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McKinley thinks he is entitled to more than one guess at "our plain duty."

Republicans say the sugar and tobacco trusts will pay the Porto Rican duties. A few years ago the Republicans were telling us that "the foreigner pays the tariff duties."

The price of white paper was again advanced 25 per cent. on March 1. This is the effect of trust rule in the United States.

DIVIDENDS ON WATER.

Charles R. Spahr, author of "The Present Distribution of Wealth in the United States," says that for the \$4,000,000,000 shares of railway stock now in existence the original investors paid no more than \$165,000,000 or only 10 per cent. of their face value.

J. F. Hudson, in his book, "Railways and the Republic," shows that the New York Central and Hudson River railroad has watered its stock to the tune of \$3,500,000.

It is assumed that so great a sum of money paid to the transportation companies, and to all other trusts, for that matter, is conclusive evidence of a high state of prosperity which enables the people to get the money to pay out.

The fallacy lies in this: Why is it necessary for the people to pay out the money immediately they get it or earn it? The only property is where the money earner can save enough beyond his actual living expenses to convert into wealth as do the railroads and trusts.

It is announced by Comptroller Cole that the Metropolitan Traction Company of New York has acquired and will operate the underground Rapid Transit tunnel.

POPULISM IN ENGLAND.

While the McKinley administration is joyously adopting the gold standard part of the British financial policy it is a pity it cannot see its way to adopt one feature of the British fiscal policy, a 5 per cent. tax on incomes.

Table with 2 columns: Annual Income, Income Tax. Shows tax rates for various income levels from \$500 to \$5,000.

William Waldorf Astor draws an income of \$3,000,000 a year from his New York rents, and on that income he pays to the British government \$250,000 as an income tax.

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LIGHTING QUESTION STILL UNDECIDED

ARGUMENT ON THE MATTER BEFORE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN LAST EVENING.

FIGURES AS TO THE COST OF LIGHTS IN OTHER CITIES OF THE COUNTRY.

At the meeting of the aldermen last evening, there was a long discussion on the lighting question, but the matter was not decided. The matter was brought up by J. H. Brooks, representing Central Labor union, a large number of the members of which were in attendance.

Mr. Brooks said the aldermen were very glad to furnish all the information possible and that he was glad to see the labor union men present. The matter of lights, he said, had been under consideration for a year.

Mr. Brooks stated that the average cost of furnishing lights from municipal ownership plants was \$9 to \$15. Alderman Sherrill said the aldermen tried very hard last year to get municipal ownership, but the best arrangements that could be suggested failed to go through.

J. W. Summers spoke in favor of municipal ownership. The money to build a plant, he said, could be got in several ways, and unless some of the lights of municipal ownership were less lights could be got cheaper than any figures that had been mentioned.

Attorney J. C. Martin said Mr. Summers' statement was not entirely correct. The reports of municipal ownership in Massachusetts, showed the cost to be greater than \$2.50.

A letter from T. C. H. Dukes asked the aldermen to remember in making a contract that the city of the present company a large part of the time was not able to perform the duty of collecting the gas bills at the corner of Montford avenue and Haywood street.

Mr. Adams related the circumstance by which the blighting of a power plant on the French Broad had frightened the inmates of the house of detention. The woman had seen a lighted pipe fall in the yard and the inmates claimed, on the ground that the lighted pipe had fallen on the house, that they were entitled to go on with the blighting.

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The special committee on the matter of the location of the A. & B. tracks on South Main reported that the track would have to be moved off the sidewalk if Dr. Williams so desired.

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R. PEARSON HOPES AND EWART SLEEPS

(Continued from First Page.) forecast with any accuracy what the outcome of the contest will be.

The Ewart case is still sleeping in the committee on judiciary in the senate. The committee is apparently waiting for more evidence from Mr. Smathers, but is determined, as the outlook now stands, to advise Governor Fritchard his recent reiteration of his determination to open the "right anew."

President McKinley sent a message to Congress this week, embodying the report of the work of the North Carolina Agricultural experiment station at Raleigh for the past year.

Mr. Brooks asked if Peoria, Ill., was mentioned; the price there, he said, was \$24. Mr. Brooks said he had not seen the report of the city selling lights. It had more business now than it could attend to satisfactorily.

VICTORIA'S WORK IN ROAD BUILDING

MAYOR M'DEVITT GIVES FIGURES THAT SHOW WHAT THE TOWN HAS DONE.

Editor The Citizen—Knowing the interest which the public take in the report of the main road leading from Asheville to Biltmore, and realizing the importance of its immediate repair, I desire to state a few facts relating thereto.

The road, which used to be the property of the town of Victoria, was divided by the legislature so that somewhat more than half its length belongs to Kenilworth and a little less than half to Victoria.

It was found upon a careful estimate that the cost of putting it in fairly good condition would be \$750. The sum required to make this a really good road being too large to be raised by the two towns, a public subscription, was necessarily had to private subscriptions.

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WEDDING AT MURPHY. Marriage of Harry Colvard of Georgia and Miss Belle Dewees. Murphy, N. C., March 22—Hardy Colvard of Mineral Bluff, Ga., and Miss Belle Dewees of this place were married here last evening.

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GROSS INCOME, 1899, \$985,225.91 INSURANCE IN FORCE, \$22,556,471.00

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