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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. State Treasurer-LIEUTENANT COL-ONEL JAMES E. BARNETT, of

County.

Commissioners-JOHN COURIER MOR RIS, of Scranton; JOHN PENMAN of Olyphant Auditors-WILLIAM E. JOHNS and ASA E. KIEFER, both of Scranton.

Election day, Nov. 7. worty of note that there were gas plant at Bangor, this state, and that Scranton firm was awarded the contract -Philadelphia Press.

Scranton is noted for its winning

#### National Guard Reform.

ECURRING to the admitted need of a general reorganization of the National guard under federal supervis so as to bring about identity of formation, discipline and equipment, the Washington Star suggests that the approaching congress would be advancing the matter to a practical stage if early in the forthcoming session it were to create a commission compose? of its own members, military officers and civilians to inquire into the problem thoroughly and to formulate a plan for the reorganization of the the celebrated case of Captain Carter, consulting engineers in Europe, not guard upon an effective basis of reliability in both peace and war. Such | tien that 'pall' would free Carter; a body, the Star thinks, could survey but he did not take this irrevocable the field perhaps more effectively than action until every feature of the case Glasgow episode suggest, in comparia committee of congress, and its deductions would have the greater weight interested experts. His purpos: was because fortified by professional as justice, regardless of costs. well as legal views. "Whatever action might later result from this investigation would," our contemporary adds, "be more likely to represent the needs of the time than a statute hastily drawn in some separate interest and put through the house in the midst of the turmoil of general legislation.

The suggestion appears reasonable. Although of the various propositions for actual amendment of the laws which have been submitted, the one introduced by Congressman Connell Inst session and drafted largely upon the advice of Colonels Hitchcock and Boles seems to us to embody the most feasible idea, yet the matter is of ample importance to warrant thorough canvassing by an expert commission. with a view to incorporating in a final bill the best features of all the bills now pending or contemplated. We sincerely trust that this subject will not be permitted to fall by the wayside in the next congress

The conviction of Captain Carter on charges of having swindled the government by collusion with contractors carries with it the necessity of prosecuting Carter's accomplices, and we predict that this will be attended to effectively in due season.

# The Filipinos.

ORROBORATION of Admiral Dewey's opinion of the Filipinos as a people capable of rapid development under favorable conditions and susceptible to kindness when once convinced that it is sincere comes from a source almost equally entitled to respect. Writing from his headquarters in the Philippines to a friend in Muncie, Ind., Major General Henry W. Lawton says:

This is a beautiful country, and the people, in my opinion, are not half so bad as they are sometimes pictured. Centuries of bad government and bad treatment have made them suspicious. and it will be some time before we can persuade them that we are not here for the purpose of robbing them and making them slaves. As soon as they are assured of our good will and intentions and we are enabled to show them by example that we mean only for their good and welfare I think that we will find the Filipinos as good Americans as any of our foreign ele-

General Lawton has had perhaps as good an opportunity as any other American to study the Tagal race at first hand, and from a man recognized Throughout the army as an ideal fighting man an opinion of this pacific nature is the more noteworthy. When in Cuba General Lawton took a similar view of native possibilities and the results are coming about in the way he predicted. The ability which the Fillpinos have exhibited in warfare and the astuteness of much of their diplomacy certainly indicate qualities among them of an order superior to that prevalent among the mass of Cubans, and it would be a singular illustration of the caprice of fate if the race least in our minds when we went to war with Spain should develop under American tutorship into the finest fruits of that contest for humanity,

In spite of subsequent disclaimers, there was a very energetic and formidable episode with Germany a year ago in Manila bay, of which ex-Minister Barrett promises yet to publish the detalls; but all is well that ends well, and we can well afford to let it go at that,

# Bishop Potter's Mistake.

HILE THE need of social and legal reform as to divorce is painfully evident to the thoughtful, considered from the stanpoints of both morals and science, it does not follow that Birbop Potter's sweeping demand for the absolute prohibition of the remarriage of divorced persons fits the necessities of the situation, looked at in its human aspects, lengineer. We have nothing to say against intention or ignorance, and I wanted to

age fraud is to remove its inducement, tient, a proposition which may be true but whose establishment in medical

The bishop, to be logical, should go further and call for the prohibition of divorces unconditionally. Such a position would at least be consistent, however harshly it would bear upon indivorce to remarry if he or she shall afterward desire; for if this were not the than a convenient separation, for which there is ample facility outside the divorce courts.

