

SPANISH SWindle IS WORKED AGAIN

N. K. Clarke Victim of Prospective Riches and Picture of Beauteous Senorita.

SAME OLD GAME PLAYED

Letter Accounts Kindness of Father and Desire to Repay by Giving Lands in Spain—Few Pesos Needed—Portland Falls.

The hoary "Spanish swindle syndicate" has found another victim, a Portland man, for it was learned yesterday that N. K. Clarke was victimized last December to the tune of \$1000.

Reports of a later victim have varied the pound of the younger real estate men, and it was commonly said one of the recent additions to the fraternity in Portland had been bitten.

As the story is told, Mr. Clarke last December received a letter, postmarked Madrid, Spain, and signed Juan Delartez.

Delartez wrote that he was dying in a Spanish prison at the small town of Reinabella, some few miles from Vigo.

Delartez recounted how he was a member of a well-known and wealthy Spanish family, but that he was a "Christ and an enemy to the house of Spain."

Then there followed an account of the place where the money was hidden, a larger part of the Delartez fortune was hidden to not at all, it was only necessary that a small part of the Delartez estates, which had been confiscated by the government, should be purchased.

It was suggested that Mr. Clarke should send pesos 200 to the aged servant, one Atrino, located in Plaza Concepcion, Vigo, who would purchase the land.

Mr. Clarke was invited to go out and see the land, and he was perfectly reliable, and the bank references checked the matter.

The natural doubt every man might have of such a proposition was said to have appealed to Mr. Clarke, but, putting the matter up to his friends, the hotelman, on his own responsibility, sent the money, amounting to almost \$1000 American coins, by means of a draft from New York to Madrid.

Some weeks passed, and no word came of the fortune that was to enable Mr. Clarke to live in affluence for the rest of his days.

Later the matter was taken up with a New York detective agency, who learned that a man of the name of Atrino had received the letter, cashed the draft and vanished.

Among the friends who knew, there was considerable sympathy felt for the victim. The plausibility of the tale would have made almost any victim susceptible, and the added heart interest of the beautiful young Spanish noblewoman gave the final fillip to the affair.

The Pinkerton detective agency late last year sent out a warning against this identical gang, with the Vigo headquarters or with headquarters at some similar Spanish coast town, in the warning the plot was detailed, but the variations given in each separate case so appealed to the credulity of the person addressed that it was rarely that the facts were fruitless.

"I suppose you heard of a note being negotiated and that gave you a clew. Oh, yes, I got bitten badly, and I should not equal. The fact is you know, I think you have most of them, but the tale of the girl is not quite correct. Yes, there was a photograph.

"Just what do you want me to say? I guess you have the story. Of course I have to pay my friends back and I trust, with my new hotel at The Dalles, I shall soon be able to do this.

OUR RULE IN PORTO RICO

Intelligent and Informed Statement of Conditions on Island.

GRANTS PASS, Or., March 28.—(To the Editor)—The Washington Dispatches as published in The Oregonian recently represent Luis Munoz Rivera as saying that Porto Rico was governed better under Spanish rule than under American administration.

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stating is a deliberate misstatement, and that it is made for the sole purpose of discrediting the administration. This has been Mr. Rivera's policy from the first, and he is a Basque proprietor of El Heraldo Español, organ of the Spanish colony, are largely responsible for the anti-American feeling in the island.

Mr. Rivera was a thorn in the side of the Spanish government, I am told, and he was finally given an important office to keep him quiet. When he went to Porto Rico, nearly seven years ago, he was in New York, and from that safe shelter was attacking the American Administration. He then came back to San Juan and organized the Unionist party, and by an appeal to the prejudices and ignorance of the masses, lined them up with the anti-Americans and secured control of the House of Delegates.

Most certainly, it was consistently followed. One of the distinguished members said to us recently that the purpose was to discredit the present regime and cause such an impossible state of things as to force the situation upon the attention of Congress.

Letters received from residents of the island in today's mail tell of the refusal of appropriations to complete roads that are nearly completed, and only connections to make them available, without which they are practically useless.

When Mr. Rivera says coffee brought \$35 a hundred under Spanish rule, he neglected to say that it was in silver, or one-half that sum.

The last I bought at wholesale last May cost me \$15 American. The American market is not open to the coffee planters because the American people do not like Porto Rican coffee.

Some of the coffee harvest comes at the time when the children should be in school, and as a consequence the coffee region is the zone of ignorance.

Then it is the breeding ground of the pestiferous hook worm, the parasite that causes anemia, the deadly plague of the tropics. It breeds in the clay soil of the coffee plantations, and these breeding places exist.

The commerce of the island has more than quadrupled since 1900. The output of sugar has enormously increased and the planters have become wealthy.

Land in many parts of the island has increased in value from 100 to 1000 American dollars in the last seven years of American rule.

In the first seven years of American rule there has been more roads than in the 400 years of Spanish rule. In addition to this, since the American rule, there has been developed a splendid school system, which compares favorably with our own.

Some of the exports from the United States to Porto Rico amounted to \$4,640,448; and the imports from Porto Rico were \$3,075,648.

Five years ago I had occasion to tell a relative of Mr. Rivera that I considered his distinguished cousin the most dangerous man in Porto Rico; and after five more years of intimate acquaintance with his work and influence, I can repeat this with emphasis.

