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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

State.

Justice of the Supreme Court—J. HAY BROWN, of Lancester. Judge of the Superior Court—JOSIAH R. ADAMS, of Philadelphia. State Treasurer-LIEUTENANT COL-ONEL JAMES E. BARNETT, of Washington. Election day, Nov. 7.

Common sense triumphed over misinformation yesterday when the Grand Army encampment adopted unanimousty a series of resolutions respectfully calling on the president and congress to make certain desired changes with reference to the rules and laws governing the pension department, but omitting to make the threatened personal attack on Pension Commissione Evans, whose only offense was a fearless performance of the duties of his office that caused disgruntlement among pension attorneys and inspired a conspiracy against him,

The Crisis at Hand.

TITH THE falluce of Maitre Labori's dramatic and pathetic appeal to the sovereigns of Germany and Italy the last visible hope for a verdict of acquittal for Dreyfus disappears. This is not on account of the production by the prosecution of conclusive evidence of the defendant's guilt nor even because the defence has failed to establish a reasonable presumption of innocence. To American eyes, the testimony as daily reported contains not a single substantial particle of incrimination beyond the fact that Dreyfus knew things which he might have betrayed and was apparently somewhat eager to get hold of information lying outside the range of his official duties-a condition of things which might fairly include him within the circle of investigation, but which without respectable proof of actual guilt, ought not to be allowed to condemn a dog. But it has been made clear as this

astonishing trial progressed that the purpose of it is not, as honest men had every right to suppose, to discover and to administer justice without fear or favor, but to appeare the popular demand for an open hearing by causing a public re-trial to take place before a court prejudiced and, we fear, fixed in advance. The president of France recently affirmed his confidence in the absolute impartiality of the Recourt martial and declared that its return would be accepted as final by all honest-minded people, but if he is now of the same opinion he is well-nigh alone in his hallucination. We recall In our remembrance of famous adjustications no similar instance of ill-concealed determination on the part of the presiding judges to put an arbitrary advantage on the side of the prosecution and to make difficult the establishment of a case by the defence. If this disposition on the part of the judges at Rennes is due to their mental and moral limitations it is a mockery of justice to set such men in the place of judgment; and if it is the outeropping of a deliberate conspiracy civilization owes it to God and man to wipe out every vestige of the foul blot though to do so should necessitate ten thousand revolutions.

In this day and age the government which from any cause is continuously powerless to secure for its subjects a reasonable approximation to perfect justice, and which, when a special call is made upon its righteousness, answers by weakly succumbing to the forces of mischief, is so grossly out of touch with the spirit of the times and so clearly detrimental to the common Interests of humanity that it ought either to be reformed or destroyed. We do not pretend to know whether in the instance of France the present order of things is so vitlated that the only way to effect a cure is to put the patient to the sword; but it is patent to all beholders that the crisis is at hand which is to determine before the eyes of men whether France is to live or die.

Kruger's stock of farewell replies seems to be unlimited.

Governor Stone on Trusts.

LETTER has been published purporting to give the opinion of Governor Stone upon trusts. It is full of common sense and, if genuine, does credit to its reputed nuther.

"I do not," the governor is credited with saying, "see any cause for alarm in the increase of trust organizations. The foundation of trusts are trade or commercial experiments. They are formed more upon theory than practical results. The theory is that if five or more men can by organization into a corporation accomplish more than they could as individuals, five or more corporations can by organizing into one body obtain corresponding benefits. This expectation may or may not be realized. Success does not depend upon capital always, nor does it always follow opportunity. My observation is that success follows merit and capacity in those who strive for it. A corporation may have ample capital and great opportunity and still fall if the individuals who direct it are deficient in capacity. A trust corporation must, after all, depend upon the individual or individuals who direct it. The stockholder is often all but a silent partner in a corporation, and is only fortunate when he happens to select

managed they must go to pieces but if well managed, they involve the same gains to the general community that vere involved in the organization of corporations when public enterprises had been limited to individual initiative. The corporations, by reason of the larger funds and energies at their command, did things for the public onvenience which individuals, by reaon of their smaller resources, were unable to do; and the combination or rust of the present day is simply an plarged type of the more familiar cororation, carrying to a larger scale the principles and purposes which first led to co-operative investments in the corporation form.

That corporations, whether great or mall, should be subject to state reguation to prevent abuse of their privieges and powers, is self-evident and in this direction must intelligent effort proceed if it would find the real solution of the trust problem.

