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San Juan Full of Unique Sights and Strange Conditions.

Soil Steeped with Centuries of Acgumulated Impurities-Newspaper Men Lead a Varied and Exciting Life.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) First Kentucky. They were not blameless SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 15.—In the in the matter, their conduct was meny If one comes from other island towns to they did not deserve the criticism meted San Juan, or better yet, if one comes from out to them by the newspapers in question. the average West Indian ports to San Juan, General Henry, then commander of the San Juan will at first seem clean in com- Ponce district, called the editors of these parison. This is because the streets of Porto | two papers to his presence. These men Rico's capital are for the most part very quickly acknowledged to him that their rewell paved and are kept actually fairly marks about the soldiers were not all true. clean. A comparison can be made to a Then General Henry told the two editors shiny, steel tire on a very muddy wagon something about Kentuckians and their wheel. The city streets are for the most customs when at home. He exaggerated a part clean, but the houses and the number-less interior courts and connecting alleyways reasons for so doing. He spoke of the are indescribably dirty.

San Juan City is built on the western end and said they were a people who often took of a long and narrow island that runs almost due east and west across the northern national and state honor into their own side of San Juan harbor. The northern hands. He incidentally described rawhide side of this island is the highest, being whips, told them how they were prepared sixty or seventy feet above sea level, and and how they were sometimes used, spoke from this ridge the land slopes evenly to the of the effects of being beaten by them. "It south or harbor side of the island. The har- is seldom a man dies from such a whipbor is large and has an eastern and a west-ern entrance; the western entrance only can be used by ships; the eastern entrance is shallow. But there is a fair current of water tors. He offered to give them a guard of through the harbor with each slight rise regulars for their protection, but they and fall of the tide. The prevailing winds faintly answered they did not think it was are from the north.

Aristocrats Live Upstairs.

that the first floors, in cases where the city. Now that the First Kentucky regihouses have two stories, are either given ment has gone home the latter has again over to offices and warehouses or are inhabited by the poorer classes. Every one knows that it is healthier to live above the ground floor, consequently all those who can afford to do live there. As one walks through the streets one catches glimpses of interior courts that seem alive with people enter these courts and you are impressed with the great number of people who live graph in small spaces and are deprived of air and light. In these tenements the sanitary arrangements are practically nil. There are no public lavatories in town and the vast amount of clothes that is weekly washed in this as in all Central American cities is done in these houses. Alleyways, halls and crowded rooms are forever hung with damp clothing. Food is cooked over charcoal fires in any corner and all water comes from underground reservoirs in the yards that catch the rain from the roofs. All the water that to be \$40,000,000 and the trust organized on the city has today is cistern water. The malodors from these many tenements blow out into the streets and rise to the people who live above. It is almost impossible to find today in San Juan a second-story for living purposes under which there do not reside several families with habits such as is here described.

there is not sufficient water and what there is is bad, the coil is impregnated and poisoned with the accumulations of years and centuries and there are no sanitary arrangements such as sewers and drains. The question can be handled radically and case the population of the tenements will have to be thinned out.

The matter of the sanitation of this city needs American handling. It calls for a North American to run it. It is the purpose of the present American military authorities sembly the Belshaw resolution recommendto allow the Porto Ricans to administer, within certain limitations, their own a But this matter of health, which affects ter of its policy in the Philippines led to an every American resident in the capital. extended debate. The resolution was finally should be energetically administered by an adopted. American. It is manifest that a Porto Rican cannot do it as it should be done.

On the northern ridge of the city of San Juna is a long line of old Spanish fortifications. There are walls many feet thick broken by embrasures for cannon and old sentry boxes. In picturesque irregularity they stretch along above the breakers from Morro castle on the western end to the old fortress of San Cristobal on the other. This part of San Juan is the most attractive; it is exposed to the persistent trade winds and the ground is the highest in town. It is clearly the best location in the city, but unfortunately it is now occupied by San Juan's worst and dirtiest inhabitants.

Troublous Lives of Editors. The life of a Porto Rican editor has been known in the past as a career full of trials

and vicissitudes. Politics is and has been the reason being of almost every Porto Rico have been ing.