Bishop Potter, it seems to us, is evading the real point. The need for different legislation concerning divorce, though urgent in a few states which boast and traffic in designedly lax laws, is not one-half so pressing, considered generally, as is the need for 1,400 bidders for the crection of a \$20,000 the church and for society to put the heavy seal of their severes; joint condemnation upon those who commit adultery or otherwise practice the crimes which chiefly feed the divorce courts. This is a remedy immediateiy at hand, requiring no additions to the already over-burdened statute books and as sure in its consequences as is any device of human origin. When the adulterer is spurned; when the theoretical sanctity of the marriage vow is impressively sanctified in fact; when a clean tone is given by professedly clean people to the social life of the time and a strong emphasis placeds ness on the part of the men-all Scotchupon purity both of deed and thought, men-who made the award. The fact there will cease to be a divorce problem in any serious degree.

which disposes of the misrepresentahad been exhaustively reviewed by dis-

#### A Turning of Tables.

N CONSEQUENCE of recent captures in Great Britain and certain British colonies by Amerifactured products of iron, with the rude shock which these opisodes have given to England's fancied supremacy in such lines of industry, a chorus of protests is being surg by the British trade press. One ithustration will

Recently the city of Glasgew had occasion to purchase four generaling engines for the power plant of its ectric street rallway system. Specifications were drawn by the consulting engiteer of the Glaseow Tramway committee-a gentleman named Parsuch-and bids were received. Two nd 'le E. P. Allis company of Milwankee Wis. submitted bids. The English version of what happened may best be told in the words of the Trade Journal's Review, which must be interpreted with recollection of the fact that this journal is in a sense the organ of the manufacturing interests of Great Britain:

"Mr. Parshall is an American, with a high reputation as an electrician, and we doubt not that he wished sincerely enough to put Glasgow in possession of the best engines for the purpose intended. It is not surprising, there, that he should specify dimensions that accorded with American practice, or at least, with the practice of the Allis company of Milwaukee. But some of these dimensions were so absurdly at variance with what is regarded as good practice in this country, that our engineers were puzzled, as they might well be. Accordingly, they felt constrained to follow their own ideas, and to send in their own designs. It may be assumed that the committee knew nothing of the merits of these designs; nor was it necessary. It was sufficient to know that the British firms refer ad to are all of the highest standing, and well able to carry out anything they undertake to do. In the matter of would be high, but in fact they were considerably lower than the Amerisum named by the Allis company. But strange to say, Mr. Parshall recommended the acceptance of Messes. Allis' tender, on the ground that their engines were the best offered. Currously enough, the committee, by a majority of one, agreed to Mr. Parshall's recommendation: but when this was submitted to the general council it was rejected, and thus was the corporation of Glasgow saved from making an eggregious blunder. Had time permitted, a complete specification would have been drawn up, so that all competing firms might estimate on the same basis; but the indefinite delay this involved and the fear of not having the engines at work in time for the exhibition of 1901 rendered a hasty decision almost obligatory. At a subsequent meeting the committee advised that two engines be got from Messrs. Musgrave & Sons, Bolton, (at £24,000 each) and two from the Allis company, Milwaukee (at £28,000 each), and this

recommendation has been adopted by the council." Proceeding from this painful statement of fact to an expression of its opinions, the British trade journal thus

beefs:" Reviewing the whole circumstances, we cannot but think this decision, to give half of the contract to America, exceedingly regrettable. It is difficult to avoid the suspicion that it was a foregone conclusion; and it looks very like an at-tempt to crush a great British industry and to throw it into the hands of powerful rivals. That an extra £8,000 should be paid for engines that will in all probability be inferior to those of British make is incomprehensible. We are as-tonished that so many hard-headed Scotsmen should have been influenced in this matter by the opinion of an American

