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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS. State.

Justice of the Supreme Court-J. HAY BROWN, of Lancaster. Judge of the Superior Court-JOSIAH R.

ADAMS, of Philadelphia. ONEL JAMES E. BARNETT, of

Election day, Nov. 7. A pardon for Dreyfus? Should a traltor be pardoned?

The Ultimate Arbiter.

AR BETWEEN England and the Dutch element in South Africa has not been declared nor begun, hence the hope of peace has not been wholly abandoned; but the trend of circumstances is manifestly toward war. The situation in many respects resembles that which preceded our recent ciash with Spain. For weeks prior to the opening of hostMitles, while the conservative element publicly argued and longed for peace, the knowing ones quietly got ready for war and that is what England is doing now, She has a number of transports on their way with soldiers to the theater of disturbance; other troops are being put in readiness for the summons to march. It is not the policy of an experienced campaigner to proclaim warlike intentions before the preparations are in ceadiness, but things have gone too far on England's side to permit of any recession; on the other hand, the Boers are fanatical in their obstinacy, and a pacific solution will be little less than miraculous

Concerning the merits of the controversy there is little to add. The Boers have the letter of the argument: the English have the spirit of it. The Boers are sincere in their defense of independence, but their independence would not be in jeopardy if it had been exercised liberally and intelligently. The widened view of the last decade of the nineteenth century does not accept the theory that nations are free to practice tyranny with impunity simply because they are nations, not individuals. There is developing a humane instinct which draws a line of cleavage between justice and injustice without respect to local boundaries and forces the one to battle against the other in an irrepressible conflict, the confines of which are co-extensive with shadow of the sword of discipline and correction.

Abusing England as a land-thief does not remove the fact that in her main purposes England represents in this controversy the voice of the world's best conscience. She is to see that a decent and a respectable majority shall not longer be flouted and robbed by a pig-headed minority cloaking its plans of oppression in forms of law. She is to open to civilization a country partly closed by antique prejudice and obstinacy, and do for the large Interests of mankind a repugnant but necessary high resolve there be ignoble motives, it is only another way of calling attention to the fact that human nature at best is far short of perfection.

An increase since 1896, of nearly half a billion dollars in the volume of currency in circulation in this country is almost audible silence.

Not to Be Trapped.

WING TO the squabble of certain labor agitators in Chicago, which threatens to involve the president of the United States, it is announced that the latter may feel compelled to decline to take part in the ceremonies connecttd with the laying, on October 1, of the corner stone of the new government building which is to be erected in that city. Inasmuch as this was to have been an occasion of very widespread interest, graced by the presence of President Diaz. of Mexico, Premier Laurier, of Canada, and other men of international renown, it is desirable that the facts of the squabbling should be made known. We offer them upon the authority of the Chicago Times-Herald, which says:

"When it was decided to erect a new at once begun by local labor unions to | timable. force the Maine people to discharge their non-union men and to engage union men in their places. As the Maine contractors were masters of the situation in their own state it was impossible to beat them in a straight encounter, so the effort was made to coerce them indirectly. Officials of the government were invited with threats to intervene in the controversy and the bugaboo of politics was invoked.

"The government, which had given out its awards on business principles, was held by its contracts, and it was honor or its interests that it should perparty to a private dispute. Legitimateing. His presence here was to be made of a splendid festival, which would | economically-steep hills, sharp curves,

gratify a host of patriotic American citizens from the locality and from abroad. Chicago was bound by every consideration of courtesy and self-interest to so manage the celebration that it should be without hitch or disagreeable incident of any sort.

to abstain from participation in the affair in a body and to hamper the work of entertainment wherever they could by calling off their members from every employment that had to do with the reception of the visitors. Worst of all, they resorted to a nasty trick. The Bricklayers' and Stone Macons' union voted to issue a card of honorary membership to President McKinley with a distinctly dishonorable purpose in view. He was to be put in a dilemma. If he accepted the card, which he might do as the courteous response to a courteous act, then he must not lay a non-union stone under penalty of being placarded as a renegade and a 'scale' all over the country.

the contractors." The Times-Herald is of the opinion that if the president shall come to Chicago he will not come as the servant of any particular organization but as the guest of the entire public and that he should be treated as such and not be forced into a local controversy in which he has no official or personal concern. This conclusion will

The idea was that in this way new

generally approved. Intelligent public opinion should rebuke the agitators whose conception of courtesy is so diseased as to prompt them to lay measly little traps for the chief executive of their country.