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FREE BUS BOOMED

Portland Hotels Will Abolish Rides to and From Trains.

LANDLORDS FORM UNION

State Hotel Association Organized Here to Protect Interests and Watch Legislation—Ban on Free Lunch.

With the expectation that it will embrace in its membership every hotel of consequence in the State of Oregon, the Oregon State Hotel Association was organized in this city yesterday.

The purpose of the association is expressed under the broad term, "to promote, protect and maintain the interests of the hotels of the State of Oregon," and in line with this legislative committee, which will watch legislation by the City Councils as well as by the Legislature, an executive committee and a committee on transportation will be appointed.

One of the first effects of the formation of the association that will be noted in Portland will be the abolishment of the free "bus" which has practically been decided upon as a date for the taking effect of the change would have been selected yesterday.

Another movement likely to be inaugurated soon by the new association is for the adoption by the Portland City Council of an ordinance forbidding the serving of free lunches in saloons. The hotel men believe that they will have moral sentiment behind them which will effort, and also say that the saloonmen themselves will welcome such a law.

The majority of saloons, it is said, would be willing to enter an agreement for the abolishment of the free lunch if they were satisfied that all who entered the agreement would stand on the same terms, or that all the saloons could be drawn into such a compact.

The adoption of an ordinance is intended by the hotelmen as a solution of the problem of dispensing with what is most salubrious in nature, but which many keep up because their neighbors do so.

The first annual meeting of the Oregon State Hotel Association will be held in Portland on the second Tuesday in April. Invitations are to be sent throughout the state to all proprietors of hotels and to publishers of papers devoted to hotel interests.

Officers of the association were elected as follows: President, M. C. Dickerson, Hotel Oregon; vice-president, G. J. Kaufmann, Hotel Portland; secretary, Frank Richardson, Hotel Perkins; treasurer, Phil Metchan, Hotel Imperial.

The executive committee appointed by President Dickerson, which will travel in the interest of the association to provide funds for advertising the attractions of the Northwest in the form of publications. Attractive literature will also likely be prepared.

JAPS FEARFUL OF CHINA

JUDGE BEATTY SAYS NO PLANS FOR WAR WITH U. S.

Ex-Federal Judge Returns From Globe-Trotting Trip and Talks of Brown Men.

Judge James H. Beatty, ex-United States District Judge for the District of Idaho, who retired from active service two years ago, was in Portland yesterday on his way to Boise via Spokane, after having spent most of the last two years on a tour of the world.

Beatty returned to the Federal bench two years ago and since then, accompanied by Mrs. Beatty, has traveled extensively. They journeyed through Europe, Egypt, Palestine, Arabia, India, and spent some little time in China and Japan.

While in the land of the little brown men, Judge Beatty took particular interest in studying conditions, especially the feeling of the people toward the United States.

"The idea that Japan or the Japanese are antagonistic to America is a mistake," said Judge Beatty yesterday. "The people of that country have enough to take care of themselves and are not looking forward to, nor do they desire a war with the United States or any other nation.

In fact, Japan will do well to pay attention to the enormous indebtedness contracted in her late war, and this will require all of her attention for the next 15 years.

I am not firmly convinced there is no danger of a conflict between this country and Japan, but for at least 20 years, and perhaps never, it is true the Japs are drilling vast armies and building new warships, but these are not for use against the United States.

"The Japanese have a contented much nearer home, and one that will have to be reckoned with seriously," said Judge Beatty, "and that nation is China. The 'Flower Kingdom' is waking, slowly but surely, and when it comes to a realization of its power and resources the Chinese are the nation to be feared and not the Japanese, and it is because of this noticeable awakening that Japan is making warlike preparations. The two races are bitter enemies, and Japan has many holdings in Manchuria and China, which will have to be protected. The Chinese require vigorous protection on the part of the Japs when China does awaken and becomes a world power, as it seems likely to do.

All talk of Japanese antipathy to America and Americans is not borne out by facts. Everywhere in Japan I noticed the greatest of courtesy extended Americans. The prominent Japs, who are good students of sociology attribute the anti-Japanese sentiment in America to labor agitators and sensation mongers, and not to the rank and file of the American people."

Cheaper Materials Charged. The suit of E. J. Greys against P. J. Merrick, for the recovery of \$334 on a mechanic's lien, went to trial before Circuit Judge Bronaugh yesterday. The original contract for build-

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Silence! The instinct of modesty natural to every woman is often a great hindrance to the cure of womanly diseases. Women shrink from the personal question of the local physician which seem indelicate. The thought of examination is abhorrent to them, and so they endure in silence a condition of disease which surely progresses from bad to worse.

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Men's Club Talks Politics. "Them," the kind we want and how to get them, was the subject of a discussion held last night at the Congregational Men's Club. While municipal affairs were discussed somewhat generally, it was of the men the city needed, why they were needed and of what would happen if they were not provided that the speaker, mainly touched on. R. L. Sabin spoke of the serious question of the city's bonded indebtedness. W. M. Calk discussed the possibility of the city's credit being damaged. B. E. Haney sketched briefly the type of men city officers should be. Dr. Dyar showed the need of all pushing on the wheel.

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