WORLDS' FAIR NOTES.

The eighth and greatest wonder of the world, as is said the World's Fair building and grounds, even in their present incomplete condition, are pronounced by Major Woods, executive commissioner for the Connecticut World's Fair board.

A dispatch from Christiania says that preparations are being collected to miscellaneous articles for the World's Fair, delaying the sailing of the Viking ship, which was sending the Viking ship, which is a replica of the old Norse craft. It is the intention to man the Viking ship with the oldest Norwegian sailors procurable and to navigate it across the Atlantic, although the attempt is regarded as a very hazardous one. When the ship is on exhibition at Chicago, along with the caravels of Columbus, it is thought the Norwegian craft, floating from the mast-head, will be a fitting emblem of the intensity of our ancestors, and of the Norse seamen, who, having the solace of present. Those having the solemnities in charge will embark two companies, one on the Viking ship and the other on the discoveries of Leif Ericson etc.

The women of Chelsea, Mass., will contribute a fine stained glass window to the Woman's building at the World's Fair.

More than $1000 worth of granite and other building material has been donated for the Maine World's Fair building. Cash to the amount of $3,000 will be expended upon the structure, $10,000 coming out of the state's appropriation and $1000 being raised by subscription. Women state will cover the roof, which a Maine newspaper declares will be the "handsomest in Chicago." Leaving up to the building will be small granite steps, each one being a solid block twenty-seven feet long and six feet wide.

All material for the Maryland building will be taken to Chicago free of cost by the Baltimore & Ohio road. Many Maryland firms have offered to contribute towards the decoration of the building.

The press association of Mississippi, at its recent annual convention, decided to co-operate heartily with the Women's Columbian organization in its efforts to raise a fund for the State's representation at the exposition.

The collection of World's Fair exhibits in Montana is facilitated by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads having generously agreed to carry them free between local points.

In lighting the World's Fair, 92,822 incandescent lamps, of 16-candle power each will be used, according to present estimates. The contract for furnishing and maintaining these lights has just been let to the Sprague Electric Company for $225,000. This is more than $1,000,000 less than the Edison-Thompson-Houston electrical combine, or trust, first asked for the work, the latter reserving wavefleters by rejecting the bids and resoverting. Mr. West, the trustee is required to file a bond for $1,000,000 by June 10 to guarantee the safe execution of his contract. In addition to the incandescent lamps, about 5,000 arc lights of 2,000-candle power each will be used. The contract for these was let some time ago at $23 per lamp.

The old whaling bark, "Progress," which New Bedford, Mass., will exhibit at the fair, will begin her journey to Chicago sometime in June, it is announced. She has been fully rigged and spared. Her water line has been painted brick red, and her deckhouse and davits white. The cabin and staterooms have been grained in oak and carpets have been laid in them. In the saloon will be exhibited a collection of articles used and obtained by whalemen, for example: Whalebones taken by a captain who perished in the terrible disaster of 1871, when thirty-three ships were crushed in with great loss of life. In the Arctic regions, polar bear skins, pictures of whaling experiences, harpoons, knives, tackle, clothing, tools, etc. The "Progress" is of 358.62 tons burden, and was built at Westerly, R. I., in 1845.

James Dredge, of the British royal commission, recently passed a vacation at Venice, and in that ancient and historic city found great interest shown in the World's Fair, particularly among the manufacturers of the exceptionally beautiful glasses for which the city is celebrated. In the lace and embroidery industries also careful preparations are being made to send a splendid exhibit to the Fair. Commissioner Dredge writes that the collections of rare old lace and Venetian glass which will be exhibited from Venice will constitute a most valuable section of the exhibit. He is to be made of ancient Italian art work.

The German government is willing to loan a magnificent collection of its works of art to the World's Fair, but the loan of such articles must be from the German government to the government of the United States. The German government proposes to deliver every article to the United States consul-general in Berlin as the official representative of this government, and will look to it for the safe transportation, safe protection and certain return of every such article. It is believed that there will be no trouble in inducing the United States to comply with the condition specified.

The Exposition is carrying quite a revenue from the visitors whose curiosity prompts them to see the grounds and the wonderful buildings now approaching completion. An admission of 25 cents is charged, and on Sundays the number of visitors has exceeded 14,000. With warmer and more pleasant weather, it is believed, the visitors will be much more numerous. Without exception all are enthusiastic in their admiration and wonder at the magnificent spectacle.

