

Civil Service Reform. We prefer a Democrat to a Republican of equal character.

No honest and true Republican asks to be retained, and none other should be retained. In the South a sweep with a clean broom is demanded by all Democrats.

"Turn the rascals out."

A GROWING EVIL—KILL IT NOW.

One of the most dangerous and fearful practices ever indulged in by any people, has taken root in the Federal Congress. And the sooner it is eradicated, cut up root and branch, the better it will be for the freedom of the American people.

It extends its operations outside of congressional circles, there could be no prediction as to its injuries upon the people, nor could there be any limit fixed beyond which the custom could not go. It has become a habit with Congress, that when a member of either house, or a clerk dies, that body becomes very liberal with the peoples money, and pays all funeral expenses—however much, and sometimes it runs up beyond thousands and tens of thousands.

We believe Garfield's sickness and burial cost in dollars and cents over \$100,000, and we expect to see Congress pay out of the peoples money several hundred thousands of dollars as soon as it meets for the funeral expenses of Gen. Grant.

You give a member of Congress five thousand dollars a year and his traveling expenses and stationary bills in addition. You give the officers of Congress from \$800 to \$5,000 a year.

Now if any one from the above classes dies during his term, Congress at once sets about with the peoples money to hold a big or little 'do' over the dead body, according to rank.

A committee is appointed from both houses to accompany the corpse home and see that no body snatcher lays foul hands on the lump of clay until it is deposited in its last resting place.

Congress foots all the bills out of the peoples money. Then a day is set apart to orate, eulogize and rejoice over his virtues, statesmanship, and greatness and goodness, which no one, not even his most intimate friends, ever discovered until Death—the great leveler claimed him as his own.

CIVIL SERVICE.

There is much needed reform to be brought about by the Democratic party, if it is true to its pledges, its principles, and to the country. It is pledged to a modification and reduction of the tariff. It is pledged to reform and correct the abuses in the Internal Revenue. It has promised the people to ferret out and expose the fraud, corruption, and evil practices in the custom houses, in the Internal Revenue department, in the Pension office department, in the Land office, in the Post-office department, in the Navy, Army, in fact the people commanded the Republican party to step down and out that the Democratic party might have the opportunity to clean out and purify the Augean stables.

The people were convinced that the Republican party was thoroughly impregnated with political poison, and permeated with the dry rot. And we believed then and still believe the charges against that party were true, that our folks meant business when they promised a faithful, honest, economical administration of the peoples affairs. And the beginnings made in some of the departments in that direction clearly shows that some of our folks mean to keep faith with the country so far as they can. Much, very much has been done in some of the departments in the line of honesty and economy, but there seems to be something lacking. Such wonderful developments as were promised have not yet been made; those stupendous frauds talked of in the last campaign, in the Treasury department, Post-office department, and Interior department have not been uncovered.

Now, why has this work not progressed more rapidly? Well, we believe it is because Mr. Cleveland and his seven lieutenants have retained too many Republicans in office. It is expecting too much of human nature, to suppose these Republican officials will squeal upon their confederates in crime and their superiors; or even to suppose that they will lead or assist in showing up the meanness and fraudulent doings of themselves and co-conspirators, when that showing would inevitably lead to their indictment, conviction and imprisonment, or at least ought to be.

And after the war with no powerful opposing forces to the Republican party, it became corrupt and oppressive, the history of whose wrongs, outrages and hellish doings we forbear to mention now. From our standpoint we cannot endorse Mr. Cleveland's administration as a whole. If we did we should do violence to our judgment. So our friends will please allow us to condemn his mugwumpism.

Reason is a better weapon than irony. Is it not strange that the human mind, when it becomes exhausted and can find no solid pillar upon which to rest and recruit its power to grapple with honorable opposition, loses its balance and falls into channels which its Creator never designed? Irony and ridicule are indeed powerful weapons when used by giant master minds, but when used against logic by Lilliputs they are as powerless as the driven snow against the mountain peak.

But the mugwumps, the civil service commission and the Geo. H. Pendleton devotees have decreed otherwise, and our President is so righteous, virtuous and conscientious that he feels bound to obey an unconstitutional statute and keep the Republicans in office for life, thereby defeating one of the very objects of a Republican government.

