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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.

It begins to look as though the warring elements in the Transvaal would make the work of preparation last all winter.

Direct Primaries in Luzerne.

THE Republicans of Luzerne county in their convention next week will vote upon a proposition to amend the party rules by the adoption in slightly modified form of the Crawford county system of direct primary elections.

The adoption of the Crawford county system in Lackawanna has figured somewhat in the slight discussion of this question in Luzerne, but inasmuch as the only test of the new system which has been had in this county has been in municipal elections the foundation for deductions is slight.

The position of General Jimenez, who is being held up on all sides by American authorities, must certainly be trying. It is difficult to imagine anything more exasperating than to have a presidency awaiting one a few miles away without being able to accept the gift.

French Justice.

WHEN the French Court of Cassation, corresponding in a rough way to the United States Supreme court, ordered a re-trial of Captain Dreyfus by court martial it virtually directed that the scope of the new trial should be confined to the single question, Did the defendant, or did he not, write the bordereau, or letter, found in his bag among the war's paper at the German embassy, and which, when placed together, constituted an offer to sell secret information concerning France's military defenses?

In a statement contributed to the New York Sun Rafael R. Govin, law partner of James E. Eustis, ex-Ambassador to France, and a specialist in the laws of France, clears up this and other features of the proceedings at Rennes which are puzzling to Americans.

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On that ground. An appeal is not taken, however, upon the guilt or innocence of the accused, but simply upon the interpretation of the law applying to the case. An effort," he added, "is being made to prove that Dreyfus alone had an opportunity to get the information alleged to have been given to foreign powers. This puts him in a different position. In French law the burden of proof is upon the accused.

The Punishment of Crime.

ONE OF THE interesting papers read before the American Bar association at Buffalo was contributed by Justice Kennedy, a member of the High Court of Justice of Great Britain. Its theme "The State Punishment of Crime," enabled him to offer opinions upon a number of topics which are in discussion among penologists, and the eminence of his position gives to these some weight of authority.

At the outset of his remarks Justice Kennedy directed attention to the clearness of the present classification of crime into felonies and misdemeanors, and suggested the desirability of more pointedly distinguishing punishable acts which are essentially immoral (as, for example, the crime of obtaining money under false pretenses) from punishable acts only inasmuch as they involve violation of our duty to obey the law of our country.

Passing to the broader subject of the state's dominant motive in punishing crime, the justice affirms his belief that it is not vengeance nor primarily the intent to prevent repetition of the crime but "the fitness of suffering to sin—the relation which ought to exist between wickedness and pain."

When last heard from, Admiral Dewey was in the tow of a magazine publisher, Mr. McClure. The supreme test of his fortitude has, therefore, been reached.

SOME DEWEY STORIES.

As a School Boy. In his earliest school days, Dewey displayed no great precocity, nor any marked tendency toward scholarship. He was never a bad boy, but often a very mischievous one.

It was at old Norwich university in Vermont that Admiral Dewey studied. He entered the university in 1851, when he was 14 years of age, and remained there until 1854, when having received his appointment as a cadet to the United States Naval academy he entered that institution.

Some kind friend of Mr. Bryan will have to take him by the arm pretty soon and lead him out of the hurly burly into a place of seclusion and rest; otherwise he will exhaust himself. There are symptoms of mental fatigue in Mr. Bryan's latest remedy for trusts.

relief. Mr. Bryan's objective point, of course, is federal regulation of trusts. Did he ever study the results of the experiment which the United States government has undertaken with respect to the regulation of railway rates and methods by means of the Inter-State Commerce commission?

An exchange gives data to demonstrate that 37 is a dangerous age for men of genius, showing that more great men have passed away at that time of life than at any other period.

The reports of Aguinaldo's death which come by way of Japan and Columbus, Ohio, are not given much credence, but it is evident from the tone of President McKinley's recent speeches that Aguinaldo will need to shuffle off the coil pretty soon if he wishes to die a martyr.

Latest reports indicate that General Mercher is in very bad humor. From long range view of the case it also seems possible that the general's indisposition is not entirely due to affection of the liver.

Even nervous people may find comfort this season. Kalamazoo will soon place a million dollar celery crop on the market.

THE TABLES TURNED.

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Two divinity students are working their way through Yale by doing job printing. The Argentine Republic imported machinery last year to the value of \$3,000,000.

Not one drop of intoxicating liquor is allowed to be sold at any of the military camps of Canada. During the tremendous excitement of gold discovery in California the greatest production in the United States was \$6,000,000 per annum.

For the last year our exports of railroad iron of all sorts were 610,213 tons, against 747,662 tons for 1898, 558,373 tons for 1897 and 1,665,431 tons for 1896.

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wade out into the river where the water was up to her knees, and then George, with a wild yell, dashed out after her, brandishing a big stick with which he beat the water in every direction. He threw his left arm around her and escorted her to the shore.

Rebuking an Admiral. Many years ago while Dewey was a watch officer he happened to be serving under an admiral who was distinguished in his profession for his bulldog courage and his rough language.

The captain of the flagship and nearly all his officers were present and heard the conversation. The old admiral turned red, and then purple. He did not utter a word for some minutes. Meantime Dewey had left the group and returned to whatever it was he had in hand.

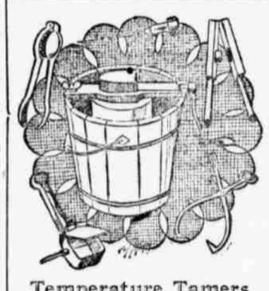
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