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This is little different in spirit from the temper displayed by that other "beefing" Britisher, Lord Dunraven, when the American yacht Defender beat his yacht, the Valkyrie. It does not represent Englishmen at their best. To disinterested observation it would appear that if an American firm could go 4,000 miles across an ocean into a Glasgow council and, in competition with a Glasgow firm producing the same line of goods secure the lion's share of a large contract at a higher price than was asked by bidders who fived on the scene, there must be some better reason for this triumph than a presumption of ignorance or crookedthat the consulting engineer who recommended the use of American engines was himself an American does President McKinley has approved not justify an insinuation that all was the sentence of the court martial in not fair and square. There are other Americans, who are being forced to offer the same recommendation.

What a turning of tables does this son with the time, within easy recollection, when American manufacturers were fearing loss of home markets through British competition!

In the frame of mind to which President Kruger has worked himself under the hallucination that the Boers can firms of contracts for sup- are martyrs, actual war between Great plying locomotive and stationary en- Britain and the Transvaal is not a gines, steel bridges and other manu- question of months but of minutes. There has been too much electionecring for trouble to warrant further expec-

## DEWEY STORIES.

### She Rattled Dewey.

Dewey once attended a wedding breakast at which the affable Baroness de Struve, wife of the Russian minister at time, was present. Dewey had met this famous woman several times before, The facial plainness of the baroness was quite beyond belief, but she was one of the most brilliant, lovable and kindly firms in England, one firm in Glasgow women ever elected to guide the social affairs of the diplomatic corps in Wash ington, says the Post. A lady who over-beard it tells of an amusing passage which the baroness and Dewey (who, if memory serves, was then a commander) had at this particular wedding break-

"Referring to leather," said the baroness amiably, after some playful remark as to the spick-and-span polish of Dewey's sword-belt-he was in dress uniorm-"the most remarkable bit of Rus-Dewey was as quick a thinker then as

is now but this stalled him. "Madame," he said, after a pause, "I am but a rough sailor man, and this is a heavy demand which you make upon me. I am not equal to the emergency.' "Of course," said the baroness, tap-ping him with her fan, "I should have to consider you hopelessly rude were you to agree with me. But you can preserve your neutrality—naval officers are taught

they not?"
Thus assisted, Dewey rose to the oc casion. The baroness' eyes were, in truth, magnificent.

to do that, are they not?-by telling what really fine eyes I have. They are fine, are

# A Dainty Dresser.

Admiral Dewey's exceeding care in maters of dress gained for him at one time the reputation of being something of a fep among those who did not know his rare and sterling qualities. Apropos of this is the description given by a Washington correspondent of Dewey's arrangement of his wardrobe. Everything had its place, and he knew exactly, it is said, price it might have been expected they where to find a handkerchief, shirt, or col-In fact, he might be called a crank on this subject, having invented an odd custom for keeping his shirts so that one cans. The highest of the British ten-ders was nearly £20,000 less than the They are all numbered, ranging from one to 21. He had a chiffonier containing an equal number of drawers, just wide rough to receive a shirt. He begins at he top and wears the shirt in drawer No. then the garment in drawer No. 2. nd so on down the line. He is just as particular about other parts of his ward-

# Deway and the Liar.

A blue-jacket who made a cruise with ewey some years ago tell Leslie's Week-this characteristic story: "We hadn't been to sea with him long before we got next to how he despised a liar. One of the petty officers went ashore at Gibralgot mixed up with the soldiers in cauteens on the hill, and came off to the ship paralyzed. He went before the captain at the mast the next morning. He gave Dewey the 'two-beers-and-sunick' yarn. 'You're lying, my man,' says Dewey.

You were very drunk. I myself heard you aft in my cabin. I will not have my men lie to me. I don't expect to find total abstinence in a man-o'-war crew. But I do expect them to tell me the truth, and I am going to have them tell me the truth. Had you told me candidly that you took a drop too much on your liberty you'd have ber't forward by this time, for you, at least, returned to the ship, For lying, you get ten days in irons. me have the truth hereafter. A good sea-man has no business lying."

