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For consul general at Havana under McKinley we nominate General Fitzhugh Lee. He has shown the proper spirit for the place.

Instructive Warnings. When Major McKinley becomes president of the United States he will grant official recognition to the regular government of foreign countries, even though in some of them revolutions or attempted revolutions are in progress.

More Light on Spanish Ways. The character of Spanish government is vividly shown in an incident narrated by William E. Curtis in a letter from Havana to the Chicago Record.

Just a Word or Two of Casual Mention. The subject of this sketch, Robert Jones, of the West Side, was the peer of the best musical conductors of his day.

A New Currency Plan. An interesting currency bill was introduced in congress the other day by Representative Leisenring, by request.

There is no uniformity in the per capita weekly cost of maintaining prisoners in the counties. In Chester county in 1895 the average weekly cost of prisoners per capita was \$2.40.

The curious fact appears in the report of the secretary of internal affairs that there are in Pennsylvania over 200 "paper" street railways.

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spoliation of the public, but it is indispensible that many of them deserve such a characterization and exemplify how the law can itself sometimes be twisted so as to facilitate robbery.

Section 2001 of the Revised Statutes reads: "All naturalized citizens of the United States, while in foreign countries, are entitled to and shall receive from this government the same protection of person and property which is accorded to native-born citizens."

The suggestion that Wilkes-Barre's new hotel be named in honor of John Welles Hollenback is an appropriate one. If Wilkes-Barre had a few more men like Mr. Hollenback it would not be so far from the prospect of getting one slight public improvement.

It is fortunate that the next secretary of state will be a man to whom the sentiments of his intelligent countrymen are not a subject of indifference.

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STATE LEGISLATIVE TOPICS.

A bill now before the house of representatives, and which is attracting a great deal of attention from members of the bar, is that which is entitled, "An act providing for the appointment and payment of legislative commissioners."

A Philadelphia Ledger reporter recently had a talk with Representative John F. Keator, who introduced the bill (which was drawn by a committee of the Bar Association of Pennsylvania), about the scope and purpose of the measure.

Concerning the new prison reform bill introduced by Representative S. J. Felt, the Philadelphia Ledger editorially says: "As to the necessity for thorough reform in the management of the county prisons, there can be no question among those who have given attention to the subject."

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BETTER TIMES AT HAND. From the Brooklyn Standard-Union. There is reason to believe that better times are at hand, and this is not merely the growth of public opinion that "the worst is over," but the fact that a political sentiment or the exultation of partisans over a victory declines as to the policy of the executive for some years.

A KING WORTH HAVING. From the Washington Post. Three cheers, we say, for George of Greece. If there were a few more kings or by his type—kings without hypocrisy or greed or fear—the world would be a better and a cleaner world, and honest men might have less contempt for monarchy.

AS IT OFTEN HAPPENS. We'd often warned her not to light the fire with kerosene. And emphasized the warning, since the girl seemed rather green. This morning, while my wife and I enjoyed our breakfast nap, that poor girl tried the coal oil trick— "Without the least mishap. A darky preacher bought a mule which balked and wouldn't go. And how to start the animal he really didn't know. "Why don't you twist the critter's tail?" insisted Reuben, from the farm. The pastor instantly complied— "It worked just like a charm. He took a rusty musket down and thought it wasn't loaded; He pulled the hammer back and found the works were quite corroded; He then blew down the muzzle, hard, to see if aught was in it— "There wasn't—so he loaded it in less than half a minute. —Frank S. Pixley, in Times-Herald.

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ROBERT JONES. From winning the main prize, which, however, in all other respects, was easily within his reach. How we do musicians remember the intense enthusiasm of the great Zerubbabel over that brilliant contest!

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacelus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrological cast: 1:15 a. m., for Friday, Feb. 26, 1897.

A child born on this day will wonder what Mayor Hallie intends to do about cheap street car fares now. Easter eggs and Robert Veal will arrive about the same time this year. It generally pays to hold on to almost any good thing but a cake of ice. Captain Delaney evidently proposes to make the editor of the Pennsylvania Methodist Swallow his words. The lazy man can always become weary over imaginary tasks. Slang is brainless man's substitute for wit. Prosperity is often destructive to friendship. Ajacelus' Advice. Do not kick a man who is down. It isn't safe, unless the man is dead.



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