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When space will permit, The Tribune is always glad to print short letters from its friends bearing on current topics...

Preparations for the welcome of the visiting postmen next week are progressing with commendable rapidity...

Judge Archbald's Candidacy.

In view of the public interest which has been excited by the political developments of the past few days, it seems timely to review the reasons why Lackawanna county solicits from the delegates of other counties to the Republican state convention...

These thoughts suggest themselves in connection with the very careful review of the last issue of Harper's Weekly from the pen of its Manila correspondent, John F. Bass...

Was Mayor Mohr's inaugural promise of a non-political police force merely an illudens dream?

The Gospel of Common Honesty.

I like the hired man who takes an interest in his job. The man who takes an interest in getting a month's wages is not worth the same wages as the man who does his work well for the satisfaction of having done it well.

The Walter Wellman expedition achieved glorious results in the way of thrilling experiences that will read well in magazine literature, but science will probably be obliged to continue guessing for some time yet in regard to the situation at the north pole.

country only from such imperfect maps (any officer in the army can testify how imperfect these maps are) as he has been able to pick up from Spanish sources.

The street commissioner should notify the men who clean out sewer holes not to dump the sewer juice on smoking hot pavements, to pollute the air for yards about.

The Philippine Situation.

When the round robin of the Manila war correspondents was published it was announced in the name of the administration at Washington that it would be ignored.

Another error, now everywhere recognized as such, was the failure to hold captured territory. "When General Anderson first took Pasig in December," says Mr. Bass, the president was formally surrendered to the town.

Excuses for these mistakes abound. The problem was a new one; the territory and the people were unfamiliar; our government's ultimate intentions were undefined; every difficulty was extraordinary emphasis and many unique difficulties were met that had to be solved through experience.

The Paris paper which recites outside interest in the Dreyfus case forgets that all civilization is interested in the maintenance of justice.

Railroads reports of unprecedented passenger travel are a natural consequence of high-water prosperity.

The worry lest Thomas E. Reed should go back to congress and fight his party is unmitigated nonsense.

Should Dreyfus be again convicted without evidence of guilt, what then?

SELECTED POETRY.

Old Fashioned Hollyhocks. Good old-fashioned flower that seems Linking us to bygone dreams.

And we hear the honey bees Singing at their work, as they Sip the hidden sweets away.

Once again we see a face Touched with sweet maternal grace Bending over the flowers she Watched and cared for lovingly.

And we see another there At a neighbor farmhouse, fair As the sweetest flower that grew.

There amid the flowers we Sat one summer evening, she And I, and the honey bees.

Three gay little kittens, named Black, White and Grey, From their own cozy corner once wandered away.

The kitty-cats frolicked and gambolled, and ran, And cut up such capers as only cats can.

"We're out for a high time," the kitty-cats said; And they danced a few quicksteps; turned heels over head.

With joy, their warm corner the runaways spied; And when they were nestled by old Catkins' side.

In Haying. Ephrum Wade sat down in the shade And took off his haymaker hat, which he laid.

On a tussock of grass; and he pulled out the plug That jauntily gagged the old iron-stone jug.

My rule durin' hayin's more cider, less grub. I take it, sah, wholly to stiddy my nerves.

Then Ephrum Wade reclined in the shade And patiently gazed on the hay while it "made."

FRENCH JURISPRUDENCE.

Editor of The Tribune. Sir: In your editorial of last Saturday "The Dreyfus case an object lesson in the history of justice," you speak of an Anglo-Saxon court-martial, the jury is absolutely impartial, etc.

As to the criminal procedure of French courts in general, it is not so much against the accused as you think. Two points specially give him more fighting chances than in an American court.

Now, any lawyer will tell you that too often the judge is not entirely impartial, that being accustomed to deal with criminals, he sees too often a guilty man in an accused one, and that his influence being very great to a jury, he injures the best efforts of the attorney for the defense.

Second—The lawyer for the defense has the right to speak last. This is for the accused an immense advantage for, as the French proverb says: "C'est celui qui parle le dernier qui a toujours raison."

body of appointed judges sitting as a jury. Their function is not essentially different from that of an ordinary jury sitting as judges of evidence.—Editor Tribune.

PERSONALITIES.

General Lawton is a constant smoker, and even while under fire generally has a cigar in his mouth.

Miss Margaret Long, daughter of the Governor Roosevelt while at his country home, takes recreation after the manner of Gladstone, and has become an expert at falling trees.

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