A. B. de Guerville, who was commissioned to go around the world and give illustrated lectures on the Exposition, has written from Japan that so great is the interest in the Fair that he rarely fails to talk to full houses. He was cordially received by the Emperor and Empress of Japan, and delivered his lecture before the court. The Emperor expressed astonishment and delight over the magnificence of the Exposition buildings, which were shown to the screen views during the lecture.

The "Gibbons Club," of New London, Conn., is planning to man a small schooner, such as Connecticut has employed for many years in the West Indies trade, run it to the Bahamas and load it with a collection of sea shells, which in great variety, size and beauty are found strewn upon the shores of those islands. The crew will then sail the craft to Chicago by way of the St. Lawrence, and will sell the shells from the deck of the vessel. The members of the club believe they can make enough to pay the expense of the trip and also of their own entertainment at Chicago.

An exhibit from Syrian women, consisting chiefly of beautiful and costly embroideries, has been received by the Board of Lady Managers at Chicago.

Pennsylvania intends to make a horticultural exhibit which will surpass anything of the sort ever made. Aside from fruits and vegetables, in which the state will not attempt to outdo other portions of the country, all branches of horticulture will be specially represented. George W. Childs, A. J. Drexel and several others who have very large and valuable collections will place the best in the Exposition their finest and rarest plants, some of which cannot be duplicated.

The plan of the exhibit, which Ohio will make of its agricultural special at the Fair has been adopted by the commissioners, and embraces the following: 1. Manuscript work, essays, etc. In this section pupils will be held in each county seat. Four prizes will be represented—the work at county-seat schools, under schools of villages, above of cities, eight schools. County exhibits will be in charge of a committee composed of the institute committee and two persons selected. From the work on exhibition the committee will select fifty of the best manuscripts to each township and forward to the public school commission. 2. Maps showing location of each schoolhouse in the State, point of selection to each county, relative number of pupils in country, town and city schools for past forty years; relative number of pupils in colleges, academies and high schools for the past forty years. 3. Pictures of schools, buildings, etc. 4. History of organization and development of schools. Prizes will be chosen as above. 5. Text books arranged to show old and new.

The paper mills and manufacturers of paper-making machinery, which formed a company with a capital stock of $100,000, for the purpose of making a combined exhibit at the Fair, have raised the full amount.

The women of Belgium will be represented at the Exposition by an exhibit. A women's committee with the Queen as patroness, has been selected to take charge of the matter.

The women of Washington State will present six urns for decoration in the Women's building and the grounds at the Fair. They will be composed of gray granite, white marble, pink marble, dolomite—a greenish stone, magnesite—a blue stone, and one of pottery clay. These will be attractively ornamented with the minerals of the State, which consist of gold, silver, opal, copper, coal and iron. Through the efforts of Mrs. Alice Houghton a fine sketch is being made of the 5,000 million dollar university at Spokane, about to be erected. This artistic sketch will be placed in the Washington state building. Architect Skilling, of Seattle, will go to Chicago June 10 to start the Washington State headquarters. Indian curios will be represented in a fine collection in the state building. A magnificent painting of Mount Tacoma (Rainier), by Bierstadt, will be one of the attractions. This painting is valued at $10,000.

In response to the thousands of inquiries to distinguished persons to attend the Exposition dedicatory ceremonies next October, the acceptances thus far has been almost unanimous. Among those who will be present are the President and his entire Cabinet, the members of the Supreme court, nearly every foreign minister at Washington, the governors of the different States, members of Congress and special representatives of many foreign nations.

The magnitude of the French exhibit at the Exposition can be surmised from the fact that in the calculations as to the transportation to Chicago it is estimated that it will aggregate fully 3,000 tons. The exhibit, it is unnecessary to explain, will consist chiefly of all kinds of art manufactures of the finer and lighter description, and will include very little in the way of heavy articles, such as machinery.

A committee of mechanic men has inspected the system and methods of fire protection established on the Exposition grounds, and has reported that they are in all respects adequate and satisfactory. Hundreds of miles of fire buckets in the buildings, hydrant extinguishers on every hand, chemical engines at every necessary point, hose lines reaching to the top of the buildings, fire alarm boxes numerous and easily accessible, an efficient fire alarm service, a system of water works with a capacity of millions of gallons a day, watchmen on duty day and night, and steam engine houses and engines and a well-drilled force of firemen.

The California Bee Keepers' Association is preparing a note is exhibit for the Fair. Bottled honey and bees, the exhibit will include pressed flowers of all the different kinds, specimens of the bees and hives which are the enemies of bees, insects and photographs of apiaries, and novelties in bee keeping, especially adapted to California, especially in the line of beeware and foundation.