Mr. Bryan seems to have difficulty in recovering from the sinking spell caused by the indorsement of Mr. Croker.

An Admirable Example.

HE STURDY good sense of the National Letter Carriers' association in adhering undeviatingly to its rule to avoid political discussion, as examplified in its refusal to consider the Philippine question, commands, we are glad to observe, the widespread approval of the press, and sets a wholeome example to other labor organizations, some of which are too prone to lend themselves to partisan or demagogical purposes.

The letter carriers of the nation are. we may confidently assert, in full sympathy with the patriotic spirit which believes that when one's country is at war with an armed foe there no room for copperheadism or treason. From our talks with and observations of their delegates in this city ssembled, we have no hesitancy in assuming that an overwhelming proportion of their number are in enthusastic sympathy with the policy of the president in the Philippines and for the flag wherever its folds float in symbol of American duty and oppor-

But they were not gathered here for the purpose of discussing the Philipoine problem, the Transvaal problem, the Dreyfus case or the tariff. Their work was cut out on strictly non-partisan and non-political lines, they stuck to the text, and, we repeat, it constitutes an instructive example.

Denial is made at Washington that even temporarily the United States has surrendered any territory in Alaska to Canada, and it is timely. If we are right in that dispute, we should hanged, and yield only when Canada acknowledges our equity and ap-

The Battle of Plattsburg,

TEXT Monday, Sept. 11, occurs American history-the battle of Plattsburg-and it is interesting to recall the circumstances of it for purposes of comparison.

In August, 1814, the English army, about 12,000 strong, commanded by Sir George Prevest, advanced along the western shore of the lake to Plattsburg, which was held by General Macomb, with about 1,500 men. The American naval force, under Captain McDonough, was anchored in Plattsburg Bay. It consisted of fourteen vessels of all classes, carrying eightysix guns and about 850 men. The largest vessel was the Saratoga, twentysix guns and 212 men. She was built of green timber at Vergennes, and was launched only forty days after the first tree used in her frame was taken from the forest. The British squadron, under Captain Downie, consisted of sixteen vessels, carrying ninety-five guns and about 1,000 men. The largest vessel was the Confiance, thirtyseven guns and 300 men.

At sunrise on Sept. 11 the British equadron came in sight, and by 8 o'clock approached the American fleet. Fire was opened by the Americans, which was not returned by the enemy until the Confiance had anchored at about 300 yards from the American line. The first broadside from the Confiance killed or wounded forty men on board the Saratoga. In an hour the whole starboard battery of the Saratoga was disabled. She was then turned about by means of kedges, which had been laid from her hows, and by this means her fresh broadside was brought to bear on the Confiance. The British ship being unable to perform the same evolution, after an engagement lasting two and one-half hours, struck her flag. Other British vessels in succession struck their colors and surrendered. Finally the twelve British gunboats hauled down their flags, but the entire force of American sailors being required to keep the prizes affoat, the British gunboats presently made off and escaped. The American loss in killed and wounded was 112; that of the British was estimated at about 200, exclusive of prisoners. Of the ninety-five guns

which they brought into action, they lost all but twenty. The battle of Platisburg was won against superior odds by the superior generalship of the American commander. In that respect it is typical of American seamanship, the equal of which has appeared among the sailors of no other nation. But the Plattsburg fight ought to teach the unwisdom of relying, in time of war, upon suddenly improvised naval armament. It is unpleasant to think that eighty-four years after this memorable sea-fight, when the struggling republic of 1814 had grown into the richest and potentially most powerful nation in the world, another war was entered upon without adequate preparation, and agents had to be sent scurrying throughout the ship yards of the earth in the frantic endeavor to buy ships of war at any price, although ample time

ough, but it is flying in the face of Providence, as well as showing poor appreciation of naval skill, to force these brave sailors to do their fighting in inferior ships.

Says General Miles: "It is not an officer's place to request any assignment, but to obey whatever orders come to him." Now Miles is talking like a man.

Man's Right to Die.

HAT interesting Connecticut jurist, Judge Simeon E. Baldwin, of New Haven, who some time ago provoked widespread discussion by a ringing advocacy of the whipping post, has just created another sensation. At Saratoga, as president of the American Social Science association, in his annual address, he argued that doctors and nurses should not needlessly prolong life when the patient is ill with In times of yore.