"After that there were few men aboard who didn't throw themselves on the mercy of the court when they waltzed up to the stick before Dewey, and none of us ever lost anything by it."

Took All Responsibility. Speaking of an officer whose ship had un aground while cruising in waters where the charts were undoubtedly in-accurate, the admiral said: "He wanted me to order a court of inquiry. I told him to take his ship to Hong Kong and have whatever repairs she needed made at once. I didn't want to waste three or four days over a court of inquiry. I was sat-ished that he had not run her ashore by

admiral shows the real greatness of his quality as a naval commander. He doesn't fear to take any risk or burden that he believes to be essential to the success of the greater object that he has in view. Joseph L. Stickney in Chicago Record.

A Wise Press Censor. There had been an occurrence which was fairly pregnant with sensational possibilities. It was assuredly teeming with news. It concerned, as such items usually did for a considerable period, the Ger man squadron's movements. All the cor-respondents prepared vivid but even then accurate descriptions. Brumby referred so important a subject to the admiral. Quoting again from notes made at the ment, I find that the admiral said, in

"If you gentlemen wish, you can send these telegrams just as you have written them, but I hope you will not. If you forward your dispatches at this time. when our people are excited to the fever-point, your news may be the influence that will inspire them to demand action on the part of the government that would not only seriously embarrass it at Wash ington, but me right here, and might lead to further serious complications or war. Now if you will let the matter all alone and leave it to me, I will settle it all right, we will save great excitement at nome, and avoid all chances of war. Do just as you think best."

It is needless to add that there was no further argument, and even today that affair has not been fully described.-Ex-

# CURRENT VERSE.

Minister John Barrett in Harper's Maga-

The Country Fair.

We have reached the happy season Of the good, old country fair, When the rural populatio Breaks away from toil and care There is hitching up of wagons, Buggles, surreys, traps and carts. And a packing up of baskets With bread, meats and cakes and tarts,

Now the farmer lad and lassie, And the mother and the sire, Start away on brief vacation, Every one in best attire. City cousins often join them And quite merrily they go Where are seen the varied wonders

Of the famous rural show. There are apples, pears and pumpkins
That are noted for their size; There are porkers, whose dimensions Cause expressions of surprise. There are horses, sheep and cattle, Stock of all the fancy breeds; There are samples from the harvests,

And all kinds of fruits and seeds,

There the sweetest kind of cider By the press is freely shed; There to stop the pangs of hunger Is the best of gingerbread. There are fakirs by the dozen, With all sorts of things to sell, And there prowls the artful stranger With the game of pea and shell. There the horses are displaying

There is often change of money As the sequel of a race. But, though pockets ort are lightened, Not a bit the farmers care. For they're taking in all pleasures
At the good, old country fair.

### Autumn Twilight.

-Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

The low wind sounds a million drowsy The yellowing sunlight on the hillside

fails; Alone, aloud, one lingering robin flutes, And from the elm our golden oriole This is the season that she loved of old. Saying with darkened eyes that Au-

tumn turned Her home-sick heart out past the evening

Gray hills and norland homes!-perhaps From her own home she had not long to evening stars that waken in the west,

O happier worlds, came she your way of late? -Arthur J. Stringer, in Ainslee's.

A Masquerader.

Love that came in Pity's guise, Could I say him nay? Down he dropt his radiant eyes, Veiled his pinions gay Neath a mantle gray, Hid his bow and arrows, too. What was a poor maid to do-Love that came in Pity's guise, Could I say him nay?

Softly knocked he at the door, So I looked to see; Love I knew had knocked before, But this was not he-Pray, who might it be? "Pity is my name!" he cried; So the door I opened wide-Love that came in Pity's guise, Could I say him nay?

In my empty heart he came, Filled each corner, too,
Till one day, with look of flame,
Off his coat he threw,
And Love's self I knew. With a laugh of cruel glee,
"I am master here," quoth he-Love that came in Pity's guise, Could I say him nay?

