

PICTURESQUE AND UNTIDY

San Juan Full of Unique Sights and Strange Conditions. SANITATION IS UTTERLY INEFFICIENT

Soil Steeped with Centuries of Accumulated Impurities-News-Paper Men Lead a Varied and Exciting Life.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 13.-In the matter of cleanliness this city is deceptive. If one comes from other island towns to San Juan, or better yet, if one comes from the average West Indian ports to San Juan, San Juan will at first seem clean in comparison.

San Juan City is built on the western end of a long and narrow island that runs almost due east and west across the northern side of San Juan harbor. The northern side of this island is the highest, being sixty or seventy feet above sea level, and from this ridge the land slopes evenly to the south or harbor side of the island.

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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 to explain the measure of the liberties enjoyed by the press of the United States.

Pursue Liberty to Excess.

It was not long before the press of Porto Rico overstepped the liberty allowed by the American authorities in the land. Two papers in Ponce published scurrilous and lying articles about the American soldiers quartered in that city. This regiment was the First Kentucky. They were not blameless in the matter, their conduct was many things that it should not have been, but they did not deserve the criticism meted out to them by the newspapers in question.

General Henry, then commander of the Ponce district, called the editors of these two papers to his presence. These men quickly acknowledged to him that their remarks about the soldiers were not all true. Then General Henry told the two editors something about Kentuckians and their customs when at home. He exaggerated a little to be sure, but he had his good reasons for so doing.

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.

Organization of Paper Makers. APPLETON, Wis., Jan. 4.-Advisers 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 deny the rumor. The capitalization is said to be \$400,000.00 and the trust organized on the same plan as the international company.

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SPORTING NEWS. Winners at New Orleans. NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 4.-This was the thirty-sixth day of the Crescent City racing meet, winter meeting. The weather was drizzling and the track heavy. Handicappers were the only winners favorite. Results: First race, selling, seven furlongs: Hatter, Glenswene second, Locust Blossom third. Time: 1:33.

Staters Organize Association. MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 4.-Preliminary steps were taken here today for the organization of a professional skating men's association of America. The plan provides that professional skating shall come under the control of the new National Cycle Race-Track organization for men, and rules will be drawn up and submitted to that organization for approval. The skating movement is a direct result of the recent professional movement.

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., 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.

Cheese Play to Be Resumed. NEW YORK, Jan. 4.-Showalter, who arrived in this city this morning, gave notice to Jankowski 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. NO AWARD IS TO BE MADE AT THIS TIME.

Chairman Kierstead 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 bidder, 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 all 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.

Whereas, This day's meeting will terminate the existence of the Board of Commissioners of Douglas county as now constituted and retire our general 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 cordial 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 board is an example worthy the consideration of his successor.

Resolved, That this preamble and resolutions be read 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 he had a contest on it was not quite certain that he would continue to be a member, and should the court so decide in his favor he would endeavor to show the same treatment toward the new chairman 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. The new board will have its 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 the board.

HYMENEAL.

Russell-Atherton. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.-Muriel Atherton, 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 appeared, 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 back with the gun and he began to kick. When I saw his heels flying up into the air within half a foot of the caisson, I thought it was all day with us. The most natural thing to do under the circumstances would have been to clear out to a safe distance, but to tell the truth, I was too frightened to run.

"I was pretty dazed and shaky, but I remember one thought occurred to me like a flash: 'Shoot him!' I felt for my revolver. He 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 standing near.

"Cut his throat!" I cried, pointing to my machetes. One of the men drew his machete and approached the animal cautiously. At the sight of him that mule seemed possessed of a thousand devils. His eyes seemed to shoot streaks of fire, he snorted 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 damned 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 caisson 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 it seemed an age at the time, the brute 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 campaign."

THESE SAVE MONEY.

Actors and Actresses Who Do Not Spend All They Make. Probably no actor now on the stage is richer than William H. Crane. He is said to be worth \$250,000, and it is all safely invested. The lowest figure put on Francis Wilson's wealth is \$100,000. He got \$400 a week when playing in "Ermine" and most 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 sticking 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 \$90,000 in "Atonis" he lost it.

Della Fox has about \$50,000 in jewels, besides a cottage at Long Branch. Edna Wallace Hopper is supposed to have \$60,000 or \$70,000 and a short time ago made \$15,000 in a stock speculation. Her interest in "El Capitlan" made her \$25,000 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 Rohan has put aside \$60,000, and Mrs. 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 conductors on all Memphis lines, relates the Memphis Scimitar. In the case of one passenger, namely, the Hon. John L. T. Sneed. It is not recorded that the able chancellor ever took advantage of the exceptional privilege, but it is certain that he has been invited to go in off the platform and finish his cigar comfortably in a coach 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 don't know about that," said the judge. "You heard what the old lady said about smoking in her presence?" "She had heard a good many stories on the rear platform he had never heard this particular one. "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 presence. 'I don't really know,' was her reply. 'I have never had any experience in that line. No gentleman has ever smoked in my presence.'"

Some Casuality. Detroit Journal: The captive sneered with a lofty fortitude quite in keeping with his precarious position. "Tyrant," he exclaimed, "I deny thy right." "The case is made for me, my child," "Very true," replied the monarch, with a smile, "but I'm the janitor, don't you see?" Casuality is more useful to a despot than almost anything else he can learn in school.

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