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The verdlet of acquittal in the case of Lena Gable, midwife, prosecuted for the illegal practice of medicine, emphasizes the contention that a law is needed to regulate midwifery in Pennsylvania and draw a distinction between those who have qualified in this branch of obstetrics and those who, quack like, prey upon the credulity of the ignorant. The sooner such a law is passed the better it will be for all concerned.

Hampering the Board of Health.

NE OF THE most discouraging things that confront the Board of Health in the endeaver of that body to keet the city in a sanitary condition is the criminal carelessness and in fact meanness of people who from social standing and general conditions would naturally be expected to do all in their power to aid the board by furnishing examples of cleanliners. Incredible as It may seem, some of the most needless and flagrant violations of the sanitary laws may be found in localities where no excuse can be offered. Many residents about the city of means and apparent intelligence constantly show a disposition to encounter the dangers of decaying garbage rather than contribute to the income of the men who furnish material for the crematory. There is scarcely a vacant plot of ground about the city that is not recking with filth of some kind mixed with ashes and brush. In nearly all instances these contributions to the disease breeding elements have been made under cover of darkness and it is next to impossible to detect one of the miscreants. There is no question that the force of sanitary policemen should be increased at once. Under any circumstances, it is impossible for one mounted officer to attend to the duties of this branch of municipal work; but unless a spirit of cleanliness can be alleged decent people of the city one able to accomplish, much in the way of

One thing may be said in favor of the Nanticoke strike, which was settled amicably the other day. Although one of the most important of the year it was conducted without bloodshed. The settlement was brought about by convessions on part of both miners and employer and all, therefore, have reasson to rejoice at the outcome.

Viaduct Prospects.

SINCE THE West Lackawanna avenue viaduet propositioa. was last before the people in a tangible form, a change in management has occurred in the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company and therefore it would be timely to have from the new management an expression of opinion as to the need of such a safeguard to life and property on this much traveled thoroughfare. The old regime supported the viaduct proposition liberally, offering to contribute \$10,060 toward the expense of its construction. and we have no doubt that the present officials will be equally public spirited. From the interview with President Clark, of the Scranton Railway. company, printed in another column. it appears that that company is also still anxious for a viaduct and ready to offer substantial encouragement. With so much to build on, a new viaduct agitation ought to have an easy pathway to success. The construction of such a safeguard is a public necessity, more so now than ever before.

If the report that military men are, through jealousy, endeavoring to defeat the appointment of General Leonard Wood as governor of Cuba is true, it is an indication that the military men thus engaged are unfit for the responsibilities of the service and should be given extended furloughs. The idea that the government is run in the interest of those who are fortunate enough to be servants of the public is one that should be discour-

Not Guilty but Pay Costs.

HE FREQUENCY with which jury verdicts of "not guilty but pay costs" are rendered in this and adjoining counties from time to time raises question of the fairness of such returns. While on the face contradictory, this verdict_In numerous Instances represents as near an approximation to common sense justice as the circumstances will

Take the case of a man charged with a petty crime on an indictment hardly worth the court's attention; as, for example, assault and battery. It not infrequently happens that in such cases while proof of guilt is not overwhelming it is circumstantially presumptive or the testimony brings to light features of conduct not covered by the indictment yet plainly worthy of moderate discipline. In such a verdict the words "not guilty" indicare rather the existence of a reasonable doubt than positive belief in the defendant's innocence on the charge as stated; and the imposition of costs upon him is a kind of crude reminder that it will pay him to be, on general principles, more circumspect in future.

in logic no right to go a hair's breadth beyond the bounds of the indictment offer a proposition which is theoretically sound. But in the every day cur-

the "not guilty but pay costs" verdict practical jurors often give their vote and voice for the essence of justice as between man and man rather than for the technical formalities of logic and

Senator Mason's anxiety to twist the on's tall would probably cease at once should a British gun be pointed in this direction, and he would again be the quiet and peaceful citizen of the Spanish-American war period.

The Molineux Trial.

