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Jury duty is a disagreeable task, but almost any man would be happy to drop business for a few days and serve in case a sult is instituted against General Miles by the meat packers.

Bingham for Speaker.

We said yesterday that no Pennsylvania member-elect of the Fifty-sixth congress has declared his candidacy for the speakership. We have since learned that General Bingham has consented to the presentation of his name in that connection if it shall prove acceptable to a majority of his colloggues in the Pennsylvania delega-

General Bingham is the oldest Re publican member in the house in point two terms chairman of the committee ations committee. He is now second begs leave to differ, only to Chal man Cannon on the appriations committee, a place which is regarded as fully equal in importance

through the house. He has temporarily occupied the speaker's chair on many occasions and shown a thorough knowledge of parliamentary law and legislative practice. His war record, too, is in his favor. He entered the Union army as a lieutenant when he was but 20 years of age and came out six years later a brevet brigadier He still bears on his body general. the marks of a wound he received at Gettysburg

To a representative of the Philadel-While that it complimentary, and perhaps generous. I am not sure that it reluctant to believe that money and their conclusion is correct. Whatever influence can operate to blockade or to nullify the due processes of the law, nullify the due processes of the law, to "State Board of Health, Lansing, but it is called the contrary, but it is called to the contrary, but it is called to the contrary, but it is called to your request and name and address, of staff officers, who "run the war dependenced to "State Board of Health, Lansing, but it is called the processes of the law, to "State Board of Health, Lansing, but it is called the processes of the law, to "State Board of Health, Lansing, will give an efficient army. A course, will accept any decision they may reach."

The Inquirer adds: "General Bingham's candidacy, it is confidently believen, will solidify the state's Republican delegation. With the exception of Mr. Dalzell, none of the four members mentioned by the general as available men has expressed any desire for the place. Mr. Dalzell's course in opposing the regular organization makes him an impossibility and it is believed that he will gracefully make way for the man who can secure an overwhelming number of votes in the congress caucus of the Republican representatives from Pennsylvania. That man is General Bingham. No date has yet been fixed for the caucus, but it will probably be held within a short time."

The importance of united action on the part of the Republican members a distinct advantage over most of his competitors.

is growing better and wiser is the an- Dewey dinner. nonneement in Philadelphia papers to the effect that the Keely motor is a thing of the past.

The Convict Labor Problem.

The secretary of state of New York. John T. McDonough, who for three years prior to Jan. I had been state commissioner of labor, gave before the industrial commission at Washington recently some interesting testimony concerning convict labor as tested in

Prior to January 1, 1897, the system in vogue in New York prisons was known as the piece price plan in the working of convicts. Under this plan articles were manufactured at a given price per piece, and sold in the open market, often fixing the market price. In one prison 2,500 pairs of shoes were turned out daily, at a cost of 30 cents a day for the labor. The business was regarded as profitable for the prisons. and they actually began to bid for prisoners from all parts of the country. Contractors made money out of the system, and it was said that the police were instructed in Albany, when the number of prisoners were not sufficient for the work on hand, to arrest more men, and \$100 had been offered as a special reward for a long-term prison-

er in good condition. When the new state constitution was adopted this system was changed, largely owing to Mr. McDonough's efforts. Under the changed system the number of prisoners from the city of Albany has fallen off greatly. Under the old system shoes were made for 6 and 7 cents a pair in the prison, and then went into competition in the open market with free labor. Under the provision of the constitution prepared by Mr. McDonough since the 1st of January, 1897, no prisoner is allowed to

work on anything that is sold in the open market, but the work is only furished the state and reformatory institutions. The insane asylums of the state have 23,000 inmates, and are the best customers of the prisoners. The articles are paid for, but in no case are they allowed to be sold in the market in a way to affect the price of other imitar articles. The number of prisoners now in the prisons indicates that the desire for prisoners in order to make money out of them has stopped, for in the past three years the increase of prisoners had not kept pace with the population. All the prisoners are now kept as busy as formerly and learn more trades because they do more hand work now than formerly. Under the new system there is also more opportunity to reform the prisoners, and there is not the incentive for fraud and corruption when prisoners were a source of profit to the con-

tractors. In Mr. McDonough's opinion it is absolutely necessary to keep convicts employed, even though it may not be expedient to permit the products of their labor to compete with free labor. This opinion is shared by all students of the prison problem and the time is not far distant when an idle convict will be a public shame.

