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Justice of the Supreme Court—J. HAY BROWN, of Lancaster. Judge of the Superior Court—JOSIAH R. ADAMS, of Philadelphia. State Treasurer-LIEUTENANT COL-ONEL JAMES E BARNETT, of

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

Election day, Nov. 7.

To feed the 250,000 destitute people in Porto Rico until their crops can be gathered will take, one estimate says, at least \$125,000, or about one-fourth the sum which the people of New York city expect to spend on the reception of Admiral Dewey. It is all right to honor Dewey but don't forget that there are others,

Europe's Cancer.

An interesting report, originating in Paris, says that the Italian and German governments have been consult ing on the question of whether they will send to France all the documents they possess bearing on the Dreyfus trial and thus make clear and indisputable the identity of the French traitors. The story goes that Italy favors such a course, but Emperor William takes the ground that Germany, having definitely announced that she never had any dealings with Dreyfus, does not feel called upon further to interfere in a purely French matter.

However the facts may be as to this, the testimony on Sturday certainly gives to the Italian government an excellent opportunity to make public what it knows touching Dreyfus. Here we had positive testimony from a reputable source that the Italian military attache wired after Dreyfus' arrest that the French spy under that government's pay had been warned. The inference from such a message is that Dreyfus had no guilty relations with Italy. Acquitted in that quarter and declared by Germany to be innocent so far as machinations with Germany are concerned, there remains to be shown a reasonable suspicion of his guilt in any direction. Such a suspicion has yet not been justified by the production of evidence in open court and consequently the occasion is opportune for some European power like Germany or Italy to overturn the whole rotten conspiracy by exposing the real traitors in the general interest of humanity

and justice. A cleaning up of the Dreyfus affair, with a lifting of the lid off the fermenting mass of continental intrigue. would be for the best interests of all Europe. Civilization would be the gainer by it and it would contribute to peace and progress. A cancer in one part of Europe is a menace to all parts nd self-interest, therefore, as well as justice, should predispose both Germany and Italy to withhold nothing in the interest of truth.

The Cologne Gazette advises Gerley policy of oppression and greed by supporting Tom Reed for presiof its impudence.

General Butler on the Race Problem.

Ex-Senator and former Major General M. C. Butler, who commanded for a time at Camp Alger, has delivered an opinion upon the race problem which is of interest proportional to his conceded ability as a statesman and student.

General Eutler condemns lawlessness "The poor white men who have to earn their bread by the sweat of their faces, cannot compete with cheap negro labor. To attempt to do so, implies their degradation and ultimate destruction or expatriation. One race must go to the wall, and with the kindest feelings of good will toward the negro, I must side with my own race. Two races cannot live together In peace, on terms of equal, civil and political rights, and the sooner we realize that, the better for both races, The separation of the races is the only solution of the terrible problem. The government of the United States ought. to appropriate \$100,000,000 and duplicate it as often as necessary to assist the negroes in settling a colony to themselves. This was done for the Indians when they could not live at peace with whites. A temporary inconvenience by the negro leaving the country might result, but the whites would meet the emergency. The methods of the negro do not justify an attempt to lift him up by increased wages. So long as the races are in lmmediate contact on present terms lynchings, whitecappings, mob law, every form of lawlessness, will constuntly menace society, obstruct pro-

gress and keep up a state of anxiety." General Butler is not alone in this opinion. It is shared by some of the most intelligent negroes and there seems to be a marked drift of careful opinion toward acceptance of this remedy. The expatriation of the negro would be a gigantic undertaking well calculated to challenge the ingenuity and material resources of our government, but that in time it might he accomplished with small suffering and ultimate advantage to those chiefly "concerned is not incredible. All would depend upon the spirit in which

the experiment should be undertaken suffable destination fitted physically and in opportunities for the negro's growing.

