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THE CIVIL SERVICE FRAUD.

The Republicans in Congress are making a howl for the modification of the civil service law in order that they may find more places for their hungry office-seeking constituents. Under the pretense that they desire to remedy only the most objectional features of the law, they intend to so modify its provisions that they will be able to get at the Democrats who are now protected and displace them with members of their own party.

Notwithstanding we make ourselves liable to the charge of being spoilsmen in asserting our opinion, we believe the civil service law as administered at the present day is a humbug and a sham, and should be wiped off the statute book by repeal.

The so-called merit system under which an un-American, undemocratic office-holding class is being built up, is a diaphanous fraud, and is not only detrimental to government service, but is also repugnant to the proper idea of perpetuating our republican institutions. Nine-tenths of the employees of the Government did not enter the service under the merit system, and they are no more competent to fill their places than hundreds of other ambitious citizens who are prevented from doing so under this life-tenure-in-office law.

Like many other obnoxious importations from England, the system is contrary to the popular American conception of government. This method of civil service may be suited to the British monarchy, where it originated, but it should have no place under a republican form of government.

Certain anti-civil service Republicans are now endeavoring to make the law a still greater farce by "reforming" it so that the few Democrats still remaining in the departments may be turned out and the places filled with Republican appointees. The attempt is in keeping with the character of reforms usually inaugurated by that party.

The attitude of the Democrats in Congress on the question is not at all uncertain. They are against the entire system, and when an opportunity is presented they will vote to abrogate it, "root and branch." The Jacksonian idea that the party in power should control the offices is incorporated among the declarations of the Chicago platform, and the Democrats of the country are willing to take their chances for being employed in the civil service of the government under a revival of the old system when the party in control was permitted to name its own officials in every capacity. They want no hypocritical "reforms," as proposed by the Republican reformers, but they will give loyal support to a proposition for absolute repeal.

Unless there is enough sincerity among the Republican members of Congress for *genuine* reform to pass a repeal over a presidential veto all agitation on the subject will be in vain.

We are opposed to frauds, ergo we favor the repeal of the civil service law.

THE cotton mills of Rhode Island and Connecticut have followed the lead of that industry in Massachusetts in cutting down the wages of its employees. These blooming, busy, prosperous times we are having under the McKinley administration seem to have a peculiar effect upon the labor of the country. O, yes, a high tariff is a fine thing for—the millionaire manufacturer. The laboring man—well, he's of no account, anyway, until another campaign rolls around, and then Mark Hanna and his coterie of bribers will again travel about the country and endeavor to purchase another lease of power for the plutocrats. But already their days are numbered. The feast has progressed far enough to show the handwriting on the wall. The Republican administration has been weighed in the balances and found wanting, and like the disastrous ending of Belshazzar's reign, so will the money power be thrown in the next contest to the government handed over to the friends of the masses instead of the classes. There is no mistaking the trend of affairs as indicated by the signs of the times.

IT SEEMS that the Dingley tariff bill made no provision for the theatrical profession, and therefore Joe Jefferson has reduced the prices to his performances this season to meet "the exigencies of the times." This will probably prevent our old friend, Rip Van Winkle, from piling up a competence as rapidly as heretofore, but it was "a condition, not a theory," that confronted the venerable actor, and he adopted the part of wisdom in reducing the admission rates. This is only another one of those little evidences that are continually reminding us of the tardiness of the arrival of that show billed by an "advance agent" in the campaign of '96. The last we heard of it it was doing a little barn-storming out in the "wild and woolly west" and the belief is growing that the aggregation has been stranded and will have to reorganize before appearing in this section.

MISTAKES are easily made, and no one probably realizes this more than the patriotic Populists of the State. No doubt the rank and file of that party endorsed its principles from sincere and honest motives. That they have been betrayed by unscrupulous leaders is no fault of theirs, and the growing sentiment among them that after all the best government can be obtained through the Democratic party is no surprise to people of reasonable intelligence. They are now thoroughly awake to the importance of restoring good government to the State, as are the majority of good citizens who are not affiliated with parties solely for office.