"Gustavius, dearest, do—do you ever sonalities, of rancor and squabbling; conagainst your opponent, as a person. It is seldom a politician would seem to be opposed do you suppose papa would say if he should because of the party principle he represents, but because of the rascal, the black- husband drank?" guard and the robber which he is asserted to be. So newspapers spring into existence who are no better than they should be, etc. voice trembled—"he said, 'Well, Gustavius, This condition of affairs was sufficient to bring excitement and annoyance into the same, with just a dash of bitters." lives of editors. Coupled with these normal and accepted circumstances was always the possibility of government interference and the retaliation of a political opponent should he ascend to power. Both of these contingencies meant imprisonment.

Victor Punishes His Fellows.

It is said, and the writer has learned that many truthful remarks are made in Porto Rico notwithstanding the average American's tendency to disbelieve all that is told him, that after the elections of this year the political leader who, in spite of the efforts of his many opponents, was elected to power, imprisoned every editor in San Juan City with the exception of two, one being a close personal friend and the other the editor of his own organ, as well as every editor in the whole island who had been his enemy during the troublous days of his campaigning.

There is no Porto Rican editor of any prominence or who has been long engaged in journalism who is not thoroughly familiar with the inside of prison walls. Papers sprung up and grew with mushroom rapidity until the editor was hauled to jail, then they were forgotten, and today exist only in the recollection of the fearless years.

Winners at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 4.—This was the thirty-sixtn day of the Crescent City Jockey club's winter meeting. The weather was driving and the track heavy. Handsell was the only winning favorite. Results:

First race, selling, seven furlongs: Halton won, Glenwyne second, Locust Blossom third. Time: 1:334.

Second race, six and one-half furlongs: Cathedral won. Sir Blaze second, Vignette third. Time: 1:25.

Third face, selling, one and one-eighth miles: Rockwood won. Mount Washington Second, Inflammator third. Time: 2:02.

Fourth race, one mile: Handsell won, Queen of Song second, Dr. Vaughan third. Time: 1:1354.

Fifth race, selling, six furlongs: Japan won. Davis second, Ben Frost third. Time: 1:1354. American's tendency to disbelieve all that

then they were forgotten, and today exist only in the recollection of the fearless young editor who is still particularly bitter against the man who sent him to prison.

The war was an especially troubled and dangerous time for journalists. As a result of the times and consequent troubles many papers ceased to appear, some for reasons of wise discretion, others for reasons entirely beyond the power and control of their editors.

As soon as the American forces took pos-

As soon as the American forces took possession of San Juan one after another of these journals resumed business, some with

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PICTURESQUE AND UNTIDY a few remarks explaining the reasons of their recent discontinuance, others with a brief outline of future policy, and all with a flowery welcome to the new power in the land. Editors were feeling their way under the new conditions, and were anxious to learn what freedom they would enjoy. The writer was approached by several and asked SANITATION IS UTTERLY INEFFICIENT to explain the measure of the liberties en-

Pursue Liberty to Excess. It was not long before the press of Porto Rico overstepped the liberty allowed by the military authority in the land. Two papers in Ponce published scurrilous and lying articles about the American soldiers quartered in that city. This regiment was the matter of cleanliness this city is deceptive. | things that it should not have been, but Kentuckians' objections to being slandered necessary. The next morning one left the country in a sloop for St. Thomas and the A noticeable feature of the city streets is other went into hiding outside of the been seen in Ponce.

Sender of Message Pays Tax. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—United States Circuit Judge Morrow has decided that the stamp tax on telegraph messages must be paid by the sender and not by the company. The decision was rendered in the case of J. W. Kirk against the Western Union Telegraph company. Kirk, who is known as "King of the Dudes," tendered a message to a telegraph company, but declined to pay for the stamp required by the war revenue

Organization of Paper Makers. APPLETON, Wis., Jan. 4 .- Advices from Holyoke, Mass., are to the effect that the proposed writing paper combination was effected last Friday, but that the manufacturers interested refuse to affirm or the same plan as the international com-

Three Children Suffocate. the live above. It is almost impossible to ind today in San Juan a second-story for living purposes under which there do not reside several families with habits such as is here described.

Town is Hopelessly Untidy.

