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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.

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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 insofar 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."

Why do they esteem it one of the hardest riddles of the universe—but that they assume that in a right state of things pain ought to go with sin, and happiness with righteousness? Why, but for this, should not hell appear the proper home of the righteous, and heaven of the wicked?

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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? Here is a parallel case. If anything, it should be easier for the national government to control the operations of the railroads, which are an established and tangible industry more or less open to the observation of all men, than to exercise effective supervision over the wide variety of interests and activities included under the elastic subject of trusts.

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.

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.

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

His Vivid Imagination.

Some interesting reminiscences of Dewey as a boy are related by the old inhabitants. As a lad Dewey had a most congenial companion in his sister, who is now Mrs. Greeley.

Not a muscle changed in the youngster's features, although his eye twinkled, as he answered: "I don't mind telling you, sir, that it's the only way in which I get the exercise I need."

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made 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.

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.

Temperature Tamers. Plenty of things right here to make the hot weather not only endurable but enjoyable.

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.

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