

## ARTICLES VOTED FOR.

There were a number of single objects of interest, presented to the Fair, which were disposed of by suffrage. Any one desirous to vote, by paying a certain sum, was allowed to enter upon a book, the name of the person to whom he wished the article in question presented. Whoever received the greatest number of suffrages, was entitled to the article.

## SILVER FIRE HORN.

A very exciting struggle took place for a handsome silver horn, which had been given to the Fair by the America Hose Company, No. 17. The candidates here were not brave or successful Generals, but Fire Engine Companies, and their popularity or usefulness was to be attested by the number of votes each received. This contest excited a very general interest among the members of the Fire Department. The amount realized was \$6,962.50.

The following is the vote:

Good Will Engine,.....	12,732	Perseverance Hose,...	5
Fairmount Engine,.....	9,041	Cohocksink Hose,.....	2
Phoenix Hose,.....	1,688	Mechanic Engine,.....	2
Pennsylvania Hose,.....	1,414	Shiffler Hose,.....	2
Philadelphia Engine,.....	945	Independence Hose,.....	7
Diligent Engine,.....	219	Columbia Engine,.....	6
United States Engine,.....	159	Western Engine,.....	3
Southwark Hose,.....	105	Fame Hose,.....	5
South Penn Hose,.....	101	Reliance Engine,.....	5
Empire Hook & Lad,.....	75	Union Engine,.....	1
Vigilant Engine,.....	69	William Penn Hose,...	2
Weccacoe Engine,.....	25	United Hose,.....	5
United States Hose,.....	37	Mount Airy Engine,...	1
Good Intent Hose,.....	22	Hope Engine,.....	5
North'n Liberty Hose,...	26	Delaware Engine,.....	3
Washington Hose,.....	31	Ringgold Hose,.....	1
Philadelphia Hose,.....	15	Hope Hose,.....	4
Columbia Hose,.....	12	Assistance Engine,...	6
Marion Hose,.....	11	Kensington Hose,.....	1
Neptune Hose,.....	14	West Philada. Engine	1
Moyamensing Hose,.....	11	Fairmount Hose,.....	3
Washington Engine,.....	28	Spring Garden Hose,...	4
Western Hose,.....	17	Mantua Hook & Lad,...	2
Humane Hose,.....	11	Diligent Hose,.....	1
Hibernia Engine,.....	2	Northern Liberty En.	1
Globe Engine,.....	7	Spring Garden En,...	1
Franklin Hose,.....	5	Schuykill Hose,.....	20
Good Intent Engine,...	8	Niagara Hose,.....	2
Robert Morris Hose,...	8	Monroe Hose,.....	2
Franklin Engine,.....	6		
Humane Engine,.....	2	Total,.....	27,846

## UNION VASE.

This was a magnificent military vase of solid silver, three feet four inches in height, and worth \$5,000. It stood in a glass case, a short distance from the main flag staff, on Union Avenue. It is a tripod military vase, resting on a *Verd antique* base, made of marble obtained in the State of Vermont. On the base are three concave panels, representing the Arms of the United States, the Arms of Pennsylvania, and in *basso relievo* the American Eagle, strangling a serpent. Under the canopy, in the centre of the base, is the figure of Liberty. The pillars which support the canopy are three in number, and are based upon three military groupings, representing the arms and trophies of the ancient, middle and present ages of the world. These pillars are surmounted by three winged figures, representing the Goddesses of Fame, History and Peace. On this beautifully embellished tripod rests the vase, which is elaborately enriched by running vines and clusters of grapes. This was the munificent donation of Messrs. Bailey & Co.

Nominations of candidates were made on the payment of twenty dollars, and for each vote a dollar was paid. The motto was, "Vote early and often," and the result was the very large sum of \$10,457 to the Fair treasury. Messrs. Bailey & Co. thus hold the proud position of the largest money contributors to the Fair.

The contest was narrowed down very much in the end to two candidates, Edward G. James, Esq., President of the Corn Exchange, and the Union League, although twenty-two candidates had been nominated and voted for.

