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ONLY six Southern Democrats voted with the Republicans this year.

East St. Louis is said to be the paradise of roughs and murderers.

SENATOR JONES still lags superfluous at Detroit. The Florida lunatic asylum is gaping for him-but he cometh not

THREE Minnesota Republicans voted for low taxes They ought to have their names inscribed on Washington's mon-

WHEN Congress adjourns the anxious members will hasten home to mend the so cleverly upsetting.

THE republican platform favors tinkering with the tariff, but the members of that party in Congress refuse to tinker. They say one thing in their platform and vote the other way when in Congress.

THE population of the New Hebrides, the islands seized by France in the west Pacific ocean, is rated at 50,000, very cruel, savige and inveterate cannibals. Johnny, Crapaud had better look out or he will be roasted even as he roasts places in the departments which before the agile frogs.

WAYNE county has led off for her favorite sons-Dortch, Strong and Galloway. The instruction for Judge Clark is a deserved tribute to that worthy and e xcellent judicial officer. He, like Capt.

Ar last Raleigh seems in the way of getting her much needed water-works. The sooner the better. Our exemption from fires has been remarkable; let us not longer delay making reasonable provisions against such a dreadful calamity the civil service law is to blame for it. as has befallen some of our sister towns.

this division of mails, has written a ocratic neighbors have asked to be reletter to postmaster Glennan compli- retained in a postoffice or revenue office menting him on the efficiency of the Nor- the postmaster or regenue officer alone folk postoffice and upon the success that is responsible. All such can be turned has attended his efforts to obtain mail out without a word from Washington. facilities for Norfolk. The compliment There are sixty route agents running we are sure is worthily bestowed and into North Carolina, and we believe all has been truly earned.

In England and Scotland any parliamentary district can elect any citizen to are not protected by the civil service represent it in parliament without regard to his non-residency. Hence Gladstone chooses to stand for Midlothian, where he has stood three elections. and where his majority is some 4,000 out of eleven thousand votes.

Two TEARS ago Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and California cast 36 Democratic votes against low taxes; this year they cast but 27 votes in that direction; but then they had 58 Democratic members and now they have but 41. If they keep on voting with the Republicans for high taxes, their members will grow beautifully less, we are afraid.

THE demolitions now in progress at the north end of the Broadway, Blackfries, have for the first time laid bare another portion of the old wall of London. The portion now exposed is mainly composed of fragments of limestone united by soarse mortar. With these are intermingled tiles and bricks. This wall carries one back to a time whereof "the memory of man runneth not to the contrary."

CIVIL SERVICE.

Senator Vance's bill to repeal the civil service law was defeated by 36-to 6. Mr. Randall's proposition in the House was defeated by 155 to 41.

Looking these votes squarely in the face and realizing that both political parties voted to sustain the law and but such a few voted against the law, it is fairly inferable that the law has come to stay. It will never be repealed. It has become fixed as a part of the policy of both parties. It has been found to be useful. It answers the purpose for which it was intended so far that it will not be discarded. It may be amended It ought to be amended. It will be amended. But it will never be repea-

Since the law then, is now advocated and supported by both parties and it is engrafted forever on our government, it may be interesting to see what it is In the first place who is the father of

The father of it is Senator Pendleton. of Ohio, one of the foremost, truest and best democrats who ever spoke for democ-Since George Pendleton, that distinguished democrat, was the father of the measure, we may be prepared to under- Stone. Poet, Miss Hatchett, Henderson stand that its general scope is not an | Southern Woman. Alternate poet, Geo. tagonistic to democratic principles W. A. Frick. Orator, Josephus Daniels. do not mean that all of its provisions are free from objection, for indeed some of them are very strenuously objected to as being in opposition to sound wholesome democratic doctrine. But the general features of the measure are | Monday morning. consonant with the constitution and are not subversive of democratic doctrine. The objections are to details.