HE TRIAL of Molineux, who has been arraigned in New York for the murder of Mrs. Adams, has attracted more than usual interest on account of its peculiar features and the manner in which the case has been conducted. Equipped with an array of legal counsel prepared to leave no stone unturned to save their ellent, the prisoner has been able to make his trial one of the most tedious upon record. More time was consumed in selecting the jury than is usually given to the hearing of an ordinary case and before the opening of the evidence some of the members of the panel were obliged to retire, ill from the ordeal to which they had been subjected, while those who did remain were in no condition physically or mentally to weigh the testimony intro-

The strenuous efforts on part of the counsel, however, to free the prisoner are liable to be made fruitless through the testimony of a woman who was formerly employed to care for the apartments of Molineux. This unwilling witness, while trying to shield her former employer, has given evidence that has proved the connecting link in the chain of circumstances and may land the prisoner in the electrical chair. If this trial shall result in the conviction of the man who has laughed at arrest and has seemed secure from punishment when fortified by learned counsel of that state. Megaphone protests and the deep mystery that has surrounded the murder of Mrs. Adams, it will be but another proof of the assertion that justice will sooner or later overtake the evil-doer.

Congressman Sibley says that prosperity has made the 16 to 1 theory ridiculous. Mr. Sibley does not propose to be made ridiculous by longer clinging to an exploded fallacy.

American Tagals.

HE MEMPHIS Commercial-Appeal, a leading Democratic journal of the South. contains in a recent issue timely reference to the American fostered to a greater extent among the anti-expansionists and objectors, who will be confronted with serious queshundred sanitary officers would not be tions for consideration in the hereafter, "These American Tagals," says the Appeal, "are responsible for every drop of American blood spilled which has been shed by reason of the encouragement which they have given the insurrectionists. Morally they are murderers. Legally they are traitors, and merit the extreme penalty of the law. That there are Democrats who would align themselves with these miscreants and go before the country in a presidential election asking a popular indorsement of perfidy is the apotheosis of insanity. It is so incredible as to be sickening. Those who favor such a policy, with the lights flaming before them and the lights of history flaming behind, are impervious to argument or the appeals of reason. What they need is the services of an alienist and confinement in a sanitarium where mental maladies are treated."

> The Republican party the party of progress and equity, is better qualified to draw the line at the proper point upon trusts than any other political organization, and there is no need for doubt that the subject will receive due consideration from the fifty-sixth

Porto Rico and the Tariff.

HE OBJECTIONS which are being entered by certain special interests to the adoption of the presidea,'s recommendations that tariff barriers between Porto Rico and the United States be swept away are natural enough. They arise from the ordinary selfishness in human nature. But we must not permit the clamor of special interests to obscure a national duty. Porto Rico is now American territory. The flag has been lifted over it in permanent occupation and has been gladly acclaimed by the inhabitants of that Island as opening to them a new era of freedom, development and opportunity. While constitutionally it is within the power of congress, before its proceeds to erect in Porto Rico a civil form of government, to maintain or modify the present tariff by granting discretion in such matters to the president in his capacity as commander-in-chief of an army of conquest and occupation, the very thought of resorting to this subterfuge in order to protect Connecticut tobacco growers, for example, or western beet sugar growers against possible competition from Porto Rico is repugnant to the American sense of fair play.

Nor would such protection be wise in the long run. If Porto Rico can grow better tobacco than Connecticut or offer to the cities of the Atlantic seaboard cheaper sugar than the beet product of the middle west, then to permit her to do so will be the same economy which justifies the freest of commercial intercourse among the states and older territories of the American Union. The result of this interior freedom of trade has been the development of each locality along the lines of its special aptitudes, thus not only insuring a mutual profit in the exchange by one locality of its products for the different products of another, but also giving to our nation a diversification of resources which is its greatest element of economic strength. The special interests which want Porto Rico to be held as a foreign island in everything but the title are short-Those who argue that the jury has sighted as well as unjust. They would cut off their nose to spite their face.

Lord Mayor Tallon, of Dublin, who has just returned home from a visit rent of events practice and theory very to this country, declares "America is Jennison, Anthony was shot. The doc-

war." The meaning of the Lord Mayor, perhaps, may not be properly judged from the above sentence, but if he wishes to convey the idea that this country, in view of past events, is ready to array itself against England, it is evident that the Lord Mayor has secured his information regarding American sentiment from some of the uncensored war correspondents.

The poor water of Philadelphia should be no serious objection to the city as a place of holding a national convention, So long as the other liquids are of good quality most of the delegates will probably be able to get through the sessions without experiencing a sense of loss,

It is now asserted that the anti-American sentiment in Cuba has been instigated by a woman known as 'Captain" Adelia Ascuy, who appears o be afflicted with the Colonial Dame mania in aggravated form.

Mr. Bailey, of Texas, in his disposition again to meddle with the affairs of General Joe Wheeler, illustrates anew that the objectors in peace are generally the non-combatants in war.