Thy camps and courts were swayed by an incurable disease. We quote his exact words: "There are certain maladies that at-

tack the human frame, which are neces-sarily fatal, and others which naturally

end in a speedy death, but may be so treated as to lead to a protracted state of weakness and suffering, incompatible with any enjoyment of life or useful ac-tivity, and from which there can be no easonable hope of ultimate recovery. It uncivilized nations such diseases are of short duration. They are either left to take their course without interference or the patient is expedited on his journe; to the grave. In civilized nations, and particularly of late years, it has become he pride of many in the medical proession to prolong such lives at any cost of discomfort or pain to the sufferer or of suspense or exhaustion to his family. "It is a great responsibility this, that estron modern medicine. It has a power o hold us back from the grave, for a few ays, a few weeks, a few years, to which he physician of antiquity was a stranger. But are we sure that the course of nature with mankind is really at fault? May not she know best when she has had enough of us, in this state of being? Or, to rise to a higher and truer level, may not the God over all, who has ordained these laws of bodily decay, though He has also ordained these laws. later discovered by us, of scientific phys-lology, be safely left to name the time for calling His children Fome? That He ms given men rome brief power to hold them back is not of itself and always a warrant for its use, when under all rea-

portunities for good. An argument along moral lines was elaborated by the speaker as follows: "If that future life which we connect with the name of Heaven be one of activity in endeavor, of energy of achieve-ment, of the strong helping the weak, the wise instructing the simple, are we sure that the analogies of life here are so far deserted that there is always work for all, appropriate for each? Or may, n a certain sense, time, that is, the duorder of succession in events, have its reign in other worlds and positions of isefulness in this planet or in that assigned to new comers, as vacancies arise, and only then? If so a natural death, coming in ordinary course, may be the divine way of calling one up from a hold to our claim until the last dog is fitted, or in which he is not needed, to one in which he is needed, and needed at once. To postpone h, to protract a life in doing so by medical skill beyond it: preaches us in the fashion of a decent reemingly appointed bound, may, neighbor rather than that of a churi, at in this light, risk the loss of a place in a larger life-the loss of a Godgiven opportunity."

onable possibilities the result will be uly a short postponement of the inevi-

table and barren of any intermediate op-

The field of inquiry here entered is one too delicate for rough-and-tumble the anniversary of one of the | newspaper discussion; but Judge Baldest heroic naval bartles in win is to be congratulated at least ipon his success in projecting a nev topic of subtle debate.

> The scheme of arming the Macabebes with Krag-Jorgensen rifles will be all right if the dusky marksmen can be relied upon to point the weapons in the proper direction. Past experience with friendly Filipinos, however, has proved that it will be safer to allow the ambitious natives to carry water for a time.

> Inadvertently we yesterday credited Cramps when as a matter of fact she was built at Newport News. It only serves, however, to emphasize the excellence of our native ship-builders.

> Before Mr. Goebel succeeds in practically demonstrating to Kentucky that the insinuation that he does not drink liquor is a foul stander, he will no doubt be obliged to purchase headache powders in job lots.

Exports of American canned beef during the first seven months of the present year were over a million pounds in excess of the exports during the corresponding period last year. All is well that ends well.

The hailing of Juan Isdro Jiminez as the deliverer of his country sounds like a joke. According to all accounts Jiminez kept at a safe distance until some one else had delivered the goods

The downger empress of China, it is said, has suppressed all the Chinese newspapers. What a pity she has not similar jurisdiction over the yellow dragon press of the United States.

PERSONALITIES.

Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho, has never worn a necktie.

The Empress Eugenie is cruising among the Norwegian fjords in her steam yacht Thistie. Henry W. Corbett, United States Senntor from Oregon, went to New York in 1844 and worked in a store for \$3.50 a

The Duke of Edinburgh has a fleet of 50 silver ships, presented to him at dif-ferent times by admiring cities and

Leo XIII has now been more than 60 years a priest, more than half a century bishop and almost half a century a

One of the few surviving veterans of Poland's struggle for freedom in 1830 is Andrew Dekars, who celebrated his 1834 birthday not long ago in Chicago.

General Von Rock und Polack will icceed General Count von Schliffen as chief of the general staff of the German army after the autumn maneuvers. Sir Thomas Lipton, owner of the Sham-

ock, which will contest for the Amerian Cup, was once in business in Omaha, where he failed to make a success. Nikola Testa, who is working on his new death-dealing machine in Colorado

Springs, leaves his hotel at 11 in the morning and does not return until after midnight. Montague White, consul-general for the Transvaal in London, is not at all a typical Boer. He is popular in society a good story-teller and a first rate are and musical critic.

fortunate when he happens to select a good manager."

