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SENATOR GEORGE'S very able speech on civil service reform, is published in full on another page. Read it.

Mr. J. W. Youngblood's connection with the Vicksburg Commercial has closed, after a brilliant career on that paper.

A CALL is made by a number of leading citizens of Yazoo for a meeting on Monday next, the 15th, to form a Planters Association.

JUDGE PRIPPS withdraws from the Oxford Eagle which he has ably conducted for some time, and Capt. S. M. Thompson is at home again on that staunch paper.

Mr. W. W. Stone is associated with Capt. J. H. Miller in the publication of the Tupelo Journal.

THE Brookhaven Ledger is printed on an eight page, and is full of news and other interesting matter.

The Comet. The brilliant and caustic pen of Dr. A. Hunter has been a marked feature of our esteemed contemporary.

The Planters' Convention. Planters should bear in mind the convention called in this city on the 17th of January by Mr. Wall, Commissioner of Agriculture.

A CIVIL SERVICE REFORM BILL WITHOUT MUCH REFORM.

The civil service bill which had previously passed the Senate, passed the House with lightning speed on the 4th inst., without amendment, by a vote of yeas, 155, nays, 47 (all Democrats). As we have before said, the bill is not what it professes to be.

Senator Coke, of Texas, a stalwart intellect by the way, said: "Taken as a response to the great public demand for civil service reform, the bill is utterly worthless and ineffectual."

What is wanted is reform that will operate impartially; a reform that will strike the giant oaks as well as the slender saplings—that will ascend high and reach low.

There is no man here more persistently and unscrupulously lied upon than Hon. Jefferson Davis; and no man has ever passed more successfully through the furnace of calumny.

We have no quarrel with those who voted for the bill; and certainly, we can have none with those who voted against it. Let us hope for the best and keep up the agitation until something is done.

Ballots of the Wrong Color.

This wretched system of proscribing the color and dimensions of ballots and forbidding what can be construed as distinguishing remarks, which we are sorry to say was copied by Mississippi from a Northern statute book in framing her new Code, but for the magnanimity of the Republican candidate for Governor would have worked serious damage to the Democratic party in Connecticut.

The Connecticut legislature has cut the Gordian knot, by passing a resolution validating the illegal ballots.

It is estimated that the sugar, cotton and woolen goods, drugs, medicines, iron and crockery tax, amounts to \$3.56 per capita, each year.

The Tariff on Sugar.

The total annual consumption of sugar, including molasses, in the United States averages about 2,000,000,000 pounds. If the tariff on sugar was removed, the retail price could be reduced three cents per pound on an average.

REDUCTION of the tariff and civil service reform must go hand in hand. Let both be real. A tariff bill with the principle of mis-called "protection" in it, meaning the robbery of Peter to pay Paul, is not tariff reform in the sense the people want.

THERE are two systems, observes a contemporary, ever clashing with each other—the democratic, which seeks to lead the people up to a level of capacity and experience which will fit them for taking good care of their affairs; and the despotic, which distrusts the people and denies their fitness for freedom.

NATIONAL REGISTER: The point in the San Mateo (California) county case, exciting so much interest, and to be pronounced upon at once by the United States Supreme Court, is discovered in the fact that the county sued the railroad company for taxes levied, without reference to mortgages, upon the value of the railroad's property.

On Monday the mandamus case of James R. Chalmers vs. Henry C. Myers, Secretary of State came on for hearing in Circuit Court of Hinds county on the defendants' demurrer to the original and amended petitions for mandamus; and after elaborate argument by L. Brame Esq., for, and Col. W. L. Nugent against the demurrer was submitted to the Court, which took the case under advisement.

The Tennessee Defalcation.

The sensation of the day is the defalcation of Marsh T. Polk, the State Treasurer of Tennessee, for \$402,000, probably more, but not less. The Memphis Appeal says the defalcation commenced five years ago, but owing to the failure of the Legislature to investigate the office, it has grown from bad to worse until the final culmination.

It is only since the late elections, the Washington Star observes, that the road to reform has been made easy for statesmen.

At its present rate of moral progress a defeat in the Presidential election two years hence, the New York Sun alleges, will transform the Republican party into a virtuous and industrious minority.

PERHAPS heretofore, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat suggests, Representatives will deem it worth while to inform themselves as to what the country wants and what it is thinking about.

It is stated that thirty miles of the New Orleans and Memphis Road between Baton Rouge and Port Gibson, have been let out for construction.

Indictments in the U. S. Court Against Citizens of Marshall County.

HOLLY SPRINGS REPORTER: The following named gentlemen, citizens of Holly Springs, having heard it whispered around that they had been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury for election irregularities of some sort or other, went to Oxford Monday evening last and surrendered themselves: Wm. M. Strickland, Ed. M. Watson, Jno. B. Howard, Jos. Boxley, J. A. Huggins, J. H. Bennett, H. E. Williamson, A. F. Brown.

Another Mexican War Veteran Gone. CHRIS HAYES died at his residence near Atwood's factory in Atala county, on the morning of the 15th December.

NEWS AND NOTES.

A fire at Forest City, Ark., burned Blount's hotel and restaurant, Hick's wagon and blacksmith shop and several adjoining small buildings.

At Syracuse, N. Y., Joshua Gifford, aged 70, residing near Granby, Oswego county, killed his wife, aged 60. Gifford surrendered.

The will of Norfleet R. Sledge, of Como, Miss., was admitted to probate on a transcript from Panola county. The estate is estimated at \$200,000.

Gen. Joseph Wheeler, has been elected to Congress to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Lowe, deceased, by a majority of over 2000 in the Huntsville, Ala., District.

The Louisville Commercial, for thirteen years the leading Republican newspaper of the South, has changed to a strictly independent of all political parties.

