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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.

The recent grand jury took a commendable position in the location of costs on ignored bills, putting them, in nearly every instance, upon the prosecutor.

What the People Want.

IF SCRANTON is to have any more public improvements or is to pay for those already contracted for, the people must contribute the money by consenting to additional taxation.

It is true that in the opinion of many competent business men the city's present income would be ample to meet all necessary expenses and leave a generous margin besides if it were administered with approximate fidelity and intelligence.

There is nothing to prevent this sort of thing from continuing indefinitely. The people will murmur when their taxes are raised, but inasmuch as the raising is a direct consequence of their own indifference their murmuring is illogical and ineffective.

France is indeed a singular nation. She refused to get excited at a period in the Dreyfus affair when everybody expected to see the brickbats fly.

Slow Work in Cuba.

NINE MONTHS of American control of Cuba will soon have elapsed and yet the island remains, in its legal conditions—that is to say in the methods by which justice is administered between man and man and in the principles of its jurisprudence—almost, if not exactly, where it was when the American nation intervened.

Take one illustration, the matter of libel. Some time ago General Ludlow had, by virtue of his authority as military governor of Havana, to suppress a venomous and obscene publication in that city known as El Reconcentrado.

We have the word of General Wood for it that until held up by General Brooke he found not only little difficulty but actual encouragement among the natives in doing away, as speedily and as effectually as possible, in the territory within his jurisdiction, with the defective and obsolete Spanish court system and in substituting,

frankly and fully, Anglo-Saxon principles and methods of fair and open adjudication. He did not take the slow and tortuous pathway to this vitally necessary reform which seems to have been preferred by the routine-loving governor general at Havana, who, it is to be feared, lets "I dare not" wait upon "I would"; he took the short-cut, straight to the heart of the situation and carried out immediately the logic of American intervention by removing without delay the paramount cause of it.

When will the authorities at Washington discover that the way to reconstruct Cuba is to reconstruct it?

If the navy department is to be run by the politicians of Maryland, we frankly advise the Hon. John D. Long, of Massachusetts, to get out of it.

Indiana's Roads Exhibit.

EUROPEAN visitors at the Paris exposition—which, now that Dreyfus has been pardoned, is sure to spring forward into renewed and accelerated public interest—are to be treated to one exhibit which, if they study it intelligently ought to do something to correct erroneous foreign opinions of the United States. We refer to the roads exhibit planned by Governor Mount of Indiana, which is thus described by a writer for the Chicago Record:

"It is not Governor Mount's intention to give the European countries 'new wrinkles in road construction, but rather show them what a community can do with swampy, boggy, wild territory in a short space of less than a century. One of the most interesting features of his collection of pictures will be an old toll gate, a stretch of old plank road and a sight of the bottomless bogs over which turnpikes now spread. He will show the old wooden bridges, the old miller going to market on his horse, which sank belly-deep many times. He will show how—less than a half-century ago—doctors had to carry saddlebags and the mail was transported on horseback for the reason that that was the only way of reaching points located in bogs."

To appreciate progress of this kind is one of the fundamentals of good government we must bear in mind that a large part of Indiana is composed of swampy soil, where good roads are hard to build and hard to keep in repair; and also give due consideration to the fact that Indiana is not a state rich in mineral wealth, like Pennsylvania, but one inhabited, until very recent years, largely by farmers of limited means, upon whom taxes bear heavily. Imagine the rich and elderly Keystone state sending a roads exhibit to Paris!

Dreyfus should come to America if only to get acquainted with a republican form of government in which civil authority resting on willing popular consent is supreme and unquestioned.

American Tea.

ONE OF THE hobbies of the agricultural department at Washington is the cultivation of tea in the United States. Experiments made under its auspices in South Carolina have demonstrated the feasibility of raising good tea in this country in places where conditions of soil, temperature and rainfall are suitable, and now the department is trying to discover how many of such places there are.

Very lately its attention was turned to Wyoming and Professor Mead of Cheyenne was authorized to make experiments in soil watered by irrigation. It is the belief of Mr. Charles U. Shepard, the agent of the department who conducted the experiments in South Carolina, that if the proper amount of moisture can be secured by artificial means, the problem will be solved.

experiments the tea gardens net a profit of 10 cents per pound, or about \$40 per acre. It is believed that with the aid of supplemental irrigation and by conducting the gardens on a larger scale, a profit of 25 cents a pound or \$100 an acre may be realized.

"The pardoning of Dreyfus can only be the natural, legitimate and spontaneous action by which the representatives of the civil power refuse to associate themselves with the obstinate iniquity committed by the military judges. It is the government of republican France repudiating with horror any part in this denial of justice. As for us, we shall pursue with increased ardor the task of public salvation to which we have devoted ourselves."

A lady animal trainer at Philadelphia was severely wounded the other day by a leopard under her care. The blood-letting features of entertainments of this kind are not always pleasant for the trainer, but the consideration shown by the leopard in chewing the woman's arm at the beginning of the season so that she might have full benefit of the free advertising thus obtained is worthy of a number animal.