The record of prosperity in Schuylkill county, presented in another coluna, can be duplicated in every other industrial center where strikes have not thrown labor's fat into the fire.

How to Curb Trusts. UT OF THE multiplicity of words at the Chicago trust conference some wisdom was evolved. Professor John Graham Brooks, of Harvard university, presented a definite contribution to the general fund of information and suggestion when he pointed out that, inasmuch as the tendency toward consolidation of business enterprises could not be outlawed it is desirable to surround it with concrete safeguards, of which he proposed:

(i) Absolute publicity of methods and accounts.

(2) The removal of every artificial advantage given by the tariff. (3) Prevention of discrimination by railroads in favor of large shippers, es-

pecially trusts. These propositions involve difficult but not impossible operations of law. Publicity of methods and accounts may be exacted as a condition of charter privileges and its advantage would be to expose over-capitalization and protect the unwary from deceptive investments in watered securities. When the state grants a charter it confers upon the inhabited portions of the earth. It the recipients of the charter certain is because the Boers have not shared advantages, in consideration of which in this civilizing instinct but have it may not unreasonably assert the lily cooking. No doubt she realizes that sought to cling to the despotic theories right to exercise such measure of supervision as it shall deem essential to the public welfare. Whether such supervision would be effective would depend upon the honesty and intelligence with which it should be exercised, but effective supervision need

not be considered impossible. Removal of artificial tariff advantages is in line with the true theory of protection, which aims simply to equalize competitive conditions, protecting the home producer and home laborer from injury at the hands of foreigners, but not establishing home monopolies with power to extort from home consumers artificial profits. When a parpolice service. If mingled with this ticular tariff rate ceases to be protective and becomes an instrument of oppression it should be lowered to the protective level or dispensed with entirely. This should not be an impossible task for honest and intelligent statesmanship.

Lastly, prevention of discrimination by railroads means that common carone of the phenomena of the times riers, which owe their existence to pubwhich stuns the free silverite into an lie concessions, shall be held strictly to a policy of fair dealing with the public. This is unassailable in theory and it will become reasonably effective in practice whenever the powerful force of an educated public opinion shall be brought to bear with determination upon the makers and upon the enforcers of the laws relating to intraand inter-state commerce.

> Five hundred tons of coal a day are required by the engines of the new giant steamship Oceanic, when in motion, or 6,000 tons for a round trip, equal to the capacity of twenty-five trains of fifty "jimmy" cars to the train Verily, coal is king.

The Land of Surprises.

WENTY-THREE thousand acres of untouched coal cago Tribune. land, rich deposits of graphite and iron ore, the latter with a 60 per cent, yield, and silver and government building in Chicago there gold mines of unmeasured possibiliwas the usual advertising for bids ties are among the resources of Westand the usual award of contracts. A ern Siberia, as reported by one of our Maine concern received the order to European consuls; to say nothing of supply the stone and this concern em- | the dormant value of this great empire ploys non-union labor. A fight was in an agricultural sense, which is ines-

A peculiar result of the opening of this great country to modern commerce through the construction by the Russian government of the Trans-Siberian railway is noted by an attache of the American embassy at St. Petersburg, who first gives these figures of the amount of traffic on the completed portion of the road:

Description.