Why did Senator Pendleton take un the question and pass the measure? Because the civil service at Washington was in a most abominable condition. Women appointed to offices and paid noon, sharp.

by the public, led a life of shame, and their presence in the departments was an insult to the virtuous female clerks employed there to write for the government rather than administer to the gratification of sensual officers.

the civil service reform advocated by Senator Pendleton was aimed to correct Another evil was that republican men were appointed to clerkships who were

This thing had gone on for years and

utterly unfit for their duties and the cople were heavily taxed to support these incompetent favorites of influential republicans. The law was aimed at that class. Another evil was that the clerks were

assessed every election to contribute towards keeping the republican party in power. It was really a contribution from the public treasury to the republican campaign fund through the nominal medium of the clerks. To check that this law was passed through the influence of Senator Pendleton.

These were some of the evils to be corrected. The two main features of the law are that the clerks shall not be assessed for political purposes and that neither politics nor favoritism shall have anything to do in appointing a clerk to a clerkship. Every tub is required to fences which other aspirants have been stand on its own bottom. This law was passed three years ago. At that time, 1883, we had a radical President and all the heads of departments were radicals. To be sure only radicals were appointed to office. Democrats had no reason to apply and would not have been appointed had they applied. Mr. Pendleton may have thought it a proper thing under those circumstances to provide for a non-partisan body of clerks, and he thought that more democrats would get in under his

bill than would get in without it. The civil service law when it was passed three years ago opened up a way for meritorious democrats to obtain that were not open to them. If we shall have a republican President again, the democrats will stand a chance to get in under that law as clerks.

What offices does the law apply to Technically speaking, the law does not apply to any office. It applies only to clerkships in the departments and to the Galloway, will probably have no oppo- postoffices and custom houses in the great cities.

It-does not embrace a single person in the State of North Carolina. It affects no official or clerkship in which our people are at all interested.

Some of our friends erroneously suppose that because here and there in North Carolina a stray radical holds on, That is not so. Every republican postmaster in the State, we believe, has Col. Vicker, the superintendent of been changed except such as their demtained. If a republican clerk has of these but thirteen have been changed since the democrats came into power. Sooner or later they will all go. law at all. To sum it all up, the civil service law was brought forward by a democratic Senator to purify and reform the clerkships in Washington and incidentally it opened that service to democratic applicants. It was passed in 1883, chiefly by democratic votes, and now both parties are entirely committed to it, and the law has come to stay. The law does not affect us here in North Carolina at all.

> THE tremendous power of committees in the matter of legislation is seen in the action of the committee on education which quietly adjourned, not to meet again, leaving the Blair bill high and dry. We realized some months ago that such was to be the fate of that beneficent measure. The committee on education improperly so-called, strangled it. it was killed in the house of its friends, The South would have been greatly benefitted by its passage, but Congress could not let us have the money. It could not be spared from the pensions. It was unconstitutional to spend so much money at the South. It would have led to centralization and the overthrow of the government. Indeed it would without doubt have resulted in the dissemination of that abominable malice which is so distasteful to Northern Congressmen, and chills and fevers would certainly have spread, despite the doctors, in consequence. For these very good and incontrovertible reasons the bill was declared a public nuisance. Very well, then; never again let us hear any gassy Northern man descanting on the backwardness of education at the South.

The Press Convention. Cor. of THE NEWS AND OBSERVER.

MOREHRAD CITY. June 19th. Yesterday evening the convention deroted to the election of officers for the ensuing year, the result being as follows: President, J. I. McRee, Raleigh NEWS AND OBSERVER; vice-presidents, T B. Eldridge, Lexington Dispatch, H. C. Wall, Rockingham Rocket, and G. A. Frick, Shelby New Era; secretary and treasurer, J. H. Lindsay, Kernersville News and Farm; assistant secretary, J. D. Kernodle, Graham Gleaner. Executive committee: W. W. McDiarmid. Lumberton Robesonian; C. B. Green, Durham Tobacco Plant; Josephus Daniels, Raleigh Chronicle; Thad. R. Manning, Henderson Gold Leaf; Jordan Stone, Asheville Citizen, Chaplain. Rev. P. R Law, Monroe Enquirer and Express. Historiographer, Jordan

Resolutions of thanks to the proprietors of the Atlantic hotel for marked courtesies were adopted and the convention adjourned to meet in Washington City, at the Metrepolitan hotel,

-The Fortnightly Review says brain work should be forbidden after dinner, and the interval between it and bedtime be devoted to recreation and amusement. Them's our sentiments, only we want the dinner hour fixed at Republican Hagglers.

