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Der Civil Service Reform.

W. W. KITCHIN, -

Ber We prefer a Democrat to a Republican of equal character.

ErNo honest and true Republican asks to beretained, and none other should be retained. In the South a sweep with a clean broom is demanded by all Democrats

Ber"Turn the rascals out."

THE POWER TO TAX IS THE POWER TO DESTROY.

The privilege to assess our property for its value is an implied right to take all if the emergency should seem to demand it. The Constitution gives Congress power to raise by taxation money enough to defray the nesessary expenses f the govern. ment, and if these expenses shall continue to increase, it will not take a prophet to predict the time when it will take all the available, commendable measures of the people to defray the expenses of the government. We are both disappointed and mortified that our President, in his manifes to to Congress, did not dweil on, and urge Coogress to reduce the expenses of the government, by abolishing many useless offices, and reducing the salaries of many more. . But he is as dumb as an oyster and as blind as a bat on this all important subject. Instead of coming up to the demands of the times and the pledges of the party, he has advised the increase of the salaries of many of his ap pointees and the creation of some new offices. Instead of levying forty million dollars less this fiscal year than the republicans levied the last fiscal year, he and his secretaries have demanded of Congress thirty three million more. This is reducing expanditures and lightening the burdens of the people with a vim, and keeping the democratic pledges to a letter ! Mr. Manning in his report to Congress says the war tariff President, a Jefferson is not our ought to be reduced. We think so President. What a pity! This too. But our President doe-en't think so if he does he did not say so. With the same force, we think both the President and his secretaries might have said really the salaries of the government agents and officials were fixed during and immediately an ar the war, under republican rule, and ought to be reduced. They could in truth have said that during that period the increase was from sixty millions trabout three hundred millions. Now why not cat down these expenses and abolish many of the sinecure places, as well as cut down the wartaxes. We think they go together and ought to be cut down and off as one and at the same time. It required sixty millions of doltars to run this government under Buchanan per annum, from 1857 to 1861 making two hundred and forty millions for the four years. We had population then of about thirty millions of people, we have now about fifty eight millions. Now it takes about two hundred and sixty million of dollars. Before the war it required under wing or democratic administration about two dollars per capita torun the government; now under republican and democratic administration about seven dollars per Is it not time the people people. capita. who live by the sweat of the face had opened their eyes? Is their lethargy and thrown off the incuous that weighs them down, and energy, vitality- and life out of them.

civil service humbug, and what can xplain the positions of the remaining admirers we know not, unless with republicans it is to keep their friends in and, too, unless with demperats it is because they are dissat-

in the eyes of all men everywhere, isfied with their own success in by washing his hands of wumpism the party and don't want to see true and mugism, and by rising to the democrats in the front and there- height and measure of a full grown fore they too wish the republicans

to sad disappointment.

from the civil service examination because the people have confiby the reports of his Secretaries, he dence in the President's sense and takes a manly, dignified position. discretion to select competent men. And in the outset we will say that we

The foreign ministers are exempt from the humbug of examinations so far as he went on all except the because it is conceded that the Tariff, Silver, and Civil Service reappointing power has sense and dis cretion enough not to select either an idiot or a tyrranical demagogue. The assistant cabinet officers stand no examinations because , it s believed that the President and the cabinet officers have sense and discretion enough to make no big time and attention such as increas- bling concerns so popular now. So mistakes. All this is right. Jefferson and Buchanan and Hendricks believed in this.

And now the civil service act ad vocate comes and plainly and un Consuls etc., a useless appendage uestionably says, for actions speak louder than words, "Mr. President and Mr. Cabinet officer, you have sense enough to make an appointgraphs, in foreign lands. ment which it takes education.

Upon the Tar.ff question, one o brains and statesmanship to fil but you have not got sense enough to make an appointment which needs only business qualities in the officer, therefore I say we ought to keep an official in for life when we get a competent one. You will. water to mix. if left by yourselves uurestricted

select a foel, an incompetent man, an ignoràmus, a hotheaded, reckiess partisan demagogue." Thus says the C. S. reformer and our President Cleveland in his message has said and his cabinet too. "Yes Curtis & Co. you are right; We need a law to keep us from acting fools." Shame, shame upon British system of life tenure of office is the first seed of despotism and monarchy. The Blair bill is a curse upon the individuality of States and persons, the civil service act is a curse upon the name of Republie. The civil Service reform that was proclaimed from every democratic havior. stump in 1884 meant putting honest men in and cutting down expenses All knew that the offices, a great many of them, were filled by corrupt men. All know that corruption and extravagance were used in the civil service to a great extent. Reform as un lerstood by every democrat between the oceans consisted and consists in righting these wrongs, in turning the rascals out and in- placing the civil service upon a more economic basis. Who denies this?

