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CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

There is a very wide-spread misapprehension of what is meant by Civil Service Reform and what such reform aims to accomplish. The general impression seems to be that it is an effort to suppress political parties and deery partisanism. The following from the Brownsville Democrat will serve to illustrate the prevalent idea on the subject:

It does not hurt a man to be a partisan. The two men whom the people of Indiana most delighted to honor, and whom the nation holds in remembrance—Oliver P. Morton and Thomas A. Hendricks—were distinguished for the intensity of their partisan convictions and the tenacity with which they adhered to them. A milk-sop does not live long in anybody's esteem.

Our Brownsville contemporary is exactly right in all that it says, but it evidently meant this as a blow at Civil Service Reform which it, no doubt, regards as a kind of effeminate political aestheticism.

A man without convictions and the courage to express them, is no man at all. The great men of history were all partisans. But this fact should not be degraded by mixing the idea on which it is based with the spoils system.

Is it necessary in order to maintain the principles of a great political party that the party dispense the loaves and fishes of office among its adherents in the event of its success? What has the politics of cross-road postmasters and government clerks to do with the maintenance of party principle?

What we need in the Civil Service is efficient men and the Civil Service Reform idea is that minor offices be given on the ground of efficiency and competency and not as rewards for party service.

The reform, if properly carried out, would elevate the partisan and purify political parties. To support a candidate would then mean to uphold the political principles he might represent and would not be a bid for a share in the patronage he would dispense if elected.

While the spoils system is in vogue, it is next to impossible to remove a party from power that has once gotten possession of the offices. This was why the Republican party was so tenacious of power, notwithstanding its noted corruption and decadence of vital principle.

The machine men and professional politicians everywhere, denounce Civil Service Reform and they have misled many good people into agreeing with them, who, if they would take the trouble to investigate the subject, would conclude differently.

OSLER JOE.

The Memphis Avalanche thinks that Washington society had a right to be shocked at the poem "Osler Joe" and we will agree that the revolt against the sentiment it expresses was proper.

Shocked, probably, is not the right word. That might be understood as expressing a squeamish objection to the ideas or language of the poem, and that is not justified. It is not the indelicacy of the thing of which complaint can be made. Such a criticism could be as properly passed upon Tom Hood's "Bridle of Sighs" and other classic productions in which the literary world has long delighted, but its sentiment is to be condemned.

The poem seeks to make a hero of a cackold whose constancy could only create contempt. The faithfulness of the lover of Evangeline and such true devotion as that of Enoch Arden are subjects on which a poet may legitimately exercise his fancy, and on which the lover of poetry may dwell with pleasure, but who can find anything to love or admire in the stupid and spiritless husband who gives a life long affection to a woman who has left him for a life of lewdness and debauchery.

The poem, in that it fails to awaken any fine emotions, is not a poem. It is not deficient in wording and measure, and the story is well told. But such a story! It is not the material out of which poetry can be made. True manhood revolts at the picture it portrays, and the only sympathetic cord it could possibly touch would be a kind of pity for the idiocy of the here.

The Banner is here apt to find a discordant note in the harmonica when it says the Blair educational bill has become one of the issues which the party in this State must meet. The Blair bill is a national question likely to be settled by the present Congress, and it is in no sense a party issue. The eleven votes cast against it in the Senate were cast by six Democrats and five Republicans. Yet the Banner argues that the disagreement of the Union and the American on the subject is going to split the party in this State. If the Democratic convention is foolish enough to bother itself with such questions as the Blair bill the party deserves to be beaten.

The invitation of the CHRONICLE to citizens to write about the I. A. & T., railroad has failed to awaken a response. We were in hope that more interest would have been manifested. Though somewhat hackneyed, it is still a vital question to Clarksville and one in which all her citizens should feel the deepest interest.

One gentleman, too modest to put himself in print, has suggested to the editor, that if the Louisville & Nashville railroad can afford to pay a large sum to shut out competition in Clarksville, that the people of Clarksville can pay as much to obtain it. There are many probably who would assent to this proposition, but it will take a genius to devise a scheme by which the thing can be done. 'Twas in the hope of raising this genius that we asked for communications.

