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And now Pittsburgh is going to operate free public baths. Need we ask what to do with our own fragrant Lackawanna?

The treaty signed Monday by Sir Julian Pauncefote for Great Britain and by Secretary Olney for the United States, and now subject to the ratification of the senate at Washington, is greater in significance than in intrinsic worth.

The example set and the lesson furnished by the successful operation of this treaty are sure to be felt, writes President Cleveland, "and taken to heart sooner or later by other nations."

It is significant that this epoch-making act of pacific statesmanship comes as the direct fruit of the virile and aggressive position assumed by President Cleveland one year ago in his message concerning the Venezuela boundary dispute.

To Congressman Hicks of Altoona, who is chairman of the sub-committee for Pennsylvania of the house committee on public buildings and grounds, Wilkes-Barre is largely indebted for the favorable reporting of the Wilkes-Barre public building bill.

For Secretary of State. The report that the president-elect is considering the appointment of Charles Emory Smith to the secretaryship of the treasury is creditable to both.

But it is perhaps true to say that Mr. Smith has one special fitness, and it points less to the treasury than to the state department. He has for years been interested in our diplomatic history.

President Cleveland's order putting all local medical pension boards under civil service rules would command more respect if it had not been preceded by a general sweep of Republicans from these boards.

He made the great majority of the boards solidly Democratic, in many instances choosing ex-confederates to pass on applications for pensions.

Ex-Chief Justice Paxson joins with enthusiasm in the movement to take the licensing power away from the judiciary. "I fear the time is not far distant," he says, "when men will be elected to the judicial office by reason of their willingness or unwillingness to grant licenses."

What Do They Think of It? Senator-elect Money, of Mississippi, who went to Cuba recently for purposes of independent investigation and who is now telling in the New York Journal what he saw there, says of the Spaniards:

They never take prisoners. They butcher the wounded of the enemy with their machetes on the field of battle. Every insurgent is killed who can't get away. Weyler makes no secret of this.

Furthermore, he says: It is the invariable Spanish custom to destroy insurgent hospitals wherever they find them, and kill the patients in their cot.

According to the best available official information, Secretary Olney, acting for the United States, has submitted to Premier Canovas, acting for Spain, and the latter has accepted terms of peace for Cuba.

All this makes interesting reading, but it directly leads to a number of pertinent questions. "In the first place"--we use the admirable language of Hon. Charles Emory Smith in the Philadelphia Press--"if the government of the United States became a party to any such understanding with Spain it would imply an engagement on our part to exercise all our influence to secure the assent and acceptance of the Cubans."

There is, however, a second and more serious side of the proposition for us. If the question were simply between Spain and the Cubans, if Spain were to offer home rule and Cuba were freely to accept it, that would be another matter.

This statement of the practical obligations of the United States to the Cubans is a direct party. It contemplates that Spain shall pledge the reforms, that the United States shall guarantee them, and that Cuba shall accept our guaranty when she would not accept Spain's pledge.

jections is unanswerable. But there is a third difficulty yet to be reckoned with--the positive unwillingness of the American people to have their delegated authority used in an attempt to ram down on a neighboring people a compromise with a foreign domination when they are within reach of outright independence.

Senator Penrose has himself ended the controversy as to when he will qualify as United States senator by saying he will do so as soon as the Fifty-fifth congress is convened.

As bearing upon the recent factional intimation that President McKinley would use his control of the Pennsylvania federal patronage to break down the regular Republican organization, the following extract from Major Carson's Washington letter to the Philadelphia Ledger will prove timely reading.

President-elect McKinley has given an indication of his policy in distributing patronage to an Ohio member of congress, which leaves the inference that he intends to follow the plan of President Arthur and throw the responsibility of making local appointments upon the representatives and state appointees of the senators.

Says Senator Sherman: "I do not sympathize with the movement proposed to retire United States notes from circulation. I believe it is easy to maintain a limited amount of these in circulation, without danger or difficulty."

The story is revived that in his fight for Penrose Senator Quay wrote for help to various Pennsylvanians on the backs of letters received by him from them at different periods when they wanted favors from him.

"Martinius Sleevling, Amsterdam, Holland," written in a bold and sturdy hand that utterly belied the owner's timid characteristics, was the inscription written Sunday morning on the Hotel Jermyn register.

The eccentric individuals whose chief characteristic is to talk and not say anything, and whose knowledge of how not to say things is not as numerous as the flowers in spring, but there are a few of them left.

There is something lacking in the feast that provide for the inner man alone--the eye should be pleased, too. Rainy Glass and Beautiful China are half the dinner, a cracked plate or chipped or mottled glass has a depressing effect.

City Controller Robinson yesterday sent out an order to the city aldermen requesting them to make out and send to him monthly reports of the business transacted by them.

estate business man and financier, churchman, traveler, conversationalist, orator, good fellow, possessor of social graces and known for a good many other desirable traits, qualities and things--his friends' ingenuity will be taxed to decide along which line to write his epitaph.

A correspondent, "Cymro," wants to know if in our opinion that Portage, Canada, is a good place for two or three bright, young and industrious Americans to locate in, with the idea of improving themselves financially.

The Carbonate Leader objects to the erection of a monument on the court house grounds to the memory of the soldiers and sailors from this vicinity who perished during the civil war.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP. From the Christian Endeavor Journal. The corner stone of all work in the line of good citizenship consists in the inculcation into the mind of all citizens of the principles of good citizenship.

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