THE MESSAGE. (Communicated)

We have waited patiently for the dently a dissatisfied man, a com-President's message to Congress, plete moralist, perhaps a crank. He hoping that he would redeem himself

> What a reformer he is! No wonder he is in favor of Federal free schools. 1885 :

statesman. But we were doomed

The Cab'.et officers are exempt On all minor questions upon which

or us.' must heartily approve of all he says form questions. We were in hopes he would make many suggestions and the "Matual Self Endowment and ment other things demanded all his and some of the more open gaming the salaries of his three unconsti- far the writer has heard no comtutional civil service bed-fellows and plaint among our people on this

wumpish pets and increasing the score .- Watchman. salaries and outfits of our Ministers,

to a Republican form of government in these days of civilization, railroad and telegraphs and cable-

the great issues of the day, he straddles the fence, and is making a desperate effort to walk arm-clutched with both Sam Randall and John G. Ca: isle as though he possessed the miraculous power of causing oil and

Upon the civil service question he goes into spasms, and doesn't think this grand Republic and gloriers all men are interested in politics. He Number of white males 3rd grade 1 country of ours, the home and birth place of Jefferson, Madison, Jackson Hendricks and a thousand other such grand types of American manhood and American democracy, could possibly stand the strain of another general election without going to pieces, without the aid of the civil service law and his administration. In other words he and his mugwumps

The author of the Federal peda- Report of Superintendent gogy bill, Blair by name, is evi of Public Instruction.

is a New Englander and talking General orders passed by the about strange notions, he has them Board of Education of Halifax county, at its last meeting, Dec. 7th,

The N. Y. World has the following : That the Secretary of the Board "Senator Blair is on hand to regive notice to the School Comform things. He wants the Constitation of the United States amend-

he had been fully informed and posted can be prevented from drinking teachers, who are employed by them whiskey. Mr. Blair would doubt- without having the necessary funds less like to have the privilege of writing an entirely new Constitution |

The Observer says that nearly one mence on the 1st Monday in Januhalf of the male population of Charary and continue until the 2nd Monlotte were losers by the failure of day in April provided the funds are sufficient-then commence on the one month or longer if the funds are sufficient.

Dec. 7th 1\$85.

ifax Co. The county Supt. of Public Instruction in pursuance of Section 2573 of school law of 1885, re-

" " females "

.. " females

Total

Total

Number of

46

GENERAL MERCHANDISE mittee of each district, that no ared so that women can vote and men rearages will hereafter be paid to to the credit of the district, at the time of the employment. That all of the schools shall com-

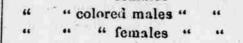
2nd Monday of August and continue

Report of County Supt. of Public Instruction of Halifax county-

To the Board of Education of Hal-

ports for the year ending Nov. 30th 1885-as follows :

Teachers examined and approved. Number of white males 1st grade 1



" " females "

" colored males "

" females "

" females

" females "

colored males

white males total

20

22

16

"

" females 426

962

females

females

" colored males

46

Average attendance 527.

Average atlendance 2423.

males 1772.

females, 1552.

Number of pupils enrolled colored

Number of pupils enrolled colored

Average length of school terms.

white, 9 weeks, colored 12 weeks.

tween the ages of six and twenty-one

Number of white children males 1458

Number of col. children males

...

" females 1296

females 2984

D. C. CLAEK,

Co. Supt. Pub. Ins.

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point out many ways by which the Benevolent Association of Amergovernment could be administered ica." The scheme was a very enon less money and the burdens of the | ticing one, and there must have been people made lighter. But in his judg- but a shade of difference between it

We suppo e by the time this issue of the DEMOCRAT gets into the hands of its readers, the line of Presidential succession will have been determined. The secretary of the State coming after the Vice-President and the other members of the Cabinet following in order. This has been one flaw in the executive part of our

government. We are glad that it has

We notice that Eider P. D. Gold

of Zions Lundmark had a political

editorial last week. Something

is a Civil Service Reformer, we are

Some of our contemporaries are

for Hill and Lee for 1888. Both

David B. Hill, Governor of New

York, and Fitzhugh Lee, Governor

The Statement of our State treas-

of Virginia, are good Democrats.

strange, of course it is all right for Total

been remedied.

surprised to learn.