Arizona is planning to reproduce for its exhibit at the Exposition the famous Casa Grande, which stands in the southern part of the territory. The Casa Grande, which is probably the most remarkable and interesting prehistoric ruin in North America, was discovered by Europeans in 1539, by Cabeza de Vaca and his followers of the ill-fated Ponce de Leon expedition. Four years later Coronado, during his exploration to the southwest, made his headquarters. Then, as now, not even a tradition as to the race that built it remained among the surrounding Indian tribes. Nothing was seen the only gateway to an immense walled city, the ruins of which still covered the plains, and to mink an exhibit of all the different kinds of scientists the city's population must have exceeded a hundred thousand. The remains of vast irrigating ditches and reservoirs are found in the vicinity of the ruined city. By cleaning one of the irrigating ditches recently 150,000 acres of land were reclaimed. This ancient irrigation system will be shown by relief maps. The ruins of Casa Grande are between five and six stories high and fifty feet square. They are composed of sun-dried brick, with heavy outlines walls, and like all the other ancient ruins in that country, bear evidence of having been destroyed by fire, for the charred remains of rafters still cling to the walls. All about for miles and miles are strewn broken pottery, arrow heads and stone axes, which tell scientists that one day, thousands of years ago, that city blazed with fire and was deserted by its panic stricken people. Casa Grande is the most famous feature of all those sun-baked ruins, and its unknown origin, the sudden and unaccountable flight and disappearance of the inhabitants of the city in question, and the deep mystery which has clung to it for ages, make it one of the most interesting subjects of scientific investigation. It will be perhaps, on its reproduction at the Fair, the most interesting building in which any of the States or Territories will make an exhibit. The Arizona exhibit will include minerals, semi-tropical fruits, petrified woods, onyx, meteoric iron, etc.

A Bill Eighty-Seven Feet Long.

The longest and weightiest "bill of exchange" ever presented against an estate in the history of Connecticut, and possibly in that of the country was submitted before Judge S. T. C. Holbrook in the Norwich probate court a day or two ago. It was finished into court by one lawyer, but three attorneys aid a day in the search which it was needed before its hours for inspection.

It was made out on a continuous roll of thick accountants' paper, containing more than 1,000 entries and was 87 feet and 3 in her long. It extended down or from upstairs and the space was partitioned off in the hall been unrolled, and the judge walked back and forth across the room several times in order to scan the multitudinous entries. The sum total of the account was a little more than $17,000.

After reading the entries for half an consequences of an hour the judge concluded and remarked: "In three and years of 37. And what was the expense for bringing it in in services, any I mean the fees of lawyers? But I suppose to recall right, and the fees have to be allowed apparently."

All day the Norwich attorneys dropped into the probate office to examine curiously the extraordinary bill, and a witness of the bar said, after he had carefully examined it, "It's magnificently the largest bill ever presented in the history of the law in this country."—Cor. New York Sun.

They Foiled the August Senator.

Not even the graver, more venerable of senators is proof against the wiles of April Fool's Day. The senate page is a rule humorist to have a pretty good time in life, at play their pranks for enough from the second protector of the higher brass to be made unpleasant representants. On April Fool's Day they started in to out the financial problem of the senate. A fine hoax initial with a fat and juicy looking wallet that big bought in the corridor just where the senators turned the corner.

Along came fat John Sherman. He spied it on the wallet. Probably the senior senator and great financier had never before found a pocketbook lying on a crowded street in his path. He swooped down upon it. He figured rapidly during over it, but they only shut up like a clinched fist, while the pocketbook, like an elusive dream, glided out of sight as if it had wings. A whisper fell on Sherman's ear, "April Fool," a titter of sympathy for him followed it. Sherman went in to complain to the venerable doorkeeper, who has since been trying in vain to bring the jolly young pages into a proper frame of reverence.—Kate Field's Washington.

Married in Their Graveyard.

Mr. W. N. Green, a rich farmer living just over the Cardiff line in Hardin county, selected a burial site and married on a few days ago. Mr. Green was a widower and he courted Mrs. M. A. Sanford, a widow, and an agreement to marry was made between them. Mr. Green said to Squire Noel Tillman, to perform the marriage ceremony. Mr. Green has a beautiful home and now it has a hill. Between the residence and the mill is a beautiful grove hill, and on this elevated spot Mr. Green selected his family cemetery, and also selected the exact spot where he and his future wife sat. On this spot Squire Tillman made Bill Green and Martha Sanford man and wife Sunday morning, in the presence of a half dozen witnesses.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The shipments of sturgeon from the Pacific coast continue to increase. Over 1,000,000 pounds have been packed by a single firm in Kalama, Wash., this season and shipped to the east.

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