The Kentucky election contest which gave promise of causing the flow of buckets of blood did not furnish as much real excitement as attends an ordinary Scranton council meeting.

Democratic enthusiasts who are now easting laurels at the memory of Jackson and Jefferson would probably throw mud if the saints of Democracy were upon earth.

dicates that the British are just now more in need of Hon. Billy Mason's sympathy than are the Boers. Texas has offered to give Mr. Bryan

Latest South African war news in-

a house if he will become a resident from Nebraska are now due.

No congress ever did harm enough to entirely satisfy its talkative critics.

HUMAN NATURE STUDIES.

Among Her Cherished Memories.

A Philadelphia widow, whose first husband was on officer during the Civil war, took as her second lord and master a wealthy man, and went to Europe, where she remained for five years, says the Philadelphia Record. Prior to her departure she gave away some of her household effects, among which were her first husband's uniform and epaulettes. The recipient of the latter gift was the mother of a couple of small boys, and the youngsters got into so much mischief with the uniform that she one day traded it to an itinerant merchant for a reglass decanter and half a dozen cordial spoons. The recent war spirit communicated itself to the widow of the dead veteran, who had in the meantime returned to Philadelphia, and she felt a longing to regin possession of the uniform. So she dispatched a note to her former friend, requesting its return. The friend was in a terrible state of mind at being unable to comply, but at a venture she packed up the decanters and glasses, with a line saying: "These are all I have repfects," In return she received a letter of gratitude for the faithful care she had bestowed on her charge, coneluding: "I cannot tell you how often have seen my beloved general drink his cordial out of one of those frail little glasses and press tt upon me. They are among my most cherished memories of my hero. I shall always have them near me." Sure enough, the decanter and glasses were on the table at her next tea.

Time Evened Things Up.

There is an old proverb which says that all things come to him who waits. Congressman Gill, of Ohio, who succeeds the late Lorenzo Danford, is a living example of its truth, says the Washington Post.

Mr. Gill is the largest manufacturer of lamp chimneys in the world, but this has nothing to do with the story. Away back in 1872, when Danford was running for congress, Gill was a delegate to the nominating convention, which, by the way, was his first experience in politics. It was a close contest, and Gill. by throwing the votes of his county to Danford, secured the latter's nomination. Danford served three terms and then practiced law for eighteen years. When he again sought a nomination Gill happened to be a member of the convention, and by a curious coincidence was in a position to give Danford the necessary essential votes. Danford came to congress and served two terms. During his second term he sought "It's your turn now," he said. "I will decline a nomination, and you can be relected."

"Put," said Gill, "have you any law practice now? And hadn't you better hold onto the \$5,000 a year for another term?"

"I'll take my chances," replied Danford "I won't do it," said Gill, emphat-

So Danford ran again and was reelected. He died during the summer, Gill was named to fill the vacancy and last Monday stood in Danford's place to take the oath.

Omitted.

The Memphis Scimitar tells of a negro preacher who had just concluded the ceremony which united an old negro in matrimony for the fourth

The silence which usually follows an occasion of this kind was broken by the preacher in his effort to relieve the embarrassment of the attendants. "It is usually the custom," he said. for the preacher to kiss the bride, but this time we will omit."

The groom gave his young wife a healthy smack, and, turning to the preacher, said: "Parson, it am usally de case for de

groom to give de parson somethin', but dis time we'll omit," and he walked away from the astonished preacher with his bride on his arm.

His Joke on the Doctor.

Colonel Daniel R. Anthony, brother of Susan B. Anthony, and the last of the fighting editors of Kansas, is on record, says the San Francisco Wave, as the only man who has had his aorto served and lived. In a newspaper feud with a gambler named often diverge; and so in the case of opposed to the iniquitous South African | tor told him he could not live. The

wounded man did not say anything, but bade his sister good bye and went to sleep. When he awoke he asked the nurse: "What time is it?" o'clock," replied the nurse. The colonel chuckled for a moment, then said: "Say, that's a good joke on Doc Sinks isn't it? He said I'd be dead at 5.30." He feel asleep again and when he awoke the doctor acknowledged his

Went to the Wrong Place.

When has the Irishman ever lacked for the retort, courteous or discour-He was sitting in the middle of the seat on a street car when two women got on. They looked at him as if demanding that he give them the seat, so they might sit together, but he didn't see the hint, and while one had to flounce nerself down by him the other took a seat just opposite. Then the roast began: "Did you go away this summer, Mrs.

