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A DEMOCRATIC VIEW OF IT.

The people of the country at large will be delighted to learn that the government is printing for free distribution a work in four volumes, containing addresses, messages, proclamations, and other state papers, of the president of the United States, from Washington to Cleveland.

That is just what the American people have been clamoring for ever since the foundation of the republic. Fortunately, an economical democratic administration sees its way clear to the printing and gratuitous distribution of these ponderous compilations of statesmanship, and in the course of a few months it is probable that even the poorest citizens will be able, free of cost, to fill a spare room with this precious gift from the government.

Four volumes will not be sufficient and it is suggested that a fifth volume be added, to be devoted entirely to Mr. Cleveland's public papers. It is all very well to put Washington and Jefferson and Jackson between the same covers, but Mr. Cleveland's elaborate and notable messages and other papers deserve a separate volume. They mark a new era in the history of our government, and they should not be mixed up with the crude effusions of the earlier presidents.—Atlanta Constitution.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the Atlanta exposition, and the attractions to be presented will undoubtedly attract thousands. It is estimated by the managers that the daily attendance for ninety consecutive days will be 15,000. The beauty of the location, the charming weather during the fall months, and the refined hospitality of the southerners will make ones visit delightful. The display of exhibits will be magnificent and enormous, as evidenced by the unprecedented applications for space. It depends largely on A. H. Carson and others of Josephine, Judge Riddle, John Hall, C. W. Winston, Ben Agee, and Geo. W. Peters, of Douglas, Doctor Sharples of Eugene, and gentlemen further north, whether the majestic and imperial powers of Oregon shall command the admiration of visiting throngs. Conscious as these gentlemen must be, of the superior excellence of their productions, considerations of pride and profit should stimulate them to prepare a display that would receive the encomiums of half a million of people.

The democrats said the new tariff law would have no effect on the coast lumber trade. From the action of the leading lumbermen one would infer that it has had a very noticeable effect, and British Columbia competition is one of the most serious problems that has yet been encountered. Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Tebama county's announcement that it cannot appropriate money for the Atlanta exposition because it has five murder trials on hand suggests its opportunity to abolish the murder habit by restoring to quick trials and prompt punishment.—Call.

By increasing the national debt Cleveland has really put his party under bonds not to elect another president for many years to come.

The third-term encouros overlook the fact that Cleveland is much more likely to be impeached than renominated.

Russia has not only done a neat thing in the diplomatic line by guaranteeing the new Chinese loan, but will also make a very neat profit on it. She guaranteed an 80-million dollar loan, on which China will pay 7 per cent.; then borrowed the money in the financial centers of Western Europe at 4 per cent, thus making \$80,000 a year interest. The security she obtains from China is not yet known, but it is believed to be a territorial concession, which will enable her to bring the great Siberian railway to a terminal at a port never ice-bound in winter. Russian diplomacy is the most successful in the world these days.

The Second Hanging.

Last week we gave an account of the first hanging for murder in Oregon according to our recollection. We will now give a short account of the second hanging for the same crime committed by another man. It was in 1851 or '52 that a man by the name of Everman was publicly executed for the murder of one Hooker. Everman had been accused of stealing a watch by Hooker, and Everman being highly incensed at the charge—which was afterwards proven—seems to have been determined on the death of Hooker. Everman was boarded at the house of one Sam Goff, and Hooker was plowing in a field three-fourths of a mile distant. Everman approached the field in a stealthy manner, hastening his steps when Hooker's back was turned, and at times crawling on his hands and knees until he reached the corner of the field, where he lay in wait for Hooker. Hooker was coming up towards Everman, and when he reached the end of the furrow, he turned and started directly away from the one lying in ambush. Everman then aimed and discharged his gun directly at Hooker, killing him almost instantly. This was a most cold-blooded murder, so proven on the trial, and Everman was convicted, sentenced and executed in the presence of a large number of people. This, like the first murder, occurred in Polk county. The writer hereof was foreman of the jury that sat upon his trial.

