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In the year ended June 30, 1896, Pennsylvania's steam railways, with a mileage of 19,000, killed 37 persons while its street railways killed 32 with only 1561 miles of track. It is evidently time for the public to insist upon fenders.

Some Comparisons.

If Dr. Ruiz had been a citizen of Great Britain and had been done to death by Spanish jailers in a Cuban prison, whither he had been conveyed without warrant and in ignorance of any charge against him, it is safe to say that no disagreement or friction would have arisen among the officials of her majesty's government, but every one of them, from the premier down to the lowest subaltern in the royal navy, would have used his best energy to expedite a demand on Spain for satisfaction, and as a guarantee that such an outrage would should be, but was lightly sought and not be repeated, would have put a wellarmed warship within shooting distance of the captain-general's palace.

If among the victims of Weyler's policy of arresting every resident of Cuba not willing or prepared to buy release, and thrusting him into some foul dungeon to be slowly starved or driven insame by the vile surroundings were numbered a score or more subjects of Great Britain, in whose behal? the British consul-general at Havana had vainly interceded with the Spanish authorities, it would be about fifteen seconds before the British secretary of state for foreign affairs would cable to Madrid a peremptory demand for the surrender into British hands of those prisoners, whether their naturalization papers were exactly correct or not.

If any nation on earth except the United States were subjected by another nation to the provocation which Spain has apparently with impunity offered to us, time and time again, in connection with the Cuban revolution, its hand would be lifted to strike back and it would not be at all particular to lighten the blow. The superiority of American civilization over the civilization of Europe may perhaps be shown among other ways, in the willingness of this republic, when smitten on oncheek, to turn the other. The differences which we have pointed out be tween our course toward Spain and the course which history teaches would have been England's under similar circumstances may be points in our favor But it will require a mental struggle to get us to believe so.

The Philadelphia Inquirer conclude an editorial with the ejaculation: "God bless the women!" We hasten to record a hearty "Amen!"

Pennsylvania and the Cabinet.

Writing upon a theme of present interest, a special contributor to the Philadelphia Bulletin remarks:

Gordon Bennett permitted for years a disreputable "personal" column to appear in the New York Herald, in which the lowest of traffics was unblushingly exploited, and not a move was made to bring him to account. It would be interesting to know the basis of this apparent discrimination.

Because Utah wishes to place in the capitol at Washington a statue of Brigham Young, a howl is raised. Why? The privilege which Utah seeks is one that by law belongs to each state in the Union, and her selection of a subject is simply a ratification of history's testimony to Young's greatness as the conqueror of a wilderness. Grant that his religious views were out of joint. What has congress to do with them?

Protect American Citizenship.

There is some ground for affirming that the alien who wishes to acquire American citizenship ought not, after he gets it, to use it simply as a shield to facilitate intermeddling with the politics of the country whose sovereignty he has renounced. It is possible that a good many Cubans, after acquiring naturalization papers in this country, have treated Uncle Sam shab bily by rushing back to their native Island to stir up trouble. In other words, their American citizenship was not as sincere as such citizenship won for an ulterior purpose. We quite agree with those who affirm that if any way is open to prevent such naturall zations, it should be adopted without delay. But we must dissent from the proposition that, having granted such naturalization, it is not our duty as a nation to assume the full responsibil-

ity therefor. Whatever the errors in our presen method of adopting allens into citizenship, one principle needs to be emphasized in our diplomacy to the very utmost, and that is that the rights of American citizenship must be protect ed, on every land and sea. We use the word "rights" advisedly, for it should not be our intent to encourage swag gering and offensive conduct by Americans in foreign countries. The bully is none the less a bully for being an alleged Yankee, nor is it proper to sustain in an American abroad actions which we would not tolerate in that same American at home. But in every ountry we have official representatives to make inquiry concerning these points, and when through official channels our state department learns hat an American citizen has been illtreated in another land, its duty is not mly to exact satisfaction, but to do so with such dispatch and firmness that the incident will have educational value in preventing a recurrence of the indig-

It is a notorious fact that for one eason or another the principle of which we have spoken has obtained in our diplomacy more often in theory than in practice. The result is that an

