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Civil Service Reform.

An Alta correspondent, in writing of civil service reform, thinks that any one in saying that the adoption into the American civil service of the leading principles of the Prussian bureaucracy—life tenure and promotion by regular gradation from lower to higher—would reproduce in this country all the objectionable features of aristocratic exclusiveness and supercilliousness, forgets that every nation has its own peculiar social conditions, which exert an important influence upon political institutions. In Germany society is not democratic, but aristocratic, and in no aristocratic or monarchical Government can the civil service possess the social tone of democracy, no matter upon what principle it is organized. To ignore the influence exerted by an Imperial Court, hereditary titles of nobility and aristocratic traditions that have been crystalizing for a thousand years, and say that these do not exert an effect upon the tone of the civil service—but that its condition depends entirely upon the length of the tenure and the manner of formation—is to make an assertion which common sense cannot countenance. We know, as a fact, that the efficiency, economy and tone of the civil service are to a large extent differentiated by local conditions in different countries. Russia, Germany and England have systems of civil service not very unlike in the fundamental ideas of organization, and yet how different the results? Uunder the peculiar influences of Russian life, the Tchinovnik (as the Government official is called) becomes a dishonest, rapacious, petty tyrant, the perpetual terror of the peasantry—insomuch that they have a proverb to this effect: "If you would defend yourself against a wolf, take a gun; against a tchinovnik, take a rouble." In Germany, where the elements of society are not in the chaotic disorder that prevails in Russia, peculation in civil service is almost unknown, but, as the bureaucracy draws its breath of life from an Imperial Court and not from the people, its tone is naturally aristocratic. In England the same system is seen to be still further modified by the influences of greater freedom of discussion and parliamentary Government; but the undemocratic social traditions of London could not be without their natural effect. Here, in America, everybody stands upon a level; the publicity of the press permeates everything, and there is no chance for the up-building of aristocratic traditions; consequently, there is no reason to suppose a life-tenure or promotion for merit would here transform a customs collector or a postmaster into a Russian tchinovnik or a Prussian bureaucrat. In the American army and navy, life-tenure has always been the rule, and yet, is there not an important difference between the American officer and the English or German? In the civil service the difference would be far more marked, because there would be nothing to require the strict subordination of ranks and grades that is essential in the military and naval services, and because, mingling more constantly with the mass of the people, there would be less chance for the growth of esprit de corps.

If courtesy, condescension and accommodation had an important influence in putting persons into our present appointive Federal service, we might consent to believe that the partisan system tended to the development of those virtues, and to that extent deplore its abolition. But we know those considerations have the remotest possible influence in securing appointments, and that the determining considerations are personal friendship and political service. It is assumed by the anti-reformers that the proviso "during good behavior" would practically amount to nothing, and that life-tenures would be universal, but there is no ground for such an assumption. The party in power would be held accountable for the general conduct of employes, and if that became so odious as to excite deserved indignation, the party would be compelled, in self defense, to adopt remedial measures. It would be the more willing to do so, because it would not then have, as now, an interest in the maintenance of many of these abuses and the retention of their authors.

While opponents of civil service reform are speculating and romancing about the probable effect of life-tenures and graded promotions, they might give us a candid opinion upon the tendency in the direction of official courtesy of some of the features of the spoils system. For example, is the consciousness by a public officer that he was appointed by a political "boss" and that he is irremovable as long as the "boss" retains his power, likely to make the officer polite and accommodating, or the reverse?

A San Francisco dispatch of the 28th says: "In the suit of George K. Fitch, of the Bulletin and Call, against Charles De Young & Co., of the Chronicle, for libel, in charging that the columns of the Bulletin and Call had been sold to the railroad company, the demurrer of defendants was sustained by Judge Allen, of the Superior Court, on the ground that a newspaper has a right to sell its columns, and it's no more libelous to charge a journalist with selling his newspaper than to accuse a merchant of selling his wares." Public opinion is not likely to sustain Judge Allen in such ruling.

The only argument says the Albany Democrat that ever was worth a cent in favor of a protective tariff is that our laborers should be protected against the "pauper labor of Europe," Then why in the name of sense do not the protectionists prohibit the importation of European laborers. That is the short and only way to protect laborers in this country; any other protection is pocketed by the favored capitalists.

It would seem that there are "cranks" in congress as well as out. One individual has demonstrated his idiocy by demanding that a congressional protest be made against the recent saluting of the English flag at Yorktown. Another has introduced a bill looking to the establishment of an income tax.

Permission has been granted by the British government to the German Union Telegraph Co. to use Valencia as a connecting point for the cable which is to be laid from Emden, uniting the German Empire direct with the Anglo-American system of telegraph cables.

A noble army of one hundred and two cigar packers recently struck in New York, refusing to work for their employer because he had hired a girl, the sister of a fellow workman, to pack cigars in boxes, at eight dollars a week, to support herself and mother.

It is to the credit of President Arthur that it was at his direction Judge Porter was put on as associate counsel for the Guiteau prosecution. It was Porter's examination that broke down the "insanity" dodge.

The government still pays 8000 pensioners of the war of 1812 and 35,000 on account of the Mexican war. No one has the temerity to demand a pension by reason of the Revolutionary epoch.

The patience of Judge Cox became exhausted last Wednesday, and after one of Guiteau's cleverest hits, he ordered that the prisoner be removed to the dock.

Guiteau has issued a "Christmas address to the American people." It is a vague defense and an evident effort to impress "the American people" with the mistaken idea that he is insane.

Considerable difficulty is experienced throughout the state in finding any one on either side who is willing to allow his name to appear before a political convention of his peers.

The doctors employed in the Garfield case are still at war, and three several works, involving as many dissenting views, are now in process of publication, each proving that its author was right.

It costs the residents of New York city nearly thirty dollars each, annually, for the privilege of being governed.

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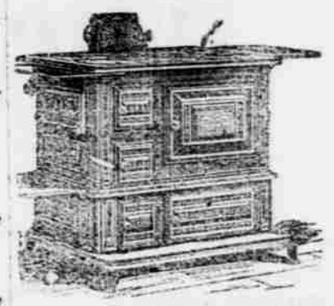

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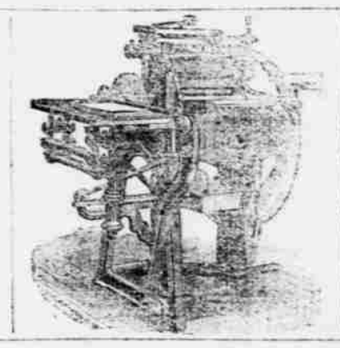
JOB  JOB

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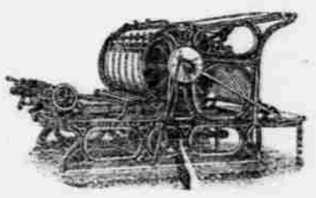

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