Competition in the west has forced of continuous service. He was for the Pullman Palace Car company to make certain small reductions in the on post offices and post roads, and rates for sleeping car berths but offideclined the chairmanship in the Fifty- cials of that company say the reduction third congress in order that he might will not extend to eastern traffic, "as devote more time to serving his state there is no demand for a reduction in and his constituency on the appropri- the East." On this point the public

The Molineaux Case.

The failure of the second grand jury and dignity to a chairmanship. He to indict Roland B. Molineaux after secured the passage of the two-cent the indictment of the first grand jury postage bill and also the bill making to consider this strange case had been the basis of weight for letters one summarily quashed by a judge remote ounce instead of half an ounce. In from the scene of the original hearing every congress for years he superin- opens the door to some disquieting retended the passage of legislative, exe- flections. When young Molineaux was cutive and judicial appropriation bills first charged with the poisoning of Mrs. the city, naming the places of interest money could save him he would go free. The wealth and social position of the defendant, his influential family connections and the assertion that linked with this particular crime were many scandals ramifying through the high life of the metropolis all prepared the public for a legal struggle of Titanic proportions.

It does not become any outsider to affirm that in this latest disposition of the case injustice has succeeded in phia Inquirer General Bingham on scoring a signal triumph. If there ex-Tuesday said: "In view of the sen- ists a reasonable doubt of Molineaux's timent which seems to prevail in our guilt Molineaux is entitled to the benestate and our very large Republican fit of it. The fact is, however, that a representation, I am of the opinion crime of the meanest and most villainthat Pennsylvania should have a can- ous type remains unpunished. The fact Grow, Mahon, Dalzell and also is that in the original hearing Brosius are all experienced and cap- enough circumstantial evidence was able men and could administer the of- brought out to throw upon Molineaux hotels, mineral springs, mineral baths, flee with ability and safety. Several a suspicion hardly to be forgotten in and sanitaria offering special induceof my Pennsylvania colleagues have spite of the second grand jury's rever- ments for invalids to make it a great written me concerning my availability sal of the first. The public does not and urged my serious consideration of relish these twists and turns in the a pleasure resort or a health resort; a contest. As they write, they regard treatment of cases of this kind. It is me as the only member who could se- willing to look upon Molineaux as incure the united vote of our delegation, nocent in the absence of indubitable

> After his return Admiral Dewey will serve as an advisor to the president on Philippine matters. He will make a good one.

More than two years ago Captain Carter of the engineer corps was convicted by court martial of having been a party to the swindling of the government in a sum exceeding \$1,600,600, and sentenced to be dismissed from the army, to pay a heavy fine and to undergo a period of imprisonment. Several rehearings have been granted and graphs of the present-day development the sentence yet remains in abeyance. Is it not time for the president to act? If Carter is innocent, his suspense should end: if guilty, the sooner he is landed in jail the better.

Inasmuch as the British delegates to the czar's peace congress have agreed of the Pennsylvania delegation is to co-operate with the American deleapparent. If General Bingham can gates in advocating a plan for internasecure this in his own behalf he will tional arbitration, the czar has only enter the race for the speakership with to pull the strings to make his congress wind up in a blaze of glory.

Boiled canned roast beef will prob-Another indication that the world ably not be on the menu of the \$100

> In the matter of gastronomical simplicity Dewey raises Jefferson \$90 a

The Filipinos are weakening but the "antis" will probably talk on forever,

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrolube Cast: 2.25 c. m., for Thursday, May 11, 1899.

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A child born on this day will not take much stock in a man who does not be-leve that he is better than his neighbor. Street cleaners evidently believe that we "want the earth" in the form of dust. The councils insist that the new fire department chief must be able to distinguish the difference between east-iron

trolley poles and rubber hose. The work of the umpire at Athletic ark these days is becoming as hazardous s the famous charge up San Juan hill, Borrowed trouble is often more annoy ing to our neighbors than the unsolicited

Insomnia and dyspepsin are responsible for many reform movements.

UNANSWERED.

