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If the senate wants to get rid of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, why not do so decently? The cowboy idea of bursting a solemn contract by main force when it ceases to be a pleasure is not conducive to international respect for the nation practicing it.

The Practical View.

WE MUST concede that there is practical force and timeliness in the opinion of Deputy Attorney General Fletcher, set forth elsewhere in an interview, that if Scranton may possibly become a second-class city steps should be taken to secure the best possible results.

Mr. Fletcher's belief that the legislature cannot be expected to increase the minimum population limit of the second-class city act so as to let Scranton in for the third class rests upon the well-known doctrine, repeatedly affirmed by the supreme court, that legislation which affects only one city in a particular class of cities is special legislation, and therefore unconstitutional.

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THE RECENT disclosures and resignations in councils and likewise the practical difficulties encountered in the various wards in filling with representative men the vacancies thus created—chief of which is not the lack of public willingness to turn over a new leaf but the lack of a practical guidance around which the general sentiment for reform can rally and proceed to accomplish effective results—have called attention to a need of initiative, of leadership in our city which will be increased when the intricate problems connected with our transition into the second class of cities shall press for settlement.

How can this need of leadership best be met? Not by some ambitious citizen starting out to build up a political dynasty, for that would degenerate into bossism, and certainly not by letting things drift, for that would injure in the long run.

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Analysis of Our Great Trade Growth. Washington, Dec. 16. THE COMMERCIAL record of the United States in the calendar year 1900 will surprise those who are not familiar with the reports and in the excess of exports over imports, or favorable balance of trade, as this excess is usually termed.

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announced aspirant; the Republicans on the committee doing this with regard to the Republican candidates and the Democratic members with regard to the Democratic candidates, or by transposition if thought best, it would, if necessary, give a statement of preference with the reasons therefor, which the voters could investigate for themselves. It would aim to bring into the field as candidates men of character and substance. And in the event of the nomination by either party of an unfit man it could propose his defeat and set in motion the activities necessary to insure his defeat.

Today is the day set for a case to come before the United States Supreme court which will elicit an authoritative decision upon the constitutional status of acquired territory. The case is known as the Fourteen Diamond Ring case. One Emil J. Pepke, a volunteer soldier, brought home from the Philippines fourteen diamond rings upon which he refused to pay duty. The rings were seized and sold; he carried the matter into the United States district court at Chicago, alleging that the Philippines being American soil no tariff barriers could be constructed between them and the mainland. Here he was beaten and the whole question now goes to the highest court for review. It is a direct issue and the court's opinion will make history.

Significance of the New Coal Deal. From the Wilkes-Barre Daily News. THE SCRANTON TRIBUNE notes among other things as results of the acquiring of the individual collieries by large concerns the closing up of the smaller concerns and the consequent subjugation of the remaining individual operators.

And this brings up another phase of the question—the relation of employer to employee. It has frequently been pointed out that the large interests of capital, such as are being perfected in this country now, and such as have for some time been being perfected in other countries, have a tendency to concentrate in the same relation to the employees as formerly, when employer and employee were more closely in touch.

But as intended to be worked by the insurgents, it would enable a few anti-Quayites to pair with an equal number of regulars, and then when the other anti-Quayites, including Democrats, absented themselves, there would apparently be no quorum left, because the regulars, although present in the flesh, could not vote, and therefore might be presumed to be absent.

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Duchess and Point Lace Handkerchiefs. Kid Gloves of every description for street or evening wear.

Renaissance Scarf, Squares, Doilies, etc. Very fine assortment of hand embroidered Linen Goods.

All of which make very appropriate Christmas gifts. 510-512 LACKAWANNA AVENUE.

RAILROAD TIME TABLES. PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD. Schedule in Effect May 27, 1900.

Delaware and Hudson. Trains for Catskills leave Scranton at 6:20, 7:30, 8:45, 10:15 a. m., 1:00, 2:15, 3:30, 4:45, 5:55, 7:10, 8:25, 9:40, 10:55 a. m., 1:10 p. m.

Central Railroad of New Jersey. Stations in New York—Foot of Liberty street, N. R. and South Ferry.

Lehigh Valley Railroad. In Effect Nov. 25, 1900. Trains leave Scranton.

Delaware, Lackawanna and Western. In Effect Dec. 2, 1900. South-Leave Scranton for New York at 1:40, 3:00, 5:20, 8:00 and 10:05 a. m., 12:55, 3:35 p. m.

Yonkers, Ontario and Western R. R. TIME TABLE IN EFFECT SUNDAY, NOV. 4, 1900.



Lewis & Reilly. 114-116 WYOMING AVENUE. The handsomest line of calendars ever shown in our stores, together with our line of Fancy Ink Stands, Japanese Novelties, Bras, Frames, Leather Goods in Pocket Books, Card Cases, Portfolios, Dressing Cases, Bibles.

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Physicians and Surgeons. JAMES P. PURSELL, M. D., SPECIALIST. Mental and Nervous Diseases, Lymphatic (Opp. P. O.).

Wire Screens. JOSEPH KUEHL, REAR 613 LACKAWANNA AVENUE, SCRANTON, PA., MANUFACTURER OF WIRE SCREENS.

Miscellaneous. DRESSMAKING FOR CHILDREN TO ORDER; also ladies' waists. Louis Shoemaker, 212 Adams avenue.

BAUER'S ORCHESTRA-MUSIC FOR BALLS, parties, receptions, leaving Scranton at 10:00 a. m., 1:00 p. m., 8:00 p. m.

MEGAWER BROS., PRINTERS' SUPPLIES, ENVELOPES, paper bags, twine, Warehouse, 180 Washington avenue, Scranton, Pa.

THE WILKES BARRE RECORD CAN BE HAD in Scranton at the news stands of Reisman Bros., 405 Spruce and 482 Linden; M. S. Schuster, 211 Spruce street.

ERIE AND WYOMING VALLEY. Times Table in Effect Sept. 17, 1900. Trains for Hawley and local points connect at Hawley with Erie railroad for New York, Newburgh and intermediate points, leave Scranton at 7:45 a. m. and 3:35 p. m. and arrive at Newburgh at 10:00 a. m. and 6:10 p. m.