Freight (tons)191,666 411,666 616,666 During the first two months of the present year the amount of freight not compatible with its dignity, its transported amounted to 273,333 tons; and in the month of May, on the Cenmit itself to be used as a club by a tral Siberian railway alone, 1,200 cars of freight were waiting two months for ly the question was still a question their turn, being directed to a faminebetween the contractors and their em- stricken district in the direction of the ployes alone. It was known that the Trans-Baikal, During the first two president had been asked to Chicago to months of the present year 150,000 lay the corner stone of the new build- workmen and settlers were carried along the Siberian line. The attache the occasion of a great public cere- adds: "The great railway never expectmony. The city was to be the scene ed such success and has been built

light rails, a limited quantity of rolling stock of bad quality and a still more limited number of employes. In a word, all was prepared for a sleeping country. What must be done now? It will be to change the light rails for heavier ones, to renew the roadbed, to lengthen "At this point the unions threatened and to increase the number of sleepers, also to build switch stations at small intervals on the line in order to increase the number of trains, and to change the wooden bridges for iron bridges. It has also been found absolutely necessary to build large warehouses to preserve cereals at various

points along the line." This significant development has extended in other directions. We quote from another consular report: "The Ob. one of the world's biggest rivers, emptying through the gulf of Ob into the Arctic ocean, has 102 steamers and 200 tugs running already. On the Yenizei. ten steamers carry the mails regularly. The mouths of both these rivers were visited last summer by English and Russian ships. This proves the pracpressure might be brought to bear en ticability of connecting eastern and western Siberia with Europe by water. The mouth of the Ob is to be deepened and wharves are to be built. On the coast of the Usuri country there is regular postal communication between Nicolajevsk, Vladivostock, and intervening places, as well as connection with Japanese ports and Port Arthur. From Odessa and St. Petersburg to various Asiatic ports runs the so-called volunteer fleet, established in 1879. It has fourteen steamers with 115,500 tons displacement. In war they a can be armed; in peace they carry freight, travelers, imigrants and troops."

The American who desires to be abreast of the world's large movements will need to keep a watch upon Russia. It is to be the land of future surprises.

Captain Boltwood, of the Twentieth Kansas regiment, rubs some of the bloom off by denying very specifically that Colonel Funston figured in any of the feats of dare-devil heroism for which he has sice become famous. But | So. this is an age of iconoclasm.

The Lebanon Report, which has long been recognized as one of the most enterprising of Pennsylvania journals, now receives a full daily telegraphic service and is showing other signs of a healthy prosperity, upon which we offer congratulations.

Bourke Cockran advises the president to take a hand in the Transvaal affair. Bourke, like many other leading Democrats, is always loaded with advice that would get this country into trouble if heeded.

Mr. Bryan is a fluent and adroit stump speaker, but he is distinctly inferior in both rhetoric and logic to Bourke Cockran in a serious argument upon a serious theme before serious men. He therefore did well not to court comparisons.

Although her husband is worth \$25 .-000,000, Mrs. Paul Kruger does the famthe woman behind the cooking-stove is wer that rules the world.

Senator Hanna says that while in Europe he staked his reputation as a prophet upon the prediction that Me-Kinley would be re-clected. His reputation is safe.

The last straw hat of summer is

bleoming alone.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe Cast: 4.18 a. m., or Monday, September 18, 1899.

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A child born on this day will notice Some men slander their neighbors others take it out in buying papers that perform the service. Some men let the office seek the man others fall into the hands of their friends. Some men abuse their wives; others resent the typewriter with meal and

theater tickets Some men hide their lights under a ushel; others refuse to advertise Some men live by their wits; others by the good nature of friends.

Some men are habitual night hawks and rubber necks"; others "attend lodge. Some men trust in everything but the ord; others purchase Klondike stock. Some men marry for love; others for Some men make a bluff at knowledge by looking wise; others pose as critics.

SUPPOSED TO BE FUNNY.

Was Rather Slow Himself. What broke him up in business?"

Slow collections "I thought he sold goods for cash only."
"He did. It was the firms he owed that had the trouble in making the colus, and they closed him out."-Chi-

A Guilty Conscience. Mrs. Greenleigh-My husband never lets day pass without telling me how much

Mrs. Oldham-Oh, then he must have ome cause to believe that you have him under suspicion.-Chicago Times-Herald. Vicarious Cross Examination.

"Does your wife cross-examine you when you stay out late at night?"

"That automobile driver of yours smelled dreadfully of peppermint."
"That was my idea. You couldn't notice the gazoline, could you?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer. She Found Her Wings.

Action and Counteraction.

