

### Peace Jubilee.

(CORRESPONDENCE OF THE N. Y. TRIBUNE.)

The rosy expectations of the Boston shopkeepers, who meant to rive millions upon the packings of the week, have happily been frustrated. People won't buy anything except hats and circus tickets. It was announced that the principal shops would keep open until late at night, and since of the firms prepared collations for their clerks, so that no customers might be missed while anybody went to dinner. The collations, we believe, were very good, but there were no customers. Trade was at a standstill. At noon Wednesday a large proportion of the shops were closed, and to-day there has been no pretense of opening. Nobody masses any money except the Jubilee managers, the hotel and restaurant keepers, the hack-drivers, the railroad men, the photographers, whose galleries are thronged with rustic lovers, and the vendors of pop and penny wares, who inhabit the shanty village around the Coliseum. Perhaps I ought to except ticket speculators, for some of these operators, untried by the fate of one of their craft yesterday, are secretly doing a splendid business. It seems a pity that merchants who invested in the Jubilee fund with the expectation of getting their money back from the strangers, should be so much disappointed, for many of the visitors are very unvarying indeed, and would have afforded splendid picking. I heard of a country couple to-day who believing that all Boston centered in the State House and the Common, stood in front of the Capitol for several hours in a brilliant sun, and then presenting their tickets to a man at the door, wanted to know "when their singers was coming along?" The man took the tickets and told them to wait just where they were, and the singers would be along directly. I believe they are still waiting. A man who wanted his money's worth of noise was seen sitting in the very front seat of the parquet, and spreading out his hands behind his ears to collect more of the sound. They say that he was afterward removed to a deaf and dumb asylum.

The musical exercises have much improved since Tuesday. The second day's programme attracted a great deal of critical attention, because it included a large proportion of classical music, into which the slum-bag element could not be introduced. That it was measurably successful, is a fact at which I was both gratified and surprised. Nicola's *Fest Overture*, based upon Luther's chorals, opened the proceedings. It went very well, especially the vocal parts. The choruses included *The Messiah*, "Glory to God," and "The Glory of the Lord," and those from *The Creation*, "The Marvelous Work," and "The Heavens are Telling," were taken at an unusually slow tempo, and were therefore entirely successful. So too was "See the Conquering Hero Comes." They seemed to me much stronger than any thing sung the day before. Probably the singers gather more confidence day by day; but it is hard to judge of their improvement, the acoustic properties of the house are so very peculiar. The sound is unusually diffused among the audience, so that two persons sitting in adjoining sections often come away with very different impressions. Every one agrees, however, that the lovely chorus from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, "He watching over Israel," was more perfectly rendered than anything which had gone before it. Susceptible as it is of delicate phrasing and breadth of expression, I expected to be less pleased with this than with almost any other chorus on the programme, but it was admirable. A curious spectacle was afforded in this by Mr. Zerrahn, who left his desk to Mr. Schultz, and walked about among the chorists, beating time for one part after another as they successively came in, Madame Parepa Ross sang Handel's "Let the bright Seraphim," with an accompaniment on the organ by Mr. Arbutick. It was a marvellous performance, and aroused extraordinary demonstrations among the audience. I have no doubt my friend of the day before waved his umbrella more vigorously than ever, though I did not see him. Madame Rosa repeated it, but it is such a terrible strain upon the voice to sing this air against a cornet accompaniment that I was not at all surprised when she afterwards relinquished her place in one of the chorus solos to the dozen solo vocalists of Boston, who are held in reserve for such occasions. In the final chorus, "The Heavens are Telling," the quartette was taken by thirteen sopranos, twelve altos, eleven tenors, and thirteen basses.

The music on Thursday embraced several novelties, and a strong infusion of the popular element, as was proper

for the day of Bunker Hill. There were two chorals—both of them excellent—and several pieces of miscellaneous music, including, of course, the "Anvil Chorus," which no Boston family can now afford to be without. "The Star Spangled Banner" was superbly done, and Madame Rosa, who sang one or two verses solo, besides taking part in the fortissimo final chorus and making herself heard above all the din, got more glory than ever. Then there were two new pieces by American composers, one of them a "Peace Festival" march, by Mr. Janotta, who is an American by virtue of being a music teacher in Boston, and the other a "Triumphal Overture," by Mr. C. C. Converse, who is an American by virtue of being an ex-Bostonian, and at present a Brooklyn lawyer. I did not think much of Mr. Janotta's march, except that it was very long, and any regiment which marched to it would have been at trouble to keep in step; but Mr. Converse writes well, and his music tells, although it is borrowed freely from Wagner.