The situation can be summed up thus the situation can be summed u shortly: The city today is overcrowded, fire and when the neighbors broke into the house all three were dead.

Nebraskan Arrested in Cheyenne. CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 4.-(Special Telegram.)-H. L. Wells of Scotts Bluff county, Nebraska, was arrested here today on the request of the authorities of Norton, straight out from the shoulder, in which straight out from the shoulder, in which ing ten cars of cattle under false pretenses. Wells will be taken to Kansas for trial.

Administration is Endorsed. SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 4.-In the asing the state's representatives in congress support the administration in the mat

Massachusetts Legislature in Session BOSTON, Jan. 4.-Both branches of the great and general court of Massachusetts convened today and were sworn in by the governor. George E. Smith of Everett was re-elected president of the senate and in the house John L. Bates of Boston was chosen

New Hampshire Assembly Organizes. CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 4.-The New Hampshire general court assembled today. Organization was effected in the senate by the election of Thomas Nelson Hastings of Walpole as president. Frank D. Currier of Canaan was elected speaker of the house.

What Papa Said.

Baltimore American: There was silence Presently she spoke, and the tone of voice she elected to use was tremulous and plead-

Reluctantly he admitted that there were tests where principle, platform and party occasions when he glanced carelessly upon idea are lost and forgotten in the fight the wine when it was ready.

"Ah! dearest," she continued, with anx-

"He discovered it yesterday afternoon." responded Gustavius, with some of the same

with the main idea of attack or detenses, the tacks always personal, defenses against the breathlessly.

"He said"—the manly young fellow's "He said "Well, Gustavius,

two moments. Indeterminate Sentence Illegal. SALEM, Mass., Jan. 4.—The indeterminate sentence act, so-called, was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court to-

There was silence for a moment-possibly

SPORTING NEWS.

Winners at New Orleans.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 4. - Preliminary steps were taken here today for the organi-

Gannon Too Strong for Miller. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 4.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Hot Springs, Ark., says: "Clever" Miller of Memphis. Tenn., was defeated by Phil Gannon of Buffalo, N. Y., in eight rounds, last night. Both men were in good condition and the fight was spirited from start to finish. Miller was knocked down several times in the last few minutes.

Chess Play to Be Resumed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Showalter, who arrived in this city this morning, gave notice to Janowski that he would claim the third game off today. The chess match between these men will not be resumed until Saturday.

LEGACY LEFT TO NEW BOARD

Incoming County Commissioners to Settle Printing Controversy.

Chairman Klerstead of the Old Board Given a Testimonial in the Form of a Set of Resolutions.

The last problem the old Board of County Commissioners had to wrestle with was the protest of the Allied Printing Trades against the award of the county printing to a bid-

der, said to be a non-union office. It seems that a number of bids were submitted, but when the union shops identified with the Allied Printing Trades learned that F. B. Festner had one in, they withdrew ail their bids before the time came for the award to be made. This left the Festner bid as really the only one before the board. A formal protest, however, signed by F. S. Devor, H. Rowley and S. A. Burnham, the executive committee of the Allied Printing Trades, was received under date of January 3, and was taken up and considered in committee. It was the intention at first to report in favor of a re-advertising for bids. The commissioners again got together and concluded to delay action to the next meeting and in the meantime obtain an opinion from the county attorney. This will leave the question to be settled by the new board.

There was some routine business to clean up. The pay roll of the jurors of the district lace Hopper is supposed to have \$60,000 or court for the term, amounting to \$5,701 for the regular jurors and \$40 for the talesmen, was referred to the finance committee. Appropriation sheets amounting to a total of \$965.79, were passed. The courtrooms in The Bee building were re-rented for the year. A liquor license was granted to Henry Mass of Douglas precinct. A number of official bonds were approved.

As a good-bye to the retiring chairman the following resolution was adopted, signed by the other four commissioners

Praises for Klerstend.

Whereas, This days' meeting will terminate the existence of the Board of Commissioners of Douglas county as now constituted and retire our genial chairman, Hon. William I. Kierstead, and Whereas, We, his fellow members, desire to place on record our appreciation of his

services as an associate member and chairman; therefore, be it
Resolved, That in the retirement of Mr.
Kierstead from the chairmanship, this board
loses a presiding officer who has ever been
courteous and considerate toward his fellow members as well as impartial in his rulings and whose dispatch of the business submitted for the action of the business submit-ted for the action of the board is an example worthy the consideration of his successor. Resolved, That this preamble and resolu-tion be spread in full on the records of this board.

