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

If the government cannot prevent
lynching in the south it seems
determined to make hanging unpopular at
West Point. For Secretary Root's action
in this matter let due credit be
given.

The Steel Famine.
In commenting upon the significance
of the steel famine which
has affected the various industries
of the country to such a
marked degree, the Washington Star
says:

The steel famine reveals a significant
condition among the people of
this country. It is primarily caused
by an unprecedented demand for all
kinds of structural steel, for bridges,
buildings, railroads and ships. This
demand in turn indicates that a vast
amount of capital is being expended
in all these enterprises. Investors are
erecting great buildings because they
seek a means of profitably laying out
their idle money. They are putting
ships on the ways because the carrying
trade is booming and there is a
great need of vessels. The railroads
are penetrating into new territory and
therefore need bridges to permit them
to reach freight centers hitherto unattractive.

The upward price of meat does not
cause any great concern on part of
the American workingman who now
has the wherewithal in his pocket. Not
many months ago numerous artisans
found it difficult to earn enough to
purchase meat at any price.

A Trust for Farmers.
THE proposed farmers' trust
of the Mississippi valley
seems to be more substantial
than a mere newspaper
creation. There has really been
organized in Kansas, we are told, a
Farmers' Federation, with \$20,000,000
capital divided into 2,000,000 shares
of \$10 each, the purpose of which, as
set forth in the articles of incorporation,
is to "regulate and control the sale
and shipment of farm products of all
the states and territories of the
Mississippi valley, and to establish and
maintain offices, yards, grain elevators
and to appoint and maintain agents
and agencies for handling, gathering,
keeping, selling and distributing
products, and to loan and borrow money
and to do a banking business."
The places where its business is to be
transacted are Topeka, Omaha, Kansas
City, St. Louis, Chicago and New
Orleans.

A letter from Topeka, Kan., to the
New York Sun says that in addition
to the bank department provided for
in the charter, the by-laws create a
bureau of statistical and separate sale
departments for grain, live stock, cotton
and tobacco. The by-laws also
provide that there shall be no rebates
to shippers or dividends paid to stock-
holders, but the surplus earnings of
the company shall be held as a reserve
fund to finance the bank department,
to pay interest on the bonds of the
company, and for the purchase of the
business and good-will of commission
houses. Later on, when this institution
shall be brought to a successful
issue, the surplus earnings from a
commission and from the loans of
money by the bank department shall
be equally divided between the stock-
holders and the farmers, who may be
the holders of non-transferable bonds
of the company. In order that the
business of concentration may be facilitated
and the work of emancipation
may be speedily accomplished, it is
further provided by the by-laws that
there may be issued \$10,000,000 of 5
percent, twenty-year debenture bonds
of the company, or so much thereof as
may be necessary to purchase the
business and good will of the commission
houses of Chicago, Kansas City,
Omaha, St. Louis and New Orleans.
The headquarters of the federation
will be at Chicago after January next.

The prize mover in this novel
enterprise, a gentleman named Allen, meets
the first objection which naturally
suggests itself by saying: "It is not
necessary that all the farmers should
stand together in the execution of this
plan for mutual protection. If
twenty-four of the farmers of the West
and South who produce corn, wheat
and cotton equal to the export demand
should unite with the Farmers' Federation,
with pledges to abide by its rules
and regulations, protection could then
be afforded to every producer of corn,
wheat and cotton in the United States.
The power that can check or restrain
shipments of farm products; the power
to hold out of the public markets of
the country 5 per cent. of any percentage
however small, is the master who
can regulate the price of corn, wheat
and cotton in the home market, and
in all the markets of the world." Mr.
Allen admits that the federation is a
gigantic trust, but he says: "There is
nothing in the charter nor in the by-
laws that conflicts with the Interstate
Commerce law, nor with anti-trust
laws of any of the states of the Union.
Its purpose is not to restrain production,
nor to arbitrarily fix prices. It
assumes only the power to control the
shipment of farm products and thus
regulate the supply to the demand in
the general markets. If there should
appear to be an overproduction, we
would simply sell enough to meet the
legitimate demands for consumption
and hold back our surplus in our granaries
and on our farms to meet
contingencies of short crop seasons."

We shall know more about this
matter after the Farmers' Federation
shall have had some months of actual
life; but on general principles there
appears to be plausibility in Mr. Allen's
argument. If concentration of
effort is a good thing for manufacturing
industries, leading to economy in
distribution and to the smoothing out
of hurtful business kinks, there would
seem to be no reason why the same
rule should not apply in part at
least to the agricultural industry,
which is mainly concerned in distribution.
As it is now, the average farmer
gives no thought whatever to the
question of holding back his crop until
the best time has come for fitting it
to the market demand; and the result
is that most of the profits in the
handling of agricultural produce are
pocketed by the shrewd middle men,

of the report which says that the
proposed code will supplant or embody
all former laws and orders indicates
the real difficulty of the task.