American who travels beyond the conamong the southern senators and reprefines of the United States, though he sentatives in Washington, in favor of be ever so inoffensive, is likely in many places to be treated, if not with some conspicuous form of abuse such as can be brought to the attention of the American government, then with petty disdain and annoyances all the more exasperating because not of sufficient nitude to court official investigats domestic politic The fact that Americans ar tion. After a fair trial Captain Hart of the singled out for such scant courtesy Laurada has been convicted of providwhile Englishmen, on the other hand, even when they give cause for offence ing means for a military enterprise or are treated with marked deference and ganized in this country and intended to be carried on against Spain. The consideration, proves that the differconviction is a result of plain evidence ence arises from political grounds rather than personal, and is to be accountand the statute under which it was found is a wise and necessary one. In ed for solely by the superior virility and Hart's sympathy for Cuba he clearly decision with which the English forbroke the law and therefore deserved term at eight months. eign office punishes contempt for the conviction, but the next president of British passport. the United States will find his a suit-The time has come for a new deal able case for speedy elemency. in American diplomacy. It might better take the chance of occasionally go-It is said Mr. Bryan is receiving in ing wrong in its insistence upon forroyalties from his book \$100 a day. eign respect for American credentials When we recollect that the post Milton than, by shading its policy on the side sold the whole of "Paradist Lost" for of caution, to entail upon the whole \$75 the backwardness of the ancients number of Americans abroad frequent in the matter of free advertising apoccasion for humiliation. pears additionally plain. ----Now that the spirit of satire is Senator Sherman is quoted as having abroad at Harrisburg, can't we also declared recently that senators and representatives should be prohibited by chilled even by exclusion from the cab- have a resolution of sympathy for law from seeking government places for their friends. This is easy to say Amen! when one is about to run a ple counter of one's own.

can so wholly prostitute themselves to the worst possible uses and pour out each day steady and subtle currents of moral poison fully justifies the general alarm that is felt for the dignity and integrity of the American press. There is no such prostitution of journalism in England or in any other country of the world, and there cannot be such prostitution of American journalism unless the American people are willing to submit to it. Whenever they shall demand clean journalism they will be certain to have it; but as long as they tolerate gensational vul-

garity and indecency this moral miasma of journalism will steadily extend itself until the home and the newspaper must become strangers, Although Mr. John H. Converse of Fhiladelphia denies that he has been promised the new cabinet portfollo of ommerce, should it be created, and in-

timates that he has no wish to hold is opened.

The South All Right.

There were two incidents of Washngton's birthday in New York that deserve to be retold. They occurred in onnection with the celebration of that anniversary by the Southern society, an organization of prominent men of outhern birth who have made the metropolis their home. In the first intance, the chariman of the society, Mr. Thompson, was speaking and in the ourse of his remarks he said-we quote from the Sun: "We Southerners are all back in our

father's house, and we are there to stay, and there will be found no one more loyal or uncompromising in defense of the

constitution than the members of the old Southern states." The effect of this was electrical. The entire company rose to their feet and sang in a rousing chorus the first verse of "My Country. "The of

A little later Theodore Roosevelt was ntroduced.

"Washington," he said, "was a man of eace, but he fought. If we follow Wash-ngton's example we will vote for the ar-itration treaty and a large increase of he navy." The remark was unexpected. and it produced an unlooked for effect. Men rose in their scats and waved their apkins, and many of them cheered. But his outburst was nothing to the sensation e aroused when Mr. Roosevelt said that the was glad to see that the United States took no part with England, Germany, France and Italy in demanding, at the mouth of the cannon, that Greece should stop her patriotic struggle. It was sevral minutes before Mr. Roosevelt could rocced. "When we think," he exclaimed, of what the Armenians have suffered you can understand why I rejoice that the navy of the United States had no part in this demonstration." There wasn't a nan in the banquet hall with the excep-ion of the stenographers who didn't clap his hands enthusiastically. A num ber of the diners got upon their fee again and cheered and waved napkins frantically.

It is true that he might also have said a word for Cuba; but when we re- llable to have his bond forfeited by the flect upon the unanimity of sentiment

STATE LEGISLATIVE TOPICS.

In correction of some misapprehension which have arisen as to some of the pro-visions of the new fish bill urged upon the legislature by the Pennsylvania Fish ommission, the Philadelphia Ledger ex-dains that "among the vital changes in he proposed law ar the raising of the minimum size of brook trout which may be legally caught from five to six inches, and of black bass from six to nine inches. It is with respect to the raising of the minimum limit of black bass three inches hat some misapprehension regarding th

motives of the commission has arisen Many people, while admitting that sit inches is too small, think that seven o eight inches at the most would be quite sufficient. But the commission has ample evidence that the black bass does not timates that he has no wish to hold public office, he cannot deny that his selection for that position would give exceptional satisfaction. He is the man for the place provided the place is one and

steadly decreasing in the streams of the state, notwithstanding their wonderfully reproductive character, and the reason is that fully nine-tenths of this species of fish killed have never reproduced their bind fully proceeding the strength of the state of the line tent of the strength of the species of fish killed have never reproduced their bind protection is bind of the strength of the kind. Protection is given the sunfish. This is a new and desirable provision, for the game little 'pumpkin seed,' as the fish is sometimes called, is fast disappearing from the screams, Fishing with outlines or set lines is specifically prohibited, and persons are forbidden to ask for trout Ty with which to stock private waters By far the most important clause in the proposed hill is one to encourage the rection by private parties of hatching nonses. If this becomes a law it is estimated by the commissioners that at least 2,000,000 trout fry in addition to the 2,000,000 now artificially hatched will be available for distribution in the free streams of the

