

be five republicans and four democrats as general appraisers and Col. Cooper is appointed to fill vacancy in the democratic representation. The position is an important one and pays in the neighborhood of \$10,000. Colonel Cooper's friends in official circles here are elated at his appointment, the members of the Texas delegation in congress being especially gratified at his selection. The appointment came through Senator Bailey, between whom and Colonel Cooper there is the strongest feeling of friendship."

President Taft has found it necessary to deny that in a public address he made a bitter attack upon insurgent republicans.

Sam B. Cooper of Texas, who is said to be "a democrat, but not a strong partisan," has been appointed by Mr. Taft to be appraiser of merchandise at the port of New York.

Senator Root, a member of the Ballinger investigating committee, has gone to The Hague. His departure was expected to push the Ballinger investigation to a speedy completion.

Representative Hamilton of Michigan, defended the Payne-Aldrich tariff law in a speech in the house.

Representative Butler Ames, republican, of Massachusetts, made a bitter attack upon Representative Payne of New York, republican leader. He read a series of letters which had passed between him and Mr. Payne. The letters concerned a resolution introduced in the house March 31 by Mr. Ames which set forth that negotiations should be opened with Canada with a view to establishing closer commercial relations with that country. Mr. Ames' resolution was referred to the ways and means committee, and the author charged that Mr. Payne refused to allow the committee to consider it, though he (Ames) presented a petition favoring it, signed by seventy-seven republican members and also urging the adoption of the resolution.

POLITICAL BREWER MUST GO.

Mr. Bryan in his St. Louis speech last Saturday evening, took the position that the brewers must get out of politics. This sentiment will be endorsed by all thoughtful people and good citizens. In Missouri it was the brewers who elected a republican governor. With the brewers there is no politics. They are for themselves as against the world, the flesh and the devil. They boast of having accumulated over \$150,000,000 in this state, and with the great slush fund they can control, with their agents scattered over the state in almost every voting precinct, who works upon orders from headquarters, their blighting power is not half appreciated.

As Mr. Bryan says they must get out of politics. There is a growing prohibition sentiment all over the country, largely because of the pernicious activity in our politics by the brewers. Eliminated from politics the prejudice against them would not be near so great. Otto Stiefel, a colonel on Governor Hadley's staff, is the governor's mouthpiece in St. Louis. No man can be named for circuit judge or for any other position without this boss brewers O. K. The brewers through Hadley are running the politics of Missouri at this time. They must either get out of politics or out of business. This is official.—Booneville, Mo., Advertiser.

In Cuba coconut trees have been injured by a new disease which appears to be a bacterial malady that attacks only the crowns of the trees, causing them to rot.—Ex.

Mr. Bryan Before the Porto Rico Association Saturday, April 9, 1910

Mr. President, Members of the Porto Rico Association, and Friends: I appreciate not only the very cordial welcome that has been extended to me through your esteemed president, but also the felicitous words he has employed in extending that welcome. I have been on the island long enough to be impressed with the beauty of the language used by your people in welcoming those from the outside. I have been here long enough, also, to be impressed with the beauty of your island. I am almost afraid to tell you how deeply I have been impressed for fear that it will disclose my previous ignorance. I knew how many people you had; I knew that the island was about one hundred miles long and about fifty miles wide; and I knew that it was about three thousand feet higher in the center than it was on the side, but I had pictured to myself a round island, that is, round on the top and had supposed that when I crossed it on this military road of which I had heard, I would commence at the seashore, then I would gradually rise for twenty-five miles and then gradually go down for another twenty-five miles to the coast.

I had no idea of the picturesque character of your scenery. I had no knowledge of the valleys that run back from the ocean into the mountains. I had no idea of the magnificent views that succeed each other as you go across the island, and if I can consider myself a man of average intelligence and average information, it is fair to assume that a great many people of the United States are just as ignorant as I was and it will be my duty, as it will be my pleasure, to enlighten as many as I can, as I have been enlightened myself. I shall take pleasure in telling those to whom I have a chance to speak and those who are willing to read what I say, that I do not believe there is another place, at least not another place near the United States, where you can see as many square miles of beauty in the same length of time. Friends, when the beauties of this island are fully known throughout the United States, I am sure that you will have a very large increase in the number of visitors and with that large increase in the number of visitors, will come the building of larger ships and faster ships. Instead of coming from New York in five days, you will probably be able to come in three days, and instead of having only the line from New York, you will probably have lines from the southern states; and when people can come in three days instead of five, that fact in itself will still further increase the number.

