VANDERBILT'S ESTATE.

METHODS BY WHICH THE OLD COM-MODORE MADE HIS FORTUNE.

Cornelius Vanderbilt's Originality and Power of Financial Combination-Successful Railroad Undertakings-Social Qualities-Physical Appearance.

Another great estate is the Vanderbilt estate It was founded by Cornelius Vanderbilt, as its fellow was by John Jacob Astor, born thirty-one years, and died twenty nine years earlier, at the same age. Vanderbilt, who was an American for several generations, had first seen the light on Staten Island, and inherited various traits from his Dutch stock. He had more financial capacity—it amounted to genius-than Astor; had far greater originality, boldness and power of combination; but it was exclusively of a monetary sort. He divided mankind into two classes, those who could and those who could not make money, and the latter he condemned as blank fools. Probably no man of this century ever bent himself more entirely to the pursuit of wealth, from the time he bought a periagua, at 16, after his father's death, to carry farm products to the New York market, until his final illness at 82.

NOT AN EDUCATED MAN. He was illiterate throughout life, having a violent prejudice against education, which he believed to interfers with practical success, and talked a peculiar Eng-lish, defiant of syntax and orthoppy. Letters he almost never wrote-corres pondence was as severe a task for him as for Sam Weller-but he invariably wanted everybody else to put any business proposal on paper. He never, so far as known, expressed the slightest regret for his lack of education, and presumably, never felt any, being in this an exception to his race. But as a compensation-fully sufficient for him-he was phenomenally astute at a trade, big or little, and had a marvelous instinct for commercial profit. Before 20, he removed to this city, and three years later was worth \$10,000, which was harder, he said, to get than any subsequent sum. At that time he built the first steamboat to run between New York and New Brunswick, and received \$1,000 a year as captain. He continued on the line until he made its revenue \$40,000 a year; his wife meanwhile keeping an inn-he bad married at

19-at the New Jersey terminus, and

For fifty four years he followed the

turning it to good account.

water, owning steamboats on the Dela-ware, the Hudson and Long Island sound, and steamships on the Atlantic and Pacific, steadily overcoming opposition and swelling his fortune. At 70, with prop-erty estimated at \$40,000,000, the commodore, as he was called, directed his atten tion to, and concentrated his interest in, railways, having been for many years a stockholder in the New York and naven road. At so advanced an age such a change was hazardous to say the least; but he was brilliantly successful in it, showing the energy and force of youth in all his plans and combinations. He scarcely ever miscalculated, but in at tempting to gain command of the Erie road, when Fisk and Gould controlled it, he found that they were supplying, without any thought of responsibility, all the shares that he or others were willing to pay for Soon tiring of pitting his money against their printing press, he confessed his mistake, which he ascribed to his advisers, to whom he had yielded, he said,

against his better judgment. HIS PURFOSE ATTAINED. When he saw his days closing-he had a long illness-he had the supreme satisfaction of having amassed not far from \$100,000,000, and he cared for nothing else. His one purpose in existence he had spicedidly attained. Although averse by constitution to giving away money-it could do no permanent good, in his opinion-he presented the steamship Vanderbilt, which cost \$800,000, to the gov ernment at the outbreak of the civil war, and endowed, through the influence of his second wife, the Vanderbilt university, at Nashville, with \$700,000. He also made, toward the last, various bequests, some of which indicated that he was not impervious to artful gallantry. He often helped men that he happened to like, and it may be said, to his credit, that he was always as good as his word. Totally without pretense or presumption, he was generally accessible, having so much executive power that he was seldom presse-

Fine looking, especially in his old age, his handsome face, erect carriage, and elastic step were likely to draw attention. even in crowded Broadway. He might have been a prince in disguise, if princes were what they are imagined to be. He certainly did not appear, physically, like the hard headed, unconditional, unlettered business man he was. His two recreations were driving and whist. He loved good horses, had plenty of them, and was the despot of the road. In whist, he played the rigor of the game, and could not bear to be beaten, which he seldom was. At Saratoga, where he usually spent the summer, he was disappointed if he did not win enough to meet his hotel bill. When his memory began to fail he ceased to play; serious as was the deprivation, he was unwilling to lose the rank he had so long occupied. He did not bother himself about theology; but if he had believed the Biblical announcement of the difficulty attendant upon a rich man's entering heaven, he would have had a very poor opinion of heaven.—Paul R. Cleveland in The Cosmopolitan.

