

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The Salem Statesman of December 25, has an editorial denouncing the classified civil service and examination as to fitness constituting a qualification for office. Hear it shriek: Republicanism has been victorious! The civil service law is a fraud! To the victor belongs the spoils! Then follows the usual appeal to partisan virulence and bad blood and the conclusion is drawn that the eternal vigilance of the office seeker is alone the price of liberty. Charge Chester; Charge! On Stanley, On! And he bared his breast for the spears that pierced his heart and died!

In this heroic strain the Statesman sings the glories of a partisan system exactly at a time when the Republicans boast of a more than partisan victory for the honor and integrity of the nation! McKinley's victory was won on a narrow margin by liberal use of money and a very liberal appeal to the sound money Democrats to furnish the unusual vote which McKinley got in the eastern states. It seems like a remarkable time to raise the cry for a partisan public service.

The fact is that in spite of the partisan argument the classified civil service has grown strong in the country until it embraces the entire clerical service in the postal and other departments of the government. When Mr. Bonham at Salem became postmaster he had one place to fill—his assistant, an office requiring administrative ability. The other places—some eight or ten—were as completely beyond his control so far as removals except for cause as though they had been appointments in some merchant's store. And so in all the other departments of the government.

Take the Indian school: Was there not infinite trouble and scandal until the institution was brought at last completely under civil service rules? Did not the Statesman disgrace itself by attacking Supt. Irwin's administration when it did so purely for partisan motives and because its henchmen could not be forced in there? Is not Supt. Hendrick's of the reform school holding down his place because the state board did not see fit to throw him out for partisan reasons and put in a man to learn the duties all over again at the expense of the public? Has not the same state board recently put Supt. Knight back in charge of the deaf mute school because he was the man best qualified to run it by experience and not because he was a politician? Is not Supt. Paine at the State Insane Asylum conducting that institution on civil service principles and refused to remove



That hideous and deathly demon of sickness—constipation, is an easy enough thing to cure if you take the right medicine. Constipation is one of the commonest things in the world. It is really one of the most serious things. Fully nine-tenths of all the ordinary sickness of mankind is due to this one cause. If you place an obstruction in the gutter, it will stop the flow of water, and gradually a mass of poisonous, putrefying matter will accumulate. That is exactly what happens in the digestive organs when constipation begins. Poisonous matter accumulates and is forced into the blood. It goes all over the body and causes all sorts of symptoms. A few of these are dizziness, flatulence, heartburn, palpitation, headaches, loss of appetite, loss of sleep, foul breath, distress after eating, biliousness and eruptions of the skin. These things are unpleasant, but they are not serious. The serious things come afterward. Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are for the cure of constipation. They are tiny, sugar-coated granules, easy to take, mild and efficient in their action. One is a gentle laxative, two a mild cathartic. There is nothing else in the world like them. There is nothing that takes their place. There is nothing "just as good," although lying and unscrupulous druggists may sometimes tell you so for their own profit. Do you want to lose your health so that the druggist can get rich?

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attendants and other employes to make room for place seekers, merely because they wanted places?

The Statesman is singularly blind in its appeal for the descent of the party axe and the cry that civil service is a fraud is based on the insatiable appetite of its followers—to wit the pie-counter crowd as they were sometimes facetiously referred to in the late campaign—the very crowd the public most need protection against. The civil service does not apply to the elective, administrative or executive offices. It should not; those offices should be filled by Republicans when it is in the power of the party. Beyond that the party is responsible for good economical public service. If it has places to fill the public interest requires they shall be occupied by competent persons. The whole doctrine of rewarding a man for loyalty to principles which he professes to hold in common with others for the welfare of the country is a fraud and corrupting of citizenship.

Thomas Jefferson founded a party that certainly endured attack and had the partisan instinct at its very root. He dealt with the same band of sharp, keen, hungry political parasites in 1800. Just as the law deals with them now, that the Statesman calls a fraud, Jefferson made removals for misconduct only. When he had appointments to make he appointed men who were competent, who were honest, and who had a proper respect for the constitution. He considered six or eight years long enough for a man to remain abroad in the foreign service. He ordered such to come home and become Americanized again. We commend Jefferson on civil service to our esteemed contemporary.

