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SUFFRAGE QUESTION

Some Plain Facts About the Proposed Amendment.

The Lineal Descendant Section Clearly Unconstitutional.

Supreme Court not the Creature of Fleeting Public Sentiment.

The Silly Cry of Negro Domination—Interesting Article on the Campaign Issue by Frank Nash.

Editor of the Gazette. In reading the opinions of judges whom I have never seen, I have the habit of forming some mental conception, not only of the ability, but of the appearance and personality of those judges. Of course as I discover afterwards, I miss as often as I hit the mark; yet there is something fascinating in the operation, while at the same time it gives interest and fastens the attention upon those opinions.

Now, Mr. Simmons, in his latest collection of arguments for the proposed suffrage provision, has saved me all this trouble, for a likeness of its author accompanies each one of them. These authors, however, are not judges, not by any manner of means, but simple advocates of the pro side of a legal and political question. All of them are politicians, too, or have held political office. Some of them are old sinners in this regard. Others have heretofore taken what they fondly imagine to be a rear seat in the synagogue, and are anxiously craning their necks lest they should be forgotten and not be invited to come up higher. All of them are, of course, able men, men of reputation and character; and, as their Great Leader, Mr. Bryan, makes politics a profession, there is no reason why their followers should not be politicians, if they want to be; but it is always well to be wisely cautious in giving full credence to interested judges or advocates, or witnesses or politicians.

Governor Jarvis is a man of much more than ordinary ability as a man and political manager, well balanced and generally wise, and he is without kind and benevolent. I think there is no hypocrisy in his make-up, except when he is soft-sawdaring a sovereign, and of this art he is past grand master. But to save my life, when reading his article, I could not prevent the memory of an illustration in Dickens' "Martin Chuzzlewit" from haunting me. It represents Mr. Pecksniff strolling along a pathway in a wood, the bare boughs of whose trees made an archway over his head and a vista of light beyond. His hands, which palms together, were on his breast, and his eyes were turned heavenward, and there was about him an indescribable atmosphere of benevolence, of goodness and of wisdom. Underneath was this legend: "Rustling among the last year's leaves the placid Pecksniff strolled."

Judge Conner, too, has an enviable reputation in the state, as a lawyer, as a judge and as a man. But compare his Bar association address with his article on Section 5, published about the same time. In the former he is clear, able, dignified and self-confident; in the latter his argument, if argument it may be called, is enveloped in a haze of words. He lays down principles that are not sustained by either the history of our country or the decided cases. He seems to join in the hue and cry of his smaller colleagues against those who dare to differ with them as to the constitutionality of interested politicians ("wretches centered all in self" or vaporing fools. So his dignity therein appears a strut and his self-confidence mere pretence.

Having given these general impressions, I proceed now to examine more minutely some of the positions taken by these gentlemen. Judge Conner

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PROCLAMATION TO THE CUBANS

Published in Havana--The Establishment of Self Government.

Havana, Aug. 30.—McKinley's proclamation was published today. It is dated August 17, and addressed to the Cubans. It says that the disorganized condition of the island resulting from the war and the absence of generally recognized authority aside from military control makes it necessary that the United States should follow the restoration of order by giving its assistance to the establishment of self-government, and that as a preliminary step the performance of this duty he has directed that a census be taken. The people are urged to aid the census officers by all means in their power in the performance of their duties.

BAR ASSOCIATION SENDS MESSAGE TO LABOR

Sympathy and Appraisal of His Courage—Officers Elected.

Buffalo, Aug. 30.—The National Bar association had a lively debate today on the resolution extending sympathy to Labor. Opinion was divided as to the propriety of the resolution, fear being expressed that it would prejudice the Dreyfus case. The resolution was finally adopted, stating that without intending to pass on the merits of the case on trial the bar association assures of their professional brother, Labor, of their sympathy for his suffering from assault while in the discharge of duty and expressed appreciation of his courage.

TRAIN BREAKS IN TWO AND CAUSES WRECK.

Heavy Cars Crash Into Passenger Train—Sixteen Persons Injured

New York, Aug. 30.—This afternoon a train on the Upper Mont. Clair and Greenwood Lake branch of the Erie road broke in two as it was being backed from a siding to the main track. Two cars, one loaded with coal, the other with stone flagging, broke away and steadily gained momentum on the down grade toward Arlington. Near the latter place they crashed into an accommodation train from Jersey City, derailing the engine and the baggage and the smoking cars and sending them over an embankment. Every passenger on the smoker was more or less injured. Arthur Neely, of Belleville, died of his injuries, after being removed from the wreck. Sixteen in all were injured, nine seriously.

NEW AND DESTRUCTIVE GUN TO BE TRIED AT SANDY HOOK

May be Used in Philippines—Throws Bursting Shells.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Secretary Root and Major General Miles left for New York today to attend a meeting of the board of ordnance and fortifications at Sandy Hook tomorrow. While there Root will inspect the fortifications and witness tests of several guns and probably the Isham shell gun, which will engage his particular attention. This is a new mountain gun constructed by the Maxim-Nordenfalk company. Root is very much interested in this gun. It is constructed for transportation on a mule's back and is designed for firing a twenty-pound shell filled with a bursting charge which will set fire to buildings and huts. It probably will be utilized in the Philippines.

GENERALS FOR A NEW ARMY.

Washington, Aug. 30.—One additional major general and five additional brigadier generals will be appointed by McKinley for the new volunteer army. Under the army reorganization

HINT FROM MERCIER

That Esterhazy and Dreyfus are to be Grouped Together

Says Esterhazy Has Changed His Handwriter Since Accused.

General Staff Now Fighting Every Point Favorable to Dreyfus.