In the nature of things, unless these large organizations of capital are well

Carel Hendrick Kruger, a nephew of President Kruger, of the Tranvani republic, is a recent graduate of the Edinburgh university, where he wen the Syme in our navy commanders like McDon-

CURRENT VERSE.

Which Way, O France?

Which way, O France! which way? The universal ear is strained, attent, To catch the fateful words which thou must say.

For more-far more-than one poor prisoner's fate
Is hanging on thine utterance, this day.
Which way, O France! which way?

Which way, O France! why way! Shall craven Fear, Blind Prejudice and flerce, fanatic Hate With baleful Murder lurking in the rear, Bear down the scale of Justice, and out-

weigh God's Truth, which, crushed to earth for many a year. Now stands revealed in the clear light of day?

Which way, O France! which way? Which way, O France! which way?

men of might; Fair Honor ruled thy realms, from shore

That time is past; thy brilliant, glorious Seems darkening to a long and starless It must be so-else wherefore should men

say:
"Which way, O France! which way?"

Which way, O France! which way? Thy hands have built A monstrous idol all of burnished brass, And in its senscless grasp have placed a lance, Which, should it fall, as fall full well it

For many a stranger thing has come to would pierce thy stormy heart, O reckless France! And, therefore, ere thy fiery blood be spilt, We cry to thee to snatch that lance

away, This day, O France! this day. Which way, O France! which way? Not yet too late! The monumental crime of all our age, Designed to wholly ruin, rend and slay, A foul, black Lie, begot of bitter hate, Blind, cruel prejudice and senseless rage

Awaits its sentence from thy lips, this Which way, O France! which way? We, also, wait; The whole wide world awaits, with bated

breath,
Those prief, decisive words which thou shalt vav. Had ever words before such selemn weight?

For him (and thee) new life, or moral death. Honor, or shame! What wonder that men say:
"Which way, O France! which way?" -Charles Pere Murphy, on the San.

The Praise of the Present. Poets there be who tune their lyres to

Days of Long Ago sing a song of sentiment in measures sad and low.

To them the golden age is past, the golden fleece is clir ped; The rose of pleasure hath been plucked, the cup of joyance sipped; They live in longing for the lost, the dead of Might Have Been,—
But I-a bard most practical—count all

such singing sin.
To me These Days, these present days, Have fertile fields and flowery ways, Wherein my fancy fondly strays;

And if I had a song to sing, I'd sing about These Days. And there be bards who rave a stave

concerning Days To Be, When all things shall be lovely and lux-uriant and free, When Joy shall reach her chalice down to thirsty mortal lip And certain rare elected ones to drunkenners shall sip: The bud has yet to blossom and the

honey to be stored Ere hungry souls may sit them down and sweep the festal board. But as for me I say These Days Hold pastures where my soul may

And drink delights and gather bays:

And If I knew a stave to rave, I'd rave about These Days.

the new battleship Kearsarge to the And Opportunity but waits to spread her splendid wings At my command, to bear me un and make my vision wide, That I may sweep the height, the deep

and know them deified! The golden Days of Long Ago, the golden Days To Be not so wenderful by half as These

And to These Days, these golden To me are rich with wine and And Minstrel-sweet with harvest

And were I piping Pan himself, I'd pipe about These Days, -Robertus Love, in the Sun-

A Child.

Oh added being, fair and new, And how, by you, To man, to nature, will be paid The difference made? A need, a little theft, of sun-

The debt begun! A little shadow on the grass-But swift to pass.

A little silence from the day fou take away: And, for the night, a little sleep Receive and keep.

To human care, that can but grant, You whisper want.
And all the hard, indifferent days Must find you praise.

But-in the heart your need befriends The plunder ends. But—in the heart you pay with peace Winifred Lenox, in Littell's Living Age.

PASSING SMILES.

An Extravagant Wife. Mrs. Talkmuch-That Mrs. Rev. Back-woods is a shamefully extravagant wo-

man. She spends every cent of her hus Mr. Sarkasm-You don't say so-th dreadful spendthrift; and to think Rev. Backwoods gets \$100 a year, too.--Columbus (O.) Journal.

The Bicyclist. Bowed by the weight of "centuries," His figure he will oft reveal. Another medal must be his Whenever he bestrides his wheel.