THAT robust American czar, Thomas Brackett Reed, having completed his holiday vacation, assembled at the Capitol in Washington Wednesday, to allow such action to be taken by Congress on public matters as met his approval. At the coming session of Speaker Reed that great vital national question relating to the distribution of offices in the civil service will take precedence over such minor matters as currency reform and relief for Cuba. In this Fifty-fifth Congress "government by the people" has degenerated into the dictatorship of the individual Representative from a district in the State of Maine.

JOHN R. SMITH, who made such an unsavory record as superintendent of the penitentiary, has, through the action of Governor Russell, swapped his position with J. M. Mewborne, commissioner of agriculture. The hard working farmers of the State will not soon forget the insult thrown at them by the Governor in his remark to the effect that "any old thing" would do to look after the agricultural interests of the State.

Governor Culberson of Texas has announced himself a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed the old war horse for tariff reform, Roger Q. Mills, whose term will expire in 1899. Culberson is a popular Governor, but it is doubtful if he can supplant Senator Mills in the kindly regard of the people of the Lone Star State.

CURRENT COMMENT.

We sometimes hear of statesmen who are self-made, but nowadays it is evident that most of the politicians are machine-made.

If that "wave of prosperity" does not come ashore pretty soon, it will be necessary for every man to have a mint if he intends to make money.

You grumble now, but if you don't vote right next year and in the next national election, the monopolists will have you so nearly starved to death that you can't grumble the least little bit.

Secretary Sherman has issued an appeal for aid for the destitute of Cuba. If the people had their own way they would send the United States Navy and Army and make the island inhabitable and so relieve destitution.

If it wasn't such a serious matter one would smile every time he reads of wages being reduced and thinks of the "wave of prosperity." Another billow sighted is the reduction of the wages of 15,000 cotton operatives in Lowell, Mass.

Mr. Henry E. King, a prominent Populist in the eastern part of the State has come out in a letter saying that he is disgusted with the action of the Fusionists, and will hereafter be found voting for and working with the Democratic party.

It is said that government secret agents have been shadowing Forraker, Bushnell and Kurtz for Senator Hanna in his Ohio campaign. This is not surprising. If Senator Hanna manages the President, why shouldn't he manage all and lesser servants of the people?

The *Smithfield Herald* says that the year of 1897 has been of a red-letter nature to North Carolina. Early in January a Republican Governor and a Rad-Pop Legislature were installed in power. Since that date not a day has passed but what some miscarriage of justice or abuse of power has occurred that has shocked the intelligent and patriotic people of the State. God help the people of our politician-infested Commonwealth!

If there is one man yet left anywhere beneath the leafless trees who claims that the Dingley bill was responsible for the rise in the price of wheat, will he please step forth and tell his unsophisticated brethren what bill is responsible for the drop in cotton which is lower in price than it has been at any time in fifty years.

Since the Old North State was turned over to the Fusionists, its climate as well as government has gotten out of gear, ripe pears being picked last week from a tree near Salisbury and the peach trees blossoming in Shelby. If by any chance the Fusionists should control the State government after the next election, one may count on hearing a tree bark, the wind howl, the snow squall and seeing the ice floe in summer time in North Carolina.

Should Senator Platt's bill introduced in the Senate and providing for a national supervision of all insurance companies become a law, it would cause a loss of $90,000 to North Carolina, this being the revenue received for insurance business done in this State. Senator Platt is a Wall Street protege, whose patrons are financial men whom the present administration is bending every energy to make wealthier, and it causes them to be mighty sick to stoop to pay taxes on insurance business in States when their hoards of wealth pay nothing to the national treasury.

"Reform" has been the most expensive innovation that North Carolina has monkeyed with for many years. "Reform" increased the cost of the Legislature of 1895 over $15,000, and of 1897 about $12,000 above that of any legislature for twenty years. But it is not so much the loss of dollars as the State's good name, which has been debauched. Not long since a gentleman of Burke county endeavored to raise money in New York on gilt-edge securities, and was refused the loan only on the ground that "the politics of North Carolina are too rotten to lend money on gold dollars."

