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The city of Wilkes-Barre operates its own asphalt repair plant and local advocates of that system are fond of pointing to Wilkes-Barre as an excellent example.

Paying as You Go.

The course which Governor Stone has chosen to pursue with reference to the public school appropriation will excite temporary criticism, but it will be vindicated by time.

The western people—in fact, all people. A thought in similar vein was probably in the mind of President Patton of Princeton university when in his last Sunday's sermon, in considering the prevalent laxity of courts and society upon the subject of divorce, he made the remark: "It is time for Christians to turn their attention to questions of fundamental morals."

The spread of materialism noted by Dr. Watson as a feature of western life is not limited to the western states. It is general and the church must meet it unflinchingly.

The Chicago Times-Herald charges in effect that a large number of senators were induced last year to favor Cuban independence by the free distribution of Cuban bonds.

It Is Time to Decide.

Almost five months have elapsed since the American army of occupation formally assumed control of the island of Cuba for its pacification pending the construction of a stable government by the people thereof.

In its effort to persuade the insurgents to surrender the military for the civil role the United States government has gone to extreme lengths of conciliation and patience; but no sooner had one programme of disarmament been assented to by the representatives of the insurgent forces than they raised new objections, asked new concessions and petulantly flew off on a tangent.

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error to veto the bill, and to Washington and other places to pull wires for the bringing of influence to bear on Roosevelt to withhold executive approval.

But Roosevelt did. He told the attorneys representing the corporations that he meant no injustice to them, but that he was convinced they should pay a fair tax on their franchises, and he reminded them that if the Ford bill was faulty in details some part of the blame attached to the corporations themselves, by reason of their refusal to accept his invitation to a conference on the subject prior to the bill's enactment.

There the matter stands. Roosevelt is open to argument but he cannot be bluffed. The principle of a fair tax on public franchises impresses him as necessary and timely and he will stand by it to the end.

The Philadelphia Record very opportunely calls the attention of the people in the north, who are advising the colored man what to do to better his condition, to the difficulty that would be experienced by the black man should he attempt to break through the barriers erected by the trades unions and try to become proficient in any of the mechanical trades.

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Direct Testimony as to Philippines.

TO A New York Sun reporter, on Saturday, John Barrett, of Portland, Ore., who served throughout the Cleveland administration as United States minister to Siam and since his resignation of that post has been present in the island of Luzon as a student of Philippine conditions, gave upon his return home, an instructive interview.

"General Otis is regarded as an extremely able and business officer, careful of the smallest details and always sure of his ground before he moves. The Filipinos didn't have this idea of him at first, and because they didn't take them long to find out, however, that whatever Otis planned, his men carried out, and little obstacles like armed Filipinos didn't seem to hinder the execution of those plans in the least.

"The action of Governor Roosevelt in summoning an extra session of the New York legislature to consider amendments of the Ford bill taxing franchises as real estate does not indicate that he has weakened on this measure. On the contrary it is an evidence of his strength.

giving, we would now be in full control in the Philippines and the natives would not now be insurgents.

"Now let me say a word about our troops who are fighting their way through the island of Luzon. Their health, generally speaking, is excellent. Those who were on the sick list when the fighting began on Feb. 4 seemed to recover as if by magic, and about the only thing that has since been noted in the hospital has been a hailet. Further than that, and I hope you will mark this, in view of what is now appearing in some newspapers, the volunteers want to stay in the Philippines until they can be relieved without interfering with the plan of campaign.

"I happened to be with a volunteer regiment the morning the first consignment of pamphlets was delivered. Those volunteers who were not engaged that American citizens should be given notice of what they were doing and made all kinds of fun of the writers and disseminators. But some of these pamphlets found their way to Aginaldo's headquarters, and that gentleman saw their value to him in an instant. He had them translated and distributed throughout his army and among the natives generally. Nothing could have given them more aid and comfort. The rank and file of the army was called upon to witness 'the feeling of their friends in America,' and they were encouraged to fight on, since final victory was almost within their grasp.

"From the reports I have read of the operations since I left there I believe that this battle will soon be fought. Lawton is evidently at the rear now and MacArthur in front, with gunboats in the rivers. When Otis gets ready to strike hard I believe a surrender will follow. Knowing the natives as I do, I am sure they will be contented subjects of the United States when they have learned that we are not butchers, but humane beings.

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AIR OF WORKROOMS.

In regard to the ventilation of work rooms, the consideration of dollars and cents is in many cases doing what would never have come to pass from any other source. It is found in many factories, for instance, that the hands do much more work in a given time when the air is pure than when it is impure.

MODERN SURGERY.

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to put a spoonful of oil of turpentine into a liter bottle of well water, shake it well, and then blow it about the room through an atomizer. An improvement is to mix a few drops of acetate ether with the turpentine.—St. Louis Republic.

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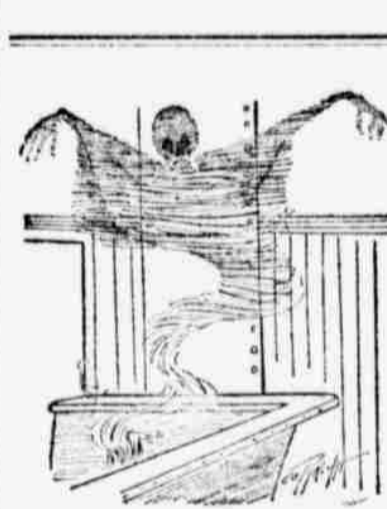
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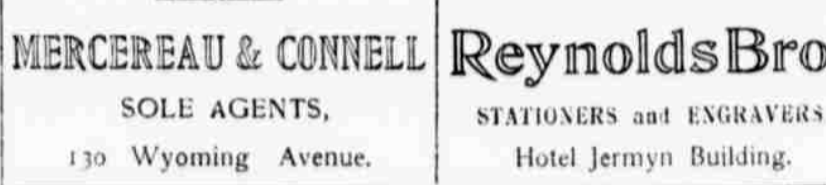
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