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ST. CLOUD HOTEL. PHILADELPHIA, May 11, 1877.

At half past seven yesterday morning (the 10th), accompanied by the editor of the Monitor, after an all night's ride, we registered at this splendid hostelry, and found it crowded.

The contemplated opening of the Great International Exhibition had attracted representative men from all quarters and the hotels found business greatly inflated.

After breakfast we strolled about the city and called on a few of the prominent business men. The opening ceremonies were advertised for two o'clock, and this gave us abundant time to feel the business pulse.

We turned up Minor to No. 505, and paid our respects to the venerable house of Thos. W. Price Co. John R. Senior and the younger Price received us. The Governor, the distinguished and honorable founder of the house, the man prominent in every movement intended to advance the interests of Philadelphia, or to benefit humanity—Thos. W. Price—was not in.

A call at Robt. S. Meeniman's developed the fact that the secretary of the Editorial Association of Pennsylvania is not always in during business hours; but he had only gone out to visit a Knight of the razor to do him up sweet for the afternoon.

We expected to hear something in regard to the contemplated visit to the Water Gap but we didn't. Here we met Sheibley, of the Perry Advocate, and several other Bohemians, who had drifted in to witness the Grand Opening.

At 606 Sanson street we found the entire firm of Messrs. MacKellar, Smiths and Jordan in the counting room. Ever at their post—always ready for business! Ah! and what a business they do!

They conduct the oldest, largest and most reliable type foundry in America, if not in the world. Their capital is counted by millions. It is twenty four years—almost a quarter of a century—since we purchased our first bill of type in this house, then L. Johnston & Co., and we do not regret to remember purchasing a single pound of type at any other establishment in the many years we have been in the business.

We are indebted to these gentlemen for many kindnesses that we fear we shall never be able to repay. They have forcibly reminded us that man does not live for himself alone. Their geniality and sociability invariably stimulates our loyalty and we have no doubt they have, many times, voted us a "bore," but they have only themselves to blame.

On the street again and in a few minutes we were tripping up the steps leading into the Item office. The Colonel gave us a hearty greeting. He is a whole souled, ardent, zealous, polished newspaper man of forty years standing. Almost the first Philadelphia paper we can now recollect was Fitzgerald's City Item. It was a weekly then, now it is daily—four editions—All-Day City Item—yes, there has been a change here since we first learned our "case," but the All-Day City Item is not all—the Sunday Item, a mammoth affair, circulated broad cast, with half a million of readers and the daily Sun, are issued by the same parties, and worked up by the same busy hands, and controlled by the same active brains.

The Colonel's five sons—all in the business with him—drive his five horse industry. They go upon this principle that "in union there is strength" and they verify the maxim. We looked in upon their splendid pair of Ballocks' and reflected upon their capacity as compared with a certain steam printing establishment in Huntingdon. The Colonel insisted on sending one of his force to escort us to the Exhibition, and at 12:30 o'clock, or a few minutes later, we arrived at the center of attraction.

The city had suspended manual labor, hung out bunting from almost every window, and arrayed in holiday attire, the countless thousands were pouring into Elm Avenue and surrounding the Main Exhibition Building. Armed with tickets for the Reporters' Section, accompanied by the editor of the Monitor, we elbowed our way through a great throng of other invited guests. Every foot of space appeared to be filled. The galleries were thronged, and it seemed as if every pin, upon which a man or boy could hang, was occupied. At last, after a struggle, we reached the Reporters' section to find every chair, every seat, occupied by the innumerable scribes. There was sufficient standing room, however, left for two, and we fled in and stood with the great mass of humanity around us. It was a tight

squeeze. The ladies, whatever their proverbial fondness for this sort of a thing may be, became utterly disgusted with this occasion. Their lectures annoyed our beholder friend. He is not accustomed to that feature of domestic life. It was only fifteen minutes past one o'clock, and the ceremonies were announced for two. There we stood like statues, unable to turn to the right or to the left. How slowly that three quarters of an hour sukked by! It was the longest forty-five minutes that we remember for years! At last the celebrities began to make their appearance and when they were recognized they were lustily cheered. The audience wanted to do something and cheering was about the only thing it could do. At last General Grant arrived and then came the President. The crowd became quite enthusiastic and greeted both with hearty cheers. Grant appeared to have the heartier welcome.