fusure occupation. But in any event this is a remote the fickro where and up he is the rights | ways existed among the more intelli-

in the law and in the conscience of class, but there is no reason to be- HUMAN NATURE STUDIES. our government. It is not enough to say that the negro is underpaid, that he is indigent, that lawlessness is dependent republic. This is an ideal bound to mark him for its victim. These truths are well understood. Back of them lies a duty which, if fearlessly performed, would modify for the better, if not entirely eliminate, the serfourness of the outlook. The negro can be taught. He can be elevated He can be qualified for higher wages and trained to live decently and in order. Proof of this exists in almost every American community, in the persons of negroes who have been taught and elevated, who are earning good wages fairly on their merits and who live decently and in order. If General Butler wants to improve upon existing onditions in the south why not get to work at the problem in its immediate aspects and turn the hose on the ignorant and criminal white trash prejudice which is trying its level best to keep the negro down?

A farmers' trust, talked of in Kansas, is of course impossible. The farming industry is too widespread to be cornered. The project of uniting in a monster combination the grain growers of the Mississippi valley, for the purpose of controlling the supply of cereal food and making prices to order, is feasible on paper only. But that such a scheme should be seriously considered shows how far the trust bacillus has worked itself into the body politic.

An Inspector Who Inspects.

The report of Lieutenant Colonel Philip Reade, who recently went to Havana for the War department to inspect the Second artillery, is a good specimen of what a military inspector's report ought to be. Colonel Reade trayeled with his eyes open, told fearlessly what he saw and made his observations the basis of many practical and timely suggestions. The Second artillery has been in Havana since last January yet, says the inspector, probably 1,000 of the 1,305 enlisted men in it have never fired a ball cartridge from the weapon furnished them by the United States for offensive purposes, in spite of the fact that the regiment is armed and equipped as infantry. There may have been excuse for this while the regiment was actively engaged in police and patrol work, but Colonel Reade points out that on February 28 last the reorganization of the city and ural police force of Havana largely elieved the regiment from these onerus duties, and he pungently adds:

'It is claimed that there has been no ange, or time or opportunity for intruction in or prosecution of small rms firing, or any other class of firing. y even the recruits of this regiment Further: That it is not the fault of any officer or man that three-fourths of the United States soldiers are so woefully unacquainted with the highest use of their rifles, viz., to shoot hitting, with measurable accuracy, what they are told to shoot at. This feature of a soldier's education is too important to be longer neglected. A soldier is armed so that in battle he can hurt somebody. What a tool is to a workman, a rifle should be to a soldier. The elements of small arms can be acquired indoors. The prescribed course of instruction indicates the preliminary drills and exercises for the instruction of the individual soldier. It company, troop or battery officers to see that sighting drills, position and man-Americans to oppose the McKin- aiming drills, and gallery practice with reduced cartridges be had by every uninstructed man, coupled with measurdent. The Cologne Gazette will need ing and estimating distances. Actual a microscope to discover the effects range practice should follow. Reports should be made monthly by every company, troop or foot battery commander as to the nature and extent of instruction given in small arms practice. A suitable small arms range, where short range, mid-range and skirmish firing can be had, is a necessity second to no other class of a soldier's duty. An officer should be detailed to take charge of small arms practice. A range officer should be appointed and required to and violence unsparingly but adds; make timely estimates for the material and labor required to place the range in condition for the target season, as well as the selection of the range location of the different firing points. It is a crime to send men into action who are unacquainted with the capacities of their weapons.. The ability to shoot well is the ultimate of a soldier's duty. On the battle field of the future the soldier who has not received the marksman's training will be as useless as a woman. A soldier sallying forth to war armed to the teeth with a toothpick, or an inflated bladder, could not be more useless. Good rifte shots are not born such; they are made such by training and intelligent practice. It is an obligation of the government to

give to its regular soldiers the best and latest model of firearms of protection." The report of Colonel Reade touches with equal frankness upon other phases of the soldier's life. He points to defects in the army ration and, not only that, he recommends specific remedy, For the Cuban climate he would discontinue the ordinary beef issue and substitute fish and dried fruit components. He complains that medical officers do not instruct the line officers | for 17-year-old girls. and men as they should in first aid to the injured, camp sanitation, military hygiene, etc., and he would make in struction in these matters compulsory on the part of both officers and men. He would turn camps of rendezvous into centers of education in all the components of successful soldiering and especially would be emphasize the sol-

dler's duty to know how to shoot. From this brief synopsis we see that intelligent army inspection is possible and useful and from it we learn where the army can be strengthened with benefit to itself and to the country.