As thirty penitentiary convicts, mostly negroes, and two white guards, engaged at Caraca Tunnel, on the Western North Carolina railroad, were crossing the Taskasee river on a flat Saturday morning, one of the convicts discovered that the flat was leaking, and gave the alarm, which caused a panic.

The inhabitants of Cape Town, South Africa, are being decimated by a scourge of small-pox. Out of 9000 cases during the past two months, 2,400 proved fatal.

Samuel Colley, whose term as Mayor of the city of Salem, Massachusetts, expired, committed suicide in the afternoon of the same day, by hanging himself from the banisters of his back stairs.

So great was the indignation among the whites at Lynnhurb, at the arrival of the Uncle Tom's Cabin Company and the five bloodhounds which were paraded about the streets, that it was believed it was impracticable to have any performances there.

A husband in Massachusetts whipped his wife, who employed a lawyer to prosecute him. Then he took proceedings against her on the charge of common drunkenness, and she engaged the same counsel to defend her.

Pensacola, Fla., celebrated Christmas by holding an election. George S. Wells, Republican, was elected Mayor by over 400 majority.

The school fund of Virginia has been increased by \$500,000, one-fifth of which sum is to be devoted to the maintenance of a colored normal school.

At Plano Ill., the wife of Charles C. Sloum recently applied for a divorce on the ground of infidelity. Last night her husband called her out, confessed his guilt, promised to reform and begged her return.

E. J. Baldwin, a well-known capitalist at San Francisco, was shot in the arm by a woman in the Baldwin Hotel.

Governor Plaisted, of Maine, upon graduating at the State House, will become editor of the Lewiston Gazette. The editor of the Lewiston Journal is an ex-Governor.

A Henderson Texas special says: "The negro Andrew Jackson, who attempted an outrageous assault on a young lady, was taken from jail by a large mob and hanged to a tree in front of hotel Don Juan."

THE Columbus Dispatch pays the following handsome tribute to a respected citizen of Hinds county—the gallant Capt. J. R. Eggleston:

We were pleased to meet on yesterday Capt. J. R. Eggleston, now, and for a number of years past, a resident of Hinds county, Mississippi. He is here with his wife on a brief visit.

The Board of Trustees of the A. and M. College, at their recent meeting, decided to continue the professors at present temporarily employed, in their respective positions; and postponed filling the vacancies until the annual meeting in June.

THE colored people are acting unwisely in raising the race issue as to public schools. At Springfield, Ohio, a year ago, Wm. J. White, an officer of the Springfield, O., public schools, refused admission to a colored child into a public school for white children.

Supreme Court Cases.

We will resume, in the next issue, the Shotwell's admirable report on the McLean case.

Down the Road to Summit.

On Monday morning, we were bound train at the usual time, half-past three o'clock, and at half-past six, where we were charged by our good friend, Mr. Zeigler.

Summit is a live town, and sustain two live newspapers, work, Capt. Geo. T. Grant, usual, at the depot, ready to issue freight receipts or to marry a Jackson girl, and so have a warm welcome at the could persuade the railroad tear down the old shanty and put up a respectable structure in its place, he would to the many good things he had town of Summit.

It was election day in Summit. Councilmen and J. P. F. Boyd had no opposition for of the "voters" thought he was such a walk-over, and so he package of tooth picks, and them around among his friends the ordinary treating business of carrying elections. And who agree with him.

At night, we attended the officers of Summit Lodge No. F. The beautiful hall was members of the Order, in who were present from Magnet Lodge to be in fine condition ship of 61, and assets nearly dollars, and several widows being regularly cared for. Allation ceremonies, the new of the brethren to sit down to per. Of course the invitations and the good things on the promptly appropriated in "Mr. McKenzie's fast horses, visit to McComb City. On an old-time friend, Dr. D. B. renewed his subscription to and who said some very kind the paper. At McComb, we call on Dr. Zealy and family them comfortably situated always glad to see anybody in The cozy cottage of our young ManSHIP, was pointed out, in him the right hand man in the big store. We noticed that platform had been removed from the Tegarden hotel, stop near the railroad shop. It is quite a handsome and a people are alive to the in good churches and schools, and been encouraged thereby by corporations to whom most of lous.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

JACKSON, MISS., Monday. The following cases were reported: 4097—Memphis & Vicksburg R. W. Owen.

4108—B. K. Williams vs. R. L. The following cases were reported: 3941—J. P. Henry vs. S. C. Do 4103—Bank of Holly Springs vs. Pinson.

4043—W. R. Richardson, et al. vs. McLenore et al. 4141—Mary E. Power et al. vs. et al. 4156—Jas. D. McAllister, et al. vs. Clopton et al.

4104—T. W. Williams, et al. vs. Wheeler, et al.

Leflore Circuit Court.

EDITORS CLARION: Convened yesterday, Hon. C. Bell, Judge and Col. A. E. District Attorney. Judge entitled to great credit for with which he disposes of his criminal docket was taken ing and out of forty-four right were finally disposed night. The civil docket, night, will be taken up on court will probably adjourn offences charged in the are: Murder 2, grand gaming 10, unlawful cobalt human treatment of prisoners to render tax list 1, assault and battery 8, overseer 2, carrying consen 5.

Assistant Bishop of Mississippi.

Special Dispatch to the Decatur, Ill., January meeting of the Standing of the Springfield Episcopal yesterday, the committee consent to the consecration Thompson, Assistant Bishop Mississippi.

Miss Jennie Langford left day to take charge of the Department of the Sabotage at Calhoun, Miss. She education through the Union Meyers are the efficient much pleased to state the meeting with great success schools are taking right institution and it will yet success and a great conv seeking employment.—Bri- lican.

M. T. Polk, the refugee of Tennessee was arrested on the 7th, and released.