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CONDITIONS OF CUBA.

General Wood's annual civil report upon affairs in Cuba has been received at Washington. It is described as consisting of "thirteen immense volumes" and dealing with every subject of importance with which the government is concerned. From a summary given to the press it appears that while the conditions of the people are by no means satisfactory still an immense improvement has been made since the close of the war and the prospects for further improvement are excellent.

The departments of state and government in the island has been conducted under the supervision of the military governor, but under the direct management of the Cuban secretary of state and government, Senor Diego Tomayo. Under the secretary there are six civil governors of the various provinces, and under them are the various Alcaldes of the municipalities. The government is abolishing many of the municipalities because their existence is not justified by any necessity and entails considerable expense. The abolition of these offices has of course given rise to some discontent, but it is not serious. Moreover the general adds: "After harvesting the first large sugar crop since the war, which will be completed in the coming spring, together with the gathering and sale of tobacco, coffee and other crops, it is believed the municipalities that remain will be able to assume a large proportion of the burden now borne by the state, and as a result the general revenues of the island will to a greater extent be available for public works, such as the construction of highways and the dredging of harbors."

The sanitary conditions of the island have been greatly improved in every direction. The foul prisons have been cleaned as far as possible, but there is need of a modern prison for long-term prisoners. The hospitals have been taken charge of by the general government and are now much better than they were. The report says that leprosy is general throughout the island, but in mild form. Steps have been taken to find a suitable location for establishing a leper colony so that all persons thus afflicted may be removed from contact with the public.

Of the general condition of the country the report makes this important statement: "The great desire of Cuba today is to obtain a reduction on the import duties of Cuban products into the United States and strong efforts are being made in this direction. All far-seeing business men realize that Cuba's prosperity and advancement depend absolutely upon her commercial relations with the United States, where her two main products have their principal markets. High duties against Cuban products mean that the development of Cuba will be slow, if at all. The importation of United States products into Cuba, while it is increasing, is yet considerably below the total importation from other countries. The establishment of reciprocity in commercial relations between Cuba and the United States means everything to Cuba, for if she can obtain favorable duties on her tobacco, and especially on her sugar, her development will be immediate."

WITH THE PARAGRAPHERS.

The story that Mrs. Nation is going to start as Little Eva is indignantly denied.—Minneapolis Journal.

The sultan seems to really enjoy having the warships of all nations make ceremonious calls on him.—Washington Star.

Arizona is trying to prove that she is good for something, after all, and announces that her climate will cure tuberculosis.—Montana Record.

The billion steel trust is paying off a portion of its war expenses by putting up the price of lighting rods 20 per cent.—Philadelphia Record.

It is doubtful whether even the mosquito would be depraved enough to carry about its person the germs of political corruption.—Mail and Express.

A review of the foreign editorial opinion shows that this country is being seriously accused of looking out for its own interests.—Washington Post.

If Colonel Roosevelt expects to make the race for the presidency, it is evident he will not have the support of the Washington Post.—Duluth Herald.

A Topeka judge has fixed the fine for a woman who whips her husband at only $10. Slowly, but surely, woman is coming into her rights.—Buffalo Express.

Thanks to an acoustic detecter, those who fire smokeless powder from ambush can be immediately located. Now for a noiseless powder.—Denver Republican.

Two hundred golf players are reported to have been shocked by a storm at Altoona, Pa. It must have rained plain water instead of club soda.—Chicago Journal.

And yet, if Mark Hanna really should try for the presidency, we don't know of any Democrat in the multitude that could prevent him from getting it.—Chicago Tribune.

The rain that fell in Texas a few days ago was especially welcome. The people of that state are so sick of oil that they were glad to see some water once again.—Kansas City Star.

Another cargo of teachers for the Philippines has sailed from San Francisco, and the persons authorized to solemnize marriages in Hawaii are thinking of getting up a combination and watering the stock.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

NIGHT WAS HER TERROR.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but, when all other medicines failed, three $1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 28 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50 cents and $1.00. Trial bottle free at Hart's Drug Store.

French influences are at work to encourage the use of the French language in Canada. English is the language for Canada, and the insistence upon the French has in some sections led to the creation of a bastard lingo, neither French nor anything else.

A FIREMAN'S CLOSE CALL.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa, "I was weak and jaundiced; any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Hart's Drug Store. Price 50 cents.

The rumor that Germany holds the United States in any measure responsible for the trouble in South Africa and South America does both countries an injustice. It charges one with being an idiot and the other a knave. Probably the correspondent is a combination of these two.

FOR PNEUMONIA.

Dr. J. C. Bishop, Agnew, Mich., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia with good results in every case." Beware of substitutes. HART'S DRUG STORE.