O. C. Pratt was the Judge before whom Everman was tried. Pratt was a suave, dignified and impartial Judge, and was a highly esteemed citizen. He removed to California somewhere in the 50's, and attained to high distinction at the bar in that State. The cause of his removal to California is well known by some of the early settlers, who still survive him. Pratt was a staunch Democrat, and the bitter criticisms of his pretensions to prominence in the new territory of Oregon, made by the leading Democratic paper then published here, had much to do with his removal to California. Pratt as a counsel secured the first divorce between man and wife that ever occurred in Oregon. The claim for divorce was made before and granted by our first Territorial Legislature.

How it Works.

It was as a sop to the farmers that the duty on burlaps and on grain sacks made from burlaps was repealed, and it was as a sop to the planters that the duty on cotton ties was repealed. Neither the farmer nor the planter has been benefited to the extent of a cent by these specious provisions of the Wilson act. But the government has lost \$2,000,000 a year or thereabout. Cotton ties, in common with all other products of iron and steel, are advancing in price, and burlaps, despite the tariff reduction of 2 per cent are stationary, with a rising tendency.

But the farmers and planters will be "taxed"—how fond the free-traders used to be of that word, and how carefully they now eschew its use—to make up the deficiency in revenue caused by the repeal of the burlap duty. The revenue derived from imports of burlaps stood thus in 1894, the last year of application of the McKinley law:

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As we have said, the farmer still pays the McKinley fact rates, though the government loses the McKinley revenue. This is how it works.—Inter-Ocean.

Hermann and the Soldiers.

EDITOR PLAINDEALER: Though Mr. Hermann and I differ on the plan of bi-metalism, yet if he runs again for congress next year I will vote for him, because of the patriotic stand that he has made on the floor of the house on behalf of the Union soldier, which noble stand in their defense in effort and effect, equaled, if not surpassed, anything of the kind in the history of American C ongress. OLD VET.

THE NEW VANDERBILT HOUSE.

An American Mansion Inspected and Approved by New York Society.

Society has examined the new Cornelius Vanderbilt house and pronounced it "magnificent," "superb," "royal"—any adjective, in fact, that describes great size combined with good taste.

The reception the other afternoon was perhaps the largest and most representative ever given in New York, at least 1,500 people making it a point to be there.

It differed, too, from other receptions in that the visitors, instead of standing about in two or three rooms, as is usual, wandered off after paying their compliments to Mrs. Vanderbilt and spent the rest of the afternoon in sightseeing through the long suits of apartments.

"I do believe I have walked a mile!" exclaimed one woman, who was evidently determined that nothing of value should escape her close scrutiny.

The house is indeed an education in itself, with its different styles of decorations, according to different periods, but all blending together in a harmonious whole.

Some of the critics got their Louises pretty well mixed, pronouncing a Henri II room a Louis XV, and a Louis XVI a colonial room, but it didn't make any difference.

The Louises committed and can cover a multitude of sins, and Peter Marie and a few other experts on interior decorations had a splendid time setting some of the women straight on their dates.

The house will of course look even finer when lighted for a ball, with the company in evening dress, but even as it was it truly merited all the praise given and denotes a new era in the splendor of American living.—Cholly Knickerbocker in New York Recorder.

ASHES TO CURE CUTS.

Russian Physicians Revive an Old Cossack Method of Treating Wounds.

Some of the best known physicians in Russia are strongly advocating the adoption in the government hospitals of an old Cossack custom of treating cuts and wounds with ashes.

The Cossack peasant has used this method from time immemorial, and Dr. Pashkoff, a Russian physician who has been studying the treatment, recently said in an interview in a Russian medical journal:

"I strongly recommend the treating of severe cuts and wounds with ashes. Experiment has convinced me of the thorough efficacy of the treatment, and in addition it is cheap, takes little time to arrange and does away with bulky bandages, which have always been the bane of nurses and physicians. The best ashes are those resulting from the burning of some cotton stuff or linen, and only a very thin layer should be applied. If the wound has been made by some dirty instrument and there is danger of blood poisoning, it should be first washed thoroughly with a lotion. The ashes with the blood form a hard substance, under which the most severe cuts heal with remarkable rapidity."

Dr. Pashkoff has experimented with ashes on 28 cases of cuts, and only two of the entire number failed to result successfully. These cases would have been cured, too, had not the nurses failed to apply prescribed lotions to the wounds before the physicians took them in charge. It is extremely probable that the ashes treatment will be adopted in the St. Petersburg hospitals before long.

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