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The Pelitical Situation Viewed From an Unprejudiced Mind.

Correspondent of the Bee.

RICHMOND, Va., August 10,-The drought mentioned in a previous letter, and extending over the Carolinas and southern Virgima is the severest portion of the city, the warehouses ton prescribed for them, I prescribed since 1845. There is practically no and factories are situated on the river fruit crop whatever, and that too in bottom, which recedes gradually till When they needed the service of a sections where large supplies of quite an elevation is reached. The physician they called one in. Baxter peaches, grapes and apples are generally raised. Corn, which, when I tiful yards. A good deal of building of the president on the morning of first went south in the early part of is going on, and new streets are being of the Sunday after the shooting, and July, was from one to three feet in laid out. The city shows no signs of say: "Bliss, I want to see the presiheight, shows no signs of growth, ex- where an occasional chimney and paralleled effrontry is characteristic cept that it has headed out and the traces of earthworks are scattered of the man. Dr. Bliss detailed stocks have matured, but with no about. The city paid dear for the the now familiar conversation between ears, and there can but be much suf- honor of being the confederate capi- Baxter and himself, concluding: 'And fering among the poorer classes the coming winter, as corn hominy is their regular standby diet. This, supplemented by hog meat and chicken, seems to be universally used among all classes. Indeed I would advise lovers of "spring chicken" to ed a large number of merchants to you are a shame and a disgrace to the go south. They will meet it regularly there twice a day, and will find darktrunk-lines in waging a war against "You're a liar," burst cut Baxter ies peddling it between meals, at rail- the water routes during the season of who was very angry. I was as cool as road stations. The negroes' penchant navigation, while they affect to "cut" a cucumber, although I looked, Reyfor fowl can easily be accounted for rates among themselves. By refer. burn said afterwards, very much dis on the ground that whatever is most plentiful is easiest to get. I had expected to luxuriate somewhat, while month amounted to only \$55,542 as pained to see you forgetting your south, in fruit and vegetables but against \$105,541 for the corresponding duties to your brother physician as a was sadly disappointed. The hotels depend upon neighborhood supply, and don't have enterprise enough to import from more favored districts time of the opening of navigation extent as to apply to me such an epithet in a place where you know I stated to \$256,357 as against cannot possibly resent it. Just here import from more favored districts

I heard remarks more than once from

The number of boats cleared on the southern guests of this import: "If canal since the opening of navigation we had a live Yankee landlord he is 2,811, and for the same period in would fix the place up and give us better fare." There are good hotels It is claimed that the prolonged south, in the cities, but as far as my scramble for freights on the part of experience goes, what are known as the competing railroads has reduced country and summer resort hotels are the volume of canal business largely miserably managed.

lina, after a three weeks visit, with a good deal of regret. It is certainly the most beautiful country in summer business has depreciated far below a social and whole souled people. I soon found myself at home wherever I visited and I am sure have a better appreciation and knowledge of the social and is that when the railroads again come to the social over them for reference after the general has departed. Gen. Sherman uses very frequently slang in indorsing official papers, and is south, and especially of the social and political relations of the people there than ever could be gained from north-ern newspapers. I met and talked with all classes of people and have somewhat reconstructed my ideas of tions. I can only limit my observathat I visited.

the most undesirable class of citizens, used for cargo. and the balance of unusually intelli- The cable company began business little violence was used; but in South season of navigation. 1876-when Hampton was the candilis feared as a competitor of its Amerdate for governor-was carried by ican rival. fraud and by the shotgun policy; that the people were determined to "run democrats are in power in all the Hayes and his successor for the bensouthern states, whether rightly or efit of Gen. Swaim and Dr. Baxter:

that slavery is dead. They acknowledge that it is far cheaper to hire labor to the president exists only in his can be hired now at \$4 per month. cer, who repeated it to me only The BEE readers can work out the a day or two since: 'Dr. money saved. Another thing, I be-Baxter's statement that he lieve the southern people are loyal to was or is our family physician is su-the government, and have no desire premely ridiculous. No physician has for a change. The sympathy for the the right to claim that he is our famibut the kindest words for him.

residence part is nicely laid out and had the audacity to come into the concontains many fine houses with beau- sultation room next to the sick-room the late war, excepts in the suburbs dent. I am his physician." tal, but like Atlanta has been rebuilt I said to him;" "All know that you and is more prosperous than ever. C.