There are other good citizens who argue that it would be a calamity for the I. A. T., to fall into the hands of the Chesapeake & Ohio. They say that road would be interested in carrying local freights from Clarksville and that this company would probably run the road through Hopkinsville.

We would be pleased to give all these views a presentation through the CHRONICLE.

THE Winchester News replying to a question from its local contemporary, the Home Journal, as to whether it will support the Republican candidate for representative in the event that the Democratic nominee is not a submissionist says it would not, and after expressing its opinion that the Democratic nominee will be a submissionist says:

But even in case the Bourbon Democrats in the county should so far prostitute the principles of Democracy by nominating a man opposed to submission, there are enough good Democrats in this county to nominate a man of their own.

All of which goes to prove that there is going to be some fancy dodging by the Statesmen who aspire to legislative honors this year.

DR. BOB WHITE takes a kindly interest in advising the temperance folks through the columns of his Herald. He has recently informed them that Prohibition is not likely to carry in an off year, because it will require not a bear majority of the vote cast, but of the voters of the State, estimated by the vote cast at the preceding election. We don't know if either the doctor or the temperance folks need be disturbed in that regard. When once the Prohibition question gets before the people in Tennessee, it is going to wake up the hills and hollows and no stone will be left unturned behind which a politician might dodge.

BROTHER TATOM of the Obion Democrat gives us notice that he "stands convicted on the camp ground question." In explanation of his error he says:

We were probably thinking of Burdette's horrible pun when we wrote "camping" for "tenting." We hope nobody will shoot us if we reproduce that pun: "Said the cucumber to the little green apple as they met in the stomach of the small boy, "We are cramming to-night on the old camp ground."

A LETTER from a gentleman friend informs us that C. E. M. devoted about a half column of abuse to us in the last issue of the Obion Democrat. For some unaccountable reason we failed to read the effusion, but we don't doubt that the abuse was well put on. C. E. M. is the most capable black-guard we ever knew.

THE Lebanon Herald is informed that the State Democratic Executive Committee stands six to six on the one or two convention idea, with one fellow doubtful. If the man on the fence is disposed to turn the harmonica backwards and raise political shiel in Tennessee, just let him drop on the one convention side.

It is not at all conclusive that the President has gone back on Jacksoniana simplicity because of the use of the big words found in his message. He had to act on a well known rule of war, and fight the devil with fire. Evarts was among the Senators who opposed him.

THE Martin Mail is afraid the Republicans won't have time to get acquainted with their candidate for governor this year. We don't know of any prominent Republican who would improve on close acquaintance, so, viewed in that light, the late convention is a good idea.

THE abandonment of the two convention plan by the Democrats in Tennessee, would not be an innocuous disintegrated. The hand of the political trickster is manifest in the one convention idea.

Of course we had to go the dictionary and therein we learned that the word is pronounced des-wotud with the accent on the first syllable.

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Are mashed by each person and thing tra-la  
With which a poor fellow may meet.  
And that's what we mean when we say that  
a thing,  
Is bad as a bunion that blooms in the Spring.

Two members of the British Cabinet have resigned because they are unwilling to support Mr. Gladstone's Irish policy. They would confer a favor on a patient public by a statement as to what this policy is.

A LETTER FROM LAFAYETTE, KY.

To the Chronicle.  
On the night of the 20th inst., there will be a meeting held at Legate, Tenn., for the purpose of organizing a local reading circle, which will unite with the county reading circle. All teachers of adjoining counties are requested to be present. On the 6th the County reading circle was organized at Dover, by electing J. W. Stout, president and George D. Free, Secretary and Treasurer. The organization was very well attended by the teachers. The next meeting will be held on the 3rd prox.

This community has been saddened by the deaths of Mr. Edmund Hester on the 3rd, Mr. Thomas Hudson on the 5th, and Mrs. Thomas Hudson on the 6th. We regret very much to give them up but we have an assurance that they have gone to a sinless mansion.

