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SCRANTON, SEPTEMBER 20, 1899.

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

State.

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

Judge of the Superior Court—JOSHUA R. ADAMS, of Philadelphia.

State Treasurer—LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES E. BARNETT, of Washington.

Election day, Nov. 7.

In his speech opening the Nebraska campaign, Colonel Bryan charged that he was denied by the administration a chance to acquire military glory. Inasmuch as he had never had a minute's military experience prior to the outbreak of the Spanish-American war and was, therefore, in no wise fitted for an important command, the attempt of Colonel Bryan to work the sympathy dodge on his war record will hardly suffice. We had too many political war appointments as it was.

Dreyfus Pardoned.

THE DISPATCHES from Paris announcing the pardon of Dreyfus do not make altogether clear just what arrangement has been effected between the ministry and the prisoner's family looking to the future; but it is reasonable to assume that one of the conditions of the pardon is the postponement to a more auspicious season of aggressive attempts to secure a complete legal rehabilitation. We assume that the right of appeal which Dreyfus is said to have waived is to the military court of review, a tribunal as little likely to render justice as was the court martial at Rennes. If this be so, there remains open to him at any subsequent time the right to petition to the minister of justice for a revision of judgment, which, if accompanied by new evidence of importance, would eventually carry the whole case once more before the court of cassation.

Let us suppose some time to have elapsed, during which the civil power in France shall have entrenched itself more firmly and preparations been made to enforce discipline in the army, popular excitement having largely subsided in the meantime and the public mind of the French people having been prepared judiciously for a re-opening of this unfortunate controversy. Then let us imagine Maitre Demange, as the senior counsel for Dreyfus, appearing before the minister of justice with, let us say, documents from the German government conclusively demonstrating Dreyfus' innocence. To stretch the fancy this far is to make possible the belief that a revision under such circumstances would be expedited by the civil rulers of France all the more quickly and gladly because they would not then have cause to dread revolutionary political consequences.

Some such understanding undoubtedly exists between the Dreyfus family and the Loubet administration. For the sake of France the victim of the army conspiracy consents to accept justice on the installment plan.

Germany's last disclaimer in regard to the Transvaal situation places President Kruger and his followers emphatically outside the breastworks.

An Irrepressible Conflict.

THE "irreducible minimum" of England's demand upon the Boers, as presented by the English commissioner at the Bloemfontein conference, was that residents of five years standing should be eligible for citizenship, and that even they should be men who intended to sojourn permanently in the Transvaal, who are ready to take their share in the military service of the state and who bear good characters and possess a certain amount of property. This granted without equivocation by the Boers, together with recognition of British suzerainty, it was proposed to submit the other grievances of the Outlanders to investigation by a joint commission.

The sticking point, so far as the Boers are concerned, seems to be, first of all, the British claim of suzerainty. In the Transvaal republic's last communication to Great Britain appears this pointed paragraph: "It trusts that it will clearly appear from the foregoing that her majesty's government is under a misunderstanding if it supposes * * * that the republic would suffer any violations of its independence." All of England's attempts to exercise supervisory powers over Transvaal legislation are repudiated in this sentence, which is tantamount to an out and out rejection of the English claim that the treaties of 1851 and 1854 gave to her majesty's government paternal authority over the Boers.

Legalizing Fraud.

IN SUPPORT of his contention before the Chicago trust conference that the people of one state could not afford to rely upon another state for regulation of corporations going an inter-state business, Mr. Bryan read a remarkable letter from a trust company in Delaware outlining a condition of affairs in that state which is certainly extraordinary. The document is truly important as an illustration of premeditated carelessness in legislation.

Delaware some time ago decided to compete with New Jersey for the fees of men wishing to organize corporations. To this end a commission was appointed to study the New Jersey act relating to incorporation and in framing the act intended to embody the fruits of this study the commission evidently tried very earnestly to surpass the famous Jersey measure, wherever possible, in leniency to the incorporators. The letter read by Mr. Bryan compares the Delaware with the New Jersey act and solicits business in behalf of the former. In the following salient provisions the Delaware and New Jersey laws are substantially identical: 1 Any three persons may organize a corporation.

2 It may engage in any lawful business except banking. 3 It may purchase and deal in real or personal property wherever situated, and to any desired amount. 5 It may be a mortgagee or a mortgagor. 6 It may conduct business anywhere in the world. 7 Stock may be issued for property purchased, and in Delaware for services rendered, and in the absence of fraud the judgment of the directors as to the value of such property or services is conclusive. 8 It may easily wind up its affairs and dissolve itself. 9 Its authorized capital stock need not be subscribed for. 10 The amount of capital stock which it may issue is unlimited. 11 It may file its certificate of incorporation and even begin business before any sum whatever is paid in. 12 It may have different classes of stocks, with different privileges or restrictions. 13 The charter may be easily amended. 14 Only one director need be a resident of Delaware. 15 Capital stock may be easily diminished or increased. 16 The corporation may be readily merged or consolidated into other corporations. 17 The incorporators may or may not limit the authority of the directors as to the liabilities.