Danish butter makers, it is said, improve the quality of their product by feeding their cows sunflower cake. This hint seems well worth a trial by farmers in this country who endeavor to enrich the milk by keeping cows on a diet of sour ensilage and brewery swill.

The gloomy predictions of a Middletown palmetto caused a young girl of that city to attempt suicide. This is a strong argument that palmetto which is not a glass hand variety should be discontinued.

Now that Dreyfus has obtained his pardon and a cablegram of congratulation from the Philadelphia Times, there is no reason why he should not, like the hero of the fairy tale, "live in peace forever after."

Gruesome war pictures are seldom seen in our Philadelphia exchanges at present, but half-tone snap shots and buzz-saw etchings of the National exposition to a certain extent supply the demand.

The cut of Oom Paul's maxillary lambrifugus ought to be convincing refutation of the assertion that the president of the Transvaal republic was not a native of Mauch Chunk.

As soon as the stock of fireworks has been exhausted in New York we may expect information that the Dewey celebration was a "vindication" for the yellow journals.

The public will doubtless be interested to ascertain if the Esterhazy challenges are declared off with the pardon of Dreyfus.

Now that rood birds are in season the English sparrow will do well to roost high.

HUMAN NATURE STUDIES

Paris in 1900.

An exposition guide is showing the nervous American over the grounds. The Guide—Zees see a building of ez administration. Eet des two-hoaner wing?

The American—Wh-what's that? The Guide—What distur-r-r-ba monsieur? The American—That sound of hammering?

The Guide—Zat ees nossing. Eet ees only ze mob building a bar-r-ricade in ze Boulevard Haussman.

The American—But listen to that deep booming sound? The Guide—Eet ees nossing, monsieur. I assure you. Ze Reds are blowing up ze pavement wit dynamite.

The American—Tell me that dull red glare over there? The Guide—Monsieur ees unduly agitated. Ze red glare ees nossing; but ze petrifolous try-try to bur-r-n up ze Quarter Latin.

The American—I am sure I hear the crash of glass. The Guide—Eet ees quite possible. Ze zehntlemen of ze commune amuse zemselves br-r-r-aking ze vindows of ze 'Otel De Ville.

The American—Hark! I hear the crash of musketry! The Guide—Ze Nationale Guard is firing ez ze r-r-rotter. Monsieur must not feel ezalar-mot. Ze fighting is fully two squares away.

The American—Th-therere they go again! Listen to the yelling! See, the fires are increasing! Wh-what was that went zib by my ear? The Guide—Par-r-donne, monsieur, but zat war a r-r-rector bulidit. If monsieur will be flat on ze gr-r-round wiz me zeece will be no danger. I tell you eet ees possible. You haf zis sort of thing every day. You get used to eet you vill not mind.

The American—My friend. The Guide—Monsieur? The American—Tell me when the first train leaves Paris to connect with the first boat for New York.

The Guide—Eempossible, monsieur. Eet ees under-r-r-stood zat ze Zeus of Liberte vill blow up all ze bridges an' aqueducts, an' r-r-railway stations zee morning.

The American—Good heavens! Cleveland Plain Dealer. A Thoroughbred. He was delighted to meet the bunco man. He set his grip-sack down in the middle of the street to talk over old friends in the town where both had spent their happy boyhood days. He took off his silver-rimmed spectacles and wiped them with his red cotton handkerchief, so as to get a better look at the nephew of his dear old friend.

self. Every year I take all my cash capital an' go over to the lay-out. I put some of it on oats an' some of it on corn an' some of it on wheat with a few side bets on sweet corn an' various fancy vegetables. Then I git out every mornin' an' bet a day's work an' watch out for the weather, week after week, an' spend my nights wonderin' about grass-hoppers an' locusts an' such. It takes me long time to find out whether I win or not, but it's mighty interestin', an' I like an excitin' life. You might wait for some of the first hands to come on town an' git 'em to take a hand in the small amusements you've mentioned. But you might as well bear in mind that when you tackle a fast hand an' watch you goin' up agin' one o' the sportiest people on earth."—Philaeder Johnson, in Washington Star.

Was Well Rewarded.

Madame Antonette Sterling, the contralto singer and evangelist, had an experience in the Bombay presidency, India, which is as quaint as any of Kingling's tales of the hills. She was campaigning with Punitta Ramabal, and through her magnificent voice was drawing thousands of natives to her meetings. They had never seen that kind of a missionary before, and had never heard a voice like hers. They were so pleased with her work that they said to themselves:

"This is a foreign woman guru, and for fear of giving offense to us she has omitted to put her bearding bow outside of her door for us to put in the customary contributions."

In India every guru or holy person carries a bearding bow or clay legging bowl, into which the devout put some small sum of money. Madame Sterling walked out under the canopy of her bangalow one morning and there to her amazement, found two bearding bowls. One, a little one, with two annas in it intended for electricity, and one, an enormous affair, containing a handsome sum of annas and rupees for herself.

