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THE PRESIDENT'S VETO.

The following is President Grant's message to the Senate, containing his reasons for vetoing the bill for increasing legal tender notes and United States bank notes. To the Senate of the United States: Herewith, I return Senate bill No. 617, entitled "An act to fix the amount of United States notes and the circulation of National Banks and for other purposes," without my approval. In doing so, I must express my regret at not being able to give my assent to a measure which has received the sanction of a majority of legislators, chosen by the people to make laws for their guidance and have sought to find sufficient argument to justify such assent, but unsuccessfully.

CHARACTER OF GEN. LEE.

In his late speech, delivered at Atlanta, Gen. B. F. Hill pays his deserved tribute to the character of Robert E. Lee: "When the future historian comes to survey the career of Lee, he will find it rising like a huge mountain above the undulating plain of humanity, and he will have to lift his eyes high toward heaven to catch its summit. He possessed every virtue of the other great commanders without their vices. He was a foe without hate, a friend without treachery, a soldier without cruelty, and a victor without murmuring. He was a public officer without vices, a private citizen without wrong, a Christian without hypocrisy, and a man without guile. He was Cæsar without his ambition, Frederick without his tyranny, Napoleon without his selfishness, and Washington without his reward. He was obedient to authority as a servant, and royal in authority as a woman in life, modest and pure as a virgin in thought, watchful as a Roman vestal in duty, submissive as a law as Socrates, and grand in battle as Achilles."

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

ADOPTED IN CONVENTION AT SALEM, OREGON, APRIL 8, 1874. 1. The Republican party of the State of Oregon, in Convention assembled, declare that the end of government is to secure equal and exact justice to all its citizens, with as little infringement as possible upon individual freedom; that the government of the people, by the people and for the people, interpreted and freshened by the Declaration of Independence, is the true American ideal; that this ideal can only be realized by the election of honest and capable men to public office, and by conducting public affairs with strict prudence and in accordance with the sound and approved maxims of business and political economy.

CHANGES OF A CENTURY.

The nineteenth century has witnessed many and great discoveries. In 1808 Fulton took out the first patent for the invention of a steamboat. The first steamboats which made regular trips across the Atlantic Ocean were the Sirius and Great Western, in 1830. The first public application to practice the use of gas for illuminating was made in 1802. In 1813 the streets of London were for the first time lighted with gas. In 1818 there was built at Waltham, Mass., a mill believed to have been the first in the world, which combined all the requirements for making finished cloth from raw goods. In 1790 there were only twenty-five post offices in the whole country, and up to 1837 the rates of postage were twenty-five cents for a letter sent over four hundred miles. In 1807 wooden clocks commenced to be made by machinery. This ushered in the era of cheap clocks. About the year 1813 the first railroad of any considerable length in the United States was constructed. In 1829 the first experiment in photography was made by Daguerre. About 1840 the first express business was established. The anthracite coal business may be said to have begun in 1820. In 1836 the first patent for the invention of matches was granted. In 1845 the first telegram was sent. Steel pens were introduced for use in 1830. The first successful reaper was constructed in 1833. In 1846 Elias Howe obtained a patent for the first sewing machine.