The amount of money spent by the people of the United States in traveling abroad is very considerable and a considerable portion of that money is spent by people who go abroad for pleasure. You will certainly receive a very much larger share than you now do of that expenditure.

I have been impressed by more than the mere beauty of the island. I have had a chance to look upon the fields where your products are raised. I have seen more sugar cane in the last six days than I have ever seen in my life, and I have been glad to learn that you are now producing about four times as much sugar as you were twelve years ago. If the people who have come here from the United States to cause sourness in the residents of the island, this sour feeling ought to be sweetened some-

what by the increase in the production of sugar.

I have also seen the fields of pineapples and I have heard some stories that I would not believe had they not come from persons whose veracity I could not doubt. I have felt like replying to some of these stories as a man did after he heard an unlikely story. Some one told him a story so large that when he finished telling it, he said: "I would not have believed it had not seen it myself," and the other man replied, "I have not seen it."

I was talking with one man on the south side about pineapples; I do not know just how the question of size came up, but he spoke about their raising pineapples weighing fifteen or twenty pounds. I thought that possibly he had inadvertently made a mistake and asked him to repeat the statement. I told him that I had seen some pineapples exhibited at a fair that weighed nine pounds, and I thought that was the limit. He said he himself had seen pineapples weighing twenty pounds and that pineapples weighing fifteen, sixteen or seventeen pounds were not unusual. He looked like a truthful man and I said nothing more. I could not get the story out of my mind, however, and soon afterwards I met another man who came from the pineapple country. I brought up the subject cautiously and told him that I had met a man who said that he saw a pineapple weighing twenty pounds. He replied: "I took one to an exhibit that weighed twenty-three pounds." I changed the subject and waited until I could meet somebody else. The next man I met was somewhat older than the second and I said to him that I was talking to a man who said that he had himself taken a pineapple to an exhibit that weighed twenty-three pounds. He said: "I have seen them weigh twenty-five." That is the last I have heard on the individual pineapple, but I was telling the story to another man who said that he had shipped some pineapples to the United States and he said that he could only get six into a barrel.

I have also seen your tobacco fields. I am not as good a judge of your tobacco as I am of sugar and of pineapples but they tell me that it is of a very fine quality, and looking down upon the tobacco fields from the hills, I was impressed with the fact that unless that is very fine tobacco, they waste an enormous amount of money in covering it.

I have also seen coffee trees and I am sorry that I can not justify President Giorgetti's confidence in me as a user of Porto Rican coffee. I am away from home a good deal, or have been—I hope to do better in future—and I am afraid that sometimes in my absence other coffee has been purchased, but when I get home I shall leave more strict orders in regard to the quality of the coffee to be used. I shall take back some samples with me and have it tested and when the coffee is tested, the only criticism I am sure that can be made of the test is that the judge will be prejudiced in favor of the coffee.

I have also had a chance to sample your oranges, your grapefruit, your bananas and your coconuts, and I have been pleased with what I have learned from the sense of taste. Possibly I can not be of as much assistance to you in the matter of citrus fruits as I can in the case of the others, for I am developing a fruit farm in southern Texas. In the last

six months I have had planted 100 orange trees and 100 grapefruit trees, and these may partially supply my table. I will promise this, however, for your encouragement, that if I reach the point where I sell and become a competitor, I will not throw all my fruit on the market at once and thus demoralize the prices.

I am very glad to learn of the organization of this society. I think that it is going to be very helpful to your people in a great many ways. In the first place, it will be of assistance in the way of advertising your fruits and products, and there is a great deal in advertising. An advertising agent told me that a breakfast food—a new kind of break-

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