SCHOOL OF POLITICS.

Criticised by a Populist Because It Points Out the Dangers of Socialism.

SALEM, Dec. 27. EDITOR JOURNAL:—Will you allow me to criticize your valuable little treatise in one point that you probably overlooked. Do not think me presumptuous, as in a multitude of councils is wisdom. In your statement of the objects in writing the work, one is to "avoid the dangers of socialism." Now to the student of the subject of socialism and the universal success attending the introduction of the methods advocated by Socialists, in all countries, this is almost as absurd as to refer to the "danger" of all the people having plenty to eat and wear.

Our United States mail system is one of the applications of socialistic teachings. Municipal ownership of gas, water works and electric light plants is another socialistic scheme. Your own paper contained an item only a few days since to the effect that the city of Glasgow, Scotland, would not levy any tax this year, because the revenues from her "socialistic" railroads, gas works and water works, was sufficient to pay all the expenses of city government. England is socialistic to the extent of owning her telegraph and telephone lines and postal express and saving banks, as well as mail system like we have. Austro-Hungary goes one better in "socialism," by owning her railroads, and the result is so "dangerous" that a man can ride as far as from New York to San Francisco for five dollars of our money. And these "socialistic" railroads do not kill as many people in a year as our railroads kill in a day, comparing per thousand miles.

I could mention many, many more instances of successful application of the principles of socialism in thousands of places, but the foregoing will serve as a "hint is as good as a kick to a wise man," and I think that you will readily see the point as soon as your attention is called to it, or at least as soon as you take the trouble to look the matter up. Hoping to have not offered you and that this criticism may be taken in as kindly spirit as it is offered, I remain your well wisher. A POPULIST,

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INDEPENDENCE.

Interested in Motor Railway.

Salem Labor Exchange Proposes to Construct Same.

Interest in the early and immediate construction of a motor railway, that will bring the thriving towns of the Willamette valley into closer business communication, has been received among enterprising business men, who see in the construction of such a road that it could but benefit the entire valley, the consumer as well as the producer.

The Salem Labor Exchange has again taken charge of the matter, and by a faithful and accurate presentation of what the construction of such a road means, to the Willamette valley farmers, have caused the business men to become interested in the project.

Last week a meeting was held at Independence, where considerable interest was manifest. Providing Polk county will furnish the rails or the necessary capital with which to purchase the same, the Labor Exchange proposes to construct a motor railway between Salem and Falls City via Eola, Independence and Monmouth. If Polk county responds at once and furnishes rails for the road, that part of the line between Independence and Falls City will be built first. On the other hand if Salem raises a sufficient sum that part of the line between Salem and Independence will be constructed first. All subscriptions will be made payable in transportation and traffic over the line when completed.

The line proposed between Salem and Mill City via Shaw, Aumsville and Mehama will also be built providing the necessary capital is furnished.

It is proposed to organize a Labor Exchange at Independence.

TWO BROTHERS.—The White House restaurant is now conducted by George Bros. instead of Kenworthy & George, but the meals and service are still the best in the city. 166 State street. 12-28-2t

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Dr. Miles' Heart Cure Does It.

Mrs. Chas. La Point, a well-known resident of Denver, praises this wonderful remedy. Her testimony should convince all as to the worth of the New Heart Cure and Restorative Nerveine. Her letter dated Sept. 11th, 1896, reads as follows:



Mrs. LA POINT, 217 Humboldt St. "Typhoid fever left me with heart trouble of the most serious nature. Nothing the doctors gave had any effect. I had severe pain in the heart, and was unable to lie on my left side for more than three minutes at a time. My heart seemed to miss beats, and I had smothering spells, in which it seemed every breath would be my last. We accidentally saw an advertisement of Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure and Restorative Nerveine, and purchased a bottle of each. After taking the remedies a week, I could be lifted in a chair and sit up an hour, and in a short time I was able to do light housework. I shall be ever grateful to you for your wonderful medicines. Truly they saved my life. MRS. CHAS. LA POINT. Dr. Miles' Heart Cure is sold on a positive guarantee that the first bottle will benefit. All druggists sell it at 60c bottles for \$1.00 or it will be sent, prepaid, at \$1.50. Sent by Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

SAMPLES.

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