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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.

Judge Stewart on Trusts.

WE OFFER no apology for devoting considerable space in this issue to the instructive paper on trusts read last night at Chambersburg before the state convention of millers by the distinguished president Judge of Franklin county. Signs are so abundant of an acute and growing public interest in this great problem of our time that any intelligent contribution to the literature of it is assured of popular welcome.

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There is a noticeable lack of hurrah at the farewell appearances of the stars of the base ball diamond this year.

Object Lessons Needed.

LIEUTENANT VAN LIZER of the United States warship Charleston, now stationed in the Philippines, has written to Senator-elect Scott of West Virginia an interesting letter upon Philippine conditions, in the course of which he says: "I think the Philippines will give up before the end of the next dry season, and perhaps long before that. I think I am within the limit of fact when I say that not 10 per cent. of the inhabitants of these islands have any interest in the institution and that three-quarters of these take their attitude owing to misrepresentation of our people and the intentions of our government, while a very large proportion of the natives would prefer American rule to any form of government by their own people."

Major Theodore Sternberg, brother of Surgeon General Sternberg, now stationed at Iloilo, writes home: "I look forward to the time when there shall be American homes, American families and American schools here. It wants to see American ideas grafted on to this native stock and I believe the graft will grow and bear fruit. Catch these natives young and they can be made the rank and file of them, good, useful citizens; but what can you expect when labor is not considered honorable, when the foreigner will not get up to help himself to a chair on a table in the same room, but will call for a servant to get it for him? We must show these people by object lessons the honor which is in honest labor, the delights of American home life on the farm and the dignity of owning your own farm and living on it. I have met many inquiries as to when are the Americans going to establish schools. These people are anxious to learn and want schools, and after the fighting is over nothing our people can do would meet a quicker or more grateful response than free schools. The rate of wages paid is the real criterion by which to judge of a people. Not far from Iloilo is a plantation, sugar, the owner, a foreigner, paid \$4 Mexican and \$2 United States money a month for his laborers! Just think of it, \$2 per month for a man! I want these people taught to earn and get decent wages, and that is the bottom of this whole question of the future, and the elevation of labor here is the war we must use. These people quickly catch on if shown, and

will soon use American ploughs, put on shoes and stockings, go to school, get up caucuses, nominate tickets, vote and hunt for office as readily as our Americans do at home.

Testimony to this effect is heard from every experienced observer, American and foreigner, who is not blinded by prejudice or excitement the date upon which the treaty of cession of the Philippines was ratified by our senate will in time come to be looked upon by both Americans and Filipinos as one of the brightest anniversaries in the history of civilization.

The Wail of the Boers.

THE COMMANDING general of the Boer army, General Joubert, who is also vice-president of the South African republic, cables to the Chicago Record: "The swarms of capitalists and adventurers who have been attracted to the Transvaal by its gold are not content with trying by their cunning to swindle the Boers out of their lands and their riches, but they would control the country absolutely. For this purpose England is used as a cat's-paw by these men. What could better serve their end than loudly to complain that the Boers are oppressing the uitlanders. Then the whole world will cry shame upon the Transvaal. Next come Joseph Chamberlain's screams for the maintenance of suzerainty, and on top of that his quarrel with the Transvaal franchise regulations. This reaches the ears of the whole world, and the Transvaal, deserted by all the civilized or 'great' powers is unable to get either impartial investigation or arbitration. Thus, unaided by any, the public must have the knee to Chamberlain, must concede his demands and lose its independence or else set all South Africa ablaze. This is our true position: We hope and pray for peace, but we shall not abandon the independence of the republic so long as we have life, let the cost be what it may."

An appeal of this kind for sympathy is likely to be in some degree effective; but the intelligent public at large, while respecting the desire of the Boers for independence, does not forget that independence can only be allowed to a small power upon the basis of its fair treatment of all law-abiding inhabitants within its territory. If the Boers had dealt fairly and generously with the uitlander element its appeal to the world's sympathy would today be irresistible. But injustice has a habit of coming home to roost; and this return is hastened when the role of tyranny is assumed by a nation not strong enough to brazen it through.

If Colonel Esterhazy consents to meet Captain Phelan in mortal combat one feature of the Dreyfus case is liable to be settled with a thud.

Naval Development.

SOME TIME ago upon the basis of an inadequate cable dispatch, we called attention to certain suggestions for naval improvement made by Congressman Foss as the result of his personal study of European naval conditions. His subsequent return to this country and elaboration of these suggestions furnish warrant for a second reference to the matter.

