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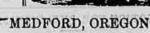
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## BUSINESS IN MANILA.

Eliza Archard Conner on the Commercial Conditions.

THE GOOD AND BAD PEATURES.

Present Operations Are Irksome to For Prospective Investors.

MANILA, June 5 .- No more Amerian beer saloons are needed in Manila That is the first observation I am moved to make in connection with the subject of business openings in this town. A swarm of American saloon keepers came over with the Mayflower. so to speak, to the Philippines, and they have been arriving ever since Beer and whisky shops. American style, are as plentiful here as in New York or San Francisco

If laziners be the ideal state, then the old style Manila merchant led a sufficiently pleasant existence. In this bot climate it is best to be abroad early in the morning. Shops and stores open by 7 o'clock. That was too early for the old time Spanish merchant, how-ever, so he left the morning work to his menials and subordinates. reached his place of business at 9 or half past. By half past 10 began what is here called "cocktail time." Then the merchant lets up on his arduona labors of the morning. The heat of the day begins to be felt by that time. I do not know how many cocktails are actually drunk, but something must have started the name. At 12 the custom has been to close business houses abso-lutely until 2. Whether this will con-

tinne when Americans get hold re-

The old time Manila merchant had

for his motto, "Never do anything that

you can make anybody else do." If he

so much as desired to wash an ink stain

from his finger, he would probably have clapped his hands like an "Arabian Nights" pasha and had a base menial bring him the basin of water and towel.

At 5 o'clock his carriage called for him and he, with his interesting family, went to drive and listen to the music on the Lunets. Picturesque enough he looked in his shining white suits of which at least a down were recovery.

which at least a dozen were necessa

a fresh one every day. His very shoes were white, of cool canvas, carefully done over with pipeclay daily to pre-

serve their immaculate appearance

The pipeclaying of his master's various pairs of white shoes is part of the

morning work of the Tagalo house serv

Everything new and convenient and American is wanted here, from prompt

and correct business methods to door locks that will fasten and neat little

keys that will fit them. When, sooner or later, matters are settled here, there

will be as fine opportunities for American merchants and the investment of

capital as at any spot of the globe.

Between, on the one hand, the onerous duties, which remain precisely as they were under Spanish rule, and, on the

other, the competition of the United States commissary department the civil-ian merchant just now has small margin

of profit. The Spanish tariff is higher than that of the United States ever was, amounting frequently to three or four times the cost of the goods. It is enforced still. The duties are collected by American collected

by American soldiers for our government. Commissary goods for the United States army are admitted free of daty, to be bought by soldiers. But it is untural for a man to oblige his friends. The salesman for the United

States army sees no harm in letting his civilian chums who are merchants have

goods at army rates. There is nothing in the Ten Commandments against it.

The two friends whack up together. But the civilian merchant who is not the commissary sergeant's chum and who has honestly paid the high Spaniah tariff on his wares finds them spoiling on his shelves in this hot climate

while the commissary's friend offers the public goods at lowest San Francisco prices. You can follow the result out for yourself, and you do not need paper and pencil to work the problem either. Honest retail merchants have absolute-

fy ceased to import certain lines of ar-ticles under these conditions. Thus not only the merchants outside the ring. but also the government suffers many thousand dollars loss annually. This is a matter the government should attend to at once and either abolish altogether duties on goods coming from the States or straighten out its commissary de-

Heavy losses, too, are entailed on American merchants in Manila by the actual and constant theft of goods they

import from the States. I know one dealer who has, in plain words, b the past four months robbed of wares worth \$10,000. They were shipped and invoiced at San Francisco. In some instances whole packages disappeared bodily: in others packages were broken open and part of the contents taken

and then fastened up again.

Whether the robberies are committed on shipboard, whether by the Chinese freight handlers at Hongkong or in the custom houses here at Manila, nobody The things simply disappear The military authorities here do not hold themselves responsible for goods stored in the customs warehouses or in the crient. The heaviest losses are

on eatables and drinkables.

Commissary merchandising and the loss of goods in transit from the States. to Manila are rapidly assuming the proportions of a scandal. Whether any stealing occurs in the custom bouse or not, that institution gets the credit of it, and for its own sake the United States government ought to have a grand clearing up time in these departments without saying a word about it, and this even more for the sake of the innocent than of the guilty, if there are any of the latter.

Another condition works as a hard-ship sgainst the business man and the capitalist at present. When we occu-pled the city, the civil courts were

abolished. They have never been ne-established. So far as civil law goes, Manila is in a state of anarchy. There

is no way of collecting a bill by legal

measures and no way of enforcing a contract. Sufferers who appeal to the military authorities are told to wait

till the courts are set up again. They

have waited for months and are wait-

ing still. Able American lawyers who

also here waiting for the civil courts to reopen, but the order for it is not given. The insurrection must be put

down before military attention can be

turned to civil matters, probably. Nev-ertheless it is irisome in the extreme

to the civilian who wants to go to

I am not writing this letter to enter-

friend comes to you with any particu-larly disagreeable and unwelcome piece

larly disagreeable and unwelcome piece of news, he always prefaces it with the

remark that he tells you "because you ought to know it." Hundreds of good,

energetic men at home and capitalists of moderate means are hoping and ex-

pecting to come to Manila, here to reap the reward of industry and ability. Their judgment is not at fault either. On this round earth today there is no

fairer, richer corner than these same Philippine Islands.

eral business man who is looking to-ward Manila, therefore, the message must be: "Wait awhile. Wait till our

trial occupations among the natives and Chinese, but they have no heads to conduct business. With his white man's quickness and drive the abstralian

To the importer, capitalist and gen-

SUSPENSION BRIDGE IN MANILA.

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painter forced his brown and yellow employees to do their work on time and do If right. He now has more orders

do it right. He sow has more orders than he can accept, and all his time is mortgaged weeks shead.

What this man did in his branch any other white man can do in any other department of skilled labor. A thorough knowledge of one's trade, with the shility to command and get the most and the best out of other workmen, is the requisite for commiste access. and the best out of other workmen, as the requisite for complete success. Every occupation devoted to supplying the needs of ordinary life will find full scope for itself hera. An American dreasmaker would become rich, and cabinet maker, butcher, baker, candle-stick maker, telegraph and telephone lineman, expression, laundryman, printer and stonemsom can do well printer and stonemason can do well now that the Americans are beginning to shake these islands from their Rip Van Winkle sleep of centuries. The clean retail grocery, delivering goods promptly at houses, American style would be a small gold mine. A buyer must now hire Chinese to carry his goods home.

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her depredations, resolved to punish the woman. If mounted his horse and pursued her as she was leaving one of the farms. Overtaking the culprit he changed her into stone, and she stands there to this day, a monument of righteous retribution. The stone basins are those in which she was carrying the milk, and the pieces of rock in each are said to be the butter she had stolen. The tree beside the rock grew out of the spansel with which she was accustomed to tie the cows' legs before milking them. This curious legend is known and believed by all the peasants in the district.

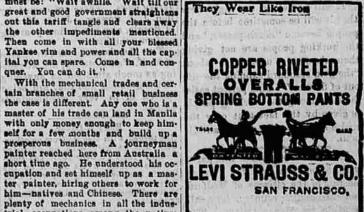
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