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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

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

It is time for the octopus editor of the Times to reload his pneumatic artillery. The asphalt snake is coiling for another spring.

Up to Mr. Silliman.

WITHIN a week thousands of quacks gathered from all parts of the United States will be in Scranton and will want for their accommodation the best street car service in the power of the Traction company to afford.

Under the action of councils ordering the mayor to continue the embargo which he placed on Monday upon the Traction company's Arthur avenue loop there cannot be an adjustment of this matter within two weeks.

It is common report that the interposition of councils in this matter has been dictated in part at least by spite. Whether this report be true or false, it is the Traction company's turn to act.

"A fiery hell on earth" is what Colonel Barnett says Manila would soon be if American military protection were withdrawn.

The Boers Will Fight.

THE most dangerous element in any community is made up of pious men who have more sentimentality than common sense.

Somewhat akin to them in mental processes are the Boers of South Africa, who seem at first determined to make war with the English.

Expert testimony is the same the world over—contagious, epistemic and always ready to subordinate facts to theories.

Nature Cures.

MANY cures are being wrought daily among the sick which, if a faith in a "curative" or a Christian Science healer had been called in, would be attributed to the mystical method employed.

Anticipation may be cited in the case of a resident of this city, a lady prominent in charitable work and one whose ability can not be questioned.

worse in health. Finally on the advice of a Philadelphia physician she went to the seashore for a prolonged stay where she was in the care of a trained nurse.

No one is able to tell just what produced the cure, but had it occurred in this day under faith or Christian Science treatment, to which it would be but natural to resort when everything else had failed.

Senator Stewart's plan to rebuke France for her treatment of Dreyfus by withdrawing the American exhibit from the Paris exposition is foolish.

The Present Bankruptcy Law.

THE committee of the American Bar association on commercial law has undertaken to note, year by year, the operation of the bankruptcy law and to suggest changes if any seem advisable.

"That a bankruptcy law is wise and beneficent legislation.

"That the general features of the present bankruptcy law should have the approval and support of the bar and the commercial community.

"That whatever amendments are made to the provisions of the law relating to involuntary bankruptcy should be in the line of a better protection to the creditor against fraud in the bankruptcy proceedings.

"That the amendments to the provisions of the law relating to involuntary bankruptcy should be along the lines of a better remedy for the creditor for fraud, actual or contemplated, on the part of the debtor previous to the institution of bankruptcy proceedings.

"That the ideal bankruptcy law is one that (a) allows every honest debtor to procure a speedy discharge from his obligations upon the surrender of all his property; (b) gives every creditor a complete remedy against actual or contemplated fraud on the part of the debtor; and (c) punishes all fraud on the part of debtor or creditor with relentless severity.

These are pre-eminently safe generalities hardly needing the august endorsement of a committee of the American Bar association. Undoubtedly a bankruptcy law is needed, but on general principles of righteousness there must be radical faults in a law like that now in operation.

Red Tape.

A GENTLEMAN residing in Harrisburg has communicated to the Outlook an outpouring of his discontent at the still voluminous red tape required in the transaction of business with the War department.

The gentleman in Harrisburg doing printing for the War department for the use of officers stationed at Camp Meade, the contract amounts, he says, to about \$29 a year, yet in its forms it is "appalling in its detail and ridiculous in its minuteness.

Complaint at such exhaustive minuteness of detail is natural, especially from those not accustomed to it. But if there is never any worse thing to be justly said of the American War department than that it is extremely careful to prevent clerical mistakes, the public can put up with its ceremonious ways quite happily.

LIBERTY IS SURE IN PHILIPPINES

AMERICAN RULE BOUND TO ESTABLISH IT.

In an Address Before the American Bar Association Senator Lindsay of Kentucky Tears to Shreds the Opposition to Our Government's Course in the Far East.

Buffalo, Aug. 29.—Before the American Bar association today United States Senator William Lindsay of Kentucky read a paper concerning the constitutionality of the annexation of the Philippines.

