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dorse Mr. Justice Brewer's newest rem

edy for lynching-that is, to take from

the defendant the right of appeal

Judge Brewer is a most learned and

excellent man, but he appears to have

lost his equipoise in this matter. He

thinks that by hurrying the final dis-

position of a criminal case lynching

may be prevented. Very true, and I

together with all other good citizens

am in favor of expediting trials, but

I am not in favor of taking from Amer-

ican citizens one of their most precious

rights-that of having their cases pass-

ed on by a competent court of last re

sort. Anybody observant of trials

knows that it is dead easy sometimes

to convict on the filmsiest evidence and

again almost impossible to convict on

overwhelming evidence. Local public

opinion has much to do with it. Hence

the necessity for a court of appeals.

According to Judge Brewer, a man

ought to be permitted to appeal a mule

case or a dog case from a civil court.

but where life or liberty is involved

there must be no appeal. That will not

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Re-

publican organ grinder, has had a spasm

of virtue. It is said that an open con-

fession is good for the soul. The G.-D.

does not make exactly an open confes-

sion as to how Republican nominations

have been made in Missouri in the past,

but even a guarded confession from it

is better than no confession, on the

theory that a half loaf is better than

no bread. Hitherto it has been pro-

claiming from the house tops the in-

iquities of the Democrats and the vir-

tues of the Republicans, but in a recent

issue it takes a tumble to itself. Speak-

When the Republican state convention

meets it must be with a purpose to select the best men for candidates and to ap-

prove the principles for whose advance-ment the party exists. A state conven-tion of nearly a thousand Republicans is an assemblage that can be trusted to do

the right thing in choosing candidates and shaping a platform. But suppose some group of schemers comes forward

with a cut and dried programme and tries

to cram it down the throats of delegates,

taking from them the functions for which

they were elected. Such things have been known to happen. In that event a few plotters cheat the convention and the people also by an act of insolent usurpa-

tion.

It is for the Republican state convention of next year, in its own time and way, by its majority vote, to select nominees for the governorship and other state offices. It is not for professional politicians and patronage hucksters to get together and fix up a slate. What unlimited presumption it is to attempt that bunko on a large body of accredited Republican delegates! Each delegate should go into the convention realizing that it is

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his mission and duty to perform his full share as a unit in that body and to resent all attempts to turn him into a cipher.

The nominations must be made by the convention itself, not by some impudent cabal that lays the wires to do the convention's work for it in advance without its knowledge or consent. That thimble-

rig has been played too often in the past.

Attention is called particularly to the

last sentence, "That thimbierig has

been played too often in the past."

Most assuredly, but the G.-D. is very

late in confessing it. Better late than

never, however. Of course, if jumped

about the confession, the G.-D. will

probably undertake to wriggle out of

it by claiming that it had reference to

the Missouri Democrats and not to the

Missouri Republicans, but the context

shows that in an unguarded moment

the G.-D. actually told a truth about

its partners in political sin. Perhaps

the editor was absent and the above

editorial was written by a prentice hand. The G.-D. is to be congratulated

It is astonishing how certain news

papers turn up their noses at Joseph Pulitzer's munificent gift of \$2,000.

to endow a school of journalism. They

make merry with Joseph for supposing

that an editor or a journalist or a re-porter needs any special training or that there can be any special training for a newspaper man. These splenetic ed-

itors should not permit the green eyed

made it himself, and he had a perfect right to do as he pleased with it. What

motive animated him is not known, but

until convinced to the contrary by proof positive and incontrovertible I

good, that his sole desire is to help poor boys struggling for a footbold

and that he wishes to be instrumental

in elevating that profession in which he has been such a shining success. Even if he has thrown away his \$2,-

000,000 and in expending it as he is doing he is seeking the unattainable, he should be given full credit for act-ing with patriotic and philanthropic

intent. It is a ten to one shot that the reason for Mr. Pulitzer's liberality is

his recollection of his own career in the newspaper business, beginning as a re-porter for the Westliche Post and end-

porter for the Westliche Post and ending as proprietor of two great newspapers, the New York World and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. To argue that Pulltrer is a phenomenally great editor and newspaper proprietor would be a work of supercregation. For the fact that, beginning with nothing, he has \$2,000,000, to give away—\$2,000,600, marned, not \$2,000,000 found or squeezed, out of people under an unjust law—in audicipat proof that he is a past master in the profession, the

se to believe that his motive is

even on a half confession.

ing of an impending event, it says:

Republican Machine Candidates.