Mr. Kierstead briefly thanked the other commissioners for this testimony of appreciation. He has been chairman for one year and commissioner for three. In about every matter before the board, he said, there had been a general unanimity. He remarked that as he had a contest on it was not quite certain that he would not continue to be a member, and should the court so decide in his favor he would endeavor to show the

as had been accorded to him. At the adjourned meeting last evening a few more official bonds were approved and the minutes up to the time of adjournment sine die were signed.

same treatment toward the new chairman

The new board will have ! first meeting on January 10. The probabilities are that Thomas Hoctor will be the new chairman and Mel Hoerner continue to be the clerk of

HYMENEAL.

Russell-Atherton SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4 .- Muriel Atheron, daughter of Gertrude Atherton, the novelist, was married in this city tonight to Albert B. Russell, a young business man of this city. The mother of the bride is now in Washington.

THAT SUICIDAL MULE.

Tried to Kick a Hole in a Caisson of Dynamite Cartridges. A young lawyer of New York City, whose

office is in the neighborhood of Wall street, was overcome last winter by an ardent desire to help the Cubans. Accordingly one day, while the Maine was still a second class battleship, he joined the insurgent army and was given charge of a dynamite gun. His friends heard nothing of him from that time until a few days ago, when he reappeared, hale and happy, in his old haunts. "What was the closest call I had?" he said to a reporter. "It wasn't in any skirmish with the Spaniards, although we went through some pretty hot places. My closest call was as ridiculous as it was terrible, and it was all on account of a mule.

"He had been recommended as a very good-natured and gentle animal, that mule, and for several months he lived up to his reputation. He did his work willingly and quietly. He was just the right kind of animal, in fact, to have around a ticklish thing like a dynamite gun and caisson You know the caisson is so arranged that the jar made by traveling over rough roads will not detonate the cartridges. A good, smart shock, though, would set off the whole shooting-match.

"Well, one day, without the slightest warning, that mule became a devil incarnate. He was hitched to the gun and he began to kick. When I saw his heels flying up into the air within half a foot of the calsson. I thought it was all day with us The most natural thing to do under the circumstances would have been to clear out o a safe distance, but, to tell the truth, I was too frightened to run.

"I was pretty dazed and shaky, but 1 remember one thought occurred to me like a flash: 'Shoot him!' I felt for my revolver. t was not in my belt. I remembered that I had lent it to a Cuban who was going to reconnoitre the day before. He never returned. Two or three Cubans were stand-

ing near.
"'Cut his throat!' I cried, pointing to
their machetes. One of the men drew his machete and aproached the animal cautiously. At the eight of him that mule seemed possessed of a thousand devils. His eyes seemed to shoot streaks of fire, he morted and he went for that Cuban with both fore feet. The Cuban scampered back. He seemed more afraid of the mule's heels than of the dynamite.

"There were some men on ahead who had rifles. 'Run ahead and bring me a rifle,' I cried, and the Cuban started off on a run. "Meanwhile the mule was letting his heels fly again. He seemed bound to commit suicide himself and take the rest of us with him. He kept working back in the harness so as to get within reach of something. Each time he kicked his heels seemed to be half an inch nearer the caisson. It was merely a question of whether the harness would hold. I thought that darned Cuban would never come back with the rifle. I stood with my eyes glued to the spot where I expected to see the mule smash the calsson at any moment.

"The Cuban touched me on the arm and placed a rifle in my hands. Before I knew it, almost, I had a bead on the beast's head and my finger on the trigger. And just at that moment I became calm and collected and began to reason with myself. 'Why should I shoot the beast until I am absolutely sure that he is going to hit the caisson? I said to myself, 'It's no use killing him and putting ourselves to the trouble of

getting another, and perhaps not so good a one, if he can't do any harm. "I still kept a bead on the beast, and

watched his heels at the same time. He was within three or four inches of the caisson now. If he doesn't get much nearer I'll let him kick it out, I thought. "Well, sure enough, before long, though NO AWARD IS TO BE MADE AT THIS TIME showed signs of becoming winded. His kicks grew weaker and farther between, and all of a sudden he stopped and stood stock

still, completely played out. In half an hour he started out with the gun as quiet and gentle as a lamb, and he never gave us any trouble after that. But you can bet I kept a revolver in my belt the rest of the cam-

THESE SAVE MONEY.