-Wasnington Star. Two of a Kind. "I was in a little friendly poker game

yesterday afternoon," began Shortleigh,

"I'll do it before the campaign gets an-der way, but I'm afraid the deal is a t

secure enough on its feet to warrant me

yesterday afternoon, began Shortleigh, "and the result is I—"
"Sorry I can't oblige you, old man,"
interrupted Knowell, "fut I attended a charity social last night."—Chicago News. Too Fragile to Attack. "Aren't you going to denounce that dquitous combine?" asked the friend. iquitous combine?" asked the friend.
"Not yet," answered Senator Sorgham:

ent. I might spoil it."-Washington

A Use for the Chaperon.

"What! You go into the surf without a haperon?"
"Oh, yes! There are no sharks in this lattitude, you know.

Just Before the Battle.

Jones-I actually believe, my dear, that ou think more of my dog than you d of me. Mrs. Jones-I'd like to know why you think no - Well, you never allow him to cal anything you cook.-Chicago News.

She Couldn't Refuse.

He-I'm thinking of proposing to you She-I hope you will postpone it awhile He-Why? She-I don't know you well enough yo o refuse you.-Town Topics.

A Painful Parting. She laid her head against my cheek;

Oh, heavens, the pain of parting, With 16 hairpins from that head Into my visage darting. -Chicago Journal. A Sign of Progress.

He-I have been wondering whether

inimals can reason?
She-Well, that is a step toward reason ig. at least.-Indianapolis News The Still Small Voice.

"Gentlemen of the jury," said an elouent Q. C., "remember that my client is eard of hearing, and that, therefore, the voice of conscience appeals to him in vain."—London Tit-Bits.

A Man of Large Caliber. Pilson-Is he a man of much caliber? Dilson-Why-yes; he's about the big

est bore I have run across for some NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

The average duration of life is 33 years The Kongo region exports about 2,000,000 The basic principle of printing originatd ages ago in Chaldea.

The proportion of married persons to ingle ones is as 75 to 1,000, Tall persons have the advantage of greater longevity than short ones. The number of summer hotels in the 'nited States is estimated at 23,000

Birth and deaths occur all the world over more frequently at night than in he daytime. Persons born in spring have a more obust constitution than those born at

The first automo'-lie club of German has just been organized and the Duke of Ratibor is the president. There are cotton mills in 34 fo the 97 counties in North Carolina, the total number in the state being 205.

In St. Petersburg is the largest bronze statue in existence—that of Peter the Great, which weighs 1000 tons, Germany, which is about the size of New England, the Middle States and Ohio, in 1895 had 7,396 miles of waterways,

The population of the South African Republic consists of 63,600 Boers, 87,000 other whites, called Uitlanders, and 600, 000 Kaffirs and Zulus. The skeleton of a mastodon was dis-

closed in digging a ditch on the farm of F. W. Schaefer, one mile west of Newurgh, N. Y., recently, The erratic actions of a church clock at Harborne, England, were traced to a swarm of bees that had deposited honey

in the machinery and dial. Whales' teeth form the coinage of the Fiji Islands. They are painted white and red, the red teeth being worth about 20 times as much as the white.

The German army regulations require hat commissariat officials and paymus ters shall be specially trained for the work of examining food supplies. There are at present 2,000 languages

poken by the inhabitants of our globe whose religious convictions are divided among 1,000 different confessions of faith. In Switzerland, as elsewhere, there has een for years a great influx from the ountry to the towns. From 1891 to 1897 the increase of population in Zurich was 10,000 to 11,000.

Toronto claims to be the Leipsic of Nearly \$20,000,000 is said to be invested in that city and neighborhood in the paper-making, printing and bookbinding trades. Russia has abolished the distinction

sta and Finnish postage stamps. Finnish postoffices are now provided with Rus stan stamps only. Macaroni and vermicelli are simply a mixture of wheaten flour and water, pressed through molds and dried. They

at has heretofore existed between Rus-

are produced largely in Italy, where they are favorite articles of food. A Brazilian doctor claims to have dis covered an infallible cure for snake bites of all kinds. He administers soup containing two grammes of calomel and 30 grammes of strong lemon juice

Star Another Lie Nailed. "I stand up for the people," declared the political orator. "False!" cried a gamin in the rear; "he wouldn't even stand up for a poor old lady in de car this morning."—New York World.

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