Representative Boger, of Philadelphia, has introduced a bill designed to prevent the padding of the assessors' lists previous to an election. The vital provision: of the bill require the assessor to give a bond for \$1,000 for the faithful perform Thee," and there was a rattling burst of ance of his duty, signed by two freehold ors of the election district, and to visi every house in the district at least three times to ascertain the names of the voters residing therein. The assessor is forbidden to place any name upon the assessors' list except at the information of the voter himself. He is also required to sit at the polling place on four days, eight hours per day. three hours of which shall be in the even ing, for the purpose of assessing any voters who may have been missed in his voters who may have been missed in his visitations and who present themselves for assessment. In addition, the assessor is required to be present at the polls from the opening to the closing of each elec-tion and shall be considered one of the election officers. He is further required to sign an affidavit that no one but bona fide residents of the ward, borough, town-ability of division voted at the election and hip or division voted at the election an to make out and file with the prothono-tary a list of all persons who voted, with name and address, together with copies of the affidavits upon which persons not on the assessors' lists or who voted upor age were allowed to vote, thus preserving public record open to the inspection of anybody of the votes cast in any division and making it possible to ferret out fraudulent voting at any time after the

election has taken place. Any assessor violating any provision of this act is bourt.

At least \$250,000 will be saved to the sentatives in Washington, in favor of taxpayers of the state if the act presented according to the Cuban insurgents by Mr. Nesbit, of Northumberland counsome token of America's official recog-nition, it becomes apparent in connec-tion with the incidents narrated above that in matters of foreign policy at least the south is decidedly all right. Now if it would only purify and civilize turn, and to include all offenses growing one eriminal act in

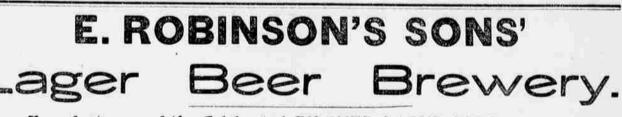


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nore than seventy-two hours. vision was violated ruthlessly in the case of Dr. Ruiz, of which fact our state de-partment was informed promptly by Conul General Lee, but again Secretary Ol ley made no remonstrance. Then followed the tortures and assas-

ination of this unfortunate man, Ameri-can citizen as he was, the torture begar on Feb. 12, while Ruiz was waiting pa-lently the assistance of the governmen thenty the assistance of the government of which he was a citizen, and to which he had appealed for protection. No de-scription of the horrors of the inquisi-tion, in the days of its unrestrained do-minion, exceeds in the vindictiveness of its persecution and the sufferings of its victime that which is told of the asons victims, that which is told of the agony of this man, immured in a Spanish dun-

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BAZAAR.

It is a fact that there are probably no more than two presidents of the United States who have not offered a Pennsylva-nia man a seat in their cabinets; but this time the state does not even get the com pliment of an offer. And yet, let us stop to consider that this is the one great state outside of New England that has never wavered for a Republican candidacy for the American presidency, an that it gave McKinley a greater majority than all the states combined which will be represented in his cabinet by Sher-man, Gary, Gage, Wilson and McKenna,

With the utmost possible respect for the president-elect, for whom every bonest citizen wishes a successful and harmonious administration, this treatment of the bulwark state of Republicanism-the state which literally gave more than half of Major McKinley's popular majority-has all the appearances of a mistake. It is true that Pennsylvania's devotion to the principles of the Republican party rests on a more substantial foundation than appetite for office, and is not likely to be

inet councils; yet to have the impres- Spain? sion go forth that party service is not appreciated can hardly be otherwise than unfortunate.

