

The Centre Reporter.

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THE CIVIL-SERVICE REFORM BILL.

On the night of the 27 ult, the Civil Service reform bill passed the Senate. It provides for the appointment by the President, by and with the consent of the Senate, of three persons, not more than two of whom shall be adherents of the same party, who shall constitute the United States Civil-Service Commission.

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The Baltimore Day finds that Confederate bonds can readily be sold in the South at the rate of \$9 per \$1,000, and that they have recently been purchased by London bankers at as high a rate as \$9.75.

The Clinton Republican states that Judge Orvis was just fifty minutes in deliberating his charge to the jury in the Pipher murder trial yesterday afternoon.

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The Morning Patriot mentions the charter of a big coal corporation, the Clearfield bituminous coal company, with a capital of \$5,000,000.

A most singular accident, burning to death on horse-back, is reported from Louisville. Patrick O'Neill, while lighting the gasoline street lamps in the outskirts of the city, overturned a lamp, and the burning fluid poured down completely saturating his cloths and covering the horse he was riding with a sheet of fire.

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