What would you have thought of General Lee after he had captured a division of the Federal troops, if he had taken the Federal officers and put them over Confederate soldiers, or even General Grant after he had captured Vicksburg, if he had taken the Confederate officers and placed them over Union soldiers?

There is no more common sense in retaining Republican officials under a democratic administration, than there would have been in retaining Union officers to command Southern soldiers.

If there was no patronage connected with a government then no party ought to have any, but since, of necessity, there is patronage, which of necessity, must and will go to either the one party or the other, ought not that party which is victorious to have the patronage? Why give it to the enemy? Upon what grounds can it be withheld from your friends and supporters.

By the way, brother, how did you discover or who told you we were a leading Baptist? Again, brother, excuse us, we dislike very much to be tedious but since you seem to have such an enormous supply of information about us we will feel under many lasting and binding obligations to you if you will only tell us how, when, where, or from whom you learned that Brother Kitchen of the DEMOCRAT "will have peace in regard to the University if he has to run seven columns of the DEMOCRAT in blowing up and abusing the University."

Pardon us, but for fear we should dynamite the University, you had better telegraph President Battle to be on a sharp lookout? In case we should be let loose in our mad career, we might not only blow up the institution and thereby ruin the State and the free tuition at Chapel Hill, but might also destroy the Faculty and students, so put the sentinels out with drawn swords to guard the sacred entrance to that sacred institution. In that case would not free tuition there "fare common?"

THE FREE TUITION, THE TENDER SPOT.

The Wilson Advance refers "to the enemies of the University" and moreover "to the enemies of the public school system." Since we are not so old as the editor of the Advance and have not so minutely observed the positions of individuals for the past few years, you will excuse us for saying that we have never consciously seen nor heard of an enemy of the University and that we have never dreamed that in our State to-day there is an enemy of the public school system.

We are proud to number ourselves with those who oppose the free tuition at our University and also with those who oppose the Blair Bill which, if passed, may effect our public school system. But our reasons against the former we have given time and again and the DEMOCRAT has in more than one article stated reasons against the latter. We believe those who oppose free tuition are the best friends of the University, though they are by some hasty minds mistaken for and styled as enemies.

We want our Chapel Hill to be a University in fact or else it should dispense with that deceptive name. We are glad to note its every progressive step. Why should the Old North State be behind the Old Dominion as to a University? It is evident to any one who reads both papers that there is a striking difference between the opinions of the DEMOCRAT and those of the Advance. In last issue our contemporary says, "The DEMOCRAT, the paper of Capt. W. H. Kitchen" &c. That gentleman is the proprietor but he is not the editor of the DEMOCRAT. But it may be that our articles concerning "to the victors belong the spoils" startled the editor of the Advance and caused him to think that we were some old man, perhaps a Capt. But if that's so, then our contemporary is laboring under a mistake and he can attribute the effect of our articles to the fact that we were on the right side of the question. That explains it. Now, brother do you remember how you once before misquoted us; well, we must ask you to be a little more careful in your quotations especially when you use quotation

marks. We distinctly said that we are "individually" in favor of turning the University" &c. In your quotation you left "individually" out, thus making it appear that we would advocate that. Then it seems that the Advance is bent upon misrepresenting us. It may be that we are unable to express our thoughts, it may be that we are a fool and express to wise people what we do not mean, but it is strange to us that the keen eyed Advance is the only one in our knowledge that ever yet on any subject received else than the impression we intended to convey.

And since we find that we are understood by all our readers save the Advance we are unwillingly led to the conclusion that our contemporary lacks the power of correct understanding. He speaks of our excited imagination, when we find such misrepresentations as we sometimes do, we become excited we admit, but it is caused by wonder and surprise, but what can cause a person quietly perusing an earnest editorial to become so excited as to indulge in misrepresentations we know not.

Whether there is a State institution such as we described as running in competition with our Colleges and high schools and giving tuition out on the principles of lottery &c., we care not, but wish there was not. The people may decide that, the Advance denies it however. Here is wherein our contemporary misrepresents us: he talks of the "argument against the public school system." We gave none. There was none. We tried to give none. We never will. The patriotic Advance never did and never will surpass the DEMOCRAT in its zeal for our public schools, but we deny that Chapel Hill should be the head of these schools. We believe in the free schools, our readers know this, they could expect us to take no other position. But if our schools gave tuition to only one boy in each township as now our University gives tuition to only one boy from each county, we would oppose it. If every boy and every girl could be admitted to the University we might not oppose the free tuition, for then it would contain some fairness. Any one who read the article in the Advance and who did not read the DEMOCRAT, and hundreds did it, if he trusts the former now thinks we oppose our public school system. Why were we shown in such a light? Will anything we have ever said warrant it? Surely not. If anything is seen through green spectacles it appears green, through dirty glass it appears dirty, oh! how did we appear when we were seen by others through the spectacles of the Advance? Don't tell us.