It is said to be inconsistent with the fundamental principles of institutions for this government to retain territory under its imperial rule and deny the people the customary local institutions.

While the United States have supreme power over the national territories and their inhabitants, and while all the discretion to legislative power is vested in congress for making laws and regulations respecting them, yet this sovereign dominion is to be exercised subject to the restraints expressed in the constitution, and in laws which are not to be construed as to deprive the people of their rights.

Arbitrary power over life, liberty and property exists nowhere in a republic, not even in the largest majority. It will not exist in the government of the United States, in the exercise of its jurisdiction over the lives, liberty and property of the people of the Philippines, and in providing for their government.

THE RULE OF REASON.

Abstract truths and general principles are to be reasonably applied to the affairs of life, especially to the affairs of government. Conditions of hardship are to be ameliorated as circumstances may require.

FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINE.

Commenting on the inalienability of slavery with the inalienable rights of man, Henry Clay used the language of a practical statesman, when he said: "It is a general principle of justice, announcing to the world the independence of the thirteen American colonies, that all men are created equal."

This principle can not be literally enforced in the case of the Philippines, but the declaration is to be kept in view as a great fundamental principle.

NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

An octogenarian club has been organized in Kenwood, Ill. There are fifteen members of the club, their ages ranging from 72 to 87 years.

At Schwyz, in Bavaria, is one of the oldest bicycle races in the world.

A newly married couple in Portland, Me., who are both deaf, and are trying housekeeping without a servant, have devised an ingenious arrangement for their door bell, by which a caller, when he presses the button, lights the lamp and thus makes his presence known.

arouse our sympathy, but they are permitted to decide for eight millions of people, whether they are willing to accept of government administered under the rule of American institutions.

CONSENT OF GOVERNED.

The United States did not ask the consent of the inhabitants of Louisiana, or Florida, or New Mexico, or Upper California, to the cessions made by France and Spain to the republic of Mexico, nor was it understood, when we assumed sovereign jurisdiction over those people, that we were violating the principle that government derives its authority from the consent of the governed.

Secession was the free act of the people of the seceding states, the off-spring of their free and unforced will. It was the formal withdrawal of consent to the authority of the general government, manifested in the deliberate judgment of the dominant majority of the people of the United States.

ADMIRAL DEWEY.

Admiral George Dewey, Coming home, they say, Bringing out the mechanics, Let's have a holiday.

A VISION OF CONTENTMENT.

Here where the ripple of the lazy stream Scarce breaks the silence of the summer air— Rich with perfume of rose and blossom— Upon this grassy bank I lie and dream; Watching the checkered sunshine glint and gleam.

EVERYTHING IN ITS TIME.

The genius of fashion, so they state Reflects diseases new; Better be dead than out of date In health and lines, too; The Countess Thun, and Ticker Eye And Hobson's Bur, too.

A DUTY TO BE MET.

We would gladly escape it if escape were possible, but recognizing that there is no honorable avenue of retreat, we take it up appreciating its duties and responsibilities with the fixed purpose of discharging it to the utmost.

THE JOY THAT COMES WITH CALLING LIFE YOUR OWN.

The case you feel when, stretched beneath the tree, You count the drifting clouds, and hear the drone Of honey-scented bees, and ask no lot Save life and pipe, with trouble all forgot.

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AMONG THE POETS.

Dreyfus.

Not in the cloudy mountain top, Majestic and alone, Truth lifts her ponderous sceptre up And rears her awful throne.

She hales the mighty to her bar, She bids the low arise, For craves and power are all in vain To blind her piercing eyes.

The love of God, divinely great, Is yet divinely small, It notes the eagle in his flight, The sparrow in his fall.

It swept across the tropic sea, It sought the passive strand, It cheered him on his lonely strand And compassed him about.

It didn't need a bathtub On his head, the admiral, Didn't boast of fighting, Never had the grip, Sank the Spanish war, In a manner none could see.

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