It is not that Pennsylvania lacks cabinet material. No one can for an instant suppose this to be the reason of its passing by. Nor is it that the state's political, industrial and commercial interests are insufficient in magnitude to warrant cabinet representation. With Maryland in while Pennsylvania is out, this conjecture also will not serve There remains for consideration the third hypothesis that Pennsylvania has been ignored because there has been factionalism within its borders, but there was factionalism in Illinois, and that did not militate against Mr. Gage; in New York, yet Mr. McCook was selected; and in Ohlo, yet Mr. Sherman's transfer to the premiership was decided upon long before the new dispensation of harmony in that state. In each of these three cases, it is worthy of notice that the invitation to cabinet honors tended to heal rather than to irritate the factional party differences, and it is our judgment that a choice could easily have been made from Pennsylvania which would have pro duced a similar effect.

The right of a president to choose his official advisers in accordance with his own judgment is freely conceded, and it must also be said that if the new cabinet shall ultimately be constituted as at present seems probable, it will possess many elements of strength. But the one fact remains that the backbone commonwealth of the Republican party has been rewarded for the biggest majority ever cast for any ticket in any state by what on the surface looks very like a slight. In all kindness we trust that surface appearances in this matter, as so frequently happens in politics, are deceptive,

While the course of the federal authorities in prosecuting Editor Dunlop of the Chicago Dispatch for printing vile advertisements was thoroughly justifiable and while his two years' term in the penitentiary will doubtless have an exemplary effect, it is curious to recall that the high-toned James

From the Philadelphia Times.

It is not surprising that the entire newspaper profession suffers greatly from the just public criticism that comes alike from the pulpit, from intelligent and self-respecting social circles and especially from the homes of the land, on the tendency of a few prominent papers to make their columns teem with the most nauseating scandals of the day, and to mingle with their news every possible appeal to the most prurient tastes of their readers. This degradation of journalism is conspicuously exhibited in two of the most widely circulating daily newspapers of New York city, and unless self-respecting journalism shall vindicate itself by the manliest expressions against such prostitution of the great educating power of the nation, our journalism must steadily and rapidly decline, not only in the respect of the public, but in the proper and wholesome influence it should exert. Two journals now leading in this reckless prostitution of one of the noblest professions of the age, have usurped the place of the pink-tinted Police Gazette of a few years ago, that never found admission into a decent American home, and of which no reputable citizen was willing to be known as a reader. Every seandal of society, important or unimportant, is magnified into columns of sensational text, profusely illustrated, and innocent homes are shadowed with sorrow by connecting them with the crimes or follies of those who happen to bear relation to them. Indeed, almost every page of these journals has the flavor of the brothel, and every real or imaginary evil of the country is portrayed in language that is fitted only to be read by those who love to revel in the degradation of every noble attribute of man and woman.

It is not surprising that in all intelligent and law-loving circles there is profound disgust for such journalism and it logically teaches disrepute for journalism as a profession and greatly lessens the power of our newspapers to perform their high duties as instructors of the American people. If the press shall become degenerate, it must mean that the people are becoming degenerate also, and the fact that two leading newspapers of the nation

A Spanish organ at Havana eulogizes President Cleveland for his at titude toward the Cuban fillibusters There is no doubt in the world that Mr Cleveland has earned Spain's undying gratitude.

It is reported that General Alger favors the "retirement of the greenbacks." It would be more to the point if the public were informed just what he would put in their place.

A man named Altgeld, living in Iilinois, continues to charge that McKinley was elected by fraud. It is his last hope for keeping his name in print.

TO MY PIPE.

Oh, I love the merry gurgle of my pipe, Brier pipe; When the flavor of the weed within is What a lullaby it purls, As the smoke around me curl Mounting slowly, higher, higher, As I dream before the fire.

With a flavor in my mouth, Like a zephyr from the South, And my favorite tobacco By my side-Near my side, With the soothing necromancy

Sweetly linking fact to fancy, in a golden memory chain To the gurgle, sweet refrain, Of my pipe, brier pipe, To the fancy-breeding gurgle of my pipe

Oh, what subtle satisfaction in my pipe. Brier pipe; Nothing mundane can impart

Such contentment to my heart: She's my idol, she's my queen, Is my lady Nicatine; When in trouble how I yearn for the inceuse which I burn At her shrine. How I pins

for the fragrance of her breath:

Robber of terror e'en is death By her harmless hypnotism: Healed is every mortal schism. For and friend Sweetly blend At the burning of the brier; Greed, cupidity, desire Fade away within the smoke. In the fragrant, fleecy smoke From my pipe, magic pipe, From my glowing, peaco-bestowing,

gurgling pipe -Sigel Roush in the Sun. The fees of these officers of the law are greatly multiplied by the well known prowill not linger. It was repeated agai and yet again, in the presence of th brutal Fonsdeviella, gloating over th cess of preparing several indictments for the persons involved in one criminal act ries of his victim, who added insult to njury by telling the faithful wife

