the assurance of comfortable lodge rooms has served to increase the attendance of the brethren and to assure steady work. Most of the blue lodges are looking forward to a busy and profitable season, in which the best interests of the order will be greatly advanced. Owing to the large numbers of petitions greater care is likely to be used in scrutinizing the claims of applicants, and committee work will be no insecure during the coming winter.

THE SCOTTISH RITE.

This beautiful system of Masonry has taken firm hold in Omaha, and promises to stay. Mr. Moriah Lodge of Perfection No. 2, which confers the degrees from the fourth to the fourteenth, inclusive, will be busily engaged this winter with constant work, as its jurisdiction comprises a large portion of the state and petitions are rapidly multiplying. Semper Fidelis Chapter Rose Croix, in which the degree will be conferred, is preparing to do justice to the magnificent ritual, and by Christmas will be ready to admit candidates. Nebraska is under the jurisdiction of the southern jurisdiction, of which Bro. Albert Pike is sovereign grand commander and Robert C. Jordan, thirty-third degree of Omaha, inspector general. It is the intention of the members of the Scottish Rite in Nebraska, comprising many of our most prominent Masons throughout the state, to work the imposing degrees in all their completeness, and Bro. Gustavus Stevenson, master of the Omaha bodies, is now east studying the system as practiced in older and more experienced lodges.

GOAT HAIRS.

Butte, Mont., Masons propose to build a Masonic temple which will be worthy of the city and its fraternity. In California the question of reducing the minimum fees from \$50 to \$30

Call for Republican State Convention.

The Republican electors of the State of Nebraska are hereby called to send delegates from the several counties, to meet in State Convention at Lincoln, on Wednesday, October 27th, 1881, at 3:30 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following named offices, viz:

One Judge of the Supreme Court, Two Regents of the State University, And to transact such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The several counties are entitled to representation in the State convention as follows, based upon the vote cast for George W. Collins for Presidential elector, giving one delegate to each one hundred and fifty (150) votes, and one for the fraction of seventy-five (75) votes or over. Also one delegate at large for each organized county.

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THE TRIPLE LINK. A NOTABLE OCCASION.

At the late installation of officers of Brooklyn Lodge, No. 29, of New York, an event occurred never before known to the order—the installation of the officers of a subordinate lodge by six past grand masters. The announcement in advance had the effect of bringing together a large number of the members of the order, and though the mercury stood close to the nineties, every seat in the spacious hall was filled. The ceremony of installation was in keeping with the high reputation of the distinguished gentlemen officiating, and was attentively appreciated. The following are the names of the past grand masters present, with the positions they occupied during the services: Grand Master—S. Alpheus Smith, of the state of New Jersey. Grand Warden—Edwin S. Ralph, of the state of New York. Grand Secretary—Charles V. Clark, of the state of New York. Grand Treasurer—George W. Dills, Grand Representative of the state of New York. Grand Guardian—James Terwilliger, of the state of New York. Grand Marshal—Dewitt C. Langdon, of the state of New York.

A CHANGE DEMANDED.

Journals of the order continue to express the desire for the change of business from the initiatory to the third degree. The idea is so obviously necessary that there will probably not be the slightest opposition to it at the coming session of the Grand Lodge. In fact, after a careful consideration of the matter, and the almost unanimous opinions expressed in the matter, we fail to see but one plan that can be advanced for retaining the present system—and that is, "that it always has been." But in these days of progress that argument will, we think, find few supporters.

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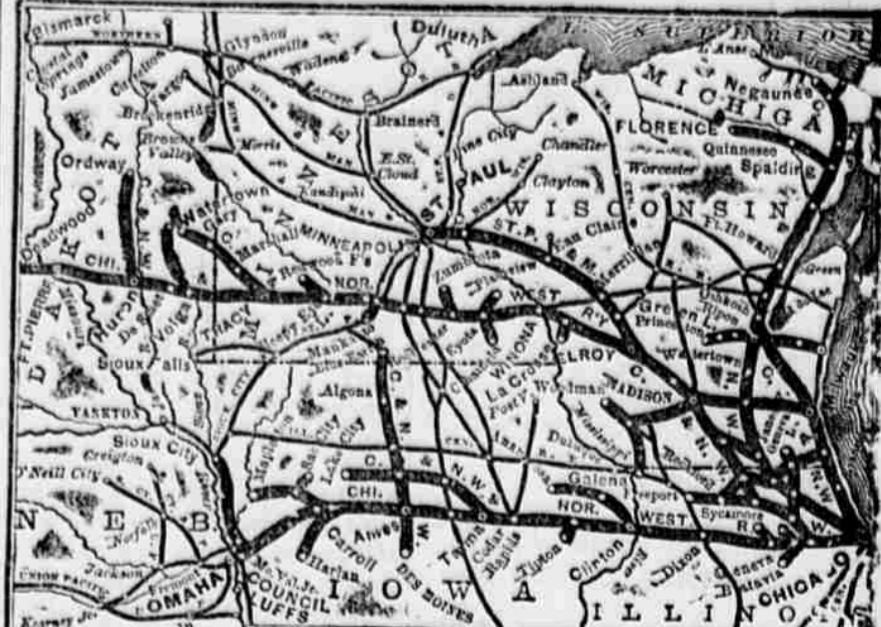
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