

# THE ISLAND OF GUAM

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Agana, Island of Guam.—October 31, 1901.—REPUBLICAN:—I presume it will be interesting to read of some of the peculiar customs of this island's people; and first we will briefly describe a wedding. On the evening of the marriage, a load of sand is deposited at the front door of the bride's home. Here, everybody, who wishes to attend, comes, and at eight o'clock begins to dance to the music of an accordion. Everyone must carry some sand into the house and scatter it upon the bare floor. The dancing soon grows "furious." The gritty, grinding noise of scraping feet on the "sandy floor," and the wheezy accordion makes music very much like a wooden sorghum mill. When it is ten o'clock, there is a lurch on roast pig and other native viands. Then the dance begins and runs till four o'clock, when all go to church, and the marriage occurs. After the marriage, the bride must dance with all the male guests, which often takes to twelve the following day. A funeral is often but little less solemn than a wedding. The church keeps coffins in which corpses are carried to the cemetery, and at the cemetery, the body is rolled into the grave and covered, and then the coffin is returned to the church for the next death.

When a Chamorro family has a meal, they put all their eebles on the kitchen floor, and then squat around them, and begin with hands and fingers to help themselves. It matters little how dirty the floor is, for cleanliness is not a virtue among the natives. Nearly all go barefooted, and the few who do not, wear a half shoe or rather a shoe sole with a tip over the toe to carry it by. Nothing is so delightful to the women as a dress with a long train, and as the streets are unusually wet, this train is generally wrapped around the waist. In carrying this train there is not much modesty observed in the height the dress is held; and bare feet and limbs are a striking feature to a new arrival in Guam. Neither American nor native women wear hats here. All go bare headed, except on Sabbaths, when the Chamorro women put a towel or handkerchief on their heads and pin it on the top of the head. The waist garment is a thin white muslin jacket, with low neck and short wide sleeves. This is slipped over the head, and so has no fastenings in front or behind. Tobacco is used by women and men alike, and women go around spitting just like the men. The women also chew a green nut which grows here. They mix it with quick lime, and it turns their teeth black and their breath sour. A native's yard is kept clean of all grass, and once a month he goes over it with his hoe, and the women follow and pick out all the grass for the pigs. When a heavy rain falls, the streets are often all a clatter with naked boys and girls from six to twelve years

of age, taking a shower bath—and it is an opportunity well improved. Their sleeping outfit consists of a mat on the floor, and often vermin gets "good and plenty." It is a very common thing to see a family on a "round up" among the wilderness of long black hair. However, let it be said in favor of Guam, that there are no fleas or bed-bugs here, and I might also say, no frogs or toads.

There is no people that seem to know less about cooking than these natives, and, nothing is more difficult than to train one to do good housework. It takes two and three servants to do the ordinary housework of one family, without the washing, and all these servants do not get as much as a month as one girl in the United States, and even the small pittance they get is usually spent foolishly. Judge Pressey's chief servant is a Chinaman. He invited a friend Chinaman to visit him, a short time ago, and when night came, the Judge's servant went to bed as usual with his dog, and told his friend to sleep on the ice chest—a Chinaman don't like change.

This city has been miserably infested by our dogs, and as we sleep with doors and windows open, we have had many raids on our larder. The Governor, very wisely, declared a dog tax and ordered a marine to kill all dogs without collars. The natives took their dogs to the country by the cart loads, and we have had more peace and more money. The women take much pride in their hair, and the oldest and youngest, besmear their long black hair with coconut oil till the smell is almost unendurable. For a while it was nearly choking in the school room; however, like many other things, we get used to it. When we first began teaching, the children would await us at the school house door in immense throng, and as soon as we came, they would greet us with an unearthly screech of joy. After enduring this for a season, I stilled the troubled sea of confusion with native timber. Moral suasion has the same effect on a Chamorro's mind that free silver has on a republican convention.—I don't mean for the same reason.

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## WOMAN SUFFRAGE COLUMN.

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A series of Suffrage Conference have just been held in twelve county seats, those being selected being the unorganized and hard points in the State. These Conference were all well attended, and where organizations were not perfected, names were obtained for future work. Mrs. Young, the State president; Mrs. Catt, the National president, gave the principal address; and Miss Gregg took collections, organized, and responded to a Question Box every afternoon.

The series closed with the State Convention at Lincoln. Two years ago the State Convention was held there, and although the attendance from outside the city were good, the audience were paltry handfuls. Meanwhile Bixby, the "funny man" on the State Journal, has held up suffrage and suffragists to merciless ridicule, in prose and poetry, and the suffragists have come back at him with arguments and facts, and he has published them all. Then Miss Gregg challenged him to debate. He accepted, and then advertised it as nothing in our line was ever advertised before. He appealed to all his friends to come and support him in his effort to defend truth and justice, etc. For months there was scarcely a day when some mention of it was not made in his paper. Of course, other papers found much that was good to quote, so the whole State was talking over the debate. Democrats hate Bixby but all the Republicans seem to love him.

The debate took place the first evening and there was an audience of at least 1,400 persons. Standing room was all taken, and people were turned away. Bixby kept the audience roaring with very innocent humor, and played into Miss Gregg's hands delightfully, as of course any "Ant" would do. Miss Gregg was all that any one could desire. She was calm, collected, dignified, logical, and so completely won the victory that there was no question about it in any mind. Even Bixby's own paper announced his defeat in glaring headlines. It has advertised the question in Nebraska as nothing else could have done.

The second evening, Mrs. Catt spoke to a very large audience. Mr. Bixby interceded her, and at the close the ladies presented him with a fine bouquet of roses. His speech was side-splitting. He assured the audience that he had found the suffragists far kinder than he had supposed, and that he thought more of us than he did but that he was not converted.

All this, however, while pleasant, was not the most gratifying feature of the convention. Fifty-six delegates, fine, energetic, devoted men and women, were present. The convention elected an excellent State board. Mrs. Young's president's address was fine, and she presided with a dignity, composure and knowledge of parliamentary usage that challenged general admiration. We raised a thousand dollars in pledges. We are determined to stand true to the headquarters. The loyalty of the board to Miss Gregg and to each other is beautiful.

Mrs. Catt was invited by the Chancellor to address the students of the Nebraska University, and did so. Our University holds very high rank, and has 2,000 students. Mrs. Catt was entertained by the Governor, who is a suffragist. She met many prominent men, and says she found only one in the State who was opposed. She has now gone to the South to hold conferences there.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Clara A. Young, Broken Bow; vice-president, Mrs. Amanda J. Marble, Table Rock; corresponding secretary, Miss Nellie Taylor, Merna; recording secretary, Mrs. Ida L. Denno, Lincoln; treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Dempser, Omaha. Auditors, Mrs. Mary Smith, Hayward, Chadron, and Mrs. Belle Sears, Tekama.

The following resolutions, submitted by Mrs. E. L. Parmelee, Mrs. Anna Wells, and Miss Nellie Taylor, were adopted: Whereas, We, the members of the State Suffrage Association of Nebraska in convention assembled, recognize the great gain in our work; therefore be it

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