The crowd at and around the Coliseum on Thursday beggars description. The ushers were swamped, and for the first time during the trying week, lost their heads, and took to sacking people as a terrier shakes a rat. I saw a lady frightened into a hysterical fit of crying by an usher less than five feet high. I saw another miniature official spring at the throat of a six-foot gentleman, whom he suspected of a nefarious purpose of going up the wrong aisle, but who proved to be all right after all. Many women were carried out fainting, and I hope they revived outside, but the crowd was almost as dense in the street as in the building. At half past 3 the doors were closed, and nobody was admitted thereafter, ticket or no ticket. The builder would not vouch for the safety of the structure if any more came in. "My opinion is, Sir," said my neighbor, "that this ere building will hold a powerful sight of people." I told him I was proud to concur in such judicious sentiments. "And I shouldn't wonder," he continued, "if we heard an all-fired noise when all those folks scream. Don't you believe we shall?" I said I did, but after the first chorus he looked disappointed, and went home. He wanted the rafters to be started at least.

The Bunker Hill day wound up with a ball at the Coliseum. I suppose it was a grand one, but I don't know. To us who are used to miniature balls like the Academy of Music, and great consequent crowds, the wide acres of the Jubilee shed looked only half inhabited even when the merriment was at its height, and the whirl at its fastest. I suppose there may have been eight or ten thousand people present—a mere handful in such a place. Decorum reigned throughout. Very few notable persons were present. The dresses were neat but not gaudy, as the monkey said—but no amid the echoes of the Jubilee I will not pursue the frivolous comparison. J. R. G. H.

### DULUTH.

THE MUSHROOM CITY OF LAKE SUPERIOR—MR. RAPID GROWTH—THE CLIMATE, BUSINESS, ADVANTAGES AND COMMERCIAL PROSPECTS OF THE NEW TOWN OF THE NORTH-WEST.

(From the Saginaw Daily Enterprise.)

DULUTH, Minn., June 7, 1869.

I was requested by a number of your readers to write them a succinct history of this place, its present condition, and future prospects. Allow me to do it through your paper. Duluth is located at the western end of Lake Superior, seven miles from Superior City, and has one of the best natural harbors in the world. It is at the head of Superior Bay, with a good depth of water. The rapid growth of this place has scarcely one equal. Three weeks ago it contained only seven dwelling houses, now it boasts of thirty dwellings, seven stores, one bank, one mill, and two hotels. The foundation of a first-class hotel has been laid, dimensions 50x160 feet; also two Churches are being constructed. Extensive preparations are in progress for the immediate improvement of the harbor, and elevators will be built this season of sufficient capacity to handle 10,000,000 bushels of grain. Saw mills will be put in operation, and the slate quarry will also be worked. All these enterprises suggest the income of a large population. The time is coming for Duluth, when she will repeat the marvelous growth of Chicago, and be numbered with the great cities of America. From Duluth to St. Paul is about 175 miles (timbered land) about 30 miles or more of the Pacific Railroad is done and doing fast. By the 4th of July, 1870, the cars will be running from St. Paul to this place. Then will flow through this

place the products of the great West. The area of the fertile region of the Northwest is 600,000 square miles. The soil of Minnesota is the best within the United States for the production of wheat. In 1850 their wheat crop was 1,400 bushels. Last year it was 16,125,875 bushels; yet this is but a small part of the "Continental Wheat Garden" of the Northwest. It is about the same distance from Duluth to Buffalo by water as it is from Chicago. This new channel of commerce will afford a greater revolution in commerce than ever was known in America. It is beyond a doubt that a difference of 300 miles to transportation will be saved by that route, which will amount to 20 cents or more per bushel on all grain shipped east, which is sufficient to induce all to transport by this route.

I hear rumors of parties from the east are here, handling large capital, who have selected extensive docking front, on the Superior Bay, and who contemplate a mammoth commercial warehouse; of others, who are spying around for an eligible site for foundry and machine shop; and others who design an extensive saw, door, planing and siding mill. It is here that every check indicative of good health, and proves conclusively that our atmosphere is pure. Now, hear ye, benighted dwellers in the Saginaw ague clime; no man knows anything about Lake Superior until he has been in this vicinity, or heard or read a full statement of facts bearing on the subject. The climate here is the healthiest in the world. Sickness is almost unknown, in fact people are obliged to leave the country in order to die. A Saginaw physician, who finds a wide and lucrative field in your valley, would starve to death here. Your doctor bills would buy a farm here, build you a house and raise you a large crop, and leave enough to pay for the Enterprise a year in advance. The landscape here is beautiful. You never saw sunshine or moonlight as you see it here on Superior Lake. Wages for common laborers is \$2.25 per day; for carpenters \$3.50, masons \$4.00, and hundreds are wanted. The laborers on the rail road are on a strike to-day, and have just come into town headed by a Saginaw man as their leader. O. C. B.

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