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That Telephone Franchise.

Select council acted wisely Thursday night when it refused to take time to consider the ordinance granting certain important and valuable privileges to the Lackawanna Telephone Company.

More Facts About Cuba.

We gave in yesterday's Tribune some facts as to the natural fertility and productive capacity of the island of Cuba. We now invite attention to the presentment of facts, in another place, concerning Spain's extortions from Cuba during the past 100 years.

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to affect the situation for several generations to come. We favor the Olney treaty and do not underestimate its moral significance.

The time will come when J. Donald Cameron will be better appreciated by the dispassionate judgment of his countrymen than he is today.

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person of yore was one among ten thousand. His wit had an Attic flavor and his humor a Lincolnian pungency and directness that were wont to be all the better for a little of his cheery sunshine and straightforwardness.

There is a fine tone to the language of General Calixto Garcia when he says: "I am more convinced than ever that we Cubans do not need help from any other country to achieve our independence. We can fight the Spaniards alone and drive them out of the island, notwithstanding their superiority in numbers and resources."

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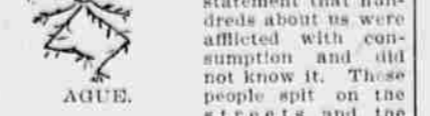
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the fitness of the habit; men who, perhaps, do their share in this line by ejecting tobacco juice in sundry places, are becoming alarmed at the dangers that lurk in the saliva of one afflicted with catarrh.



AGUE. GERMES are ground to atoms and are carried upon the breeze, and are absorbed by others and death have an easy time securing victims.

The most severe blow that the microbe alarmist has ever received was the statement made recently that a germ aided man's digestion. Some of the sorrowful have never entirely recovered from the shock.



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