How much will be supplanted and
how much embodied? The old
common law principles for protecting life
and property, together with the statutory
remedies evolved from them, will
doubtless be applied; but the test will
be to prevent too strong an impact
on the racial habits and such legal
customs as may now obtain among a
population bred to a very different
order of things. It really seems as if
they might receive something too good
for them, because it will take a long
time to accommodate their battered
and crumpled notions of justice to a
code in which respect for the individual
will find large place. For centuries
the Porto Ricans have been jailed,
whipped, hanged and shot under Spanish
rule, and now they are to be under
a government which bases its control
chiefly on the hope that a self-respecting
and self-governing people can be
made out of its political wards. It
would seem, however, that even with
this end in view the code will be slow
and tentative according to the necessities
of the case. This is indicated by
the omission to consider immediate
preparations for territorial or state
government.

The uneasy agitators who are
comparing the case of Captain Carter,
of America, to that of Captain Dreyfus,
of France, possess about as much
common sense as the lachrymose lunatic
who would make a George Washington
out of little Aguinaldo.

Don Juan Isidro Jimenez can with
greater degree of safety than is usual
in such cases accept the presidency of
Santo Domingo that has been so freely
tendered. The Jimenez crowd appear
to have possession of all the razors.

If Hon. D. E. Hill is determined to
continue his policy of silence, it is
probable that his old running mate, Mr.
Jones who paid the freight, might be
induced to say something.

In case of the worst, it is probable
that the official heads of the French
army could obtain positions in this
country as newspaper circulation
affidavit editors.

The resignation of President
Figueras was of no particular consequence
in the Santo Domingo affair. He did
not cut much of a figure in any respect.

As the Dreyfus trial proceeds the
average Anglo-Saxon becomes more
and more puzzled as to the French
definition of the word "honor."

It is a trifle warm for the oyster
yet, but the R joke needs no ice to
illustrate its air of freshness.

Some are beginning to suggest that
the man who was ordered to "find Garcia"
be instructed to "get Aguinaldo."

Even Coxe is now worth a million.
And yet some persons would have us
believe that times are hard.

The services of a professional
scapegoat are very much in demand at
Rennes.

TOLD BY THE STARS.
Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaechus,
The Tribune Astrologer.
Astrolobe Cast: 4:05 a. m. for Saturday,
Sept. 2, 1899.

A child born on this day in Scranton
will wear an autumnal smile and a
post-man's badge.

The Transvaal war cloud still
presents a surface of soft darkness, but
the Arthur Avenue street car situation
is more encouraging to those who find joy
in the flapping of white wings of peace.

The meek shall inherit the earth,
but the greedy will in most cases hold
first mortgage on the property.

If we all know what other people
thought of us the general desire to run
for office would be less prevalent.

Reports from suburbs indicate that
the family reunion season is liable to
encroach upon the new elder policy.

Controller Easton shows an
inclination to interfere with the police
"ghost walk."

who possess, what many farmers
lack, the commercial instinct!

Mrs. Langtry is now appearing in a
play written upon incidents connected
with her own life. There may be
diversity of opinion regarding Lilly's
talents as an actress, but she is
certainly entitled to distinction as
possessing the great nerve of any woman
of the nineteenth century.

The good news of the settlement of
the difficulties between the engineers
and officials of the Lackawanna
railroad which at one time pointed to
the possibility of a strike, has been
received with pleasure everywhere
except in the offices of certain
Wilkes-Barre newspapers.

A dose of the Chicago medicine for
the Cleveland dynamite fiends will
probably bring them to their senses.
The hangman's knot is not a pleasant
resource, but history illustrates that
it has been one of the best of cures
for the dynamite habit.