He jokingly called her his angel, But serious now he has grown; For he called around one evening And found with a rival she'd flown -Chicago News. A Driving Business.

"I tell you that fellow is doing a driv-"A hackman."-Chicago Times-Herald.

A Hard-Won Title.

"I am a self-made man," remarked the boastful American.
"So am I." said the Duc de Stramonium. "I'd never have bad any more little than you have, if I hadn't gotten out and hustled for it."—Washington Star.

CURRENT VERSE.

The Girl of 1899. She can sing a ballad sweetly, . And can fascinate completely

With a look. She can dance the waitz divincly, And can entertain you finely. Can she cook? She can write a peem aesthetic,
And can read it so pathetic
That you weep.
To the woman's suffrage question
She has given deep reflection.

Can she sweep? But in spite of her endeavor To become a maiden clever.

She's so sweet That my heart she's fairly captured, And I lay it down enraptured At her feet.
-Written by an Inmute of the Maryland Hospital for the Insane.

A Man We Like.

We like you, Tommy Lipton-Sir and all, sir-yes, we do: You're what is called in fellowship a genuine true blue: You've stood square by your colors, and we like a man for that; So here's a hip-hoora for you, while off

comes every hat! In you the gentleman reveals the universal plan; You're manly as a sportsman and you're manly as a man; like the way your jib is cut, your

mainsail and your spanker;

In fact, Sir Tom, we like you, sir, from topmast down to anchor! We like your honest brogue, Sir Tom; we've had it here so long 'Tis firmly interwoven with our poetry and song; What Byron said to Tommy Moore was

carnest as 'twas true, we repeat to you, Sir Tom, his "Here's a health to you!" We like the Shamrock, too, Sir Tom; she comes in with the rest; we rather like the Columbia a little

bit the best; But when the mighty trial comes, and both begin to spin.

We want-like you, Sir Tom-we want the better boat to win:

But, most of all, Sir Tom, we want, whatever else betide, That sportsmanlike good fellowship shall first and last abide; while you touch the harp, Sir Tom, the Eagle in the blue
Screams with our one united voice—"Long
life and health to you!"

W. S. S., in New York Tribune.

The Golf Maid. As we sit and dream in the silent porch

Together, my pipe and I, A cloud of smoke from the old brown bowl

Floats up to the dapple sky; And I watch through its dim, enchanted haze
A little sunbonnet go
In shadow and shine o'er the grassy links

That He in the vale below. For early and late, all the long, bright

day, It is busy flitting there, With a caddle wandering in its train, While the white ball files in air; A sunbonnet ancient of pattern, such As Priscilla's sweet self wore When she waiked with the homesick Pilgrim maids, Long since, on an alien shore.

And the jolly lads in the jackets red-There's never a one goes by But he slacks his pace and he turns his And he feels his heart beat high

At the glance he gets and the bloom he brings To the roguish face within That sheltered scoop, with its soft strings

But I bide my time on the silent norch. For I know whom she loves best, And that by and by, when the game is

And the day lies in the west, She will hang the sunbonnet on her arm, And the peeping stars will see What a soft light lies in her happy eyes, As she wanders home with me M. E. W. in New Orelans Times-Demo

From the Age of Gold.

Enthralled within the sculptured stone she slept. Till one strange kiss some unknown barrier broke; Then through the marble bosom warmed and crept

Life's wine-and lo! she woke. Such was the legend, dearest, once they

dreamed, Long, long ago, in their lost Age of When wiser, sweeter, truer than they seemed. The childish tales they told!

For was not I, who slept and knew it not was not I, who dreamed my whole life through,

When my dumb lips your saddened lips first sought, Awakened thus by you? -Arthur S. Stringer, in the Bookman.

September Masquerading. She borrowed summer's emerald dress, She twined gay flowers in her hair, Her eyes shone clear, she sweetly smiled

We could but own her fair. And so we gave her answering smile Nor stopped to grieve for summer fled, The whole September played her flutes,

And warm, bright hours sped We roamed with her o'er woods and fields.
And loitered by the shimmering tide,

And with each day's felicity Were more than satisfied. But oh! one morn her eyes were dim, Her hair was gray, her smile had fled. Her trailing robes were justreless-

We grieved for summer dead. -Truth To Uncle Paul Kruger.