These innovations will be urged by Mr. Foss when congress meets; a naval policy board to formulate a harmonious programme of naval construction to run through a series of years; a great system of national naval reserves; new administrative system for navy yards; barracks for seamen ashore; new system of rewards for deeds of heroism, perhaps by the award of medals similar to foreign decorations; and a system of stone docks. In explanation he says: "Our navy is being built piecemeal and without any well-defined programme. The plan of one year may be changed by congress the next year. There should be a board of naval experts to determine what kind of a navy the United States should have, and it should formulate a plan of construction that should extend over a term of years. Such a system would give a navy built for specific ends, with due proportions of the various types of such vessels. The recommendations of such a board would command the confidence of congress, and would save that body much experimenting and blundering. I would like to see Admiral Dewey at the head of such a board. I have become convinced that the American people want a great navy and that they will give the money freely to build one, but we should not go on in our old haphazard way. Now is the time for a well-defined system."

Opposition to reasonable naval development has been vanquished by the logic of recent events. We are now a sea power, with outlying possessions thousands of miles apart. Our seamen are the best afloat and our naval system should be in unison. Congressmen Foss will have widespread support for his well-considered projects of naval development. The navy is the nation's pride and nothing that it needs will be withheld.

NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

There are 50,000 Hebrews in Italy. One-tenth of the world is still unexplored. Florida distilleries use 4,000 bushels of corn daily. Women are not permitted to be photographed in China. There are 10,000 lawyers in Manhattan borough, New York. Only six persons out of a thousand reach the age of 80. Maine and Michigan require but 90 days' residence for citizenship. One-fourth of the earth's population dies before reaching the age of 17. Five thousand Chicago families are seeking female help without success. Owing to the dry, cold atmosphere, not a single infectious disease is known in Greenland. The Phoenicians were not the inventors of the alphabet. The honor belongs to a few weeks ago the Krupp factory

where better judgment should be exercised.

The main charges against Pension Commissioner Evans had absolutely no foundation but it would seem that there was a good deal of merit in the objection to the rule which requires special pension examiners to ask soldiers' widows if in widowhood they have lived chaste lives. It is explained that this rule applies only to widows against whom charges of immorality have been filed; but for obvious reasons it is useless as a precaution and grossly offensive in its implication. We don't know who promulgated this rule but whoever did ought to be ashamed of himself and Commissioner Evans should waste no time in ordering its repeal.

For insisting upon his fancied right to use the floor of the street car as a cuspidor Millionaire Bradbury of San Francisco has been arrested, convicted, fined and sent to jail. The bipedal hog must go.

Something is evidently wrong with the Democracy. Several days have passed without an appeal to Admiral Dewey to accept the nomination to the presidency.

HUMAN NATURE STUDIES.

Dewey's Wideawake Men.

As is well known, the Olympia broke propeller blade en route from Manila and has to steam along with only one engine afloat. At Leghorn, Italy, Joseph L. Stickey, the Chicago Record correspondent who stood on the bridge with Dewey during the Manila fight and is coming home with him, is talking to the admiral about this point. "I asked," he writes, "whether the speed was not somewhat checked by the necessity of counteracting the side movement of the one engine by the use of the helm."

"Oh, I suppose so," replied the admiral. "I'll just ask that signal boy and find out whether he has taken any notice of the helm motion coming through the Mediterranean since the screw was injured."

"The signal boy was on the watch on the bridge, and the admiral had no means of knowing whether the youngster had been at the wheel, but his object was to learn how attentive the lad had been to the steering of the ship."

His Occupation.

A rather good story is told at the expense of the Hotel de Ville. Mr. Moir, a clerk of the Hotel, relates the Adirondack. It is Mr. Moir's custom to take the elevator every Sunday to some one of the hotels and receive a check therefor. The hotels are glad of the small change, and it is more convenient to send the check to the secretary than a quantity of small change. This week Mr. Moir was counting out the silver and bills at one of the large hotels while the clerk was making out the check. He observed a small boy watching him curiously.

He Protected the Clerk.

A typical story of Lord Curzon comes from India. A government clerk on a visit to his home overstayed his leave a day or two, and was dismissed by the head of his department. As the man had over twenty years' service he appealed to the viceroy, who in due course the head was asked to explain, says the Chicago News. He gave the reason for the dismissal as general incompetence. The viceroy ordered the clerk to be reinstated, and wrote across the certificate that in his opinion the competence lay with the man who took twenty years to discover such a shortcoming in his clerk.

The Persian Method.

A physician recently returned from Persia relates how he once entered a barber's shop and while waiting for his turn saw a man treated for rheumatism. The barber, after a short prayer, touched his patient three times with a hot iron. That was the cure.

They Wished Him the Same.