HEN Senator Aldrich con siders the opposition of Lyman J. Gage to his financial bill through his mind there must run the famous "Et tu, Brute!" The prospects for what Uncle Joe Cannon denominates "rubbei currency" do not seem particularly bright at this writing. If they are not going to tinker with the currency what is the necessity for the Republicans, poor things, to have an extra session?

The latest news is to the effect that Governor Cummins of Iowa declines to be considered as a vice presidential candidate. Wonder if he ever heard of the girl "who vowing she would ne'er consent consented?"

Evidently the St. Louis Globe-Democrat believes in the old adage "Better late than never," as it is just now announcing that John S. Wise has moved from Virginia to New York, a thing that happened some twelve or fifteen years ago. There is some hope, therefore, that some time or other in the sweet by and by the G.-D. will learn that the civil war closed in 1861 and will cease to wave the bloody shirt.

General Nelson A. Miles must be surfeited with "mentions" for high political places. He was first mentioned for president, then for vice president, then for governor of Massachusetts. Oh, what a fall was there, my country-

The political growth of Hon. John D. Long, ex-representative in congress, ex-governor of Massachusetts and exsecretary of the navy, appears to be after the manner of the growth of a cow's tail-downward. He is now being mentioned for the Bay State legislature, or general court, as it is called.

Now comes also Mr. Representative Overstreet of Indiana and joins ex-Secretary of the Treasury Gage and Uncle Joe Cannon, the speaker predestined, in opposition to the president's suggestion as to reformation of the currency. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

If it be true that the early bird catches the worm then the boomers for Secretary of War Elihu Root for president in 1908 will be strictly in it-that is, they would be if there was not another set of political "sooners" also booming Governor General William H. Taft for president in 1908. When early birds meet early birds some later comer is likely to get away with the worm.

Hon. Frank Wachter, Republican representative in congress from Baltimore, evidently believes that an open confession is good for the soul. At any rate he makes one by declaring that "the entire federal service is honeycombed with corruption. Every one that has been brought in close contact with the departments knows these things." If the genial Wachter does not look a little out the St. Louis Globe-Democrat is liable to denounce him as a Copperhead for "telling tales out of school."

Governor Robert M. La Follette, a Republican who is now filling his secand term as governor of Wisconsin, is in danger of having the Globe-Democrat hurl at his head the awful epithet of Copperhead for saying: "We are building up colossal fortunes, granting unlimited power to corporate organization and massing together business interests as never before in the commercial history of the world, but the people are losing control of their own government. Its foundations are being sapped and its integrity destroyed."

Some Opinions by the Next Speaker. That Hon. Joseph G. Cannon of Illinois, affectionately called Uncle Joe, is destined to be the next speaker if he lives is known of all men. He appears

to be in high good humor with all the world. Recently he was in Omaha. A dispatch from that city runs in this

Wise:

Congressman Joseph Cannon was in Omaha today, and when asked regarding currency legislation at the coming session of congress replied:

"That's something I'm saying little about. Besides, we're not sure of just what is happening and what is needed. It's true a lot of the eastern fellows think they are in a bed way and need currency legislation to help them out, but I notice that stocks ere not down to a good investment basis even now. You see, they've got everything way up too high and things are getting back to normal."

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"Why, blank it. I'm an optimist about this. This question will right itself by the uprising of a healthful public sentiment. The American people are fitted for self government. They've proved it on many another occasion. They'll prove it now. Meb violence will be wiped out in this country. It is possible that our fudicial procedure is a little slow and technical, that there are too many opportunities for quibble and delay, but it's a mighty good system nevertheless. It is the old English system. It is built on the English common law. If recognizes the principle that it is better nine guilty men escape than that one innovent men be punished, and it is steadily approximating the point where men who are innocent are missand men who are guilty may expect punishment. I think in the main the people have confidence in our courts. Such things as the delays of the law, its loop holes, race prejudice, drunkenness and the like that excite to mob violence & not lengty that the mob spirit is to grow and continue to dely our institutions.

praise, not criticism. He is a human itarian and a great ex-Missourian.

