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All friends of Cuba are requested to read the interview with General Maximo Gomez printed on our first page.

The Steel Rail War.

The dissolution of the steel rail pool, which is just announced, fulfills a prediction made on this page about the first of the year.

The collapse of restrictions on production will no doubt impart a temporary stimulus to work and wages, and in this immediate locality such a stimulus will be likely to eliminate second-rate plants and clear the field for an ultimate reorganization of the pool on a basis of business honesty and fairness.

For Scranton the main point in the present aspect of the rail trade is that it promises to afford the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company an opportunity to demonstrate to the interested public that if it has of late done less horn-blowing than some other institutions it has by no means been asleep.

McKinley's Policy Toward Cuba.

The New York Sun is inclined to believe, notwithstanding his studious silence on this point, that Major McKinley, when he shall become president, may possibly not follow Cleveland's example in respect to Cuba.

For the Sun, this is a moderate statement of the possibilities. It is rendered the more worthy of belief by the fact that the St. Louis platform, upon which Mr. McKinley was nominated, expressly pledged him to use this government's good offices to secure the independence of Cuba.

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Fake Election Contests.

At the beginning of the present congress a bill was introduced requiring each contestant of a seat as well as each holder of a seat in dispute to file a bond in the sum of \$10,000 as a guarantee that whoever was finally successful should not be fined for the cause of the contest.

Secretary Olney informs the senate that King Oscar of Sweden feels humiliated at the refusal of the senate to accept him as a permanent umpire.

due consideration. But the fault is not the senate's. Its objections to the placing in a European monarch's hands of decisive power in disputes between this country and Great Britain are clearly well founded.

Does Senator Morgan suppose that during the next five years (the period of the present arbitration treaty's life) the United States will have a president who would select as arbiters, in a dispute with Great Britain, men who could not be trusted to uphold the American interests fully as successfully as the United States senate?

For a New Inauguration Day.

The proposition is again being mooted to change the date for the inauguration of the president from March 4 to April 30, and in support of it many strong arguments are advanced.

The 4th of March was an accidental selection of the first congress for inauguration date; and in early times the date made little importance anyhow, for two reasons.

Just a Word or Two of Casual Mention

The bill recently introduced in the state senate by Senator Harrison, providing for the disposition of costs in cases of misdemeanor and felony, is a law instituted before justices of the peace or aldermen, whose business is to mark an important change for the better.

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An effort will be made during the next session to extend the term of President McKinley and change the dates of the meeting of congress as well as the date of the termination of the session.

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since all that is said and done in executive session can readily be ascertained by anybody having the requisite curiosity, how much better it would have been to have thrown the whole discussion open.

We are more than ever convinced, as the debate on the arbitration treaty proceeds, in its amiable semblance of secrecy which deceives no one, that the real opposition in the senate to that instrument as amended by committee is oratorically eloquent but numerically small; and we still predict that the treaty will be ratified in ample time and with votes to spare.

What, after all, is Speaker Reed's offense, that members should murmur so? He insists that in these hard times congress shall not squander the people's money nor let down the bars to useless extravagance or downright jobbery.

Those who argue that criticism of the Harrison bill deprives it of its value to volunteer firemen are slightly wrong. The best way to compliment volunteer firemen is to purchase their whole time with good pay.

The story from Washington that Senator Quay will have the naming of the next public printer will be likely to increase his correspondence for some weeks to come. He should run for the man who started it.

Weyler says Spain has for Cuba the "over-generous heart of a mother." Possibly that is why she exhibits the marble heart of a step-mother.

Mr. Cleveland informs a correspondent that he is "only waiting." So are others.

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It is now time to dust the cobwebs off the "new maple sugar" joke.

her billed for Music Hall she was very much wroth and the advance man was called back to give an account. He said that he had no any particular explanation to make or to care how for being called to task. His indifference additionally provoked Miss Crowell and she discharged him on the spot.

In an interview with the Pittsburgh Leader State Bank Examiner P. O. Cochran is quoted as follows: "The banks of Schuylkill, Luzerne, Lackawanna and through the whole coal regions are the finest I have ever seen. I have examined trust concerns in New York and all over Pennsylvania, and I must say that for a scientific and accurate accounting and expert clerical work, the banks of the coal regions deserve the laurel wreath. I was astonished. The biggest and some of the finest banks in the world are not better conducted than are these coal country banks."

The January number of the Railroad Trainman's Journal contains a lengthy and well written article by Albert E. King of the Lackawanna Coal and Iron Co. on the subject of the proposed new railroad system. Excellent half-tone portraits are given of President Sloan, General Manager Halstead, Superintendent Rogers, and others.

Mrs. W. R. Dugan, agent of the Associated Charities, wants to announce that there is no matrimonial agency connected with the board. Since the printing of the article in the Tribune she has been endeavoring to effect an amicable settlement with Mrs. Soutell, of the West Side, she has been fairly well successful in this regard.

Scranton's mayor has been honored with an invitation to attend the fifth annual banquet of the Mchibian club at Detroit, Feb. 22. The names of Russell A. Alger and Hazen S. Pingree appear in the list of invitation.

Dr. William De Lacy, son of Captain P. De Lacy, who went some time ago and opened a dental office at Lehigh Valley, has opened another at Deadwood, S. D. He has met success in the far west.

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