Some of the foam of the McKinley "wave of prosperity" could be found last week in the inundation of the Overman Wheel Company at Chicopee Falls, Mass., where there are said to be assets of $530,000 to pay liabilities of $1,318,000. Also upon this wave may be seen the wreckage of the Philadelphia banks in which assets are swallowed in a maelstrom of liabilities amounting to millions. Then, too, there is a $300,000 business firm ripple at Indianapolis, Ind. Now, if the present administration would get up a cyclone, a hurricane and an earthquake of prosperity, it might eventually be able to sell out this "prosperityized" country to the bankrupt nation of Spain.

Civil Service Examination.

The Civil Service Commission has ordered that the usual dates for the regular semi-annual Post-office, Custom House and Internal Revenue examinations for 1898 be so changed as to allow the widest possible use of the first, second and third grade basis of examination questions. This means that all spring examinations for the services named will be held during the time the departmental examinations are being conducted, and while the exact dates of each service cannot be fixed at this time, it is safe to say that all Internal Revenue examinations for the spring will be held between March 15th and April 25th. Blanks can be obtained and applications filed at any time between this and March 1st, but no application will be accepted for the spring examination unless filed in complete form before the closing of business on March 1st.

Internal Revenue examinations for the 5th District of North Carolina will be held at Asheville and Statesville as heretofore, but all requests for blanks, etc., should be made, and all applications forwarded to P. M. HUDGENS.

Acting Sec. Int. Rev. Board,
Asheville, N. C.

Persons who are troubled with indigestion will be interested in the experience of Wm. H. Penn, chief clerk in the railway mail service at Des Moines, Iowa, who writes: 'It give me pleasure to testify to the merits of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For two years I have suffered from indigestion, and am subject to frequent severe attacks of pain in the stomach and bowels. One or two doses of this remedy never fails to give perfect relief. Price 25 and 50 cents; sold by M. F. Morphew, Druggist.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Comment on Matters and Things at the Congressional City.

Correspondence of The Herald.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4—Senator Teller has a little surprise that he intends to spring on those Republicans who, although pretending to be bimetallists, are doing nothing to counteract the effect of Secretary Gage's efforts to have the entire world believe that Mr. McKinley and the Republican party stand for gold monometallism. Senator Teller believes there should be no masquerading on the financial question; that the constituents or every Senator have a right to know to a certainty whether he favors bimetallism or gold monometallism, and that his little surprise, in the shape of a resolution he intends offering and pressing until a record vote is taken on it, will do the trick. This resolution did not originate with Senator Teller, but was written by the late Stanley Matthews, a Republican senator from Ohio, and was adopted by Republican votes in the Senate in 1878. It declares that "all the bonds of the United States, issued or authorized to be issued (under the refunding act of 1870, the act to provide for the resumption of specie payment, etc.), are payable, principal and interest, at the option of the Government of the United States, in silver dollars of the coinage of the United States, containing 412½ grains each of standard silver; and that to restore to its coinage such silver coins as a legal tender in payment of said bonds, principal and interest, is not a violation of the public faith, nor in derogation of the rights of the public creditor. Reckless assertions have been made concerning alleged changes among Senators on the silver question. For that reason, if for no other, Senator Teller's idea is a good one. In addition to smoking out the would be straddlers, a vote on this resolution will doubtless convince Secretary Gage and his goldbug assistants in and out of Congress, of the hopelessness of their efforts to secure from this Congress legislation authorizing the issue of gold bonds for the funding of our public debt, or for any other purpose.

In 1883 the pension list was published, and as a result, a great many frauds were discovered. There is a popular demand for another publication of the list, in view of a widespread suspicion that it is full of rottenness. Secretary Bliss is opposed to a publication. Why?

The Republicans are doing more craving over the small surplus shown by the Government receipts and expenditures for the month of December, than they will over the big deficit that January will certainly show. Mr. Dingley has taken advantage of the situation to issue a rosy statement in which he easily makes it appear—on paper—that the deficiency of $44,000,000, for the first half of the current fiscal year will not be increased during the last half, upon which the country has just entered, as though that was something of which he and his party had a right to be justly proud. What would the stockholders of a big business corporation think of a management that reported a loss of $44,000,000 in six months and only promised that the next six months should not increase the loss? They would probably change the management as quick as they could, just as the people intend to do as soon as they get an opportunity to cast their ballots against the present mismanagers of our affairs.

