

The superintendent of floriculture has reason to be proud over his success in coaxing to bloom a flower, but one specimen of which has ever bloomed in America. It is sometimes called the pelican or swan flower, but in the trade is known as *aris olochta sturre antii*. The bloom is over forty inches long, and six wide in the center, and comes from the swamps of southern Africa. It resembles very much the neck and body of the graceful swan.

Snugly ensconced between her sister states, stands the home of Arkansas, which unfurled her banner to the breeze and bid her guests welcome at the dedication thereof, held last week. Mrs. Edgerton, of the board of lady managers, told in a vein of humor, mingled with pathos, the story of how the Arkansas women struggled to raise funds to complete the same, but they made good the trite saying, "Where there's a will, there's a way." Gov. Fishback and other notables, not forgetting the many beautiful southern women present, made everybody welcome and at home in their own peculiar southern style.

Mr. Arnold, the official photographer, has been taken down a peg or two. Director General Davis had given authority to several artists to make views, and said Arnold caused their permits to be taken from them. The matter was put before the council of administration and they resolved that the authority of General Davis in that regard should not be curtailed, and have asked Mr. Arnold to make himself humble and penitent before the general, and promise not to do so any more, and the general's permits now go.

What a great time the sons and daughters of the Hoosier state had in the dedication of their building! two of her honored sons, Ex-President Harrison and Gov. Matthews were present, and assisted in the ceremonies.

But perhaps the crowning event of the week was the celebration by the Germans and German Americans in the revival of the memories of the dear old Fatherland, and the respect paid Kaiser William, in the keeping of the anniversary of his birth.

They commenced early in the morning with a monster parade through the streets of the down town district, made up of singing and other societies, and so much did the citizens enter into the spirit of the occasion, that many decorated their buildings with flags and bunting, and closing at noon gave there employees a half holiday. The exercises were continued in the afternoon within the grounds, and speech making and music were the order of the day. It being held on Thursday, that was one of the regular illumination nights, but as if to lend new splendor to the already brilliant scene, pyrotechnics made the heavens ablaze with light. It was an occasion long to be remembered both for the interest shown, and the crowds it drew. Many days like these would build up the finance of the fair in good shape.

#### THE ASSINIBOINE WATER POWER.

THREE years ago a series of letters over the signature of "Winnipeg" appeared in a weekly paper printed in this city. These letters advocated the construction of the Assiniboine Water Power Scheme, and the absorption of the Winnipeg Water Works and electric light systems by the city. One letter, over the signature of "Lycurgus," found its way into the columns of our principal daily; but a second, from the same pen, was refused publication because it would cost "*as much as \$20*;" at least, so said the Financial Director of the daily. The real reason being that the said Director was at the time one of the now dead "Assiniboine Water Power Company;" and the views expressed in the letters "*did not fit*" the groove in which our director wished the public mind to run. This letter, as also the first one, was published in the weekly alluded to. As at the present time the question of pure water is an exciting one, we think we cannot do better than to reprint *the gist* of those letters, as they most certainly contain points of vital importance to every inhabitant of Winnipeg.

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