BATHER LIVELY DEBATE IN THE HOUSE. Mr. Grosvenor (Rep.): Mr. Chairman, on the 9th day of June the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. Townshend, Dem) in debate upon this bill used the following language:

"I am warranted in making the statement, sir, that if you will ascertain the number of Republican soldiers who have been removed from office under this ad ministration it can be shown that an equal number of Democratic soldiers have been appointed."

And on the 10th of June the same gentleman used the following language: "Yet the aggregate of the soldiers appointed under Cleveland's adminis tration is equal to if not greater than the aggregate number of soldiers re-

I call the attention of the committee to the fact that in speaking of the re movals the distinguished gentleman used the words "Republican soldiers," and in speaking of the appointments li used the words "Democratic soldiers." That is exactly a fair proposition on its face; but the difficulty in working it out is that "Republican soldiers" as a rule were soldiers upon the side of the Union. while the term "Democratic soldiers" covers two varieties of soldiers. [Laugh-

Now, Mr. Chairman, I claim that these removals and appointments have been made without regard and in direct clerk, who had been thirteen months a violation of sections 1546 and 1754 of the Revised Statutes

I hold in my hand the annual address of the department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Virginia; and in that I find a correspondence which I will embody in my remarks touching this identical question: From this correspondence I learn that in the department of Virginia there have been twenty one ex-Union I take it that is the experience everysoldiers removed from office and fourteen ex-Confederate soldiers appointed in their places, besides seven Democrats who never went to war at all.

Now, if the gentleman from Illinois meant to say that something like an equal number of "Democratic soldiers" had been appointed, without drawing any line of distinction between those who fought upon the Union side and those who fought on the other, then he is approximately right.

I insist, Mr. Chairman, that this record shows conclusively that the practice of the current administration of the government is to remove men from office in men who in the war were on the side single State. But I insist that from one and crippled. Sir, I have no apology end of the Union to the other the same to make for the men who conceived that

thing is going on. has been that our soldier friends in the country from the atmosphere of the seventy out of seventy-two are Demo-North. They have sought for a change crats; in the Philadelphia postoffice for a great many reasons not pertinent of this issue nor suggestive of this re-

To the amazement of these men they find that the advent of a Democratic ad- alliance with the Mugwumps-that you ministration heralds the dawn of a day can not carry New York without them? when the greatest and most potent qual- I have been agreeably disappointed ification to preferment is a record of (and most of you grievously so) with hard fighting in the rebel army. Look the firm stand of President Cleveland. at our diplomatic representatives. So far as I know, but one minister or envoy who served in the Union army has been sent abroad. That is my information. do not complain; but I state facts.

In the North the disparity is about as bad. The reasons are obvious. In the North there is a scarcity of Union soldiers to appoint from, and so necessity controls. And so, between the upper and nether mill-stones, our Democratic Union soldier friends are being ground very fine. The distinguished soldier the whole Cabinet that the appointments

favor-one in seven. But I do not complain of the administration. A stream can not rise above its source. It owes its political life to the one hundred and fifty-three electoral votes it had ready to be cast from the States in which no contest was maile. They came to it as a matter of course. They were not contested. L need Lot stop now to say how futile such a contest would have been. I only point out that in what it has done the administration has recognized its friends, and gratitude in politics is a great and most commendable thing.

Mr. Rowell (Republican.) Mr. Chairman. I have no doubt that when the Democracy came into nower they found a very large proportion of the offices filled by Republicans, nor have I any doubt that when they go out of office at the end of this administration, and the Republicans come into power, we will find that the offices are largely filled by Democrats. But when any gentleman comes upon this floor and attempts to state that of the appointments of this administration there have been as many Jaion Democratic soldiers as there have been Republicans removed who were Union soldiers, he certainly is talking

against light and knowledge. In the city in which I live there were seven free delivery clerks when this administration came into power, five of whom were Union soldiers and one of the other two was the son of a Union soldier Within two months of the incoming of the present administration Democratic postmaster was appointed in that city, and every one of the free delivery clerks was removed, including the five Union soldiers, one of whom had served ten years and eleven months, from the time of the commencement of the free delivery service in that city, and never lost a trip. He had never been tardy at the office, although he was 60 years old and made twenty-two and a half miles a day, not including going up and down steps, and this every day in the week, in sunshine and storm.

They all went off, and not a single Union soldies was appointed in their places. One of the men appointed had often boasted upon the streets of Bloomington that he had served in the Confederate army. After his appointment he denied it. The lerks in the postoffice, nine in number, I believe, were removed and not one Union soldier was appointed in the place of the four Union

soldiers removed. The outgoing Republican postmaster was a Union soldier, conspicuous for his gallantry. His successor was not a soldier. That he is a good citizen and makes a good officer I fully concede.

Good men were appointed free deivery clerks from the Democratic. party: good men were appointed in the postoffice. I have no objection to the kind of men appointed, or to the kind of service they give us, except that under Democratic rule it takes two more free delivery clerks to do the work than it did under the Republican rule. But when they come here and tell me that when they removed Republican soldiers they appointed Democratic soldiers in their place, I know in my own locality that is not true. In two instances, I admit, it is true; because I want to do justice. 'A Republican soldier who had been an examining surgeon of the pension department was removed and a Democratic soldier was appointed in his place. A gallant Republican soldier, a transfer prisoner in a rebel prison, was removed. and a Democratic soldier, a good man, was appointed in his place. Those are the sole appointments of Democratic soldiers in my section of the country.

In Springfield, Ill., the United States marshal, district attorney and collector of internal revenue-all Republican Union soldiers-have been superseded by Democrats, who were not soldiers. where in the North; and I take it the Democratic party is obliged to give us that experience in order to satisfy other members of the party and because of the scattering number of Union soldiers in the Democratic party generally over the North.

As regards Confederate soldiers appointed by Republican administrations call the attention of the gentleman to the fact that wherever a Confederate soldier has become a conspicuous Republican he has been conspicuously

boycotted by his Confederate associates. Mr. Curtin (Democrat). Mr. Chairman, I hear complaints on this floor that violation of these statutes. I have il- of the States in insurrection hold seats lustrated my position by reference to a here. Some of those men are maimed great insurrection; but I welcome on I complain of it; I oppose it; I de- this floor the men who in error fought nounce it. There are all over the coun- it out. They are the true representagret to say, are Democrats. I am sorry Mr. Steele (Democrat). I would penit is so. I think they are in the wrong sion all disabled soldiers. The civil political party. I think many of them service law distresses my Demonow begin to see that the change they cratic friends. If we take statevoted for is bringing into possession of ments, not only from our side the places of profit the men who either but from yours, it is said to be fought to destroy the union or else refus- true that in some departments of the ed to fight on either side. The trouble pension office seventy out of seventyfour appointees under this law are North have looked at the politics of the Democrats; in the Baltimore post-office

about the same proportion, and so on. If you are not satisfied with the law why do you not come up like men and repeal it? Are you afraid to sever your He has withstood your threats and appeals as well as any man could. I really think he has remembered a plank in your platform on the subject of civil service reform, while you have forgotten, not only that but every other

'Turn the rascals out." Texas Style.

plank, excepting that unrecorded one.

A little man in a red shirt and blue pantaloons was gallantly ushered into who, solitary and alone, represents the the police station yesterday. He wished fighting men of the old Union army in to let everybody know his exact condithe President's cabinet, bears about tion, and insisted that he was full. the proper and legitimate relation to tanked up and boozed. "You know wha't mean," he managed to say while of this administration of ex-soldiers bear vainly endeavoring to keep his legs. to the whole number of its bestowals of "I'm just 'twixt and 'tween, not drunk as a biled owl, but drunk nuf to feel bully," and he sank into a chair Something was on his mind, however, and staggering up to an officer, he said: 'If you meet a man what looks like me in the street you just club 'im and put 'im in the jug-same's you done with me, and serve 'im right, too." And with this last effort he toppled over into the land of dreams.

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