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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

Justice of the Supreme Court—J. HAY BROWN, of Lancaster.

Judge of the Superior Court—JOSIAH R. ADAMS, of Philadelphia.

State Treasurer—LEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES E. BARNETT, of Washington.

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 consulting on the question of whether they should possess 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 Saturday 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 attaché wired after Dreyfus' arrest that the French spy under that name, whom the French 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 and 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 German-Americans to oppose the McKinley policy of oppression and greed by supporting Tom Reed for president. The Cologne Gazette will need a microscope to discover the effects of 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 Butler condemns lawlessness and violence unsparringly but adds: "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 immediate contact on present terms lynching, whitecapping, mob law, every form of lawlessness, will constantly menace society, obstruct progress 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 be 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 and in the care exercised to provide a suitable destination fitted physically and in opportunities for the negro's future occupation.

Put in any event this is a remote contingency. More immediate and tangible is the problem of securing to the negro what he is entitled to and opportunity guaranteed to him

In the law and in the conscience of our government. It is not enough to say that the negro is underpaid, that he is indigent, that lawlessness is bound to mark him in his 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 seriousness 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 conditions 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 controlled. The project of uniting in a monetary 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 traveled 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 rural police force of Havana largely relieved the regiment from these onerous duties, and he pungently adds: "It is claimed that there has been no range, or time or opportunity for instruction in or prosecution of small arms firing, or any other class of firing, by 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 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 should be made part of the duties of company, troop or battery officers to see that sighting drills, position and aiming drills, and gallery practice with reduced cartridges be had by every un-instructed man, coupled with measuring and estimating distances. Actual 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 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 saluting forth to war armed to the teeth with a toothpick, or an inflated bladder, could not be more useless. Good rifle 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 substitute the ordinary beef issue and substitute fish and dried fruit components. He complains that medical officers do not instruct the line officers and men as they should in first aid to the injured, camp sanitation, military hygiene, etc., and he would make instruction 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 he emphasize the soldier'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 Indian islands. There is nothing for such a desire to do but to keep on growing.

The report from Havana that Cuban sentiment for annexation is growing rapidly is probably untrue. It has always existed among the more intelligent and substantial property-owning

HUMAN NATURE STUDIES.

Would Beg to Be Killed. The lion, a natural avenger, long state treasurer of Texas, was in a New York jewelry store one day when he noticed a showcase filled with splendid jeweled revolvers, with silver 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, sir?" The lion, looking at the ruby in the handle. The clerk took it from the case. It was marked \$300 and it looked every worth more, says the Chicago News. The Texas lion took it tenderly in both hands and held it admiringly up to 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, "it was a waste that gun down in my state the people would be falling down on their knees begging to be killed with it."

You Can't Always Tell. "Morning extra! An accident and accident!" the newboys were shouting through the crowd. "No, I don't want a paper," said Harris, indignantly. "The newboys make me tired; they're always yelling out some catch headline to sell the paper, and they're usually lying in it that one cares anything about." "Terrible accident, wasn't it?" said his friend as they were seated in a cafe a few moments later. "Don't know—was it?" answered Harris, still indifferent. "Yes, train running out of New York at 11 last night." "Not wrecked?" "Yes, and three coaches burned, the engineer killed."

Let me see the paper!" demanded Harris excitedly. The look of anxiety upon his face was painful as he nervously flipped the flap of dead and wounded. "Thank God, that had been a bad one, 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 playing golf." It is the walking between strokes that makes golf so valuable an exercise, explained the boy. "That equalizes matters and gives the legs the exercise that they need." 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 Evening Post.

He Left for Paris Unknown. In a murder trial in Dallas, Tex., the other day the counsel for the defense was examining a witness regarding his qualifications to serve. The candidate 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 has exiled him at the appointed time."—Law Notes.

NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE. Millions of bone dice are annually imported from France. The state of Nebraska has invested \$1,000,000 in voting machines. Missouri recently shipped forty carloads of live chickens to Hawaii. Ethnologists now declare the Aztecs to have been of Semitic 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 Prince of Wales, who will operate it himself. Those without occupations have the longest life expectation, according to mortality tables.

Ex-Governor L. Bradford Prince, of 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 immediate use of the hotel and develop a disease resembling locomotor ataxia. A company has been formed in France to further exploit the production of Professor Moisson's artificial diamonds. There is reported to be a horse 61 years old in the private stables of a gentleman at Passy, in the suburbs of Paris.

A New York physician is perfecting an apparatus which will consume ultra-violet light from sunlight for consumption treatment. "The Society of the Big Knife" is the name of an outlandish society in China 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 be easily poisoned. 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.

Ancestors of Presidents Tyler, Lincoln, Hayes and Cleveland were among Major John Mason's band of thirty-five pioneers who founded Norwich, Conn. Scientists declare that the physical deterioration 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 a cooperative hot, ice-making, creamery, grocery and canning factory and a co-operative dining hall, with several co-operative farms nearby.

Among the pets of the Mexican president is a large bag 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 Europe. The earliest mention of this modern necessity is made in a letter of Napoleon I addressed to his wife, the Archduchess Maria Louisa. Masked pitfalls of quicksand occur in the dry plains of Arizona and are covered with a treacherous crust of clay that has been spread over them in fine particles by the wind and baked dry by the sun. The island of Helioland, scarcely three miles in circumference, rising abruptly 20 feet out of the sea—is visibly crumbling away and effecting itself in the waves more rapidly than any other place of equal size known to scientific observation.

Several saloonkeepers in Manchester, O., have adopted a novel method to keep loafers away from the fronts of their places of business on Sunday. Early every Sunday morning the windows, eaves and doorsteps are treated to a fresh coat of paint. This prevents the loafers from dropping into an easy posture, and they move away and effecting themselves in the waves more rapidly than any other place of equal size known to scientific observation.

The Philadelphia Press censuring Colonel Barnett for party irregularity reveals a vein of humor fit for comic opera. The official Dewey program in New York will contain no advertising. That may properly be left to the daily papers. Chicago, they say, is "wide open." It must resemble Scranton.

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 drum. Richard Croker is said to be an expert 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 the rail. A more curious series of coincidences could hardly happen than that which involves the names of the two watchmen at Blackwall Pier, Liverpool. Mr. Day is on duty during the day and Mr. Knight at night. Dr. Enrique Cuevas, a member of one of the leading families of Cuba, is an attaché 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 household 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 has undertaken to raise from \$500 to \$15,000 for the purpose of erecting a statue of Admiral Dewey on the porch of the Vermont State House, at Montpelier, Vt., in honor of the hero of Manila. 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 humorously refers to as "dining on smells."

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ENGLISH PROVERBS.

Supplication has a key that fits every lock. Don't pull the house down because the chimney smokes. If you give me a knife give me a fork, too. Give me a drink, but drench me not. A hole in the purse, and the cupboard the 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 the kernel. One cock is sure to crow if he hears another. It comes the fiddler and out goes the money. The shorter the wit the longer the word. Saw off any branch that you are sitting on. My partner ate the meat and left me the bone. If you break your bowl you lose your friend. Don't wait until it is dark until you light the lamp. Every bull must ring its own tune. If you shoot one bird you scare the whole flock. Beware of pride, says the peasant. You must shut your eyes if the dust blows in your face.

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacuch, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrological Cast: 5.34 a. m., for Monday, August 28, 1899. A child born on this day will notice that it is difficult for the reporter with an abnormal nervous system 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 crank. The truly wise man will allow his talents 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 tolerable when one's liver is in good order. Cross-eyed people should avoid marriage on this day. Never tell some anything "for his own good" unless it is something pleasant.

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