Why do we mourn departing friends?  
Or shake at death's alarm,  
It is only the voice that Jesus sends,  
To call them to His arms.

Mr. O. F. Lewis, of Church Hill, was in our midst this week. We always extend a hand of fellowship to this courteous and good-natured man.

Mr. Joe Gilbert was in town this week, mixing and mingling with his friends. We are always glad to see him.

Mr. Charles Fox, of Howell, is visiting friends and relatives here, he was a student at Lafayette High School the last session.

Mr. Sink Wooten has returned from Texas, whence he went on business. Miss Lucy Williams, of this vicinity, spent a day this week very pleasantly with Mrs. Prof. S. L. Frogge of the High School.

Miss Zula Davidson, of this vicinity is the guest of Miss Emma Cooper.

Mr. Campbell, of the Hopkinsville bar, was in town recently, looking after his prospects for Judge. Candidates are numerous, we will have to evade them in the canvass, for they only want our votes. We say suppress the tyrants and elect the good ones and all will be right.  
DEMOSTRATES.  
Lafayette, Ky., March 15, 1886.

A Naval Cadetship.

To the Chronicle.  
A vacancy exists at the Naval Academy of the United States at Annapolis, and I have concluded to follow the course heretofore pursued, and hold a competitive examination, open to all candidates for the cadetship. The candidate must be over fourteen and under eighteen years of age and an actual resident of the Sixth Congressional District, consisting of the counties of Davidson, Cheatham, Humphreys, Houston, Stewart, Montgomery and Robertson. Every youth desiring to compete for the nomination will appear before a board of examiners composed of Prof. S. S. Woolwine, Prof. O. H. Landreth and Prof. A. D. Wharton, which will meet in the Fogg building, corner of Spruce and Broad street in Nashville on Saturday, May the 1st, 1886. I will commission the successful candidate who must appear for examination at Annapolis on the 15th of May. Respectfully,  
ANDREW J. CALDWELL.

Sweet Potatoes.

Sweet potatoes ought to be bedded out from the 25th, of March to the 1st, of April. For the benefit of our neighbors I will have a load at St. Bethlehem on Saturday evening the 20th, and 27th, of march and 3d, of April. Can be had at cave any morning before 8 o'clock. Slips will be on deposit at Keesee & Northington's, and at Bryant Whitfield's at St. Bethlehem. The potatoes are unusually sound and nice.  
J. M. RICE.

A Gallows Hollow Shooting.

A shooting affair occurred in Gallows Hollow Sunday afternoon which resulted in a colored youth about sixteen years old, named Willie Boston getting a bullet in the back. The shooting was done by Ed Crouch, a young married man, also colored, who lives in the hollow. Crouch claims that the shooting was an accident. Boston had been to his house and the two had been engaged in a friendly skuffle, Boston had left the house and was almost 100 yards away when he was shot. Crouch was standing in his door with the gun, which was a target rifle, in his hand and claims that it was accidentally discharged. The ball hit Boston about the middle of the back one inch to the left of the spine and struck a bone and glanced upward. It is not thought to be dangerous.

PETERSON'S MAGAZINE for April opens with a very beautiful steel engraving, viz: "The Little Pilferer," after a picture by the celebrated German artist, Meyer Von Bremen. Then comes a double-size fashion-plate, which all the ladies will rave over; two colored patterns; and some fifty wood cuts of fashions, embroideries, etc. The stories, all original, are even better than usual. "On The Roxberry Sands" is one great power. "Sister Dorothy," by Edgar Fawcett, is a society novelet of very high merit. "The Burglar Alarm," by Frank Lee Benedict, is intensely funny. "The Millionaire's Daughter," by Mrs. Ann S. Stephens, grows in interest and force with every number. Altogether, we do not see how any lady can be without "Peterson." The terms are but two dollars a year; and now is a good time to subscribe. Address Charles J. Peterson, 306 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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