Love that came in Pity's guise, Who can say say him nay? Maidens, an' ye would be wise, Turn the rogue away, Lest ye find, some day. Cruel Love your tyrant grown, And, like me, ye make your moan— Love that comes in Pity's guise Must as master stay.

—Lippincott's.

Fair Inez. Oh, saw ye not fair Incz? She got upon a bike, And folks that saw her start declare They ne'er beheld the like.

She wore a pair of bloomers,
A dickey and a vest,
The neighbors held the wheel for her-Fair Inez did the rest. And with the lovely Incz And with the lovely the A gallant cavalier
Rode down the pike, to teach her
To pedal and to steer.
He whispered airy nothings, He boldly scouted fear.

Until he struck a jagged rock And landed on his ear. saw the lovely Inez Descend along the shore, And there was dust all over The bloomers that she wore. pon her face she landed-She's beautiful no more; I'll wager such a mixed-up mess Was never seen before.

Alas, alas for Inex! She went away with song. With ribbons on her handle bar, And shoutings of the throng. She came back all disordered, Nor brought her wheel along; The doctor says 'twill be a month Before she's well and strong. —Cleveland Leader.

# Down He Goes.

The merry hunter now goes out to hunt the nimble deer,
And patiently he tramps about until the rame is near; At last the antiered monarch bounds along the mountain side, merry huntsman's rifle sounds-down goes another guide! -Chicago Times-Hreald.

# MERELY IN FUN.

Nothing to Take Back. "Didn't you tell mo," said the man with the skinned nose, bruised eye and arm in a sling, "that this horse wouldn't scare at an automobile?" "No, sir," replied the former owner of the animal. "I said he never had scared at one. I knew exactly what I was talk-ing about, sir. I got that horse from the country."—Chicago Tribune.

#### An Ancient Difficulty.

"There was a time," remarked the affable pendant, "when people used nothing but simple pictures when they undertook to make a record of anything."
"It must have been hard," said the lawyer, thoughtfully. "Half the time you wouldn't know whether to summon a witness as a handwriting expert or an art critic."—Boston Globe.

A Stipulation. Sunday School Teacher-In order to be saved we must be born again. Now, Rob-ert, wouldn't you like to be born again?

# Robert-Yes'm; it I could be named after Dewey!-Puck.

The Higher Criticism. Sunday School Teacher-What did the finger write upon the wall at Belsharzar's Boy-You have been weighed in the Sunday School Teacher-And what dis Boy-I guess he forgot to drop a cent in the machine when he got on!-Puck.

# A Feminine Plaint.

Wife-You are so different! Husband-How, my love? Wife-Well, you are so indifferent.-Detroit Free Press.

### A Truth Twisted.

"'It is a woman's lot to suffer in si-lence?' I wonder what is the origin of that sentiment?" "Perhaps it is a corruption of the truth that a silent woman suffers a lot."-De trolt Journal.

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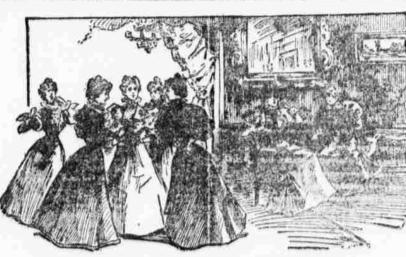
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MAY: I had such an experience myself one time, and I remember asking the doctor whether one should try to keep from yawning, and he said no, that the act of gaping gives to the blood more oxygen and acts by mechanical pressure on the heart and lungs. If one has chronic gaping it is a symptom which should cause the affected one to look after her general health, for it is a sure sign that something is wrong.

MRS. MOORE: It is pretty well understood that yawning is an ailment that comes from indigestion or lack of tone in the system and may be cured by taking a Ripans Tabule before retiring. After a few days of this treatment the tendency will disappear.

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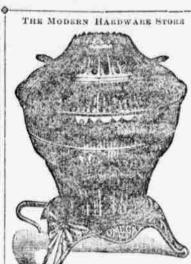
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