

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.

From Washington to Grant.

The election of General Grant on Tuesday... The three-quarters of a century during which the quadrennial contests occurred were marked by many changes in the external conditions as well as the internal policy of the country.

In the first election for President, and in the twenty-first, are many striking points of resemblance. Both in the election of 1788 and in the election of 1824, the people's choice, neither sought the office, and both would gladly have escaped from the cares and responsibilities of that high station.

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thrown into the Senate, which elected Richard M. Johnson Independent. Still Mr. Adams was beaten by only a few votes, the result in the Electoral College being as follows:—Jefferson, 73; Burr, 73; Adams, 65; Pinckney, 64; John Jay, 22. The votes for Jefferson and Burr equalled the choice then devolved upon the House of Representatives.

James Madison, the fourth President of the United States, was nominated by the Democratic party, receiving 122 out of 175 votes cast, and he was re-elected by 128 out of 217 votes.

Robert's Unpopularity.—Mr. Roebuck has been treated with some coolness by the workmen of Sheffield, in the course of his canvass. Some of the "one family, one religion, one language party," attributed this to the English dissatisfaction at Mr. Roebuck's sneers against Americans.

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