Happy Patterson.
One of the most famous passages of Alfred Lord Tennyson's most famous poem, "Locksley Hall," runs in this

In the spring a fuller crimson comes upon the robin's breast; In the spring the wanton lapwing takes

himself another crest;
In the spring a livelier iris changes on
the burnished dove;
In the spring a young man's fancy lightly
turns to thoughts of love.

No doubt all these things happen in the spring, but Lord Tennyson was away off if he supposed that it is only in the spring that "a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." It may be so in effete Europe, but a young man's fancy is not so circumscribed as to time in America. At least Hon. Malcolm R. Patterson, representative in congress from Memphis, Tenn., will make his "alfer davy" to the fact that a young man's fancy is likely to take such a turn at any sea-son of the year, especially when a Missouri girl is the magnet which turns his fancy. Press dispatches from Carthage, Mo., announce his engagement to Miss Sibyl Hodges of that delectable little city. Brother Patterson is evidently a man of exquisite taste. The bride elect came very near being one of my constituents, her maternal grandparents having resided within my bailiwick for years, and her aunt, Mrs. Robert M. White, wife of the celebrated editor, Colonel Bob White, being

among my most valued constituents. Colonel Patterson has set a good example to all bachcior and widower congressmen. To all of them I say, "Go and do likewise." It is a scientific fact that marriage leads to longevity. especially marriage with a Missouri woman. There are several eligibles on the congressional roster-General Harry Bingham and Hon. Robert Adams Jr., of Philadelphia, for instance. Mar riage with Missouri women might make Democrats of them and land them in the senate. A Missouri wife might land Hon. William Sulzer of New York in the White House. There are others who are missing an opportunity to be happy for life.

Good! The St. Louis Globe-Democrat talks arrant nonsense when it talks politics. On most other subjects it is sane. It is a pleasure to find in its editorial columps anything commendable. When a thing of that character is discovered it ought to be exploited to the fullest extent and given a wider circulation than that of the G.-D. in order to encourage it in well doing. Discussing the Re publican policy of abandoning the Missouri river, the G.-D. says:

It is a mistake on the part of the govcommission. It should rather be strengthened for engineering work. The Missouri has an important future in irrigation, and its navigable uses are by no means to be regarded as ended. In building the great irrigation dam on the Nile the British government has aided the craft that regularly navigate the river. Missouri's dele-gation in congress ought to work together to induce the government to study the possibilities of the broad stream that possibilities of the broad stream winds through so many states and is destined to be of untold advantage to all. Continuous investigations ought to be carried on by engineers under the direction of the national authorities until the best comprehensive plan for its improvement is fixed upon. A river of continental mag-nitude cannot be abandoned as unmanageable. What the Missouri river needs is to be fully and scientifically, inter-

Important if True. General Frederick Dent Grant, commander of the department of Texas. has made two discoveries which are important if true-(1) that we should hasten to fortify our Mexican border because, as he alleges, the Mexicaus are fortifying; (2) that the canteer ought to be restored to the army as a temperance measure. This latter suggestion is respectfully referred to the professional temperance folks with the statement that General Grant is himself a tectotaler.

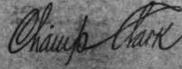
As to the necessity for fortifying our Mexican border, that is all moonships. We can't have a war with Mexico unless we are the aggressors, and unless we lose our senses we never will have a war with her. If she is fortifying against us it is because our newfangled jingo policy has caused her to fear that we have sinister designs on her northern states.

A Center Shot.

One of my constituents, Frank N. Frost, editor of the Vandalia Leader,

Postmaster General Payne is said to have informed his friends that he will resign his position as soon as he com-pletes the investigation into the postal-frauds. Lord, what a job he's got!

monster to feed upon their damask cheeks. Mr. Pulitzer has done nobly, no matter what the outcome of his generosity. He had the \$2,000,000. He Losing a Great Opportunity. The bullheaded course of Colombia promises to lose for her the benefits of the greatest opportunity that has ever knocked impatiently at her doors. The result will probably be that Nicaragua will get the canal and leave Colombia forever just a little to one side of what will become the greatest of maritime highways. Property, life, traffic and trade will mark the terminal points of this canal. Civilization and progress, both infectious, will go with it. Colonibia, just outside the zone of its vivitying influence, will continue to sleep by comparative seclusion from the bus world so near to it. It is stupid for



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