

IS CIVIL SERVICE REFORM A SUCCESS?

It is quite evident that the civil service law will meet with much outspoken opposition in the present session of congress. It is well known that there are senators and representatives belonging to both parties who are openly opposed to it and will demand and labor for its repeal.

It has been found that by some means, corruption for party ascendancy will find its way into every system of reform. And why not into a commission composed of three, five or ten men to whom power to control appointments to national offices?

The commission will be composed of men who are partisans, selected because they are such by the party to which they are friendly, and in time will become a machine for political power dangerously given emphatic expression to his views upon the civil service system, which are of sufficient weight to attract attention of every thoughtful voter of any party.

The history of the world furnishes no example of where the law authorizes secrecy and relies upon the innate honesty of a man for a good administration. It must be conceded that dishonest men exercise unlimited partiality and favoritism in the examination of applicants. Favorites can be informed in advance of the questions to be proposed in any examination.

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THE CITIZENS OF SAN FRANCISCO

The citizens of San Francisco have recently been in a condition which affords our farmers a good opportunity to study some of the economics which enter into the prices of farm products.

From this can be seen the fact that prices are regulated by the supply and demand of an article. Where the demand is great and beyond the supply to be obtained, the prices will advance in the ratio of the demand to the supply.

This explains the long continued low price of wheat. The supply on hand has been, and is now, greater than the consumption demands, or probably will require before the crop is harvested.

The situation of the meat market in the vicinity of San Francisco, is a study from fact, which its good citizens realize from the increase cost to them from a deficient supply, and he who has the stock to sell finds himself richer from that cause.

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With a given population, the demand for the year's required consumption can be known approximately very near, and it can be seen that a very large production in excess of that demand, must result in prices corresponding to the supply on hand. So it is a never failing rule, that as the production is to the amount required for consumption, so will be the markets, active or dull, with higher or lower prices.

From which the producer cannot fail to see, that a large excess of production over the necessities for consumption, must be injurious to him to a greater or less degree, and the only remedy is to keep the supply near the required consumption.

In times of excess and low prices, times the producer in a condition to hold over his crop, he must then become a speculator and take upon himself the risk which follows chances in speculation—that of meeting the competition of incoming crops, which would bring profit or disaster, as that source of competition is less or greater.

Friends and fellow citizens of one of the political parties, wake up and secure the nomination of a Harney or Grant county man for joint senator for this district. Can we afford to entrust that important mission to a citizen of Morrow county?

THE SUGAR TRUST

The sugar trust monopoly in its present form is doomed to destruction. It is satisfaction to the people to know that all such combinations cannot stand the test of judicial scrutiny.

Another instance of what may be done to overthrow all such combinations, is that of the very recent case of the State of California against the American Sugar Refining Company, in which Judge Williams declared the charter for feited on the grounds that the company had surrendered its control to an organized trust for the purpose of deteriorating the quality, diminishing the supply and increasing the cost to consumers of sugar, which was in violation of the charter.

This decision followed quickly in the case of the North River Sugar Refining Company, gives encouragement to those who hope that the good work, so auspiciously begun, will not stop until the most powerful as well as weak, of these organizations shall be destroyed.

The appointment of a receiver would be the end of the great sugar monopolies in its present form. The people should not be discouraged or afraid of great monopolies when they know they have the law and the courts on their side.

The transition from long, lingering and painful sickness to robust health makes an epoch in the life of the individual. Such a remarkable event is treasured in the memory and the agency whereby the health has been attained is gratefully recalled.

I have opened a well-appointed tailoring establishment in my new building, which is erected by purchasing the building which I own, and making it into a first-class tailor shop.

Job printing at Pendleton prices at the GAZETTE office. A fine line of gold pens, pencils, etc., at E. J. Stoen's drug store. You will do well to see clocks at W. O. Minor's before purchasing elsewhere.

When you are dry, go to Seaguard's for the finest and most palatable beverage. By the quart or glass. Christmas is coming and so are the people to Van Deyn's to see their immense display of holiday goods.

Rev. F. M. Street, Pastor United Brethren Church, Bismarck, Minn., says: "I feel it my duty to tell what wonders Dr. King's New Discovery has done for me. My lungs were badly diseased, and my parishioners thought I could live only a few weeks. I took five bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery and am now well, gaining 25 pounds in weight."

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THE OREGON STATE JOURNAL

The Oregon State Journal of Jan. 4, gives an extended account of the trial of Rev. I. R. Hober, an evangelist of the Methodist church. He was holding meetings in the church at Eugene, and on one of the evenings forcibly ejected a young man from the church, because of a disagreement of opinion when urged by the minister to become converted.

By inquiry he might have learned that in Oregon, churches cannot make laws and appoint police officers. The former is a power only assumed by the legislature, and the people are jealous of the assumptions of the privileges of that honorable body by any other, and the latter can only be appointed by the authority given by the only power recognized in Oregon.

The danger of using drugs indiscriminately is exhibited in the recent death of Miss Jennie Iverson, who was married last Christmas and died suddenly Jan. 2. A solution of indigo ball supposed to be a specific for cramps was taken by her for an attack, which resulted in vomiting and death in the short space of fifteen minutes.

There is nothing amusing or profitable in supplying youth with cigarettes, when \$45 and costs was the amount Frank Hubbard, a store keeper near Rooster Rock, on the Columbia, was required to pay for selling the dainties to a minor.

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THE OREGON MONTHLY FOR DECEMBER

The Oregon Monthly for December presents quite a holiday appearance. The opening article is a description of a recent visit to Yamhill county, written by Ninetta Eames. Mrs. Eames describes this section of the state in her usual charming manner, bright anecdote and reminiscence being interspersed with valuable information regarding the resources of the country.

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