Woman's Fancies Concerning Jewelry. A long time ago, that day when the world moved at the nod of Cleopatra, the Egyptian women saved all their gold to buy emeralds for their daughters, because the possession of them not only insured freedom from all physical ills, but made in their hearts an ever spring well of hope, forcing them to be cheerful, happy women. Sometimes the emerald was engraved with cabalistic characters, oftener its smooth surface was untouched; what could not be accomplished by the precions gem itself certainly could not by the aid of a mysterious symbol. Then the Sicilian women bought coral for their babies, believing that it not only brought to them good health, but counteracted the effect of the evil eye and kept away the wicked spirits. It seemed for a while as if the same interest was going to be taken in coral now that was then, for beautiful pink coral framed in diamonds was not only shown in the large jewelry shops, but was worn by some very smart women. However, the fancy seems to have died out: coral is no longer either displayed in the window or on the woman Unfortunntely both of these nealth giving arnamts, the emerald and the coral, are asily imitated. which destroys their ratuo in the eyes of the gen collect-ng woman.—"Bab" in Philidelphia

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

The republicans of the United States, assembled by their deligates in national convention, pause on the threshold of their proceedings to honor the memory of their first great leader and importance of the people, Abraham Incoln, and to cover also with wreaths of imperishable remembrance and gratitude the heroic names of our later leaders who have been in refrechily called away from our come is, Grant, Garffeld,

our later leaders who have been in re recently called away from our councils. Grant, Garfield, Arthur, Logan and Conking. May their memories be faithfully cherished. We also recall with our greetings and prayer for his recovery the name of one of our living hero's whose in more will be treasured in the history both of republicans and of the republic. The name is that of the coble soldler and favorite child of victory, thilip H. Sheridan.

In the spirat of those great leaders and of our divotion to numan libert, and with that hostility to adforms of despotism at dispression which is the fundamental idea of the republican party we send frate has congratulations to our fellow Americans of Brazil upon their great act of emancipation which completed the abolition of slavery throuhout the two American continents. We earnestly hope we way soon congratulate our fellow citizens of Irish birth upon the peaceful recovery of home rule for Ireland.

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to the nationa constitution and to the indis-sel die union of states to the autooning re-red to the states under the constitution, to the personal rights and liberties of citizes in all states and territories in the union and especially to the sup eme and sovere guright of every citizen, rich or poor, native or foreign born, white or black, to ca-t one free ballot in the public elections and to have that ballot duly counted. We hold a free and honest popular ballot and just and equal representation of all people to be the foundation of our republican government and demand effective legislation to secure the integrity and public authority. We charge that the present administration and the democratic majority in congress owe their existence to the uppression of the ballot by the criminal mullification of the

or the ballot by the criminal numeration of the constitution and laws of the United States. We are uncrompromisingly in favor of the merican system of projection. We protest against the destruction proposed by the president and his party. They serve the interests

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WE W LLS PPORT INTERFSTS OF AMERICA.
We accept the issue, and confidently at pear to
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system must be maintained. Its abandonment has a ways be n followed by reversd dis ster to all interests except those of the unsurer We descence the Mills' bill as destructive to

We denotince the Mills' bilt as destructive to general business, labor and the faculing interests of the country, and we heartly endorse the consistent an portiotic action of the republican representatives in congress in opposing its passage. We condemn the proposition of the democratic party to place wood on the feel list and insis that the duties thereon shall be adjusted and maintained so as to furnish full and adequite protection to that instructive. u-try. The republican party would effect all needed