An Austrian paper notes a growing desire on the part of Europeans to see the Philippines exchanged for West and in the care exercised to provide a Indian islands. There is nothing for such a desire to do but to keep on

contingency. More immediate and sentiment for annexation is growing tangible is the prolim of securing to rapidly is probably untrue. It has al-

lieve that the imagination of the masses has ceased to dream of an ininextricably Ingrained in the Cuban soul-a passion like to that which actuated the searly crusaders. The demand for annexation will come after independent republicanism has been subjected to a disillusionizing trial.

Mr. Bryan's decision to stump Kentucky for Goebel, the gold bug, and thus to snub his silverite friends who are behind the bolt of Brown, illustrates the misfortunes of a man whose enthusiasm is superior to his judgment. The politic course for a man in Ervan's position would seem to be to keep still and avoid family quarrels, yet Bryan talks incessantly and mixes in wherever he gets a chance,

The Sultan of Sulu. The nature of the treaty entered into by our government with the sultan of Sulu disposes of the absurd claim that our war in the Philippines is a war of conquest. The Sulu archipelago, lying toward the southern limits of the Philippine group, is a series of islands inhabitated by Mohammedan tribes, some partly but the majority wholly uncivilized. It was nominally under the sovereignty of Spain but no Spanlard had done more than casually visit its chief ports and the interior of the islands was and is virtually an unknown land. The archipelago is ruled actually by a sultan, who may be likened to an Indian chief in absolute ommand over warlike serfs, and it became necessary to pacify him in order to leave the American authorities free to concentrate energies upon the problem of Luzon. To this end a treaty was drawn and after six weeks of negotiations on the part of General Bates it was accepted by the Sulu potentate, signed, scaled and delivered. It establishes American sovereignty and the American flag over the Sulu

group; authorizes American occupa-

tion and control of such points as may be demanded by the public interest; provides that any person by obtaining the sultan's consent may purchase land for due compensation; guarantees the rights of the sultan and native chiefs; establishes non-interference with religious customs and beliefs together with non-persecution on account of religion; ordains free trade in domestic products when conducted by natives under the American flag; gives to the sultan privilege of communication of grievances direct to the governor general at Manila: forbids the introduction of firearms save on the governor general's consent; pledges the sultan to suppress piracy; gives to the native government right to try time."-Law Notes. all natives for crimes, punishment to be administered by the Americans: enables slaves to purchase their freedom; pledges the American authorities to make faithful investigation of complaints before resorting to harsh measures; commits the sultan to offer native escorts to Americans wishing to investigate the interior; binds the United States to protect the sultan in the event of any foreign nation attempting any imposition on him; stipulates that the United States will not sell the archipelago without the sultan's consent, and arranges a scale of subsidies for the sultan and his chiefs | himself. to them by Spain. The sultan is to get \$250 a month in Mexican money should be made part of the duties of his three chief subordinates \$75 each. three others \$60 each, one other \$40 and one \$15 a month-a total cost, in our money, of about \$350 a month for the keeping of peace in a scattered area containing some of the most troublesome specimens of barbarian human-

ity on the records of the race It will be perceived that this treaty contains not a line of conquest. It leaves native customs and native rights undisturbed but intelligently provides for the rights of civilization as these shall from time to time arise. We want nothing from the sultan but good order and fair play and we are willing to give him in exchange for these a our protectorate. Unlike some of our treaties with the Indians in years gone by this treaty will be kept, because there is no surrounding circle of unscrupulous whites coveteous of the Moro possessions and anxious to manufacture pretexts for attack, spoliation and theft. The arrangement compacts but judged in the light of expediency, duty and necessity it offers a hopeful proof of American capacity to meet unexpected emergencies fairly and well.

