

many and France particularly, all frontier cities are fortresses, the towns supply stations, and every citizen is a soldier sleeping on his arms. No wonder, when the volcano which sleeps under Europe is taken into consideration, a rumor like that reported brings consternation to the Swedes; it would be a wonder indeed if it were otherwise.

A USEFUL PAMPHLET.

An interesting and valuable little publication has just been issued from the press of the DESERET NEWS, entitled "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—Its Religion, History, Condition and Destiny." It is an address delivered before the Ethical Society at South Place Institute, London, by Elder James H. Anderson, of this city, during his recent mission to England; and the subject matter is conveniently arranged and intelligently treated under the following subdivisions:

Introductory, Articles of Faith, The Godhead, Men Judged by Their Works, The Atonement, The Gospel Ordinances—Faith, Repentance, Baptism, Baptism for the Dead, The Holy Ghost, Divine Authority, Officers, Spiritual Gifts, The Apostasy, The Book of Mormon, Revelation, Restoration of the Gospel, Other Doctrines, A Glance at History, Present Condition, Future Destiny, The Gospel Message.

THE DEMOCRATS SWEEP THE DECK.

Grover Cleveland will be the next President of the United States.

Adlai E. Stevenson will be the next Vice President.

The House of Representatives will be Democratic by a large majority and the Senate Democratic by a small one.

Thus, for the first time in thirty-two years, the government passes entirely into the hands of the Democratic party.

The defeat of the Republican party is so complete and far-reaching that it amounts to a rout; it is unprecedented in the history of the country, and can be most fittingly likened to the crushing disaster which overtook the French forces at Mount St. Jean.

If the Democratic party acts wisely, it will use the new lease of power with which it has been entrusted, not for mere partisan aggrandizement, but for the greatest good to the greatest number of our people; it will act in moderation in all things, and will so shape legislation that, while fulfilling the promises and acting up to the principles of its platform, nothing revolutionary or dangerously experimental will be permitted. After the fourth of next March the whole and not a part only of the responsibility for what is done and what is left undone will rest upon the Democratic party; and whether the trust reposed in it shall be continued after four years or out of it and the Republican or some other party placed in power, depends entirely upon itself. The hands that have made can unmake, and the people have already shown that they are not afraid to act in a most decisive and peremptory manner when they feel called upon to do so.

As to Utah—well, we will wait and see what will be done for or against it. Probably we shall receive more consideration than hitherto, for those who have promised and pleaded in extenuation of non-fulfillment their inability to do any better because of some portion of the government being against them, will no longer have that or any other excuse to offer. With a Delegate from this Territory in harmony with the dominant party, there would seem to be nothing wanting to make measures in our behalf speedy and complete.

What we know of President Cleveland is of a character to justify the most hopeful anticipations. He is a broad-minded, well-informed, unprejudiced, impartial, Christian gentleman who means what he says and, if occasion requires, says what he means. We look for much from him during the next four years and feel justified in expressing the belief that we shall not look in vain.

Vice-President Stevenson is not so well known in Utah, but those who are acquainted with him speak in the highest terms of praise of his qualities as an official and a citizen. He was Assistant Postmaster General under President Cleveland, and his conduct of that important position was marked with great executive ability and firmness of character. As President of the Senate he will not have much of an opportunity, but will doubtless use what there is to the best advantage.

We may now prepare for the "new deal." In the language of Judge Zane, "the world moves."

WEALTH FROM REAL ESTATE.

We can all or most of us remember the great "boom" here of three years ago or a little less; some few remember it because they are unable for a very forcible reason to forget it. At that time property in some instances sold fabulously high; it was quite easy to sell almost anything in the shape of realty, and buying and selling with decided profits on each turn became a business in which a good many who were not operating under the protecting wings of a license participated. The times have changed wonderfully, but it is hardly to be expected that the "traffic in dirt" will remain as flat as at present.

Probably the greatest and so far most solid speculations in this line have taken place in Denver, where fortunes have been amassed on quite limited investments and in comparatively short times. There is the case of John Brisbane Walker, proprietor of the *Cosmopolitan Magazine*, who recently sold to the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Company for \$2,500,000 a piece of land in that place for which he paid, less than ten years ago, the sum of \$1,500. "I fancy this is the most wonderful rise in the value of real estate that has ever occurred in this country," says a writer in the *Washington Star*. "What wonderful luck! I suppose many readers will exclaim. As usual with successful men, there was no luck about it at all. Mr. Walker was possessed of the ability to see the value of this property before any one else saw it—that is all. When he bought it the territory was a detached piece of land

in front of the city with a river channel between it and the land laid out as streets. Mr. Walker built a causeway to connect his purchase with the mainland, which cost him something, but not very much. The company was compelled to purchase this tract. It could not get along without it."

This is a case in which the ability to look a little ahead is of more value than capital, and there are many such. The above is not the only instance of Mr. Walker's foresight and good management, it being shown that he has netted from similar investments in Denver more than \$500,000 additional, so that, from a man of small means, he now figures as a triple millionaire.

We can't all paint, nor sing, nor act, nor write, nor "hit" the real estate market at the right time; one, perhaps, as much a faculty as any other, and the best plan, if you are not gifted in that way, is to buy no more real property than you can afford and that, too, for your own uses.

WORSE THAN EVER.

Some of Colonel R. G. Ingersoll's admirers go so far as to claim that the great agnostic is unassailable; that the criticisms and animadversions regarding his written and spoken utterances have no other effect upon him than is produced by the waves of the ocean dashing against the foundation of Gibraltar, and so on. We are not in the Colonel's confidence, but knowing him to be a man of good judgment in most matters, of good breeding and education and of decidedly refined tastes, we feel authorized to say that a little less fulsome adulation would suit him as well and the majority of the people a good deal better.

Col. Ingersoll's favorite weakness is rummaging through necrology and fishing out some heretic or unbeliever from the records of middle or recent ages, and, having found his subject, he proceeds at once to canonize it, finding virtues which must be a reflex of the Colonel's own virtuous soul, for history fails to point them out to us. Notably is this the case with Bruno and Voltaire. Coming along down the boulevard of time, he picks up the image of Thomas Paine and places it before us in a new and splendid light—splendid to the Colonel and his kind, but to no others, at least to none that refuses to find splendor in the denial of things sacred and orthodox; and finally the eloquent defender of infidelity gets down to current events and men, placid before our gaze a picture of Renan which cannot resemble the original very much, or else all other portraits of the famed blasphemer are more or less vile.

"In spite of the heartless 'scheme' of things," says Ingersoll, "he still found it in his heart to say, 'When God shall be complete He will be just,' at the same time saying that 'nothing proves to us that there exists the central consciousness—a soul of the universe—and nothing proves the contrary.' So, whatever was the verdict of his brain, his heart asked for immortality. He wanted his dream, and he was willing that others should have theirs. Such is the wish and will of all great souls."