Actors and Actresses Who Do Not Spend All They Make. Probably no actor now on the stage icher than William H. Crane. He is said to be worth \$250,000, and it is all safely in-

The lowest figure put on Francis Wilson's wealth is \$100,000. He got \$600 a week when playing in "Ermine" and nost of his other ventures have paid well. He has invested in real estate. Nat Goodwin has \$80,000 and would have

had more had he not persisted in scicking so closely to his ideal of art. Richard Mansfield is said to be rich. He got \$40,000 one year out of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." He owns property and has a lovely home. Joe Jefferson is supposed to be worth about \$200,000. Henry Dixey ought to have a lot

of money, but after he made \$60,000 in 'Adonis' he lost it. Della Fox has about \$50,000 in jewels, be sides a cottage at Long Branch. Edna Wal-\$70,000 and a short time ago made \$15,000 in a stock speculation. Her interest in 'E'l Capitan" made her \$26,000 two years ago.

Lillian Russell always works on guarantys and is sure of \$1,000 a week. She does not speculate, and has made good investments. May Irwin owns a whole island up in the St. Lawrence; Ada Rehan has put aside \$60,000, and Mme. Modjeska is comfortably supplied with money.

A Privilege Declined. The rule that no person shall smoke in a street car is enforced strictly by the con-ductors on all Memphis lines, relates the ductors on all Memphis lines, relates the Memphis Scimitar, but an exception is made in the case of one passenger, namely, the Hon. John L. T. Sneed. It is not recorded that the able chancellar ever took advantage of the exceptional privilege accorded him, but it is certain that he has been invited to go in off the platform and finish his cigar comfortably on a cushioned seat. "No. I'm afraid the ladies would object," was his response to such an invitation.

"The ladies all make concessions to you," was the reply of the conductor.
"I din't know about that," said the judge. "You heard what the old lady said about smoking in her presence?" The conductor had to confess that though he had heard a good many stories on the rear platform he had never heard this par-

"Well, I'll tell you," said the chancellor. "She was a charming old lady of the old school and one day she was asked if she objected to a gentleman smoking in her pres ence. 'I don't really know,' was her reply.'I have never had any experience in that line. No gentleman has ever smoked in my

Some Casulstry. Detroit Journal: The captive sneered with lofty fortitude quite in keeping with his rectarious position.
"Tyrant," he exclaimed, "I deny thy

right! The earth is the Lord's!"
"Very true," replied the monarch, with a smile, "but I'm the janitor, don't you see!"
Casuistry is more useful to a despot than almost anything else he can learn in school.



A magnificent ex-ample of what care of health will do for a man is pre-"Grand Old Man" at eighty-six years of age, retained his intellectual vigor unabated, and had not lost the sinewy grip with which he

fastened upon any subject that interested Nearly every man has it in his power to live to a green old age like the great statesman of England. It is simply a matter of a little daily thought and regard for health. If, when a man feels that he is a little out of sorts, he will resort to the right remedy, he will never have to submit to the more serious ills of life. Most men, when they have a headache, feel drowsy during the day and are restless during the night, and find their appetite falling off, pay little or no heed to these warnings. The inevitable result is some dangerous and possibly fatal malady. The doctor may call it consumption, malaria or biliousness, or perhaps some blood or skin disease. It makes but little difference. These troubles all have their inception in the same cause—improper and insufficient nourishment. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery corrects that cause. It makes the appetite keen Nearly every man has it in his power to that cause. It makes the appetite keen and hearty, the digestion perfect, the liver active and the blood pure and rich. It is the great blood-maker and flesh-builder. It facilitates the assimilation of the life-giving elements of the food, filling the blood with the nutriment that makes new and healthy flesh and nerve tissue. Medicine dealers sell it.

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