The sad case of shooting at Franklin the other morning when a young girl who attempted to gair entrance to a neighbor's house was shot for a burglar, offers a warning to young people who keep late bours. The victim of the shooting, a girl of 17, had been out to a church social and unable to arouse her own family upon her return at 2 o'clock in the morning, knocked at the door of a neighbor across the street and received a 2 o'clock in the morning are no place

of divorce legislation among the various states Judge Brewster of Connectient says: "A man ought to be able to know whether he is married or not in this country." It is an exceptional loafers away from the fronts of their wife who will not let her husband know that.

Mr. Kipling's failure to produce a paem on Oom Paul and the Transyaal move on to a more inviting resting place. situation has doubtlers been due to the difficulty experienced in finding a word that will rhyme effectively with fault. There is plenty of work to be done

The Philadelphia Press censuring Colonel Barnett for party irregularity reveals a vein of humor fit for comic

The official Dewey programme in New York will contain no advertising. The report from Havana that Cuban That may properly be left to the daily

Chicago, they say, is "wide open." and opportunitive guaranteed to him | gent and substantial property-owning | It must resemble Scranton.

Would Beg to Be Killed.

The hon, warment wormann, long state reasurer of Texas, was in a New York jewelry store one day when he noticed a snowcase filled with splendid jeweled rewith sliver and gold grips and chased barrels, having precious stones set into the butts "Lemme see one of those guns," he said to the clerk, "Which one, sur?" "The gold one with the big ruby in the handle." The clerk took it from the case. It was marked \$300 and it looked even worth more, says the Chicago News. The Texan took it tenderly in both hands and held it admiringly up the light. Then drawing himself up to his full height, which was six feet and a half, he rested the revolver upon his left elbow, crooked for the purpose, and looked over the sights down the long store. Those persons who saw involuntarily dodged, "Say," said Mr. Wortham, with quiet but intense enthusiasm, as he returned the weapon, "if I was to wear that gun down in my state the people would be falling down on their knees beg-ging to be killed with it."

You Can't Always Tell.

"Morning extra! An across one acci-int!" the newsboys were shouting trough the crowd. 'No, I don't want a paper," said Harris, indifferently; "these newsboys make me tired; they're always yelling out some catch headline to sell the paper, and there's usually nothing in it that one cares anything about."

one cares anything about."
"Terrible accident, wasn't it?" said
his friend as they were scated in a cafe
a few mements later.
"Don't know-was it?" answered Harris, still indifferent. Yes; train running out of New York at Il last night-'

'Not wrecked?"
'Yes, and three coaches burned, the ngineer killed-" "Let me see the paper!" demanded Harris excitedly. The look of auxiety upon his face was puinful as he nervously scanned the list of dead and wounded.
"Thank God," he thought as he breathed a deep sigh of relief, "she is safe."-Detroit Free Press.

Making It Pleasant for Him. "I don't see," said the old man, "why chopping wood isn't just about as good exercise and just as enjoyable as play-

"It is the walking between strokes that makes golf so valuable an exercise," ex-plained the boy. "That equalizes matters and gives the legs the exercise that they

Thus it happened that the old man went out into the yard and placed sticks of wood at intervals all around it, after which he handed the boy an ax and told him to play the full course,-Chicago

He Left for Parts Unknown.

In a murder trial in Dallas, Tex., the other day the counsel for the defense was examining a venireman regarding his qualifications to serve. The candi-date admitted that he had once been a member of a jury which tried a negro for murder. It is not permissible in such cases to ask the result of the trial, so the counsel said:

"Where is that negro now?"
"I don't know," was the reply, "The sheriff hanged him at the appointed

NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

Millions of bone dice are annually imported from France. The state of Nebraska has invested \$1.