The only explanation should come from the fact that the servant was the "big-bowl" little money for the little Punitta with little voice. Big bowl—big money for big Missahb with big voice."

NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

Persia first grew the cherry the peach and the plum.

The four leading powers in the world are Great Britain, 8,325,000; United States, 4,750,000; Germany, 4,550,000; France, 34,000,000.

The value of horses owned by farmers in this country is \$12,649,286, or considerably more than one-fifth of the total United States currency, including gold, silver and paper money, in circulation to-day.

With the general introduction of automobiles credit to animals will almost cease. A driver will no longer be able to exercise his whip and if he forces his animals he is reasonably certain of a good repair bill.

One of the curiosities of New Zealand is a vegetable caterpillar. What happens is this: a wicked old dame has a seedling of an unfortunate caterpillar and the seeds grow to plants sometimes a foot long. In the meantime the caterpillar dies a lingering death.

On the authority of the greatest manufacturer of dental supplies in the country there are over 40,000 ounces of pure gold worked up annually for dentistry use for material in filling teeth, in plates and solders, the value of this gold approximating \$1,000,000.

Organizers in Verviers, Belgium, are compelled by law to appear every morning before the police superintendent and play their arguments for dentistry which is found out of tune must be set in order before a license to play on the street is granted.

Electronics gives its name from the Greek word for amber, electron, because Thales about 600 B. C., discovered that amber, when rubbed, attracts light and dark bodies, and in the twentieth century the scientific priests of Etruria drew lightning from the clouds with iron rods.

The grave of Captain Paul Jones has not been located by the government, through its inquiries of the embassy in the French capital. He died on July 13, 1792, in Paris, and was buried with high honors by the French government, but the place of his burial cannot now be determined.

A typewriter invented by an Englishman has a device by which vertical columns of figures can be written as readily as they can be set in type. By means of a special key the operator is enabled to write all over the paper, the whole width of the paper or in narrow columns at will.

From 1810 to 1885 women have taken out 7,965 patents. Women have invented many important things. The woman who began by inventing a corset is now inventing reservoirs and dandelions. Another woman has invented a lock with 3,000 combinations and a letter-box now in daily use for houses.

France in war has 1,000 soldiers to 15-467 inhabitants; Germany in war has 1,000 soldiers to 17,427 inhabitants; Great Britain in war has 1,000 soldiers to 12,219 inhabitants, while under the house bill enacted during the late war the United States provides for only 1,000 soldiers to about 29,000 inhabitants.

Only one-half of those who enter the military academy at West Point continue in it long enough to obtain a commission, and in part because of the severity of the discipline. Six thousand six hundred and fifty-eight cadets were admitted to the academy up to and including 1898, and only 3,841 of them were graduated.

In future all Russian students who create or instigate disorder, whether in the university or out, will be sent into the army to serve from one to three years. The regulation applies also to those who persistently refuse to continue their studies. Another regulation orders the removal from the lists of all married students, as improvident marriages are a cause of pauperism.

The world's production of gold for 1899, if Australia and South Africa maintain the rate with which they began the year, will probably reach \$300,000,000, or about \$5,000,000 more than in 1888. At the end of the current year the three principal countries will rank in the following order: South Africa, \$98,000,000; Australia, \$78,000,000; United States, \$17,000,000.

The tower of the Mauthcher rife was recently demonstrated in an accident near Prague. Two gendarmes entered a room in an inn and closed the door, putting their rifles in the corner. One rifle fell and discharged itself, the bullet striking the door and then through the bodies of five other men, all of whom were dangerously wounded.

British census reports of family names gives for England and Wales 23,606 Smiths, 142,100 Joneses, with Williams, Taylor, Davies and Brown following in order; For Scotland 23,606 Smiths, followed by McDonald, Brown, Thomson, Robertson, Stewart and Campbell Murphy is ahead in Ireland, there being 62,500 of them, then come Kelly, 52,500; Sullivan, 43,600; Walsh, 41,700; Smith, 37,000; O'Brien, 34,400; Byrne, 25,000; Ryan, 22,000; Connor, 21,200; Kelly, 21,100; and 22,600.

Following is a list of the deepest wells in the world: In Europe, one at Passy, France, depth, 2,000 feet; at La Chapelle, Paris, depth, 2,100 feet; at Frencheville, depth, 1,788 feet; at Neusselwerk, near Minden, depth, 2,283 feet; at Kissengen, Bavaria, depth, 2,747 feet; at Spontonsberg, near Berlin, depth, 4,150 feet, which is said to be the deepest in the world; at Pesth, Hungary, depth, 5,312 feet. In the United States there are wells located at St. Louis, depth, 3,843 feet; at Louisville, depth, 2,088 feet; at Columbus, O., depth, 2,754 feet; at Charleston, S. C., depth, 1,259 feet.

THE STARS.

Ted says the stars are fire-flies, lost. As far, far up they flew; Roy calls them little silver nails To hold the floor of blue; Max calls them stars, but there ain't stars in heaven, To let the glory through.

—Mira C. Parsons.

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