"Is that God's ribbon in the sky To tie the world's together?"
A sweet child asked On seeing Nature's rainbow-helt Worn after rainy weather, "Or is it some of heaven's light A-peeking through the floor
Or at the open door;
I wish I knew,
Don't you?"

She paused a moment, Wondered, thought; Then, with a long-drawn sigh, Was heard the old, old cry, "I wish God told us more, -Elizabeth Porter Gould,

Transcript,

Late Developments in Literary World.

story by Randall Irving Tyler, entitled "The Blind Goddess." There is, it evolution in murder stories as Date," and said the book was clever though perhaps weighted down with business transactions, will find in "The Blind Goddess," just issued, a novel drawn in a new vein, but full of dramatic climaxes. To bring home the thoughts it contains to many who never read murder stories, inoidents are used familiar to all who have followed the recent poison cases. The prosecuting officer's theory of the crime, the appalling accusation of the innocent daughter of one of the murdered men, the web of circumstan-tial evidence around and against a man of unblemished character, who is also accused, the defenceless position both of these people occupy before the coroner, the subsequent indictment without a hearing before a magistrate-all these things make the reader think. The underlying motive for the crime introduces a diversion in the person of an adventuress, for whose presence no apology is offered, as it turns out that she is the real culprit.

A most attractive little volume has just been issued by Messrs. Laird & Lee, which is sure to be a conspicuous object in the hands and overcoat pockets of the many thousands of Americans, whose thoughts are now turned toward "Paree" and whose persons will be on the pilgrimage in 1900. You want to know how to get to Paris, how to find your way in Paris after you get there, how to avoid a con-flict with the dreaded custom house officers, how to order a dinner or a cat, a hair-cut or a bath, etc., etc. Ail this, and much more, the book teaches, giving the French pronuncia tion of each word. There is a full list of all the sights of Paris and the suburbs, with pronunciation marked, 23 maps of the municipal districts of Adams there were intimations that if situated in each. An official plan in colors of the exposition grounds, 12 half-tones of famous landmarks, and a colored map giving the railroad distance and time to Paris from all directions, supplemented by a table of railroad fares from forty-eight important European cities. There is a telegraph code, a French-slang dictionary, hints on passports and notes on the exposition. Blank pages for addresses, cash account, etc., make the "guide" a true pocket volume.

The Michigan state board of health has recently issued an official publication, setting forth, by photographs views throughout the state, the facts showing the desirability of the state as a summer resort, and its value as a health resort. The publication is a beautiful directory of Michigan's summer resort localities, with a suficient description of localities, routes, convenience to persons who seek either and, as the work is official, it should be a valuable guide to the finding of a place to spend the summer months among pleasant and healthful sur-

Is the day coming when we shall ook our own food at our own tables; when all we shall have to do is to attach a wire to the electric fixture overhead, and on a neat slab, heated by electricity, cook eggs, steaks, and cakes exactly to suit our own tastes. to say nothing of the enjoyment of having everything fresh and steaming hot? Miss Anna Leach's article in the May Cosmopolitan on "Science in the Model Kitchen" is interesting to house keepers from a hundred points of view, as well as in its suggestion of the electric cooking of the future. Photoin electric cooking are given with the article, besides the interiors of the kitchens of many noted houses,

"A Double Thread" is the title of the new novel by Ellen Thorneycroft Fowler, author of "Concerning Isabel Carnaby." which is to be published shortly by D. Appleton & Co. The brilliancy of "Concerning Isabel Carnaby" s said to be accentuated in this new novel, which, moreover, will be found to epresent even more distinctly a storytelling purpose. There is a peculiar plot, with certain most unexpected developments, and the author's ingenuity in construction is no less apparent than the wit, incisiveness, and intense modernity of her dialogue. The new novel deals for the most part with English country-house life.

Hon. John D. Long, secretary of the navy, is the author of a very notable contribution to the forthcoming (June) number of Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly. It is entitled "The Building of the New Navy," and is illustrated with nearly forty elaborate pictures and official plans, showing types of all the classes of United States war ressels, from the torpedo boats and lestroyers to the most formidable firstclass battleships, such as the new Maine, the Kearsarge and the Kentucky.

