

STATE DEPARTMENT EXHIBIT

Volumes of History Embraced in Priced Documents and Relics.

SWORD WHICH WASHINGTON CARRIED

Original Draft of the Declaration of Independence and the Desk on Which It Was Written Can Be Seen.

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The relics shown are of the utmost interest. There is Washington's sword and belt—the latter is almost worn out. It shows its age badly, is bleached out and crumbling away, and though it receives the most careful handling, it can not endure much longer.

Just before the beginning of the war with Spain all the negotiations, correspondence and intimations between the United States and that country were conducted through the Department of State.

The exhibit of this department in the Government building has the place of honor, being directly in front of the main entrance, and as one enters one sees the great seal of the United States beautifully draped with flags, hung over the cases and other pictures.

The Department of State is divided into six bureaus, the Diplomatic, Consular, Indian and Archives, Accounts, Rolls and Library, and Foreign Commerce.

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trip abroad, as it shows how to obtain a passport; the blank forms of application are all shown filled out, so that no mistake need be made, and numerous letters are shown showing the common errors committed by people who have applied for passports.

The Bureau of Rolls and Library has charge of the original laws of the United States and of most of the laws that have been passed since the formation of the government.

Spanish War Declaration. One of the laws, exhibited to show the different forms which have been used, is signed by Charles F. Manderson as president of the senate pro tempore.

Another case claims our attention. Here is a big American flag. This flag is made of the heaviest pure silk. It is woven in one piece and was made and paid for by the weavers of Lyons, France.

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Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence. Oh, what a lot of history is centered about this queer little contrivance!

Next to it is a rough draft of the Declaration of Independence with interlinations and corrections in Franklin's, Adams' and Jefferson's handwritings.

Of particular interest to Transmississippians should be the address of thanks of the nobility of St. Petersburg for assistance from the United States to Russia during the famine in 1892.

May the Lord bless and keep all those kind-hearted American and Russian men and children, who took part in that great and good work of charity, and may the Hand that giveth unto us all, reward them manifoldly, and ever keep them from a like misfortune.

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M. Biddle, who has been acting chief clerk of the State Department for several years.

General Biddle, was commander of the Robinson until two years ago, and Mr. Biddle himself was a Transmissippian from his youth till entering the government service at Washington.

LAUGH WITH THE LITTLE ONES.

A big crowd of happy children is in itself a sight well worth going a long way to see, and will be seen on Monday, on June 27, if the unusual efforts made by the managers of the circus...

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What the Traveler Finds of Interest

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Woes of Spain and Italy Partially Due to Forest Destruction.

Inasmuch as a proposition is pending in congress to reopen to settlement certain forest reservations in the west, says the Pittsburg Dispatch, a very pertinent comment is that made by Mr. Charles Francis Adams on one of the causes that have led to the downfall of Spain.

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W. F. Stocker

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