The Delaware law, according to the letter, possesses the following advantages: 1. The original fee for incorporation is small—about three-quarters of that in New Jersey. 2. The annual tax is small—one-half of that in New Jersey.

but also how to eliminate menaces to the orderly development of English sovereignty in those parts of Africa where English sovereignty is technically beyond question. If the antique spirit of the Boers is to be fed by English vaccination, Britain's whole African cake may become dough. Considered in this light, England, no less than the Transvaal, is fighting for its political existence in South Africa.

Aberrant Atkinson illustrates anew the usual fate of the prophet in his own country. In spite of his efforts to mold public opinion, Massachusetts leads the other forty-four states in the number of volunteers furnished for regiments recruited for service in the Philippine war.

What He Might Have Said.

WHAT the president said in reply to the delegation of politicians from Maryland who waited upon him to protest against the assignment of Rear Admiral W. S. Schley to the command of the South Atlantic squadron, in response to his request for sea service, has not been made public, but what he might have said is indicated below:

"As commander-in-chief of the army and naval forces of the United States it is my duty to exercise in the choice of men for military or naval commands, the best judgment possible, basing it solely upon the information available as to their fitness for the work to be done. The man who tries to influence me by political pressure in favor of some favorite wants me to run the risk of doing a wrong to those officers in the service who lack the intercession of friends at court. I respectfully decline to be put in this unjust position."

"Since you have brought up the case of Admiral Schley, I deem it opportune to remind you that no true friend of that officer can desire to put him in the unprofessional light of seeking to evade or question the orders of his superiors. The United States navy is larger than any individual in it and when any individual on its pay roll finds the conditions of service in that navy insupportable to his liking, it is not for the president of the United States to make an exception in his favor, but for that particular officer to consider whether the situation calls for his resignation."

"I have no wish to do injustice to any officer in our gallant navy, but an injustice would be done to every conscientious wearer of the American naval uniform if as a result of public clamor undeserved attentions should be paid by the commander-in-chief to an officer who stands charged on the records with disobedience of orders and reprehensible conduct, and whose efforts to explain these charges have been characterized by conduct, as in the case of Lieutenant Hodgson, unbecoming to a man of sensitive honor. For what he did in the sea fight at Santiago I nominated Commodore Schley for promotion, exercising a generous charity for faults which otherwise would have induced sharp rebuke: I am aware of no discrimination against this officer beyond that which his own conduct and record necessitated in the interest of the service; and with this frank statement of the case I have the honor to bid you good day."

A speech like that would have received the approval of every fair-minded man acquainted with the facts.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrological Cast: 4:18 a. m., for Wednesday, September 20, 1899.

A child born on this day will notice that there is no admiration that can equal that which a girl cherishes for her first beau.

Many men fail to appreciate the effects of good times because prosperity has not returned in equal quantities all around.

If a man cannot be successful on the stage he can sometimes do well holding the ribbons on a hack.

No one can become great through the medium of good acts without the aid of a press bureau.

A friend in need is the one who has money to loan without gilt-edged security.

Man's political influence is generally the thing that benefits some one else.

Ajacchus' Advice. Never blow out the gas; especially in the court house clock at night.

NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

The two highest paid women in the government employ are translators of French and Spanish, and each receives \$2,900 a year.

As the average life of a car wheel is ten years, there are needed 1,200,000 new wheels every year to replace those worn in the service.

The shortest, straightest and most profitable railroad in the world is said to be the Marine railway at Coney Island, connecting Brighton with Manhattan Beach. Its length is half a mile.

Wash milk cannot be obtained in China. Hence this country is an inexhaustible market for condensed milk. It is imported via London or Amoy and sold by German and English firms.

Packages cannot be mailed to the Yukon country, according to the order recently issued by the Postoffice department. Letters and postal cards can be sent to the Yukon territory, but there is no way in which parcels, or third or fourth-class matter, can be forwarded.

Ancient Egypt boasted "a nickel-in-treadle" machine, while Layard found in the ruins of Nineveh what Sir Daud Lindsay pronounced to be "a mangle-making machine" and nearly 4,000 years ago the Egyptians and Assyrians observed the stars through a sort of primitive telescope.

The smallest city in the world is Fen-ton, a beautiful little hamlet of less than 100 people, situated on the picturesque Merrimac river, fifteen miles to the south and west of St. Louis, Mo. It is the only incorporated city of its size in the world, and has been incorporated for more than twenty-five years.

In the section of an oriental harem a woman invented the weaving of cashmere shawls, and besides this evidence of brilliance gave wise advice to her husband that he change her name from Nourmahal (light of the harem) to Nourjehan (light of the world). The same woman invented altar of roses.

Princess Lohersula, of Matabeland, recently had a ride in a horseless carriage. When the vehicle arrived he inquired after the horses and first considered it a "devil machine." Finally he consented to mount and thoroughly enjoyed the ride. At the end of the trip he patting the automobile as though it were a horse.

