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THE CONTRAST.

Under Cleveland's administration for ten months, from March to December, 1885, the debt was reduced only \$1,927,840. A vast surplus was rolled and this was increased by an excess of income due to tobacco, sugar and other unnecessary taxes, which the democratic house utterly refused to reduce.

Mr. Harrison's administration in the first sixteen months reduced the debt, from March, 1888, to June, 1891, by \$133,025,550. In the first sixteen months of its term the Cleveland administration, with greater resources and revenues, reduced the debt only \$54,235,610. The Baring panic in September, 1890, called for extraordinary exertions, and in ninety days Secretary Windom spent \$100,000,000 of the surplus in buying bonds, and averted a terrible disaster. In all, from March, 1889, to last May, \$296,316,931 of the surplus was spent in redeeming the interest-bearing debt of the government, saving \$55,852,493 in interest. In addition the last republican congress reduced taxation over \$40,000,000. This disposed of the surplus and prevented a new one, and this September, for the first time in a half generation, found the secretary of the treasury independent of the needs and demands of Wall street. No great mass of money is locked up in the treasury away from the channels of trade. The rate for money is low, and currency moves as trade demands.

COLUMBUS Day in the United States will be celebrated by the school children, and the exercises will have a tendency to inculcate in the minds of the young the lessons of patriotism. Every boy and girl in the nation will feel proud of the privilege of being born and residing in the great republic of the west, and love of country will burn brightly on millions of altars in this broad land. When these children grow to man and womanhood we hope the fires of patriotism will never be dimmed, and that there citizenship will benefit society by the exercise of the habits of industry, sobriety and integrity. The world is advancing so rapidly that in the near future civilized countries will settle their differences by other methods than the sword, and the coming generations of Americans, from present indications, will need more toilers in the lines of honest industry on the part of men, and more cooks and housewives on the part of women.

LEUT. Schwatka has submitted a proposition to the Portland chamber of commerce to explore and describe Mt. Hood for \$500, providing each member of that body shall buy his book for \$1.50. The object of the work is to make the grand old sentry a national park. The chamber of commerce is seriously considering the acceptance of the proposition.

ABOUT 2000 carloads per month of red cedar shingles are being shipped east from various Puget sound points. The eastern market instead of being overstocked, is hardly kept supplied and the demand is increasing in every quarter. With the new rates to go into effect January 1st an equally big demand will be created for sawed fir and cedar lumber.

HENRY WATERSON it to deliver the dedication address at the world's fair. This is most appropriate. He will call on the star-eyed goddess to help conjure up such eloquence as will electrify the world. The notice was short, but Henry accepts the change as imperative duty. We may look for something worthy of the star-eyed female.—Statesman.

GENERAL WEAVER is denied the honor of martyrdom, which was promised him at Pulaski, Tenn. It is a great lost opportunity for Weaver and the people's party. The Tennesseans deem it best to let Weaver simmer out as Henry George and others have done.—Ex.

GREAT Britain has lost about \$23,000,000 per year of South American trade, which comes to us because of reciprocity. This is why the free traders abuse reciprocity so viciously.

"The democratic party was born in the objective case," says Dr. Depew, and it is ready to promise anything to get in the possessive.

GRESHAM is probably getting into line to be a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination in 1896.

NATIONAL PROSPERITY.

The existing conditions are a complete answer to the baseless assertions of the calamity howlers. The financial and industrial statistics show that protection has borne fruit in shape of unexampled prosperity. A change to free trade under the circumstances would be an act of folly. The financial letter of Henry Clews & Co. says: "Taking an average of the last ten years, the average amount of failure within the first nine months of the year, has been \$107,000,000; which is \$30,000,000 above the experience of the current year, making no allowance for an increase of nearly 50 per cent. in the population during the interval. The losses of the south incident to two years of excessive crops of cotton had prepared us to expect a very unfavorable showing from that section, and yet the amount of failures has only been \$11,000,000 against \$24,900,000 in 1891. In the depressed Pacific states we should have expected an increase of failures, and yet the liabilities there show a slight decrease upon last year's. These are most encouraging facts; the more so because they admit of no gainsaying.

The Denver News says: "With fusion in Oregon that state will be taken from Harrison. The Australian ballot has stopped the old corrupt practice of importing train loads of republican voters from Puget Sound. The floating vote cannot be spared from Washington this year." This is almost a slander on both Oregon and Washington. This state will not fuse, and our neighbor is solidly republican. Whatever hopes our governor may have inspired by his recent flop, it is pretty certain that Oregon's vote will go for Harrison and protection, although it may be reduced by the deflection of the few calamity howlers within its borders.

New York starts out with the quadro-centennial celebration. The rest of the country, Chicago included, is content to wait until the 21 instant, the day designated in the presidents proclamation. It must be said that New York made a creditable display, as 25,000 students from colleges and schools marched, and 2000 school girls, attired in red, white and blue, sang patriotic songs as the procession moved by.

Republican platform: Protection to American industries. Democratic platform: Tariff for revenue only.

The first means goods used in America, and the second means they are to be made in Europe. Goods imported means wages earned in Europe.

Which shall it be? The New York Journal reports that last week \$3000 was paid in that city for the rent of a front of a house on Fifth avenue that took place Friday evening. This is a high price for one night's pleasure, and shows what modern extravagance is capable of when it gets started.

HERE is an instructive little objective lesson on the effects of the new tariff law and of its reciprocity clauses: Our total foreign commerce during the last three years of the Cleveland administration was \$4,315,948,527; during the first three years of Harrison it was \$5,254,263,000.

In England the wheat crop is short and there is no corresponding gain in any other crop. The London Times inquires how many farmers will be able to struggle through the winter. This shows that free trade does not insure prosperity as some people suppose.

"I HAVE long thought that if there be any article of necessity which can be produced at home with as little or nearly the same labor as abroad, it would be better to protect that article of labor at its true standard of value."—Abraham Lincoln.

CLEVELAND in his letter of acceptance, declares protection unjustifiable and free trade impossible. As a tariff must be one or the other, what does Mr. Cleveland mean to do?

THE free trade and wildest money planks of the Chicago platform naturally go together. The one reduces workingman's wages, the other cheats him out of a part of it.

THE public highways are about in the same condition. Meanwhile there's one thoroughfare that is kept in royal style—the one paved with good intentions.—Ex.

THERE never was a political organization so magniloquent in claiming everything as the people's party, with so meager a show of actual votes as a basis.

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"FARMERS ARE BUOYANT"

From the local columns of the country press the conclusion can be drawn that the towns all over Oregon are making rapid improvements, and that they are generally prosperous. New buildings, both business blocks and houses, are going up, and streets are being opened, while bonds are being voted to provide them with water works and sewerage systems. The crops are good and mortgages are becoming a thing of the past. The farming population is buoyant and the townspeople are happy with increased trade.—Portland Telegram.

Then what are the democrats and the Pennoyers and the calamityites, who bring up in the rear of the "tariff reform" procession, howling about? asks the Eugene Journal.

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