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PERSONALITIES.
Min Yong Whou, the new Minister to
Washington from Korea, speaks English
fluently.
Senator Beveridge is expected to reach
his home in Indianapolis from his Phil-
ippine trip next Thursday.
Lord Brassey, owner of the yacht Sun-
beam, has figured out that he has spent
eleven years of his life on the water.
Dr. M. Brown of Buffalo, has been
decorated with the cross of the Legion
of Honor for saving the life of a French
seaman.
General Leonard Wood is partial to
cigarettes, rarely smoking cigars, a fact
which commends him to the Cubans in
his province.
The Queen of Roumania, whose nom-
de plume is Carmen Sylva, has just com-
pleted her first play, which is called,
"A Pair of Shoes."
John K. Bowen, the new president of
the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad com-
pany, was graduated from Princeton at
the head of his class in 1866.
Am C. Hopkins, who during the Mes-
siah craze in 1896 appeared among the
excited Sioux and proclaimed himself
their Messiah, has just been pronounced
insane.
Joseph Chamberlain, the well-known
English statesman, was a Sunday school
teacher some thirty years ago in con-
nection with the Church of Messiah, in
Birmingham.
The Rev. Dr. Elias Riggs, of Contan-
thople, who has labored in the cause of
missions for sixty-seven years, is the
oldest alumnus of Amherst college. He
was graduated in 1829.
Queen Margaret has promised to climb
Rocco Aletos, one of the highest peaks
of the Italian Alps, to take part in the
dedication of a statue of the Virgin, of
which she was a sculptor.
John Ruskin has not had his photo-
graph taken for thirty years, and John
Hare has allowed himself to be caught
by the camera once only. This was at
the express desire of Queen Victoria.
J. Jan de Heer, who has himself quite
as much of his Polish stud farm as on
his triumphs at the opera, although his
income derived from the opera stage
amounts to about \$12,000 a year clear
profit.
J. C. Blunt, C. E., Great Britain's
new consul general for New England,
has a splendid record. He served in the
Crimean War and was twice thanked by
President Lincoln for services to Amer-
icans in Turkey.
Robert H. Wood, who has been mayor
of Oxford, England, for four terms and,
for years, has been a leader of the Lib-
eral party, is now making a visit to
Terre Haute, Indiana, where he lived
for seven years.
David Rankin, of Talko, Mo., who is
said to be the richest farmer in the
world, has been making with no other
capital than a horse. He owns now, at
the age of 71, 23,000 acres of land, worth
from \$50 to \$100 an acre.
Col. E. Huntington says that when he
began life peddling hardware in Cali-
fornia in 1849 he had down as a maxim
by which he has since continued to live,
"Be what you think is right and stand
by your own judgment."
Fred W. Upham, president of the Chi-
cago Board of Review, is the leader in
the campaign against tax dodgers in Chi-
cago. He is a nephew of Governor Up-
ham, of Wisconsin, and has been in the
Windy City only five years.
Dr. W. A. Elliott, of Stoke Hall, Ips-
wich, who has been chosen President of
the British Medical Association for 1900,
is a well-known East Anglian physician.
For the last 30 years he has been on the
staff of the East Suffolk Hospital.
The Sultan of Turkey has a great
affection for Switzerland. "I love it,"
says the Sultan, "beyond all the other States
in Europe, and for a good reason—be-
cause it sends no ambassador to Con-
stantinople to worry me with its griev-
ances."
The German Emperor has consented to
stand godfather to the twin sons of a
coachman at Gleisorf. He has also made
their parents a handsome present of
money, and has given permission for the
babies to be christened William I. and
William II.
The British government keeps eleven
vessels at work sounding the danger
bells to find out where dangers
lie. Last year 10,000 square miles were
carefully charted in different parts of
the world—Asia, Africa and the South
Pacific.
Ears of corn can be readily husked by
a Kansas man's patent glove, the palm
being covered with a series of interlaced
rings of wire, which form a surface of
sufficient flexibility and roughness to en-
gage the husks and strip them from the
ear.
Nikola Tesla, who is working on his
new death-dealing machine in Colorado
Springs, moves his hotel at 11 in the
morning and does not return until after
midnight. All this time is spent in his
workshop, where he has his lunch and
supper served.
Sir Stone Ezekiel, of Rome, Italy, the
well-known sculptor, who is visiting in
Cincinnati, was, during the civil war in
this country, a member of the cadet corps
of the Virginia Military Institute, and
took part with the corps in the battle
of Newmarket.
Queen Victoria gave Mme. Suzanne
Alabama a bangle with the imperial cipher
in diamonds as a souvenir of her singing
at Windsor. To Mr. Collins the queen
gave blue-enamel sleeve links, to Signori
Anonni and Pianoni silver canteens and
cigarette boxes, and to all the others con-
cerned suitable gifts.
Reece Bruno, who died recently in
New York, was one of the most expert
harp makers in this country. The great-
est disappointment of his life was his
failure to have a harp exhibited at the
Philadelphia Centennial in 1876. He in-
tended to be on the making of this harp
that, unconsciously, he allowed the pre-
scribed time limit to expire and sent in
his instrument too late.

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