00,000 in voting machines. Missouri recently shipped forty carloads of live chickens to Hawait.

Ethnologists now declare the Aziecs to have been of Semetic origin. The highest death rate in the world is in a small sub-division of Bombay. The Lombards introduced the custom of charging interest for the use of money. A new automobile is being built for the

Those without occupations have th longest life expectation, according to mortality tables.

Prince of Wales, who will operate it

Ex-Governor L. Bradford Prince. Santa Fe. N. M., has over 1.000 Pueblo Indian stone idols. Japanese swords have the high temper of the famous Damascus blades without

their wonderful flexibility. Asiatics who are addicted to immed ease resembling locomotor ataxia. A company has been formed in France

to further exploit the production of Pro-fessor Moisson's artificial diamonds. There is reported to be a horse 61 ears old in the private stables of a gen tleman at Passy, in the suburbs of Paris, A New York physician is perfecting an rays from sunlight for consumption treat-

"The Society of the Big Knife" is the to give him in exchange for these a name of an oathbound society in China cash income and the advantages of formed for the purpose of exterminating all foreigners.

During periods of nervousness the Turkish sultan restricts himself to a boiled egg diet because this food cannot A reduction of four shillings a word in

the cable rates between South Africa and England has been announced, to take effect on September 1

tion and theft. The arrangement Ancestors of Presidents Tyler, Lin-may seem strange because our people coln, Hayes and Cleveland were among have not been accustomed to such Major John Mason's band of thirty-five ioneers who founded Norwich, Conn. Scientists declare that the physical deerioration of the human race, which has been going on for centuries, has ceased and a gradual improvement commenced.

The little town of Morehead, Kan., has co-operative hotel, laundry, hall, creamery and canning factory and a co-opera-tive dining hall, with several co-operative farms nearby; Among the pets of the Mexican presi

dent is a large bug of rare species. It was elaborately hand-painted and gilded by an artist, and remains lively, despite its ornate covering.

The elevator originated in Central Euern necessity is made in a letter of oleon I addressed to his wife, the Arch-

Masked pitfalls of quicksand occur in the dry plains of Arizona and are covered builet which caused her death. Church socials that are not dismissed until been spread over them in fine particles by the wind and baked dry by the sun.

The island of Heligoland, scarcely three miles in circumference, rising abruptly In commenting upon the disparity ling away and effacing itself in the waves more rapidly than any other place equal size known to scientific observation. Several saloonkeepers in Manchester.

> places of business on Sunday. Early ev-ery Sunday morning the window silis and doorsteps are treated to a fresh coat of paint. This prevents the loafers from dropping into an easy posture, and they The secretary of the Kansas Society of at fair wages. Of course, the laboring men will continue the effort to secure hgiher wages, because many of them are not receiving as much as they should; but

> at this time there is plenty of work at a fair price." Ignorance of the law on the part of a James and the law and the part of a lawyer is not tolerated in Chicago, where John McCormick, an attorney, has just been fined \$50 and sentenced to thirty days in jail. He incurred the wrath of the court and of the members of the Chicago Bar association by a display of ignorance in a suit in which he was acting a course. as counsel. He filed a document puport-ing to be a demurrer, which was irregular and not in proper form.

PERSONALITIES.

George Meredith, the novelist, is again in poor health. Moreover, his deafness is rapidly growing worse, and he can now hear nothing without the use of an ear

swimmer. When the steam house-boat London touched at Atlantic Highlands the other day Mr. Croker entertained a large crowd by diving several times from

A more curious series of coincidence could hardly happen than that which in-volves the names of the two watchmer at Blackwall Pier, Liverpool. Mr. Day is on duty during the day and Mr. Knigh at night.

Dr. Enrique Cuevas, a member of or of the leading families of Chile, and an attache of the Chilean embassy at Washington, is making a tour of the country for the purpose of studying its medical and dental schools.