The republican party would effect all needed reduction of the attoral revenue by repealing the tax's on tobacco, which are an arrogatic and furden to agriculture, and the tax upon solute used in the arts and for eacha leaf purposes, and by such revision of the lariff! was as will fend to check imports of such articles as a confidence of the production of which gives employed to cut labor, and tesses from import duties these articles of fortign production except inxuries, the like of hich cannot be produced at home, there hall will remain a larger reves us than is requisite for the wants of government, of internal taxes rather than surrence any part of our rotecather than surrender any part of our rotec-tive system of the whicky-ing and agents of foreign manufacturers.

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P BLIC LAND LEGISLATION. We realled the policy of approp i-ting the ubile rands of the Ubit-d States to be home steads for An erican citizens and settlers no diens, which the republican party establishe in 18 2 against the persistent opposition of the democra's in congress, which has brought ur great western domain into magnificent de-selopement. The restoration of uncarmed but grants o the public domain for the use of acgrants of the public dom in for the use of ac-ual settlers, which was begun under the ad-ministration of free dent within should be continued. We don't to the demorate party has ever restored one acre to the people, but lectare that by the joint action of republicables and democrats about fifty million acres of un-carned lands, originally granted for the con-struction of railroads, have been restored to be called democration in pursuance of candition he public domain in pursuance of conditions userted by the temblican party in the original grants. We charge the democratic administration with failure to execute laws securing to ertilers title to their homestes ds and with using aport triations made for that purpose to narrass is modent seitlers with spies and prosecutions under the false proteins of exposing frands and vindicating the law.

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ADMISSION OF TREATTORIES,

The government by congress of the territories is based upon necessity only to the end that they may become states in the union; therefore, whenever the conditions of population, material resources, p blic intelligence and morality are such as to insure stable local government therein the people of such territories—hourd be permitted, a right inherent in them, o form for themselves constitutions and state governments and be ad thed into the union rending preparation for statehood all officers. o forta for themselves constitutions and state governments and be nd thed into the union rending preparation for statehood all officers there is should be selected from bona fide residuate and ditizens of the territory wherein hey are to serve. South Dakota shudid if tight be imade lately admitted as a state in the union under the constitution framed and adopted by her people and we hearfily culture the critical framed and dopted by her people and we hearfily culture her the ction of the republican senate in wice passing bills for her admission. The resist of the democratic house of representatives, or partisan pureses, to favorably conder these bills in a willful violation of the resistant and merits the condemnation of all justinen. The pending bills in the senate for acts of enable the people of Wishington. North Dakota and Montanna territories to form contitution and establish state governments should be passed without unneces ary deflect the resitories of New Mexics. Wyoming, Idaho and rizona to the enjoyment of self-government as states. Such of them as are now qualified a soon as possible and others as soon as they may become so.

The MORMON QUESTION.

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The political power of the Mormon church in the ter ito-ies as exercised in the past is a he ter itories as exercised in the past is a newance to free insaturtions on dangerous to be long suffered. I erefore e p edge the republican party of appropriate legislation, asserting the sovereignty of the nation in all the territories where the same is questioned, and in further once of that end to place open the statute book legislation stringent on ugh to divorce of the from e clesiastical power and thus stamp out the attendant wickedness of polygemy.

The republican party is in favor of the use of both gold and silver as money, and concerns the policy of the democratic administration in its efforts to demonstrate administration in its efforts to demonstrate administration of the reduction of letter postage of the persuace.

In a republic like ours, where the citizens is he sover ign and the official the servant here no pow r is exercised except by the will fithe people to is important that the sovertime respleshould pesses intellige ce. The free chool is the promoter of that intelligence which is to preserve us a free nation. Therethe state or nation or both combined.

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FOREIGN RELATIONS.