The Erie Canal Traffic-

New York Tribune The falling off in canal traffic this object to that. You got all that your year as compared with 1880 has causrunk-lines in waging a war against ence to the statistics of canal traffic gusted, and I said, as coolly as posmonth last year, and the tolls from gentleman and a physician to such an

below the average, and that many of I left the mountains of North Carothe boatmen have been forced to the and with the finest climate I have ever paying business that forme ly went met. At no time were the days un- by the canals, but it is not a business comfortably warm and the nights were that is profitable, and the railroad simply perfect, there being no fall of war, as it is called, may be terminated dew, such as renders the tamous at any moment. It is asserted that mountain resorts of West Virginia and the present "cutting" of rates is not the present "cutting" of rates is not ments will, in the course of time, be a farther north of New York and the alone a fight for the canal business, White Mountainschilly and unhealthy. but is principally carried on in compe-The guests at the hotels were mostly southerners and were an extremely It is stated that the fight has been have to rake over them for reference treight which they now carry for alto the water route, over which it has with than any other. Almost numer-

always been transported cheapest. From present indications it is prosouthern politics and southern ques- bable that the canal traffic will again resume its importance. Individual tions to the section of North Carolina boatmen are discouraged and many will dispose of their boats at the first As far as politics are concerned, I opportunity. Others are determined found that with solitary exceptions all to practice the most rigid economy the best elements of the people were and will dispose of their animals and democrats, and the ministers, the use the cable system. Boatmen have business classes, the lawyers, and in- accepted the cable company's offer to painted a portrait of himself to be deed all the respected people in the buy their animals at a fair valuation community seemed to be solidly dem- and take pay in towing. They find ocratic. This was an anomaly to me, that the increased speed of the cable for both in Nebraska and in New towing gives greater progress, the England, my former home, a portion, abandonment of animals reduces ex-England, my former home, a portion, abandonment of animals reduces expenses, of what are called substantial people are of an opposite political all expenses are reduced, and people are of an opposite political all expenses cease while receiving or faith. In Massachusetts, for instance, delivering cargoes or waiting for betthe bulk of the democratic party is ter freights. Moreover, the space composed of the least educated and heretofore used as a stable can now be the expense of the government. Thus

gent and useful men. But in North in April, 1880 The company intends Carolina it is just the reverse, only to build a large fleet of boats and more so, for I was assured that only make itself a strong competitor for here and there was a republican who grain-carrying trade. One of the evils commanded any respect at all. View- of the Eric Canal route is that grain ing the south in this light, then, it cannot be shipped direct from Chicago seemed not only natural but right to New York. It has to be shipped that the political power should be to Buffalo, where it is reshipped, and held by the democratic party. The the chances of the market rate ruling former rule of the republican party there have to be taken. The "midthen in most of the southern dlemen" at Buffalo are much com-states was an inverted condition of plained of; their fees for securing society, waiving the question of nu- cargoes, insurance, etc., are very merical majorities, and perhaps while great, and much reduce the profits of not justifying the fraud and violence the boatmen. The boatmen, thereused to overthrow that rule, yet, as a fore, have no alternative except to run dernier resort, does not merit the their craft at a positive loss until they wholesale condemnation received at are relieved of some of the burdens, the north. In North Carolina the or tie up by the wayside until the democratic party recovered the state pool lines discontinue the annual government some years since, and but practice of "cutting" rates during the