All things being in readiness, at a few minutes past two o'clock, Bishop Stephens, of the Episcopal church, opened the ceremonies with prayer. Speeches were made by Clement M. Biddle, the President of the International Exhibition Company, John Welsh the late Chairman of the Committee of Finance of the Centennial Commission, and Gen. Goshorn the Director General of the late Exhibition. The President merely declared the Exhibition open, in so many words, and resumed his seat. Bishop Simpson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, closed with a benediction. The ceremonies lasted a few minutes over an hour, as near as we could judge. It was a great relief to be able to move about again, but the crowd was so great that very little could be examined. We endeavored to form an estimate of the Exhibition, by passing along various aisles, but the crowd was so dense that we could make but little headway. The Exhibition is truly grand. It is more exclusively American than that of last year, which, in our estimation, does not detract from it, but rather adds to it. Exhibits appear to be presented to better advantage than those of last year. This is the result of experience. No one ought to think of going to Philadelphia without visiting it. The admission price is reduced to twenty five cents.

We endeavored to enter Memorial Hall but the crowd was so great that we gave it up. The grounds require a great deal of fixing up, but they will be set out in their summer rig in the course of a month or so. A number of unsightly skeleton buildings are still standing, but in the course of a few weeks they will be blotted out, and the space which they occupy, leveled up and beautified. Weighed, lame and used up generally, we returned to our hotel quarters and sought an early couch.

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AN Ohio farmer, a friend of President Hayes, who has been interviewed, says:—"Hayes is a level headed, shrewd, man. I don't know how to define his character better than to say that he is a good business man. He is not a brilliant man, but he is exceedingly careful. He is just shrewd enough to see that Grant in his Southern policy was not acceptable to the whole country, and Hayes endeavors now to try, with all the care he can, to avoid the mistakes that Grant made. He is trying to see if the country won't drift into peace in its own way. I feel sure it won't, and when Hayes sees that, too, and learns that vigorous measures are needed he will use them. Now he seems all softness, peace and gentleness, but if there is any lawlessness, any rioting down South, he will be there. They will find what a heavy hand he has. There is a hand of iron within the velvet glove."

On the 7th inst. the President issued the order for the consolidation of the agencies for the payment of army and navy pensions. The separate agency for the payment of pensions of widows, etc., at Philadelphia will be discontinued and this class of pensions paid at the invalid pension agency in Philadelphia, except those in the counties of Adams, Bedford, Blair, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Cumberland, Cameron, Elk, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lycoming, McKean, Millifin, Perry, Potter, Snyder, Somerset, Tioga and Union, which will be detached from the Philadelphia agencies and annexed to the district of Pittsburg.

The receipt of a copy of the Colorado Springs Gazette, San Juan edition, from I. H. Hildebrand, esq., we think is hereby acknowledged. It is a very pretty little paper—much better printed than most of our eastern weeklies. It contains much mining news and claims a circulation of 10,000. Just think of a paper right under the shadow of Pike's Peak, claiming a circulation of 10,000!

The Pittsburgh Evening Telegraph, one of the very best dailies in the State, is now published from its new office, Fifth Avenue. We know of no paper that has improved so rapidly, in all things that go to make a first class paper, as the Telegraph, under its present management, and we are glad to note this unmistakable evidence of its prosperity. It is one of our most valued exchanges.

The important sewing machine patent expired on the 8th of May, and now the price will decline as rapidly as Reading railroad stock. It is high time. The profits on these machines have simply been immense.

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of the animal was demonstrated in very many ways. The proceeds of the exhibition goes to the founding of a hospital for disabled dogs, under the name of Mr. Bly. Curious that dogs should have a hospital, when so many humans are unsheltered.

Taste in the manufacture of the toilet is more cultivated year by year among our countrywomen. Elegant silk stockings, delicate facial handkerchiefs and neckties, to say nothing of the extravagances under the name of lingerie, take a large share of a fashionable woman's spending money. Of course there we have less to be satisfied without at least approaching the luxuries of those above them. Embroidered silk stockings are highly valued, and the list of articles in shades to match those of the dress, light blue, rose color, lilac and violet, the same being repeated in the lower grades. Clock stockings are no longer in first taste. Handkerchiefs in lawn with fine, thin silk borders almost as sheer, in rose, sky blue and pale violet are pretty, cheap and refined looking. Symrna lace has the same run that elany did ten years ago, and is seen everywhere, from the instep of a lady to the parson, and the collar about her neck. 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