The conduct of foreign affairs by the present

The conduct of foreign affairs by the present administration has been distinguished by inefficie ey and cowardice. Having withdrawa from the s-nate all pending trea les effected by r-publican administrations for the removal of foreign burdens and restrictions upon our of foreign burdens and restrictions upon our commerce and for its extension into a better market it has neither affected nor prop sed a yethers in their stead. Professing adherence to the Mouroe dectrice, it has seen with title complacency the extension of foreign influence in Central America and of foreign trade. everywhere among our neighbors. It has re-fused to charter sanction or encourage any smerican organizytion for constructing the Nicaragua canat, a work of vial importance to the maintenance of the Monroe doctrice and of our national influence in tentral and S with America, and necessary for the development of trade with our acide territory, with South America, and with the further coasts of the Pacific Ocean.

FISHERIES QUESTION

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FISHERIPS QUESTION

We arraign the present democratic administration for its weak and unpatriotic treatment of the fisheries question, and its pusillantmons surrender of all privileges to which our fishery essel are entitled in Canadian poets under the treaty of 1sls, the recursocate maintime lecislation of 1slo and comity of nations and which Can dian fishing vessels receive in the ports of the United States. We consteam the cliev of the present administration and the democratic majority in congress towards our fisheries as unfriendly and consciously unpatriotic and a tending to destroy a valuable national ladustry and an indispensible resource of defense against foreign enemy.

The name of American applies alike to all colleges of the republic, and imposes apon mensible the same of ligation of obedience to the aws. It the same time of 12-osblip is and must be the panoply and safeguard of itim who wears

be the panoply and rafeguard of him who wears it, should shie d and protect him whether high or low, rich or poor, in all his civil rights. It should and must afford him protection at home and follow and protect him abroad in whatever

and follow and protect him abroad in whatever land he may be on a lawful errand.

CIVIL SERVICE REPFORM.

The men who ab indoned the republican party in 1884 and continue to adhere to the democratic party have deserted not only the cause of hot est government, but of sound fluance, of freedom and purity of the ballot, but especially have deserted the cause of refor — in the civil service. We will not fail to keep our pledges because they have broken theirs, or be ause their candidate has broken his, We therefore repeal our declaration of 1884, towit: be asse their candidate has broken his, We therefore repea our declaration of 1884, towit; The reform of civil service auspiciously begun under republican administratio should be completed by a further extension of the reform system already established by law to all grades of the service of which it is applied. The spirit and purpose of reform should be observed in all executive appointments, and all laws at varience with the object of existing reform I gislation should be repealed, and that the dangers to free institutions which lark in the power of off call maronage may be wisely and effectively avoided.

The gratitude of the nation to the defenders The gratitude of the nation to the defenders of the union cannot be assared except by laws. The legislation of congress should conform to the pledges made by a loyal plople, and be so colarged and extended as to provide against the possibility that any man who honorably were the federal uniform shall become an immate of an admissioner of depending on rivate charity. In the presence of an overflowing treasury it would be a public scandal to do less for those whose valorous service preserved the government. We denounce the hostile spirithown by President Cleveland in his numerous sectors of measures for pension relief and the Shown by President Cleveland in his numerous retoes of measures for pension relief and the action of the democratic house of representatives in refusing even consideration of general pension legislation.

In support of the principles berewith enunciated we invite the co-operation of patriotimen of all parties, especially of all workingmen whose properties is seriously three trad-

men whose prosperity is seriously thre tened by the free trade policy of the present admin-

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Very Respectively, Col., MILO SMITH, Commandant.

Mayor's Office, Marshallten,

November 3rd, 1887. Prof. Strassman has been in our city some six weeks or more, and as an optician has given the best of satisfaction both as to prices and quality of work, having treated some of the most difficult cases of the eyes with success and am satisfied you will find him a skillful optician and a gentleman.

Very Respectfully,

NELSON AMES, Mayor. Prof. Strassman, a distinguished optician, now stopping in our city, comes before us with the highest testimonials of skill and experience in his art, and I take pleasure in recommending him to my friends and the public who may be in need of his services, as one entitled to his confidence. J. WILLIAMSON, M. D.

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