In view of our recent acquisitions in the colonial line, a paper by Oscar P. Austin, chief of the United States bureau of statistics, in the May For-"The Colonies of the World and How They Are Governed," is particularly apropos. Mr. Austin describes the methods of colonial governnent adopted by the principal colonizing countries of the world, and gives his reasons for assuming that our new possessions will prove a good investment commercially.

The authorship of the "Etchingham Letters," which has been running anonymously as a serial in The Living Age since the first of January, is now lisclosed. The letters are the joint work of Mrs. Fuller Maitland and Sir Frederick Pollock, a combination which goes far to account for their range and cleverness. The publication in The Living Age is by a special arrangement with the authors. The letters will soon be published in book

The last literary work, of the late George Parsons Lathrop, an American romance called "The Elmtop Mystery," s to be published serially in The Gentiewoman, the first instalment appear ing in the May issue. Among other important contributors to the May issue is General B. F. Tracy, ex-secre-

tary United States navy, who writes a valuable article on what the law has to offer to men and women seek-

ing a vocation in life. Imperial Democracy is the title of a rew book by David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford Junior university, which is to be published soon by D. Appleton & Co. The book well as in everything else. Those who is said to present a series of striking read Tyler's "Four Months After studies of the subjects so much disstudies of the subjects so much discussed at present.

> A new edition of Conkling's successful "City Government in the United States," with an appendix containing a list of questions for teachers, has just been issued by the Messrs. Apple-

A CHANGE IS NEEDED.

From the Philadelphia Press, The report of the beef court of inluct of the war and it ought to begin the reform of the staff departments of the army. A worse picture of division, disorganization and demoralization could not be given than the revelations of this court of the working of the commissary department. Under the permanent staff system, the commissary department had at its head a man of 58 without experience in the field. General Eagan was willful, ignorant and untrained. He had been proved in court martial proceedings reckless, violent and insubordinate. He had never shared in the feeding of any Stuyvesant Publishing company, New York.

large body of men and he was without special knowledge of the tropics, the rations operations there needed, or the best mode of supplying them.

> Yet under our army staff system this concelted, hide-bound, routine-numbed man had independent control of the selection, purchase and supply of rations For years he had had nothing to do with work in the field. He had sat at a desk the year round and signed papers until all military capacity, if he ever had any, was gone out of him. No general in the field had any control over him. He was independent of the commanding general of the army. He reported to the secretary of war, but events and experience have conclusively proved that this check was worse than worthless. A ment is in the hands of the war depart-ment is in the hands of the heads of staff bureaus. General Eagan was able to defy experience. He perpetrated the "colossal error" of providing canned beef for the staple ration of the army at Sun-tlago. On his own individual order he bought 2 759 229 pounds without increase. ought 2,759,272 pounds without inspec-ion. The total supply procured was three or fourfold the needs of the army. The canned beef ration had never been tested. It was adopted on one man's order, without consultation, without experiment, against the general opinion and past practice of the army, and under our army staff system no general head of the army was responsible. This "colossal error" passed in the war de-partment without question. No one chal-lenged it. No one interfered with it. It was possible for one man, and a man like General Eagan, to rain the supply of ood to an entire army. The commandng general, Major General Miles, had experience but no authority. The sec-retary of war had authority but no ex-perience. Under the army system of adependent and permanent staff departments the army ration was altered and ruined, and no one in actual charge of the fighting knew it until the chief mishief was done past remedy.

> A system like this needs to be torn up by the roots. The staff departments need to be reorganized and placed under the lirect control and responsibility of the head of the army. Patronage and polities in staff appointments need to be abolished. The secretary of war ought to be placed in his proper position as the civilian adviser of the president through whom orders are transmitted, and deprived of direct control of statt and their positions for personal ends. A general staff on the German plan needs to take the place of the clique and cabal forms will give an efficient army. A nefficiency of the past year and many

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ing to manage the yacht myself in a northeast gale. I did not have an

opportunity to est properly, consequently my stomach was very tired, so that when I did eat I ate too much, and that resulted in a condition

which was followed by severe neuralgia in my head. My experience

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had previously taught me that possibly the trouble might be cemedied by treating the stomach. Before I had taken the third Tabule my neu-ralgia had gone, and I was feeling pretty well. I had neuralgia very bed but I could feel those Tabules were working upon my digestive organs, and as they worked my head improved in tympathy."

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