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GOLDSBORO, N. C. JUNE 26, 1890. CIVIL SERVICE AND CIVIL SERVICE.

The Louisville Courier-Journal, one of the ablest exponents of Democracy and Democratic policy, pays its respects to the civil service reform theory in becoming spirit and language.

It says truly, among other things, that there was a time when everybody was for Civil Service Reform. The stocking official delinquencies of Grant's second administration pointed the moral and adorned the tale of public corruption.

The law was tentative, and on a small scale. But, mark the sequel! Mr. Cleveland was elected President. The platform on which he ran had said something about Civil Service Reform.

Mr. Cleveland, himself, was not only an honest man, but he was a resolute, direct, and, more or less, self-confident man, new to national affairs. It is only fair to say of him that he was less in love with the mugwumps than afraid of his own party.

He had, before he quitted the Governorship, got the public business of New York in the hollow of his hand, had reduced it to methods of cleanliness and order, and estimating the National Government by the measure of the State Government, and the Congress of the United States by the Legislature of the Empire State, he set himself to repeating on canvas what he had done with such success in miniature.

In some respects he was mistaken. Washington is not a big Albany, nor New York a little Union. But things might have gone smoothly enough upon the surface, if Mr. Cleveland had confined himself to a strict construction and execution of the statute. This he did not do.

speeches. He had hardly more warrant to do this than to order the head of the editor of the Courier-Journal to be cut off for the writing of an unpleasant editorial. The end was, that, after much travail, he came to a realization of the truth, reinstated the Democrat and turned out the Republican, and gave to "the spirit of Civil Service Reform" a knock-out from which it never wholly recovered.

The Republicans came in, and ever since their President, though committed to "Civil Service Reform," has regarded the Civil Service Act as better honored in the breach than in the observance. He has not allowed it, or any platform pledges based upon it, to interfere in the least with his purpose when a Democrat was to go, and a Republican to come, and, barring the violation of campaign promises, we can not say that we condemn him. He has done what Mr. Cleveland ought to have done.

SECRETARY BLAINE is reported to have denounced in unmeasured terms, before a committee of the Senate, a few days ago, the tariff bill prepared under the direction of Mr. McKinley, the Republican leader of the House, and passed by that body. Indeed, he is said to have asserted that the measure is one of the worst pieces of legislation ever framed—that it is "infamous"—and that should it become a law its evil effects would be incalculable.

Big Cities of the United States.

Census estimates of the population of some of the principal cities have been given out, and from these it appears that New York has 1,627,000; Chicago, 1,086,000; Philadelphia, 1,040,000, and Brooklyn, 806,000.

The extraordinary increase in the case of Chicago, elevating that city to second place in rank with its rivals, is easily accounted for. The great Western city owes more to expansion of its limits than to natural growth in the municipality as it existed a decade ago.

The 35 per cent. increase of population in New York has been entirely within the city limits as they existed in 1880. We have annexed none of our neighbors, and, in point of fact, we have steadily contributed every year to the population of Brooklyn, Jersey City and other communities. New York may fairly claim a considerable portion of the population of those places as her own; for it has been New York's increasing importance as the great commercial center of this country that has drawn hundreds of thousands of people here, whose interests are all in this city, and who go out to the adjacent cities merely to sleep.

If we had pursued Chicago's methods and annexed all our suburbs, our per centage of population increase would not be exceeded by the most ambitious and most booming Western metropolis. The fair deduction to be drawn from the census figures is that New York not alone remains the great metropolis of this country, but that in commercial and indus-

trial importance, in population, and in all material interests, it shows a rapid and solid growth that is not rivaled elsewhere.—N. Y. Star.

STATE NEWS.

Raleigh News and Observer: Christ church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock was the scene of a most beautiful marriage ceremony, the occasion being the nuptials of Mr. Thomas Cameron Gales and Miss Abbie Smith of this city.

Winston Daily: The Daily is not given to relating fish and snake yarns, but one comes to us that is vouched for. Mr. W. A. Biddle, of Davie county, says that he caught near Hall's Ferry, in the Yadkin river, a few days ago, a carp whose weight pulled the scales down to 19 pounds.

Kinston Free Press: Mr. J. W. Grainger was re-elected chairman of the Democratic county executive committee last Saturday. Mr. Grainger has conducted three campaigns successfully. He is a hard worker for the cause of Democracy. His re-election was an honor worthily bestowed.

Wilmington Review: Now, who was that young man who suddenly parted company with his bathing suit in the surf at Carolina Beach yesterday? It was really a ludicrous thing. Some strings or buttons gave way while a party of gentlemen were in the surf and the victim of the disaster had a hard time of it getting back into his integuments. He succeeded eventually, while standing in the water up to his chest, but not before the sharp eyes of the girls on the beach had spied out his sad plight and had extracted a great deal of amusement therefrom.

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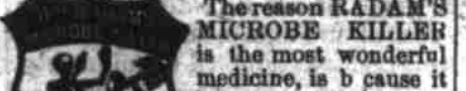
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