A man can now live on half of what he could ten years ago, and one fourth of what he could during the war.

It is time everything had sought a level and every body put on an equal footing in the race of life.

#### CIVIL SERVICE ACT.

The advocates of the present useis J. E. O'Hara, of this district. nel or secretary had as well be paid country in a state of chaos and conmoney mrrked the entire stock down 20 WARRANTED. less and undemocratic law in re-WARRANTE BEST TANNERY CALF per cent less than sold heretofore. After A GUARANTEE FROM THE MANUS off with silver as the merchant, docasion. gard to the civil service found their a thorough examination they proved to However, in spite of the Presi-FACTURER tor and laborer. position upon false grounds. The be two clerks in the employ of F. Stern, I claim that these shoes are made of the But says the administration, if dent the country is safe. The presumption that any such law is and owing to above facts all goods will hest leather that can be produced; there this is done the country will be Tariff reformers and silver kings of needed is entirely erroneous. Why? be sold hereafter at above deduction. is no shoddy in them; they will wear W. L. DOUGLAS \$3.00 SHOE. ONDER BY MAIL. GROCERIES IN EVERY flooded with too much money. Here the great West can easily firm a Because it is a presumption that a equal to any custom made shoe that VARIETY FURNITURE & BEDDING. is their mistake, if they will make combination and off-set the Presi-FOR SALE higher officer, that is the one who would cost you \$5.00. There is a de-& gold dollars and silver dollars of dent and his gold kings of the mand for an honest shoe at a low price appoints, will appoint an incompe--ORwarranted by the manufacturer. I claim equal purchasing value, it will be tent subordinate. Is this not a X. these shoes to be stitched with the best WE HAVE THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT OF GENTS FLEXIBLE BRIN & RENT. utterly impossible to have too many of silk, and the bottoms are sewed on with best of Barbour's thread which is false presumption? Jefferson, Mon-The Philadelphia News says there NOBBY FELT HATS WE HAVE EVER SHOWN. of them out in circulation. The roe, Jackson and the other grand are 43 Congressmen named Wilimported from Scotland. These shoes are MILLINERY! One dwelling house containing made on the latest improved lasts, and you will find them an easy fit; after you value of either gold or silver or by light houses along the coast of liam and that that fact must ac-American politics of the past, and equal in value, no conceivable the value of both. And if they are six large rooms and lot attached have tried one pair, you will wear none count for the number of bills. the great defenders and advocates that are not stamped on the bottom. containing one acre, with good sta-We have in addition to our general stock of merchandise a special deamount of both in circulation could A. A. BATTL 3S' \$2.50 SHOE. Silver should always be alongof real democracy never felt, never result in harm to any body, or to bles and outhouses. A good well E. B. HIGGS & Co. partment devoted exclusively to millinery. Having procured the suspected, never imagined the need side gold as money. Sole agents in Scotland Neck. any interest in the country. But of water. The place at which of any restrictions upon the ap-NEVER GIVE UP. services of Miss Annie Robertson, a lady of much experience and good if this country should stop the coinpointing powers in order to secure MIRACULOUS ESCAPE. now reside on the corner 9th and If you are suffering with low and de-pressed spirit, loss of appende, general debility, disordered blood, weak constiage of silver, which will surely decompetent subordinates. The sen-W. W. Reed, druggist, of Winchester, taste, we feel warranted in assuring the public that in this depart-Greenwood streets. monetize silver, then the amount of Ind., writes: "One of my customers, Mrs, timents of the Presidents of the J. C. PITTMAN. Louisa Pike, Bartonia, Randolph Co. tution, headache or any disease of a of suffering which will follow can United States as set forth ment we have but few equals and no superiors within the radius of our bilious nature, by all means procure a bottle of Electric Bitters. You will be Ind., was a long sufferer with consump Other lots for sale also. not be estimated. tion, and was given up to die by her phy-sicians. She heard of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, and began in his message are but an Gold will increase in value and surprised to see the rapid improvement that will follow; you will be in pired with HODGES & HODGES. patronage. echo of those of Curtis, and all over silver will decrease in value, and the WHOLESALE the land they are thinly reechoed. buying it of me. . 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#### SILVER.