Two school bills have been presented by Rulz, with grim frony that she might ap Mr. Leh, of Northampton county, peal for redress to the American consul. On the night of Feb. 16, murder did its One provides that the minimum salary here after to be paid teachers of the public full work and The tragedy of crime was chools shall be \$40 per month. DFO inded. It appears that General Lee has done

vided the teachers shall have served for three entire terms as school teachers. The other bill fixes the minimum school manfully and well throughout the whole of this sad drama. He has protested to the Spanish authorities; he has sought by every means in his power to save Ruiz;

Two weeks after the Penrose banque Philadelphia the friends and adherents of Hon, John Wanamaker will dine at Harrisburg. Wednesday, March 10, is the date fixed. Messrs. Wanamaker, Dolan and many other Pennsylvania leaders will be present and possibly some speakers from outside the state.

Senator Quay announces that he is too usy with congressional duties to be able to attend the Penrose dinner tomerrow night.Neither will he be able to call on friends at Harrisburg this week or next

The legislative committee of the state oard of health has decided to present a pure milk bill to the legislature and urge its passage. It will also urge the estab-lishment of township boards of health.

The judges' retirement bill is to make its reappearance at the present session of the legislature.

## THE CASE OF DR. RUIZ.

From the Post-Express.

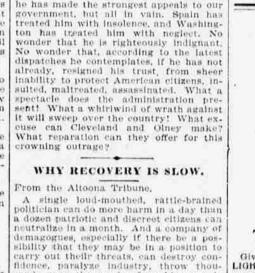
According to all the evidence obtainable Dr. Ricardo Ruiz was an intelligent, law abiding man, pursuing his profession peaceably and honorably, and earning a livelihood for his family by honest work. Whatever may have been his sympathies in the Cuban struggle for independence there is no evidence, which a court would for a moment entertain, that he had com mitted an overt act against the Spanish government. He held, as his most preci-ous possession, a certificate of American citizenship, which should have been a shield and buckler against any assault upon his rights as such, anywhere under the sum. For some reason, he had at

the sun. For some reason, he had at-tracted the hatred, cruel and venomous, of the miscreant Fonsdeviella who charged him with having assisted Colonel Arangurea, on the night of Jan. 16, in de-

railing a train and capturing ten officers of the Guanbacon garrison. For this, he was arrested and thrown into prison.

When the charge became known ten men in Guanabacoa went immediately to the judge of instruction and asked that their testimony in the case be taken. They were prepared to prove an alibi for Dr. Ruiz, stating that they had been present with him, at the house of his father-in-law on the evening in question lather-in-law on the evening in question, there being a family entertainment to ecolorate an anniversary. At 10 o'clock Dr. Ruiz left the house, accompanied by two of these witnesses, and the three went to his house, where they sat smok-ing until II o'clock, at which time they bade him good night. Both these men are Spaniards. The train was captured three miles away at 10.50 o'clock. Unco are Spaniards. The train was captured incomplex away at 10.30 o'clock. Upon the flimsiest pretence then, and in the face of this direct contradiction, to which no of this direct contradiction, to which no attention was paid by the authorities. Dr. Rulz was apprehended and the vengeance of tyranny succeeded. Under Spaniah law and by treaty of the United States with Spain, the accused had the right to bear the charge against him and make a preliminary statement within twenty a preliminary statement within twenty-four hours after his arrest. This right was denied to him, and, it is said, that

was used to him, and, it is said, that our state department was informed thereof, but that Secretary Olney ac-quiesced in the action of the Spanish government, Still further--under no cir-cumstances can a man arrested under the Spanish law of 1821, which is a guar-antee to our citizens by the protocol antee to our citizens by the protocol signed by Caleb Cushing in Madrid in 1878, be held in close solitary confinement



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## TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacchus, The Tribune Astrologer.

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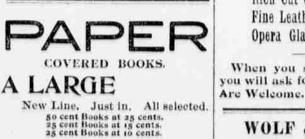
A child born on this day will notice that n American citizen can best preserve is patriotism and scalp by staying at ne these days.

If McKinley's inauguration does not set the wheels of industry in motion, the in-augural ball supper will doubtless agitate the wheels of indigestion.

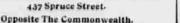
Anxious days will soon arrive for the man with a strawberry shortcake taste who resides at a dried apple pie boarding

If the walking is good there is no reaton why the Pennsylvania National Juard should not attend the inauguration. Many people who attempt to get a livng by their wits have nothing to lose

> Songs of Spring. The Lenten days are drawing near-The days of explation: When Beelzebub will disappear To take a brief vacation.



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