An item in the regulation of the house hold of the little King of Spain, who is now staying at San Sebastian, is the supply of the daily drinking water. The necessary amount is sent every night by train from a famous spring in Madrid. The Society of Sons of Vermont ha one for the purpose of creeting a statue of Admiral Dewey on the porch of the Vermont State House, at Montpelier. Branch societies in various states have been called men to contribute.

It is not generally known that Richard Mansfield started in life in London as a painter. He had poor luck, however, and often used to spend his meal hours outside of restaurant windows instead of behind them. This he now humorous-ly refers to as "dining on smells."

Among his other accomplishments, it is claimed for Emile Zola that he is one of the more expert amateur photographers in Europe. Zola still refuses to wear the gold badge offered to him by friends for his defense of Drevfus, but wants it deposited in the Credit Lynonnais until

General Function's mail is probably the largest in the Philippines. There are quantities of letters of congratulations from friends and strangers, requests for autegraphs, political advice, sample cl-gars, which seek to bear his name, stocks of newspaper clippings and count-less gifts of every description.

Colonel C. S. B. Parsons, who has been made a knight commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, in recog nition of his recent services in Egypt, is the officer who took Kassala from the Italians on behalf of the British govern-ment. He also inflicted the final blow mon the Dervish army at Gedaref twenty days after Omdurman.

Until recently only a willow tree under which Commodore Perry was buried marked his grave. Now eight cannon have been arranged about the historic tree, one of which is named for the man whom it honors. The others are named whom it honors. The others are named for Lieutenant Garland, Captain Fannis Lieutenant Stokes and Commodore Bare lay, of the British navy, and Lieutenant Brooks, Midshipman Lunt and Midshipman Clark, Americans, who died in the battle of Lake Erle.

ENGLISH PROVERBS.

Suspicion has a key that fits every lock. himney smokes. If you give me a knife give me a fork

Give me a drink, but dreach me not, A hole in the purse, and the cupboard he worse. The fuller the hand the harder to hold. Stroke the dog, but beware of his bite. Heap on the coals and put out the fire.

The fool kept the shell and threw away One cock is sure to crow if he hears In comes the fiddler and out goes the

The shorter the wif the longer the word. Saw off any branch that you are sitting My partner ate the meat and left me

If you break your bowl you lose your Don't wait until it is dark until you light the lamp.

Every bell must ring its own tune.

If you shoot one bird you scare the whole flock. Beware of pride, says the peacock. You must shut your eyes if the dust blows in your face.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrolabe Cast: 5.34 a. m., for Monday August 28, 1889. 9 25 A child born on this day will notice that it is difficult for the reporter with an ab-

normal news instinct to avoid becoming a veritable "rubberneck." The man who is noisy in advocating the latest fad is an enthusiast. When against it he usually is considered a erank.

The truly wise man will allow his tal

ents to become known through the efforts of a press bureau. A chair combine is the latest. It is about time to sit on the trusts. The remarks of a fool are always more olerable when one's liver is in good or-

Ajacchus' Advice. Cross-eyed people should avoid mar-

riage on this day. Never tell a-man anything "for his own good" unless it is something pleasant.

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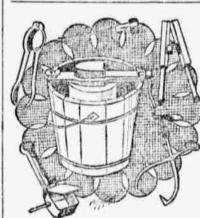
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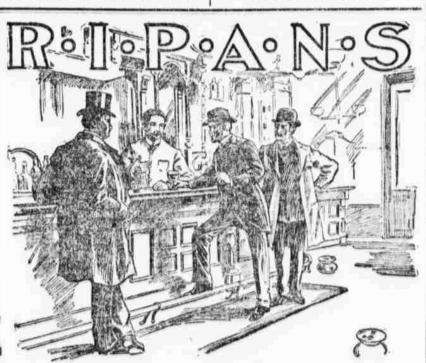
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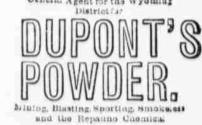
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