Jones?" asked No. 1.
"No," she said, "I was going to Atlantic City, but I heard so many common Irish were there that I first stayed at home. I couldn't stand them you know.

"That's just my case," giggled No. 2

"I was going to Saratoga, but some one said to me: 'Don't go, you'll find nothing but low Irish there." "Faith, mem," suggested the gentleman who had inspired this conversation, "why didn't yez go to sheel. There's no Oirish thereΓ'-Louisville

The Latest in Advertising.

A new scheme of advertising was resorted to by a progressive business firm in a prosperous city in the South. says the Philadelphia Call. The junior partner of the firm swore out a warrant for the arrest of the senior partner on the ground that he was selling goods below cost and that the firm was constantly losing money thereby.

The case came up in court and the counsel for the senior partner asked for a postponement in order to have more time to prepare his case. The judge granted the request, ball was fixed and the senior member released. As he left the court room the junior partner arose and exclaimed: 'If he is released the sacrifice will go

The news soon spread and the firm did a better business. When the case was again called no plaintiff appeared and the case was dismissed. The firm had succeeded in their object-advertisement.

Opposed to Civil Service Reform. If Senator Gallinger makes a speech on the absurdities of the civil service examinations-and he is likely to speak his mind freely before the session is over-he will, says the Washington Post, tell of the experience of a young friend of his who wanted to be an assistant paymaster in the navy. This young man was confronted with at least four questions. Stand up, readers of the Post and answer them if you can:

Explain the polarization of light. What is the Malthus law? Gives details of the Gresham law. What is an escrow?

PERSONALITIES.

Senator Depew will have to pay \$50,000 lovements. Eugene Sandow, the "strong man," has designed a combination trunk and bath

General Yule's mother, though 80 years old, reads all the leading London papers | Waste Baskets. engaged in that way. The latest English item concerning Com Paul says he is a Manxman born and

that his real name is Creer. Admiral Dewey has been presented with a span of seal-brown horses, costng \$1.000, by Mr. Goettmann and another man of Jamestown, N. Y. Miss Beatrice Harraden, the author

has left New York for Southern Call fornia, where she will spend the winter engaged upon a new novel. All Queen Victoria's daughters were aught to swim when very young. The daughters of the Prince of Wales could

wim before they could read. Lord Beauchamp, the youngest governor appointed to New South Wales, has taken a libble class in the parish in Sydney, in which the government house is situated. Ellen Lewis Lee, a descendant of Betty

Washington Lewis, the sister of George Washington, will make her debut at student's matiree of the Wheateroft Major A. F. Gatliff, of the Royal Maines, and press censor at Cape Town.

is a very capable officer, who has dis-tinguished himself at the Staff college and has a fine reputation at the war of Governor-elect Nash, of Ohio, has appointed as his secretary Frederick Links

the son of a well-known Columbus, O. banker, who last summer married Miss Thurman, a granddaughter of the "Old D. F. Converse, a mill owner of Spar-

tansburg. S. C., has willed one-third of his estate, valued at \$500.000, to Converse college, an institution for the higher edu-cation of women, founded by him at Spartansburg ten years ago. Sir Richard Webster, the British at-

torney general, has been made a barn-ret, in recognition of his work on the enezuelan arbitration commission. Sir Robert T. Reld, of counsel for Great Britain, has been made a Knight Grand Pross of the Order of St. Michael and St. Seorge. Dr. F. W. Reitz, the Transvaal secre-

tary of state, was formerly president of the Orange Free state. His grandfather came from Holland about 200 years ago and settled at the Cape, and one of hi uncles was a lieutenant in the British navy, Dr. Reitz's father was a sheep farmer and a man of considerable learn-

Congressman De Armond, of Missouri has a peculiar way of taking exercise. He saws wood and says that his best speeches have been thought out while for the Corcoran house in Washington, which he has leased for six years. His aggregate salary for that period will be every day so as to make herself thoroughly well acquainted with her son's \$48,000.

William Franklin Dunfee, who died at New Bedford, Mass., the other day, wa a member of the state legislature in 1861 and introduced a resolution requesting congress to repeal "all laws which de-prive any class of loyal subjects of the government from bearing arms for the common defense." This, it is believed. was the first proposition for arming ne

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AT THE BOLTON DRUG COMPANY, OF BROOKLYN, N. Y.

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A new style packet containing was nightly than a paper carton (without glass is now for sale at some drug shorts — ros from carton and the southern at the dozen of the freeze of the fr