The Silver question bids fair to become the paramount issue between the eastern gold men and the western silver men, with the South di. vided between the two. The only trouble is the administration scems to be afraid of getting too many sil ver dollars out in the hands of the

Now the president and his finan cial secretary, say they cann't ge it not time they had awakened from the silver dollars in circulation and it is becoming very expensive to store it. Well let's see if that is squeezing and pressing the trouble cann't be obviated. There is we will say \$200,000,000 of silver in the treasury. The current expenses of the government are, say 260,000,000 of dollars.

Now pay the navy, the army, the civil service, and all the members of the Congress and ev ery other man who serves

his country in silver dollars. This would relieve the government of all its silver dollars. A senator, colo-

have saved the gove ument from dissolution and chaos, and if there is no weakening along the line of wumpishness (of which he assures us there will be none) will hand it over to the next generation thorot, hly non-American with all the occupants of the offices in for life or good bc-

As to the silver question, he attempted to trim and spl't hairs between the Democratic party and the Republican party. He also tried to run between the gold men and the silver men with a decided inclining to the yellow jackets.

He evidently showed a li'tle hankering after the silver kings of the West, but the gold kings of the East succeeding in pulling him on the'r side of the fence. If we could, in jus ice to can

dor, we would hurrah for the great man in the White House. But at heart we do not endorse our Presideut in all his cape.ings, and must be allowed to dissent. From reading his message as a whole, we cannot tell whether

it is a democratic or a republican locument. He certainly attempted to create the impression that he slood far above partisan influence and parti-

san control. And just here we would say where the common good of the country was at siake, he ought to stand far aboy e partisan influence.

He evidently has studied neither the Tariff nor Silver question. Because his message is as silent as the tomb on the relations

England. of property and labor. He does

ever to be remembered that any fluctation in the value of either

urer shows receipts for the fiscal year ending in November to be \$86,700 Total agaiast \$63,000 last year. The iacrease is accounted for by vigilance

the county, during the school year, There are agents in S. Carolina the number of pupils c olled, race, who are trying to persuale the nesex, and an average attendance, avgroes to go to Kansas and Arkanerage length of school and average sas. It is tried every year and a lot of salary of teachers. our happy colored people are hnm-

Number of Public schools for bugged away from home. white, 32. for colored, 54. No. pupils enrolled, white males 536

Vanderbilt was the richest man in the world being worth two hundred millions of dollars. He had an in-Total come of \$19 per minute.

Mexico is having a little war. It is around Monterey. The little countries keep up a racket all the time.

M. DeLesseps says he'll live to sail through the Panama canal. This canal is rapidly nearing completion.

Average salary, white teachers per It is rumored that Miss Rose Elizmonth-\$27.81. Average salary, colored teaches per abeth Cleveland wrote that part of the President's Message in regard to month -\$24.80. Number of children in county be-Mormonism.

Cleveland in his message did not rearsrefer to the Mississippi river appropriations.

Emperor William of Germany is 89 years oid.

A'bolish mugwumpishness from our country.

Cut down the tariff.

Number of school districts for whites 11, for colored 11, Up to Saturday night there had been Number of public school houses for 17 bills introduced in the Senate of the whites 14 United States. Value of public property for whites, In England they have mugwumps now.

The Democratic party sympathizes with \$2851, for colored \$4080r Vanderbilt's two oldest sons get \$60,-

00,000 apiece for their inheritance. There are only two colored men GREAT EXCITEMENT AT F. STERN'S. n the U.S. Congress now. One is -Last night in the absence of the proprietor two men stole' into his store and Smalls of South Carolina, the other owing to hard times and scarcity of

V DULUL LU AKTIGLES, Compoun le ... 62 The following is a correct statement of the Public Schools taught in

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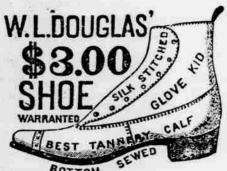
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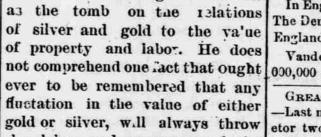
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