Carolina it was for the reverse. I It is also asserted that a stronger conversed with several democratic effort will be made to secure a "free politicians from that state, and they canal" bill at the meeting of the next freely admitted that the election of legislature. The Welland canal route

they cared little for Tilden, but that A Surgical Aspect of the Spoils

System out' the state republican officials at | What may be called a surgical asany cost; and they justified their pect of the spoils system has been set course by citing the enormous rate of forth by Dr. Bliss to a correspondent of taxation, the huge steals and the of the Boston Journal. After grace universal corruption of the re-publican state officials. The surgeons of the president have known general sentiment seemed to be for some time that Dr. Baxter was that they cared little whether the inspirer of much of the published a man was a republican or not, but criticism of the surgical treatment of just as soon as he attempted to run the case, Dr. Bliss tells afresh the "nigger politics and to thrust him-self into power by "nigger" votes and to associate with them, then he was gives us this picture of the spoils sysan ostracised man socially and other tem in its application to so high an wise. As matters stand now the office as that of surgeon-general of southern question has lost its interest, the army. It will be seen that Bliss and probably will not enter into confirms the story that an arrangeanother presidential campaign. The ment existed between President

wrongly, and as far as I can judge, "Referring to Baxter, Dr. Bliss elections south are as free and open said: 'He has cooked his goose as anywhere. The republican office brown. It's overdone, in fact. He holders, under the carpet-bag regime, is not so big a man as he was aix weeks have disappeared, and with them ago, and less worthy of attention. the necessity for the violence of that Mark my words—he will never be sur-

period. The democrats will soon geon-general of the army. He ought hight among themselves, as in this never to have been talked of for the state, and then each faction will be place. It is known that he has not been interested in fair and open elections, examined for and which he probably I think the negroes south are could not fill. It was arranged to treated better and appreciated more have him mentioned for the place, but than in the north. The truth is thanks to himself, he will not hereafthey are a necessity there and ter be even mentioned. In my opinthe white people know it, and under- ion no change will occur in the surstanding the race and their characteristics, they naturally get along with them more easily. I limit this remark by "as long as they know their place." I have yet to find a man who regrets tell you another fact: Baxter's claim that alarment is the residual of "formits of the residual o than to own it. A good house servant in old times would cost \$1200. They said to the wife of a cabinet off-

president was more marked south than ly physician. Dr. Boynton, our rela north, and everywhere I heard naught tive, comes as near being our family physician as any one, and he does no Richmond has some good inhabi-tants, and is a far more beautiful city than I had suppos-ed. Most of the busi-Baxter prescribed for them, Boyn-

> are and have been for years a profesional lobbyi t, a man who has toadied to the great, attending all public officials who would accept your services gratuitously. I admit I don't services were worth. We know that "You're a liar," burst out Baxter, my son-in-law Fred forcibly expelled him. We agreed - Reyburn, Mason and my self-to hush the matter up, but Baxter vomited it about, and we had to tell the straight story to the cabinet and the family. They are

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Gen. Sherman's Slang.

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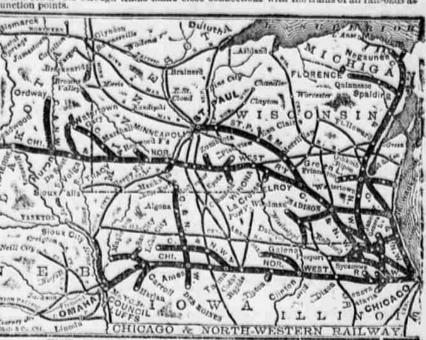
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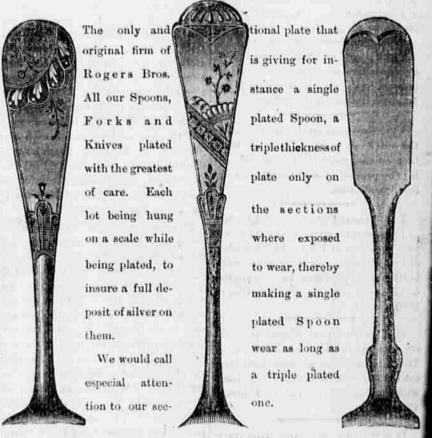
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