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The selection of F. W. Fleitz, esq., of this city, for the reading clerkship of the state house of representatives returns to the state capital one of the most efficient and popular of the legislature's recent officials.

State Aid for Local Charities.

There is arising the biennial complaint from eleemosynary institutions over the board of charity's recommendations of state aid. The general truth is admitted that the condition of the state revenues necessitates the utmost practicable curtailment of appropriations.

We do not, however, find fault with the friends of any institution for endeavoring to protect their own; and if vigorous pleading will secure favorable attention in the present emergency it is obviously their duty to do so.

Senator Cameron intimates that he is disgusted with the senate's vacillation on the Cuban question. There are others.

election, folds up the ballot and hands it to the judge, who deposits it inside a box where other ballots of the same party are kept. After the vote is counted the result is posted outside the division house, and the returns for county officers transmitted to the prothonotary. These returns are opened in the presence of the sheriff and the county commissioners and those receiving the highest vote for each office on the different ballots are declared the candidates for that office of the different parties.

National delegates are selected in the same way, and the conference system is broken up by declaring the candidate receiving the highest vote the choice of the party. A violation of any provision of the act is made punishable by a fine of \$100 and imprisonment of not less than three months nor more than two years.

The most objectionable thing which we see at first glance in this bill is the requirement from the voter of an oath that he will vote his party ticket at the general election before he knows who his nominees will be.

Another effort is soon to be made to secure the adoption by the present congress of a bankruptcy law which shall subject the legal conditions governing insolvency to uniformity among the various states.

Need of a Bankruptcy Law.

The number of business failures, as reported by the commercial agencies, for the past three years, is very large. The great majority of debtors who have become hopeless during the business depression could secure a discharge from a court of bankruptcy and be restored to the business world to build up their fortunes anew.

If a federal law can be framed which will draw a tolerably fair line between honesty and knavery in failures and at the same time offer reasonable leniency to those who are the victims of unmerited misfortune, it will certainly go far ahead of the average bankruptcy legislation of the separate states, and fill a long-felt want.

A New Primary Election Bill.

Another measure designed to purify primary elections has been drafted in this state and will, it is said, be laid before the legislature. It is as yet the property of Representative Shrink, of Schuylkill county, but some of its provisions have already been made public.

Just Old Enough.

In reply to the criticism that John Sherman is too old to be secretary of state—a criticism, by the way, that is almost brutal in its irrelevance—the Times-Herald opportunely points out that "Lord Palmerston directed the despatch of England when he was long past Sherman's age and died in the harness at 81. Disraeli was prime minister at 75, and so was Gladstone, the latter resigning his leadership when past 80.

Secretary Sherman will enter President McKinley's cabinet at 74, with abilities as keen and powers as well disciplined as if he were not more than three-score. If an able man is chosen as his immediate assistant, to take from the secretary's shoulders the burden of details connected with the state portfolio, leaving to the secretary himself leisure for the consideration of broad policies and for the giving to the president of

his invaluable counsel, no fear need be entertained that the conduct of our foreign affairs during the next four years will suffer in the slightest degree by reason of Mr. Sherman's age. On the contrary, his presence in the cabinet will gain value from the conservatism incidental to his years, for it will serve to put a wholesome check upon the possible exuberance of some of his younger colleagues and bring out well-rounded cabinet discussions.

Senator Quay has undoubtedly suggested to the chief officials of the legislature that no discrimination be practiced against the members who supported Wainmaker. Such is his usual magnanimity. But while this may be a good rule to apply to those who supported Wainmaker honestly and in good faith, we suspect that the deliberate traitors ought to be introduced as speedily as possible to a hereafter.

Hereafter in New York city every physician will be required to report the name and address of every patient afflicted with consumption, which is now on the books as an infectious disease. If the ravages of this disease can be perceptibly checked by means of compulsory precautions, let us by all means have the precautions.

The bill of Senator Kaufman to provide for the payment of interest on state funds deposited in banks confessedly has its animus in a feeling of hostility to Senator Quay. Yet in principle it is sound and the legislature would do well to consider it on its merits.

The arbitration treaty will be valid if ratified within six months. There is consequently ample time for investigation and deliberation. Delay does not necessarily mean hostility.

And now it seems that the Hon. Edward J. Phelps, while he is fearful for peace, doesn't believe in arbitration. Perhaps he is undecided as to just what he does want.

It seems that Brother Kohlisaat's McKinley club suffered, after all, to do the business in Illinois. Our esteemed contemporary certainly is a Napoleonic fighter.

We dare say there are times when Charles Emory Smith regrets that at the parting of the ways he went with Martin instead of Quay.

A LONG STEP TOWARD PEACE.

The more the arbitration treaty with Great Britain is studied the deeper becomes the conviction that it deserves to rank among the greatest blessings that this century has conferred upon civilization. For a difficulty between the nations of our world is now a wisp in the eye of an active realization of the promise of Christianity to the world.

