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A BLOW AT CIVIL SERVICE.

The opposition to the Civil Service humbug is steadily widening. The Mugwump papers of both sections try to make the opposite appear, and they are engaged in trying to overwhelm the anti-humbug advocates with ridicule, but it will be all in vain. The true Democrats do not desire that Republicans should hold office when it is possible to get rid of them. They do not ask that the President should violate law, but they do object to his declaration that he favors the humbug, and its continuance after it is made still more obnoxious to criticism and antagonistic to Democratic interests.

"PROGRESSIVE IDEAS."

There is one paper in North Carolina that openly advocates, as we learn from an exchange, the obliteration of all State lines, the abolition of State Governments and a Consolidated Government of the most approved plan. It proposes openly to give the Federal Government full sway throughout the whole land. This is not surprising. The teaching of some of the ablest writers in the country is that way. You will meet in the foremost periodical publications of the United States strong government ideas. You find such ideas in the leading papers. You find them in public addresses. And what is far more significant and dangerous than all these you find the acts of Congress giving color to such theories. The Constitution is violated in spirit and letter every session. This is true or the great expounders in the past, and the ablest expounders among the living, are ignorant of the intent and meaning of the organic law that governs.

The Blair bill, and other bills that vote away the public moneys under the plea of distress or of benevolence or what not, is just one of those violations of the Constitution that opens the way for Centralization and for the destruction of the independence and autonomy of the several States. So the Appalachian Philosopher (for such is the name of the Ashe county paper) is only bolder and more open than other enemies of the Constitution. It seeks to do by clear and frank advocacy that which is being done under more specious forms. The Constitution is being destroyed gradually but certainly. Only last week Northern Democrats and Northern Republicans in the Congress "protested"—that is the word they used—yes, "protested" against having the Constitution pushed at these omniscient Representatives and Senators when they sought to do what they desired to do. Doubtless a law that limits is offensive to usurers and imperialists. Such persons the world over are restive under restraints and like to govern with despotic ideas and without limitations or curbs of any kind.

We do not see the Appalachian Philosopher, and do not know who edits it or whence it comes. It is not the doctrine it advocates that the STAR has favored, favors now or will ever favor. The sentiment under which the STAR has fought and will fight is the noble sentiment of Daniel Webster—the greatest man of New England—"The Union and the Constitution, now and forever, one and inseparable."

The STAR has but recently called attention to the new Quarterly published in Boston entitled Political Science. It is edited by a corps of Professors in Columbia College New York. In its first number there is a paper by Prof. Burgess on "The American Commonwealths." He ventures to declare that the tendency is steadily towards a Strong Government. His words are that in the coming century—now near at hand—"the commonwealth will occupy a much lower place in our political system, the Nation a much higher, and the municipalities a much more distinct and independent sphere." The Nation is to become everything, and the cities more potential because they will hold a much "more distinct and independent sphere." But Prof. Burgess goes farther in his vaticination. He says:

"It seems to me that we shall then, (in the next century) if not before, be compelled to reformulate our cardinal doctrine, and that it will read: 'The Nation, sole and exclusive sovereign, controlling the powers and functions of government between central organs, commonwealth and municipalities, and defining, guaranteeing, and defending the fundamental principles of the civil right' in accordance with the dictates of the Nation's political and juristic policy."

Such is the trend, and when the Congress in 1886 violates the Constitution under any plea whatever it is only hastening the day foretold by the Northern Professor. Is the South ready to see the States wiped out and a Centralized Despotism set up at Washington?

Augusta, Ga., is now having a gas war between two rival companies. Gas between two very cheap.

WASHINGTON.

Arrangements for the better dispatch of mail to the South-west—Grand Secretary of the Post Office—Mr. Trenholm Assumed the Office of Comptroller.

Washington, April 20.—Several Republican Senators, in charge certain leading measures of legislation, have recently been in consultation with members of the Republican Caucus Committee with a view to putting an end to the clash of competing interests and consequent loss of time which has been a feature of the proceedings of the Senate in the past. An understanding of a somewhat indefinite and preliminary nature has been reached and it is expected that the Caucus Committee will be organized and dispatched for the present. It is proposed to continue work on the Foreign Relations Committee business in secret session until it is disposed of and then to take up unobjectionable private pension bills in the morning hour and the Inter-State Commerce bill after the adjournment of the House. Among the prominent persons in attendance were—representatives of the Knights of Labor—T. V. Powderly, Grand Master Workman; J. W. Hayes, Grand Secretary; and Frederick Turner, Grand Secretary. As representatives of the railroad interests, Wager Stewart, Grand Secretary, and as representatives of the Women's League of America, Mrs. Charlotte Smith and three other women. A copy of the stenographic report was on hand to make full report of the proceedings for the railroad companies.

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Washington, April 21.—Among the confirmations made by the Senate today are the following: J. H. Barrett, U. S. Marshal, Ky.; in Governor of Utah, by a vote of 45 to 15; and C. Bradley to be Collector of Internal Revenue for South Carolina. The latter was re-elected by a vote of 45 to 15. Bradley being charged with "moonshining" and "protection" Mr. Edmunds is said to have opposed Bradley in person, but he had been in the majority by a vote of 45 to 15, and was confirmed \$25,000 to \$16.

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Trouble in the Augusta Cotton Mills.—The Augusta Cotton Mills, formerly owned by the Knights of Labor, are now in the hands of the Georgia Cotton Mills Company. The company has been organized and the mills are now in operation. The company has been organized and the mills are now in operation.

A PATNER CASE.

Mr. W. F. Rohlfach, of Ashton, N. C., writes to the STAR from that place, on the 19th inst. as follows:

EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

At a public meeting held at Teachers', N. C., April 16th, 1886, to take into consideration the establishment of a female school at that village.

SOME STATISTICS.

A gentleman at Fayetteville writes on 16th:

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