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THE CENTENNIAL.

The celebration which has been appointed to take place in this city on the 4th of July, 1876, will be in many respects the most remarkable festival the world has ever seen. What other nation has a birthday to celebrate? or what nation can point back to such a century of national life and growth as that which will close for the United States of America five brief years hence? A great experiment has been tried, and, despite all the acknowledged imperfections of our political system, it has been a success. Not merely have the people of the United States prospered under a republican form of government, but their example has been most potent in inspiring changes in the long-established order of things in the Old World which cannot but affect in an extraordinary manner the whole future of the human race.

The centennial anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence should be celebrated in a manner worthy of the occasion. The whole world will be invited to rejoice with us, and the celebration will attract thousands of curious and interested visitors from every quarter of the globe. A grand exposition of the world's industry has been fixed upon as the proper method of honoring the completion of the first century of our national life; and this city, where the Declaration of Independence was signed, and where still stands Carpenters' Hall and the old State House, will be the place where the exposition will be held.

The work of preparation for the great exposition, however, is one of magnitude, and the time is none too long for the task to be performed. Governor Geary yesterday appointed Messrs. W. J. Horstmann and Morton McMichael, of Philadelphia, and Mr. William Phillips, of Pittsburg, as State Commissioners from Pennsylvania to cooperate with the other State commissions and the national commission in making preparations for the centennial celebration, and he also recommended that the Legislature should make a liberal appropriation. This the Legislature should do, and it should also take such other action in the matter as will facilitate the preparations about to be commenced. The city of Philadelphia, however, is particularly interested in the success of the exhibition, and the most active interest should be displayed in it by all classes in the community. It will be a great thing to have the centennial anniversary celebrated here, and it is better to commence at once to prepare for it and to prepare thoroughly, than to leave some of the most important matters to the last moment. Our merchants, manufacturers, and the representatives of all the industries which constitute the greatness of Philadelphia, owe it to themselves to take public action at as early a day as possible towards promoting the success of the centennial, and committees and sub-committees should be formed without further delay, so that the whole machinery may be got into operation, and the great enterprises fairly started. Few persons have any adequate idea of the magnitude of the work to be performed in preparing for such a celebration as it is proposed to hold here; and as ample official notice of the intention to hold a grand international exposition must be sent to every part of the habitable globe, the sooner a commencement is made the better it will be.

THE REVOLT IN PARIS.

One of the most serious grievances complained of by the leaders of the Parisian revolt is the removal of the French Assembly to Versailles; and yet the necessity of that removal is fully demonstrated by the revolutionary outbreak. It is extremely doubtful whether a republic can ever be permanently established in France, unless some other and smaller city than Paris is selected as the capital. It is an old trick of the Parisian mobs to overawe the National Assembly, and thus to compel it to adopt, as the legal embodiment of the will of a mighty people, the crazy decisions of Jacobin clubs or of Communist phalanxes. To insure the power of exercising similar terrorism in future, the insurgent leaders have made an insolent demand that the present National Assembly must return to Paris by the 23d instant (tomorrow), and accompanied this demand by the threat that if such a removal is not made the National Guard will march to Versailles and disperse the representatives of the whole nation. Meanwhile Paris resounds with threats that the National Guard will shoot M. Thiers, who has been legally selected as the head of the new national government; and a distinct issue seems to be formed whether the violent men of Paris shall rule France, or whether all her citizens shall have a fair opportunity to deliberate and decide upon the questions which affect their welfare.

A FINE NEW BUSINESS STAND.—Messrs. Mitchell & Fletcher, grocers, who have been doing business at the old and long-established stand No. 1944 Chestnut street, have removed to a new locality, which they have fitted up in the highest style of excellence known in the departments of carpentering, painting, papering, furnishing, and the like. The new stand will be at the northeast corner of Twelfth and Chestnut streets, which point is not very far from the old location, so that any who may not be aware of the removal will not have far to seek should they come to the old store after the change has been made. The new store is being fitted up in the westernmost building of the well-known Girard Row, and when completed will be one of the most attractive of the many new business stands which have lately been opened in that square, which was before used for dwellings only. The completion of this store will render the row of fine new stores almost entire all the way from Eleventh to Twelfth street. The fixtures of Messrs. Mitchell & Fletcher's store will be of the very best kind, adapted both for beauty and the greatest convenience to both seller and purchaser. The room is plentiful, allowing for the largest stock, and the appointments throughout are of such a character as to equal anything known in that line on this continent. The firm have increased their facilities in every way so as to keep pace with a large and growing business, even to the procuring of an extended lease upon the new building. Such a spirit of enterprise cannot render success doubtful.

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THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. The Governor in his last annual message urged in a very forcible manner the importance and necessity of a thorough geological survey of the State, and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives some time ago reported a bill to authorize such a survey. The Legislature, however, has been too busy with commission bills and other matters of a similar character to give this subject the attention it deserves.

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