The chief objection to the past will touch a failure to precisely recognize the Monroe doctrine as an item of international law. Article VI, by far the most important part of the document, stands upon territorial claims between the big contracting parties. That is, as we understand the treaty, the Alaskan boundary dispute, or a difficulty between the nations at some point where their actual territory touches, would properly come before the arbitrators, while the Venezuelan case would not be subject to the terms of the treaty.

In short, the treaty seems to absolutely preclude the possibility of war between England and America. Even in the event of a failure to ratify the treaty, the most eminent judicial bodies of England and America, to agree, it is specifically provided that neither nation shall resort to war with the other, or both have sought the mediation of one or more friendly powers.

The world has been a long time on the weary road to this first awaiting place and it has still a far journey before it. But to believe that the example of two of the foremost powers of civilization abandoning a savage procedure in the interest of rational intercourse will not exert a far-reaching influence upon the continental powers is to question the reasoning faculties of mankind. We may not return to the golden age, as an English paper cynically suggests, but there is good ground for the belief that this treaty, so difficult in prospect, so easy when actually attempted, will give the first impulse to that general disarmament abroad that humane statesmen have looked forward to with rising hopes for many years.

WRONG-DOING AND SUICIDE.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer. Since the recent bank troubles which occurred in various parts of the country there have been four suicides of men who were bank officials, and who acted either in the capacity of cashiers or directors. Mr. Hammond, who committed suicide, was a director of the defunct National Bank of Illinois, and the charge is that he had misappropriated funds through his friends claim that he was driven to the deed by the knowledge that he was innocent of these charges, and by the humiliation to which he was subjected from an unjust accusation.

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fact; he was identified with many phases of charitable and religious work, and outwardly led a blameless life. An unexpected visit from the bank examiner revealed a shortage, and while the cashier professed to be able to make a satisfactory explanation and showed no signs of guilt, he stealthily left the building and drowned himself.

The defalcation of a man such as this, meeting old age, pointed out to the young as an example of what can be attained by fidelity and integrity, a man, too, whose voice was often heard in movements for moral and social reform, is certain to react painfully upon financial and moral confidence. It gives opportunity, too, for unthinking and cynical persons to reflect sneeringly upon all who devote themselves to good works, forgetful of or ignoring the fact that there are thousands of people in the world who never betray the trust reposed in them, while at the same time they are also prominent in all things that help the welfare and elevation of the community. It should not be forgotten, either, that the majority of bank officials and business employees are faithful to the trusts committed to them, and that those who fall form an inconsiderable number as compared with those who are steadfast and incorruptible.

Such incidents, however, emphasize the great need of better safeguards and more careful checks in bank management. The very fact that the case with which deficiencies can be concealed by a man who yields to temptation brings on his downfall, also shows that there must be some radical defect either in the system of supervision or in its practical application. But, above all, the lesson to be learned from such an occurrence is that when a man enters upon the downward path he need not lay the flattering unction to his soul that there is a way of return. The surest way to avoid such a fate is to exist in the knowledge of this inexorable law. They see a way to make money without long years of plodding, or they are beguiled by the prospect of some sudden gain, and embark on an enterprise that is to bring in fabulous returns. They yield to temptation, and their fate is sealed; the tide of fortune or the waves of the ocean could blot out the disgrace and the misery that they bring not only on themselves, but on the innocent and trusting. It is as true today as when it was said centuries ago, that the way of the transgressor is hard.

ASTROLOGICAL

The sun enters the sign of Aquarius today, Jan. 21, and will remain in the sign until Feb. 19. The children of Aquarius are intuitive by nature and good judges of character so far as relates to honor and dishonor. They have a great deal of the psychic, or controlling power of eye, and would make good keepers in an insane asylum, as their influence upon inmates by the magnetism of the eye would be great. They are lazy at times, but like amusements and crowds. They are not fitted to become mechanics, but belong to the class of natural traders. They are capable of acquiring a fine education and have clear minds. They are apt, however, to defer too much to the opinions of others.

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TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ainechus The Tribune Astrologer. Astrological cast: 3:18 a. m., for Thursday, Jan. 21, 1897.

A child born on this day will be of the opinion that it is about time for the curfew or the chestnut bell to ring on the "yellow kid" business.

Everybody told the truth today it is probable that twilight would steal in upon considerable unhappiness.

The success of a play often depends more upon what the audience had for dinner than the efforts of the actors.

If a leopard could change its spots there would probably be a much larger number for whitewash in certain quarters of the city.

Snowflakes. A talented maiden Miss Grow, wrote a poem on beautiful snow: "But, Editor, I think that twilight would steal in upon considerable unhappiness."

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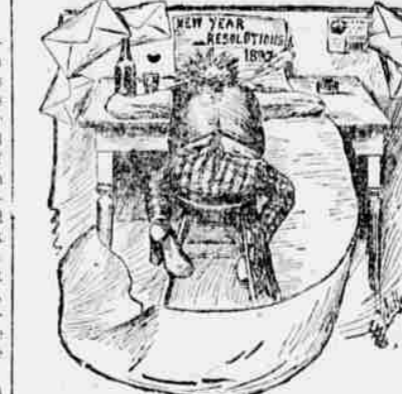
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