Several innocent men have been lynched in the last few days. When a mob executes exact justice it is superior to the average mob.

Frank Treadwell, Bennett, Ia., was troubled with kidney disease for six years. He writes: "I had taken several kinds of kidney remedies, but with little benefit. Finally I tried Foley's Kidney Cure and a one dollar bottle cured me." HART'S DRUG STORE.

Attorney Lewis feels repaid for a long struggle in behalf of Nordstrom. One paper in the East printed the fellow's picture when giving an account of the client's execution.

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There are enough Armenians to discourage the project of examination directed against them.

R. W. Pursell, Kintersville, Pa., says he suffered 25 years with piles and could obtain no relief until DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve effected a permanent cure. Counterfeits are worthless. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

Dewey declared not long ago that he would not be interviewed any more. He seems to have adhered to the resolution from dock to dock. It happened there were no reporters aboard.

Sid Darling, 1012 Howard street, Port Huron, Mich., writes: "I have tried many pills and laxatives, but DeWitt's Little Early Risers are far the best pills I have ever used." They never gripe. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

Bird S. Coler, who enjoys the unique distinction of being the only honest politician in New York city, is mentioned for mayor. Of course he will be opposed by Tammany.

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Brazilians seem to be awakening to the fact that the republic under which they live is more or less of a joke. They seem to think the joke is on them.

Henry Brayden, Hitris, N. C., says: "I took medicine 20 years for asthma but one bottle of One Minute Cough Cure did me more good than any thing else during that time." Best Cough Cure." CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

Several towns are to have conventions of the Smith family, and every town in the United States has material for such an event.

Norris Silver, North Stranford, N. H., "I purchased a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure when suffering with a cough doctors told me was incurable. One bottle relieved me, the second and third almost cured. Today I am a well man." CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

Murderer O'Brien, who came to a sudden end of rope in Dawson, must be given credit for not having invited anybody to meet him in heaven.

Many physicians are now prescribing Kodol Dyspepsia Cure regularly having found that it is the best prescription they can write because it is the one preparation which contains the elements necessary to digest not only some kinds of food but all kind and it therefore cures indigestion and dyspepsia no matter what its cause. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

A young Turkish writer has been condemned to death by the sultan, but as he is in Paris now there is scant probability of his going back to his native land to be executed.

George W. Lane, Pewamo, Mich., writes: "Your Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is the best remedy for indigestion and stomach troubles that I ever used. For years I suffered from dyspepsia, at times compelling me to stay in bed and causing me untold agony. I am completely cured by Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. In recommending it to friends who suffer from indigestion I always offer to pay for it if it fails. Thus far I have never paid." CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

An interesting feature of the naval inquiry will be the ascertaining of the men responsible for the charges in official records. Also why all these charges have been injurious to Admiral Schley.

You should know that Foley's Honey and Tar is absolutely the best for all diseases of the throat and lungs. Dealers are authorized to guarantee it for your satisfaction. HART'S DRUG STORE.

Both the negroes and whites in many parts seem determined to have a race war. Neither side has figured out where the profit is to come in.

N. Jackson, Danville, Ill., writes: "My daughter had a severe attack of la grippe and a terrible cough settled in her lungs. We tried a great many remedies without giving relief. She took Foley's Honey and Tar, which cured her. She has never been troubled with a cough since." HART'S DRUG STORE.

Chicago police are to be tried for various misdemeanors. Chicago does not propose that New York shall be ahead in showing of wickedness.

La Grippe coughs often continue for months and sometimes lead to fatal results after the patient is supposed to have passed the danger point. Foley's Honey and Tar affords positive protection and security from these coughs. HART'S DRUG STORE.

A time has been set for Premier Salisbury to retire. The Pall Mall Gazette has taken the liberty of setting it.

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Several hundred school girls were asked recently which they preferred to be—men or women. Thy preferred the gentler sex. In this they will have unanimous masculine endorsement.

W. T. Wyancy, Paducah, Ky., writes: "I had a severe case of kidney disease and three of the best physicians in western Kentucky treated me without results. I was induced to try Foley's Kidney Cure. The first bottle gave immediate relief and three bottles cured me permanently. I gladly recommend this wonderful remedy." Take no substitute. HART'S DRUG STORE.

A writer named Vignaud has given the world a book to prove that Columbus did not discover America. Nevertheless, some of us will cling to the old, old faith.

SAYS HE WAS TORTURED.

"I suffered such pain from corns I could hardly walk," writes H. Robinson, Hillsborough, Ill., "but Bucklen's Arnica Salve completely cured them." Acts like magic on sprains, bruises, cuts, sores, scalds, burns, boils, ulcers. Best healer of skin diseases and piles. