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REFORM, PALAVK AND PROSPECTS.

Civil service reform is growing more and more to be the topic of discussion in the North.

What will be the outcome of so much palaver and writing, it would take the son of a prophet to tell.

There is a civil service association in the North. That is a section that is simply immense on associations.

They associate about everything. There is no keeping up with the number of kinds.

The civil service one has had a meeting at Newport recently. If composed of professional politicians it will do but little good.

Twenty or fifty educated men get together and discuss a matter that is a disgrace to the American name.

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and blind and do not see how they are abused and plundered.

We see it announced that the Newport association was inclined to favor a bill introduced in the United States Senate by Mr. Pendleton, of Ohio, requiring competitive examinations before appointments.

Fit appointees will not be found, as a general thing, unless the examinations are fairly conducted by qualified boards.

It is certain that as long as political assessments are levied for the purpose of keeping the ins in and keeping the outs out there will be no genuine reform in civil service.

Make the examinations as to character and qualifications thorough first; then, in the second place, make the tenure dependent upon faithful service and not upon the fortunes of party.

THE ANTI-MONOPOLY CONVENTION. The Anti-Monopoly Convention that met recently at Utica, New York, is attracting attention.

What practical benefit will come from its deliberations is beyond our knowledge. The delegates numbered fifty and they were self-appointed.

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"Third - No discrimination against any citizen or any class of citizens on public highways."

"Fourth - A board of railroad commissioners for this State, to give effect to the laws which are or may be placed upon the statute books."

"Fifth - Laws making it the duty of public law officers to defend a citizen's rights against injustice by powerful corporations."

pledge himself unequivocally to uncompromising opposition to whatever in the system and practices in railroad and other corporations is significant of abuse of privilege.

It will be interesting to watch the progress of the fight in New York State. If the anti-monopoly league can make headway, then they may hope for victories elsewhere.

The wealth of the corporations is tremendous. Their power is stupendous. It will require a general, wide-spread, combined, resolute rising up of the people to beat them.

SOME OF JUDGE BLACK'S OPINIONS. Judge Black, in his second interview reported in the Philadelphia Press by a staff correspondent, has a good deal to say about President Buchanan and the individual opinions of the members of his Cabinet.

There is nothing in it, however, of special interest to the South, with the exception of some kindly references to some of the Southern members of the Cabinet.

Of Howell Cobb, of Georgia, whose father went from Granville, county, in this State, if we are not mistaken, Judge Black says that no one who knew him could "help respecting him," for he "was honorable, upright and sincere, true to his convictions, perfectly faithful to his duties as he understood them, and a man of great intellectual ability."

He has a high opinion of President Buchanan's honesty, patriotism and firmness of character. He says his fault, in fact, was inflexibility of will, and he never knew him but ones to change his opinion when formed through the influence of the arguments of others.

Let the STAR keep on its way of furnishing light to the people on the great subject of cotton milling. It is not known to North Carolinians generally that the little town of Mount Airy, Stry county, is a very important manufacturing centre.

It deserves to rank with any town of its size in its manufacturing interests. After awhile it will be in direct communication with Wilmington when the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad is completed.

Already there are two cotton mills doing a satisfactory business. Its yards are said to equal the very best. We clipped from the Shop and Factory the following which is encouraging:

"The Green Hill Mills, in addition to the yard department, are manufacturing superior domestic and sheetings, which are in demand and find ready sales in various markets.

The Enterprise Cotton Factory, at Augusta, Georgia, is to be much enlarged at once. Rook Hill Factory (South Carolina) will soon run day and night.

Unofficial Bulletin: There is no material change in the condition of Dr. Bliss. He has talked 94 ounces of nonsensical nourishment by the mouth to the attending newspaper reporters; and, taken together, his judgment and skill are no worse than on the day when Guitzen unfortunately shot the President instead of Bliss.

There are apprehensions that his swelling vanity may supplant, but as this complication afflicts him all over the doctors are making no effort to scatter it. He will probably be blistered as soon as he gets through with his morning dressing. At this hour his egotism is 110; Bliseful ignorance, 98; Candor-rango, 18.

BURNETT'S COCAINE - A LADY'S HAIR SAVED BY ITS USE - Burnett's Cocaine will keep the hair in a strong and healthy condition by stimulating the roots of the hair and restoring the natural action upon which its growth depends.

Whatever the politics of the candidate, be he Democrat or Republican, let it be required of him to carry the banner of Anti-Monopoly throughout the campaign, and to pledge himself unequivocally to uncompromising opposition to whatever in the system and practices in railroad and other corporations is significant of abuse of privilege.

The question of food adulteration is agitating the thinking public of Europe and the North. In fact legislation is being introduced to protect the people.

The most extensive adulterations practiced in this country are those which affect a prime necessity of rich and poor alike - sugar. It is a fact, widely known, that the sugar interest of the United States ranks first in importance and extent of all departments of commerce.

Where the remedy lies it would be hard to tell. The truth is the laws already passed to a considerable extent have been inoperative.

England is importing immensely in articles of food. It is said that a great deal of the money that is realized from investments go to pay for foreign importations of food articles.

It is estimated that the Methodist Ecumenical Conference soon to meet in London will represent 4,000,000 actual membership and 18,000,000 who are Methodists in sentiment and association.

A laboring man of Richmond, Virginia, attended the meetings held two weeks ago at Lake Chatanqua, New York.

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The Columbia Register mentions the fact that the Bath Mills, of Aiken county, in this State, furnishes it with specimens of paper made out of pine straw.

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