We hope the Advance read our article in last issue upon the University for in it were some thoughts about free tuition, &c. Our contemporary concludes by saying "but the subject of the University seems to have unsettled the views of the DEMOCRAT upon even that primary principle"—meaning the right of the State to maintain a public school system. We hope not. We believe the State has that right. And if it ever becomes necessary we will defend that right. Did any body else think we were "off" on that? What's the matter then? Only a misinterpretation. That's all. We wish we could have made only the corrections necessary for being understood.

CONTEMPTIBLE

On Monday the New York Herald published a long account of the capture of President Davis at the close of the war, and in this account the same mean, wicked, vindictive and malicious falsehood, which has been denied by responsible witnesses, is again retold and this time with editorial spite and venom and scurrility. This writer not only avers that Mr. Davis was dressed in woman's apparel, with hoop-skirt and other feminine appliances, but that "old Jeff begged and implored his captors not to let him be hurt etc." A bigger, meaner, viler lie was never uttered. A man whose courage is as well established and recognized as the foot prints of christianity upon the heart of civilization, a man, whose firmness is as unshaken as the rock-bedded foundations of the everlasting mountains, a man whose valor is as lustrious as the stars of the sky upon the blackened bosom of night—yea such a man as that would not beg and implore any one to save his life, and particularly at such a time, when death would have been a glorious emancipation from the humiliation of that defeat, whose deepening shadows he knew so well were but the funeral shroud of the dead Lost Cause. Our noble leader—the knightliest man in America, and the

bravest of the brave, was incapable of such truckling and oringing, and we hurl the accusation back into the teeth of the mean and wicked slanderer; and we are surprised at the Herald for publishing such a lie, and particularly at this time, when every Southern paper has maintained such a respectful attitude towards the memory of their worshiped chieftain so lately laid down to rest, and when his glorious "Let us have peace" should be the yearning and the longing of every patriotic heart. But if these Northern people who live in the enmity of hate which grows around the name of Jefferson Davis and which is continually finging its mud of detraction at his reputation, think the Southern people will tamely submit to having their leader in that memorable contest branded as a coward on any and all occasions, they are badly, yea, woefully mistaken, and must have entirely forgotten the existence of that temper and resentment which was shown in the blaze of a thousand battle fires. They may hurl their slanderous utterances against the immaculate reputation of Jefferson Davis, and try to darken the lustre of his renown, but they will be as futile as would be the effort of the smallest worm to spit its spleen against the sun at noonday and quench its dazzling brilliancy. The splendor of the reputation which Mr. Davis has made as a soldier, as a statesman and as a christian gentleman, like the sun whose beams flood the world, and tell of a brightness that is eternal, has spread over all lands and all climes, and has won the admiration of all hearts that can throbb responsive to the thrilling inspiration of a high and holy patriotism. And the mists of misrepresentation which now and then rise about him will be disappointed by the glorious sunbeams of truth, and will be as harmless as the fogs which hang about the Heaven-nursed summit of some grand and majestic and towering mountain.—Mirror.

We cordially endorse every word said by the Mirror. No grander man ever lived or died than Jefferson Davis. No purer, nobler, christian hearted citizen ever honored the social walks of life. He is one of the ablest, soundest, purest statesmen that ever graced the Legislative Halls of Congress. No Northern statesman of this age or generation can begin to compare with him in all those qualities that go to constitute the attributes of a great and good man. The National Reputations of all the men on both sides in the late war sink into insignificance, save Lee, A. S. Johnson, and Jackson, when put along side by side with our own Davis. History will stand him at the head of the list of great men produced in those stormy days; and had success crowned his cause (our cause) he would have gone in history as the grandest man yet produced on American soil. God bless him now, henceforth and forever. May his life be prolonged, by the God of heaven, in health and happiness till he shall see his country shielded by the constitution he loved so well and defended so long, and see the clouds fall on the last one of his defamers.

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