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A Truly Patriotic Attitude. When Judge Taft accepted a place on the new Philippine commission, referred to the fact that his attitude on the subject of expansion was not known, and added that if it should turn out that he had not favored the policy all the greater credit would attach to his willingness to serve the country in the emergency at hand.

It is an admirable attitude considered by itself, but taken in comparison with the attitude of the Attorney General, it is beyond all praise. Judge Taft regrets that the responsibility was ever laid upon us. But he accepts the fortunes of the war. He does not doubt that the President has acted in good faith at every stage of the proceedings.

But the Tafts greatly outnumber the Atkinsons. Shirking, as a governmental act, cannot be made attractive or effective even when tricked out with the language of the schoolmen, or when urged with the utmost vociferation. The country's duty is plain, and the country, as represented and supported by the Tafts, will discharge it.

The Real "Boulevard" Scheme. It is just as well to be explicit about matters affecting the future of the capital. This "boulevard" plan, supposed to contain so much of value to Washington, cannot possibly be well understood by those who are now advising the President.

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are entirely sincere and honest. There is reason to believe, however, that others are not; that they are put forth for no other purpose than to consume the time, to be excluded from the situation, and to furnish an excuse for delay and perhaps for non-action.

It is to be hoped that the committee will quickly discriminate between the true and the false and devote the precious time of consideration to those proposals which bear on their face the evidences of good faith and honest intention. It is easily possible that the present company is fostering some of the others. It should require but a little inquiry to determine the fact.

Hill and Gorman at Kansas City. The Kansas City convention promises to be something more than a mere ratification meeting. How much more is, of course, a question. But the appearance of men of the stamp of Mr. Hill and Mr. Gorman among the delegates will lead an interest in the proceedings not to be derived from any other source.

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water meter, one that will withstand the wear and tear of use and continue to register accurately the amount of water flowing through it. There is no such public confidence in the device itself as to warrant the expenditure of a large sum. It was better to wait until a meter appears which will guarantee truthful returns.

The suspense in South Africa and the suspense in the base ball situation compel Washington to do more than its accustomed share of breath-holding.

Dem Filipinos don't seem to hab nuffin' to do wid reg'lar warfare," said Mr. Erasmus Pinkley. "No," answered Miss Miami Brown. "Dey's gotta live up to their complexions. Dey's rag-time fighters."

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