3. Stockholders and directors may hold their meetings wherever they please and need never meet in the state of Delaware. New Jersey stockholders must meet in that state. 4. The original stock and transfer books, which in a New Jersey corporation may be kept in the state, may be kept in or out of Delaware, in the discretion of the company. 5. The examination of the books by intermediaries is much more difficult under the Delaware law than under the laws of any other state. 6. The liability of the stockholders is absolutely limited when the stock has once been issued for cash, property or services. 7. Stock may be issued in compensation for services rendered, and in the absence of fraud in the transaction the judgment of the directors as to the value of such services is conclusive. 8. The annual report of a Delaware corporation is required to give no secret or confidential information. 9. The certificate need not show nor need public record be in any way made of the amount of stock subscribed by an incorporator.

Regulation like this is certainly not sufficient for the public protection and the state which makes a specialty of legalizing fraud should be held in general contempt.

Although it may not be generally known, corn whiskey is largely used in the manufacture of smokeless powder. The enervating effects of corn whiskey have long been recognized and there is no reason why its explosive qualities should not be used in the nation's defense even at the risk of curtailing luxuries in Kentucky.

According to official treasury figures the gold in circulation in the United States on Sept. 1 was \$72,993,192, against \$63,995,696 at the date of Mr. Bryan's nomination in 1895. Here is an increase of nearly 50 per cent, while the increase in population has not been 5 per cent—an effectual answer to the fear that there isn't enough gold.

August exports were \$164,645,453 against \$142,565,561 in August, a year ago; \$89,815,050 in August, 1897; and an average of only about \$69,000,000 for the Augusts of 1894, 1895 and 1896. The trade figures certainly are not running Mr. Bryan's way.

In round numbers a quarter of a million immigrants passed through Ellis Island in the year ended June 30 last, a gain over the preceding year of nearly 40 per cent. Additional restrictions are still needed.

A slight change has been made in foot ball rules this year. Enthusiasts, however, will note with pleasure that it is not of a nature to eliminate any of the gory features of the game.

Carnegie now asks \$35 a ton for steel rails which, a year ago, he was selling for \$15. This is indeed a land of ups and downs.

WE HAVE TOLD YOU

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 contented with a few 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 stylishly and yet originally we have just the stock that will satisfy you and while you seek the latest in design you secure the lowest in price.

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Frederick William Edward Forrester, K. C. B. He is 53 years old, the youngest man of his rank in the army.

The William Henry Harrison home-stand at North Bend, Ind., the home of the first president produced by this family and the birthplace of the second, is said to have been purchased by P. D. Armour, the Chicago packer.

Mrs. Prim, widow of Judge Prim, is still alive at the age of 84. She is the granddaughter of Amable Golen, the first white child born in St. Louis, and remembers when England was an extra study in the schools of that city.

Edward Savoy, the trusted messenger of the First Assistant Secretary of State, has in his possession two valuable envelopes which he treasures as souvenirs of the important service he has at different times rendered the government. One of them held the passports sent by Secretary Bayard to the British Minister, Sir Lionel Sackville-West, when the return of that diplomat was summarily demanded; the other covered President McKinley's ultimatum to the Spanish government.

A West Chester dispatch to the Philadelphia Times says: William S. Windle, who is the law partner of Congressman Butler in this borough, and son-in-law of Judge William Butler, late of the United States District court, is a close friend of Governor Roosevelt, New York. They were classmates at Harvard college and since then have been more or less "chummy." Naturally Mr. Windle feels considerably bitter at the presidential talk being indulged in at present, in which Governor Roosevelt is frequently mentioned. A few days ago he wrote the governor a cordial letter, expressing his pleasure at reading that his name had been coupled up with the vice-presidency in 1898, but at the same time he warned him not to give this gilded bait any serious consideration. Mr. Windle said that the second place on the Republican ticket was of no value to Roosevelt at this time, when the first was within easy reach. If not in 1900, in some other year, Mr. Windle received in reply the following characteristic if not suggestive reply: Oyster Bay, Aug. 21.

My Dear Mr. Windle: Nobody asked me, sir, she said. Sincerely yours, Theodore Roosevelt.

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Store Gossip Which Concerns Dress Goods, Coats and Suits, Furniture, Books, Etc.

OF THE DRESS GOODS—This is a season of novelties. Whether in plain effects, in Black Crepons or Plaids, the greater the novelty the better the style. Need we tell you that everything new is here, for you to see? Never was a dress goods store more charmingly stocked than is this one just now. Sights to interest you for hours. We don't want to go into details here. We want you to spend an hour in a department the like of which you'll not find for many miles around. Today as a special flyer our magnificent \$1.50 Crepons are reduced to \$1.25.

OF THE COATS AND SUITS—We'll have a lot more to say about our showing of Coats and Suits within a day or two. Just now we want to impress you with the importance of seeing the assortment here before purchasing. No interior city ever exhibited so classic a display. Styles to suit every idea at prices to please every purse.

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