Mr. Edwin G. James was the successful candidate by the following vote:

CANDIDATES.	NOMINATED BY	VOTES
Edwin G. James,	Charles Knecht,	4,948
Union League,	J. Gillingham Fell,	4,003
A. Lincoln,	A. E. Borie,	259
John Welsh,	Chas. Macalester,	161
A. G. Curtin,	John Tucker,	113
H. W. Bellows,	E. W. Clark,	77
Admiral Farragut,	Jos. Wm. Miller,	58
Alex. Henry,	Adolph Hugel,	54
John Bright,	Jas. M. Flanagan,	37
Gen'l Meade,	C. H. Clarke,	36
Bishop Simpson,	John Welsh,	54
Geo. H. Stuart,	Madame Clement's Pupils,	54
Gen'l Hancock,	Jos. Harrison,	33
Bishop Wood,	John Welsh,	30
Gen'l G. B. McClellan,	Theodore Cuyler,	16
Gen'l U. S. Grant,	Jas. H. Orne,	15
Bishop Potter,	John Welsh,	11
S. P. Chase,	Wm. G. Moorehead,	14
E. M. Stanton,	Geo. P. Smith,	9
Gen'l Sherman,	Wm. H. Carryl,	6
Admiral Dupont,	Jas. L. Claghorn,	4
Union Vol. Ref. Saloon,	Chas. K. Landis,	4

Votes at one dollar each, 9,976  
22 nominations at \$20 each, 440  
Sale of Photographs, 41

Making a total amount of \$10,457

## THE SWORD.

Messrs. Evans & Hassell had given to the Great Central Fair a magnificent sword, valued at \$2,000. The blade was of Damascus steel, and the diamonds in the hilt were said to exceed in value those in the sword voted to Gen. Grant in New York. It was to be presented to the General receiving the highest number of votes. This very elegant gift, under the charge of the Committee on "Labor, Income and Revenue," was really a great curiosity for the richness and beauty of its ornamentation, and quite a spirited contest arose between the friends of several of the Generals to secure it for their favorite. Major General George G. Meade was the successful candidate by the following vote:

VOTE ON THE SWORD.	
Meade,	3,442
Hancock,	1,506
McClellan,	297
Grant,	177
Scattering,	119
Total,	5,541

## THE CAMP CHEST.

The Good Intent Hose Company, No. 2, had in the fire department a Camp Chest, containing a full set of glass and silverware for field service. The chest was made of mahogany and finely bound with brass. The interior was well packed with articles of glass and silver, consisting of a complete set for breakfast and dinner, tea or lunch, and cooking utensils to suit. Besides this were razors,

brushes, looking glass, cigar cases, books, and various other articles of handsome workmanship, such as plates, soup dishes, knives and forks.

Three hundred dollars was fixed as the value of the chest and its contents. It was presented to the Sanitary Fair to be given to the General receiving the highest number of votes.

Major-General D. B. Birney became the fortunate possessor of this handsome addition to his camp equipage, by the following vote:

## VOTE ON CAMP CHEST.

Birney,	308
Gibbon,	28
McClellan,	10
Meade,	103
Grant,	16
Hancock,	9
Scattering,	10
Total,	484

## BANNER SCREEN.

At the West Philadelphia table was a beautiful piece of worsted work, on which was embroidered the Royal British Arms, intended to be presented to either John Bright or Richard Cobden, friends of the American cause in England, as might be designated by the majority of votes, each voter of course paying for the privilege of thus expressing his preference. This handsome screen was the gift and workmanship of Mrs. Ogden, wife of the American Consul at Montreal. John Bright, Esq., M. P., having received the majority of the votes, the screen was sent to him. The vote was 224 for Bright and 96 for Cobden. The following is his letter of acknowledgment:

ROCHDALE, September 19, 1864.

DEAR MADAM:—

Mr. Dudley has forwarded to me the beautiful "Banner Screen" which has been presented to me by yourself and others of my friends from the Central Fair, at Philadelphia. I write to thank you for it, and to say how much I value this expression of your good opinion of me. The screen itself is somewhat too brilliant for the moderate appointments of my drawing-room, but it is greatly admired by my wife and by all the members of my family.

I cannot thank all those who subscribed for it, but I appreciate their kind feeling toward me. I watch every step of your great conflict with intense interest, with as much interest, I think, as if I were a citizen of your country. I regard it as a struggle, the result of which will fix for ages, it may be, the character and fate of your continent, and which will influence all the interests of freedom throughout the world. On your coming Presidential election much will depend. I hope there is virtue enough in the North to support the Administration in its efforts to restore the Union and to purge the country from the curse and guilt of slavery.

I have had faith in your great cause from the beginning, and I will still hope and believe.

With warm thanks for your kind remembrance of me,

I am, with the highest respect,

Yours, truly,

JOHN BRIGHT.

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