The vicar of a South London church school having finished his Scripture lesson the other day, relates an English school journal, congratulated the top class on a coming holiday, finishing with the expression of a hope that each boy would "return with clearer and better brains." He was somewhat taken back with the universal response of "Same to you sir."

AMONG THE POETS.

Expansion.

Met a feller 'other mornin'— Most amusin' sort of cuss; Had a shock 'bout his hair, Which certainly would be wuss. I says, "Where you hail f'm, pardner?" An' he smiled in a knowin' way, "Porto Rico, U. S. A."

True Courage.

Let us go forth and resolutely dare. With sweat of brow to toil our little day. And if a tear falls on the task of care. In memory of those spring hours pass'd away. Brush it not by! Our hearts to God! to brother men And labor, blessing, prayer, and then. To these a sign! —Mines.

Future Life.

Man cannot think that there will come a time. When, dust again, his soul will cease to be. And so his hope expands to the sublime, And that great hope is immortality. —James Oppenheim, in the Sun.

GLEAMS OF SUNSHINE.

Dumb with Surprise. Mamma—Why, Willie! What do you say when Uncle Skinfint gives you a cent? "Gee! I'm too 'sprised to say anythin'."—Life.

It Was "So Sudden."

"Miss Gwendolen," said he, as they sat on the beach in the moonlight, "will you marry me?" "This is so sudden!" she cried. "My love!" he asked. "No," she replied, "your nerve."—Baltimore American.

An All-Round Expert.

"Is your friend an expert handwriting witness?" inquired one spectator at Remex. "No," answered the other. "He doesn't confine himself to handwriting. He's an all-round expert. He can testify on any side of a case."—Washington Star.

His Figures Were Wrong.

Bilkins—It's a mistake about people being made one when they are married. My wife and I were made ten. Wilkins—Made ten? Bilkins—Yes; she's the one and I'm the other.—Ohio State Journal.

PERSONALITIES.

King Menelik, of Abyssinia, is said to be at work upon a chain of evidence to support his claim of descent from King Solomon.

S. S. McClure founder of McClure's Magazine, is said to be the original of one of the characters in Robert Louis Stevenson's "The Wreckers," and of another in Mr. Howell's "A Hazard of New Fortunes."

No successor to Dr. E. E. Hale in the pulpit of the South Congregational church, of Boston, has yet been chosen, nor is it likely that a selection will be made this year. Dr. Lyman Abbott will fill the pulpit in January.

Sir Stafford Northcote, whose name is mentioned in connection with the governorship of Bombay, is one of the most silent of M. P.'s. He is married to the adopted daughter of the first Canadian poet, Lord Mount Stephen.

Mrs. Shiver, who lives in Southern Georgia, ought to have a place in the world's history. She has had no fewer than 319 descendants, 225 of whom are still living. This great-great-grandmother is 90 years of age, but still brisk and energetic.

President Loubet, of France, has won much approbation from the people of his country by his devotion to his aged mother and his occasional visits to this fond peasant woman are looked upon by the French as a great proof of his democratic spirit.

Elihu Root is the eighth secretary of war credited to New York. His predecessors from that state were John Armstrong (Madison); Peter B. Porter (John Quincy Adams); Benjamin F. Butler (Jackson); John C. Spencer (Tyler); William L. Marey (Polk); John M. Schofield (Johnson); and Daniel S. Lamont (Cleveland).

Professor Milton Uppgraft, who for the last eight years has held the chair of astronomy in the University of Missouri, has been appointed professor of mathematics in the United States navy, with the pay and rank of senior lieutenant. He will be stationed at the naval observatory near Washington. The appointment is one held in high regard by astronomers, being for life at a comfortable salary, and with large opportunity for scientific research.

Dr. J. E. Fricke, while persuading Governor Roosevelt to speak on President McKinley's policy to the Methodists at Ocean Grove, pointed out the rather remarkable fact that the presiding officer of the convention that nominated Mr. McKinley was a Methodist; that he, himself, was a local preacher; that the man who nominated him was a Methodist; that the man who seconded the nomination was a Methodist; that a large number of the delegates were Methodists; and that when the house of representatives was chosen 288 of the members were Methodists.

The Central Association of London Anglers has passed a resolution against the introduction of moon to the Thames on the ground that the proposed experiments would jeopardize the rights of the citizens of London to angle freely in the Thames.

It is a curious property of the compounds of tellurium that they have a putrid and unbearable odor. London physicians have taken advantage of this fact in prescribing it for feminine patients whom they wish to temporarily isolate from society.

Housewives in Berlin are facing what seems to be a crisis in the servant question. Recently the "dienstmadchen" have been seized with a fever for going into factories and dressmaking establishments, and now those who are left are forming a labor union.

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