This is Regarded as a Hopeful Indication—Judges are not Leagueed With the Army Conspirators

Rennes, Aug. 30.—Everybody, the defense included, is mystified by today's developments in the court room and the precincts thereof. General Mercier, who heretofore had at least the excuse of his name being mentioned to justify his interruption of the proceedings, today raised a point in regard to the authorship of the bordereau which apparently bore strongly in the prisoner's favor. He insisted upon the importance of a declaration made by one or two witnesses that Esterhazy, from the date his name was first connected with the bordereau, changed the style of his handwriting.

The defense from the first thought this strange move was the preliminary of the development of a diabolical scheme for the prevention of the acquittal of Dreyfus simply on the ground that he did not write the bordereau. There is now strong confirmation of the fact that the headquarters coterie is preparing to launch the theory that Dreyfus was associated in his treason with Esterhazy and Weil, and that he is no less guilty because he was not the actual writer of the bordereau.

Mercier, however, made no attempt today to follow up his suggestion about Esterhazy's change of handwriting, and the lawyers for the defense acknowledge themselves somewhat puzzled by his manoeuvre. They are also disappointed that the breach among the generals has been apparently healed, for Boledoffre no longer holds aloof from Mercier, Roget and the other extremists. The latter show a marked revival of their spirits, which have been manifestly depressed during the last three or four days by the overwhelming evidence that the defendant is their victim in no sense.

One of the best signs of the situation is the fact that the generals are making the most determined struggle at every point raised. This is excellent evidence that there is no collusion with the judges, and that the trial is genuine in every sense of the word. There is no doubt they will make every possible use of appeals to the esprit de corps, professional prejudice, etc. But they must convince the judges that the prisoner is guilty in order to obtain a verdict to that effect. The defense has still confidence on this point, therefore do not fear an attempt to force the judges to decide the case upon all the issues, instead of upon the bordereau alone. In fact, Labori and Demange will welcome a desperate move of the generals, which they expect.

THE COURT MARTIAL

Rennes, Aug. 30.—In the opening in the Lycee this morning M. Paul Meyer member of the institute and director of the school of ancient manuscripts, was the first witness called. He deposed in favor of Dreyfus. After hearing MM. Molinier and Giry and M. Picot, member of the institute, all of whom testified in favor of Dreyfus, General Deloye testified against the prisoner on the artillery reference in the bordereau. Then the court on the application of Major Carriere ordered the opening part of tomorrow's session behind closed doors for the purpose of discussing documents relating to the artillery. The evidence of Meyer, Molinier and Giry, handwriting experts of the first rank, was a strong point for Dreyfus. They were most emphatic in declaring the bordereau written by Esterhazy

M'LEAN NOMINATED FOR GOVERNOR

Baby Victory for Millionaire Journalist—Principles of the Party in Ohio.

Zanesville, Aug. 30.—John R. McLean was nominated for governor by the democratic convention this afternoon. The vote stood: McLean, 402 1-2; Kilbourn, 22; remainder scattering. McLean's nomination was made unanimous. Judge A. W. Patrick was nominated for lieutenant governor; W. H. Dore, for attorney general; D. C. Badger, for supreme court judge; G. W. Sigerfoss, for auditor, and J. I. Morman for treasurer.

Judge W. P. Mooney, as temporary chairman of the convention, spoke on the national issues. He said in part: "There will be today no contest as to the platform declarations which our party shall make. There is no difference of opinion. The democratic party of Ohio stands squarely upon every plank of the Chicago platform of 1896. We believed it then and we believe it now."

"The people who sent us here do not believe in a double standard of democracy. In 1896 the test was 'Are you loyal to the platform?' and that is the Ohio test today.

"We are pointed to a business revival in the United States and it is argued that this makes most strongly against our position. That there has been a revival none will deny, and that the revival is not confined to this country our advisers will certainly not contend. Revival of trade in Canada, Germany and Mexico, as well as the United States, proves too much for the republican party has nothing in common with Germany, holds Mexico as a 'horrible example,' and till it yields up a portion of Alaska, will not be re-established as a country separate from the United States."

Mr. Mooney said, however, that the money question was not the only issue in the campaign, and talked about trusts. "Must not that party, which favored a tariff to eliminate competition so that the favorites of the government might plunder the pockets of the people, be in favor of trusts while they take the people by the throat?" he asked.

"In condemning the doctrine of imperialism," said the speaker, "we in no manner abandon our soldiers in the field. But at the same time whenever a purse-proud, trust-controlled administration dares array our flag or forces against people fighting for the God-given right to rule themselves, whenever the sum total of a people's offending is that they desire to be free, it will be the duty of the democratic party to be brave enough to expose the pretense, to tear the mask from the covetous face of fraud and greed and avarice, and proclaim that the recognition of such a war for such a purpose is un-American and must be brought to a close. We proclaim that there shall be beneath our flag no slaves, no subjects, no colonies who cannot be citizens, and, lest we be late, we proclaim it now. We affirm that the war in the Philippines, as at present conducted, is one of criminal aggression, and we find no difference in the situation the administration occupies, than the one occupied by Spain in the Philippines before the surrender. Whatever rights we have were acquired by purchase from Spain; our right is no higher.

ONE BRUTE KILLS ANOTHER.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 30.—John Ataway, a white man, was killed in Lexington county, at Richwood, yesterday morning, by one McLeod. The two men had been close friends and partners in an atrocious crime.

On June 16th these two men visited the house where L. H. Leitch and David Meetze were living with their newly married wives, and at the point of their pistols forced the husbands to leave the premises. During the struggle with the women Mrs. Leitch was shot; Ataway said it was accidental, but the woman maintained he did the shooting deliberately. McLeod is now under arrest.

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