The Democrat who isn't pleased with the political outlook, must be hard to please. The issue of this year's Congressional campaign and of the campaign of 1900 has been made and the argument furnished upon which it will be won by the Democrats by this administration, which after going through the farce of sending three eminent bimetallists to Europe as a Commission for the alleged purpose of securing the consent of European governments to international bimetallism, does not even wait until the members of that commission have officially reported, before it announces to all the world, through its financial spokesman, Secretary Gage, that it doesn't want bimetallism at all, either national or international, only monometallism.

The progressive ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Women's Edition" of the Westfield *News*, bearing date of April 3, 1896. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women, and we notice the following from a correspondent, which the editors printed, realizing that it treats upon a matter of vital importance to their sex: "The best remedy for croup, and bronchitis that I have been able to find is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For family use it has no equal. I gladly recommend it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by M. F. Morphew, Druggist.

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It is reported that ex-Governor Hogg, of Texas, is going to move to New York, at the invitation of Richard Croker, to get ready to accept second place on the Democratic ticket with William J. Bryan in 1900

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A GREAT CITY.

New York Is Now the Second Metropolis of the World.

Synchronously with the ending of the year 1897, the old government of New York city expired, and the new charter of Greater New York went into effect.

The event was fittingly celebrated by a monster parade, accompanied by fireworks, electrical display, and the booming of cannon, beginning as the last stroke of the clock at midnight announced the birth of a new order of affairs.

The new system involves what is believed to be the greatest problem of municipal government ever presented, the powers and responsibilities of the Mayor exceeding that of the emperors and kings of history.

For six months, until the machinery of the new municipality gets into motion, the Mayor of New York has the power of an autocrat. He may appoint officials with salaries running into the thousands with as lavish a hand as ever emperor treated his favorites.

The Mayor will appoint every department head in the city except the controller, who is elected for four years. He will appoint all commissioners, all justices of inferior criminal courts, all the members of the school boards, with the exception of the commissioner of education; the justices of the special session and the police magistrates, and is given the power to remove any official in New York and appoint his successor.

There are five boroughs in Greater New York, namely, Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens, and Richmond. The municipal legislature consists of the council, with twenty-eight members, and a board of aldermen of sixty members. The president of the council was elected by the people. The president of the board of aldermen will be chosen by the members of that body.

Mayor Van Wyck is given power to veto any ordinance or resolution of either body of the municipal assembly unless five sixths of both houses declare otherwise.

Each of the five boroughs has a borough president, but his principal duty is to preside over the various local boards of his borough.

The city was first chartered by the Dutch in 1653, and has grown in 244 years from a town of 1,000 inhabitants to more than three million people, and now ranks as the second city in the world in population, being exceeded only by London.

In financial and commercial importance it rivals that of London, and possesses the finest harbor on the face of the globe.

The old city had an eventful history.

Capt. Kidd sailed out of the harbor, commissioned to destroy piracy, and himself became the most noted of pirates.

The first steamboat in the world was built there and made the first voyage hence to Albany. The first steamship that ever crossed the ocean—the Savannah—sailed from New York in 1819.

The first Congress of the Republic was held there, and it was there that the first President, Washington, was inaugurated. Here also the Declaration of Independence was first read to the army that made it good.

These are but illustrative incidents. From the beginning New York has made it her practice to be first in every achievement. Now that it takes to itself the great city across the bridge and other communities round about whose existence has been merely an outgrowth of its own greatness, its future will be in its own hands. With tradition and habit in its favor, with superb energy animating its people, with an aggregation of wealth and working capital in excess of its needs, and with the best brains of the country in every department of human endeavor concentrated there, it will be the fault of this and coming generations if New York shall not continue its growth, its glory and its pre-eminence among American cities.

The Surprise of All.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Colds and Coughs is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottle at G. I. White's Drug Store.

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Cherokees Want Information.

The eastern band of Cherokee Indians who live in North Carolina has filed a memorial to the United States Supreme Court, their status, or rather lack of one, being given as the cause.

The federal court ten years ago held that they were citizens of North Carolina, and the following year they incorporated the eastern band. Now the United States Circuit Court of Appeals says they are a tribe of Indians, and not citizens either of the United States or North Carolina.

The Indians have voted in all elections since the treaty of Echota, in 1835. In their memorial, or petition, to the United States Supreme Court they say:

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