Keep your powder good and dry, Oom Never close your weather eye, Oom Paul; Have your rifle clean and bright; Look to fore and after sight. They are planning day and night— You will need to watch them all,

Oom Paul, Oom Paul. "Worse than that. She encourages the children to ask questions in her presence."—Syracuse Herald.

Shoot to kill 'em when you shoot, Oom Paul.

They are coming for the loot, Oom Paul. They'll be gathering you in, Just as sure as sin is sin, For they know you have the "tin"-

> Then get out your little gun, Oom Paul; For you don't know how to run, Oom Paul; Don't discuss about the right, When a rattlesnake's in sight, And his pigen head shows fight,

You must battle for it all,

Don't you do a thing at all, Not a thing to him at all. Oom Paul, Oom Paul -James Jeffrey Roche, in Boston Pilot,

Blossoms.

Out of the nights comes the morning: Out of the mold springs the flower; Out of the past flies the present; Out of the cloud falls the shower.

Out of our effort, achievement; Out of the thought grows the act; Out of our failure, successes Out of the error, the fact. Out of the passions, the lover;

Out of our need, the desire;

Out of our pain, our compassion; Out of the lower, the higher.

Out of experience, knowledge: Out of reflection, the soul; Out of the soul, aspiration;

PERSONALITIES.

And God is the source of the same,

Queen Victoria sternly forbids smoking n any part of Windsor Castle.

Mrs. Richard P. Bland is collecting material for a life of her late husband, famous congressman.

The Rev. George Docker Grundy, who has just celebrated his ninety-second birthday, is England's oldest vicar. Dr. G. S. Burroughs will retire from the presidency of Wabash college, of indianapolis, early in the fall to go to

The Austrian Count Oppersdorf hagiven \$15,000 for a monument to Kaiser Wilhelm L, to be erected by Zumbusch in Strassburg.

The intention of the Earl of Dunmore to explore New Caledonia is said to be not wholly unconnected with the recent

reports of marvelous gold discoveries is that colony. Senor Don Eduardo Lopez de Romana, the new president of Peru, was sent to England by his parents when he was only ten years old, to be educated at Stonyhurst college.

A year's leave of absence has been

granted Professor J. Mark Baldwin, of Princeton, in order that he may see the "Dictionary of Philosophy and Psychol-ogy" through the press in England, Th noted German actress, Agnes Sorma, who was in this country last year, intends to give a series of performances in Paris during the exposition, where she will appear at the Gymnase theater.
Dr. J. Walter Fewkes, of the Smithson

ian institution, Washington, will go to Arizona next month to continue the in-vestigations of the Moqui Indian life, which have engaged his attention for the past ten years. United States Senator Hansbrough, of North Dakota, acquired his education in a newspaper office. In 1870 he was an apprentice in the composing room of the San Francisco Chronicle, and gradually worked his way up till he became news

editor of the paper.
Colonel John Sobieski, who is living un pretentiously in Nevsho, Mo., is the sixth lineal descendant of King John Sobleski, of Poland, the hero who became Christianity's champion when the Mohammed ans were at the gates of Vienna. The Colonel worked his passage to New You at the age of 12, served in the Civil war and got his present rank in the Mexican army. His father led the revolt of 1846.

In our last two ads what the styles and materials for Fall and Winter would be but do not think that a man who would dress in style is confined to the fashion plates for pattern of material or style of cut. You have a wide range of individual preference. You can keep out of the rut, yet keeping the road. Uniformity of dress is not necessary. In fact the best dressed men are those who dress with some originality yet keep within certain style limits. If you wish to dress sty-lishly and yet originally we have just the stock that will satisfy you and while you secure the latest in design you secure the lowest in price.

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JAMES CAREY. I have had a heavy feeling in my head, lungs and stomach for six weeks. I was examined and informed that my heart and lungs were sound. I am alarmed about the condition.

IThe heaviness is more apt to be due to DOCTOR. indigestion than to heart or lung disease. A feeling of heaviness in the

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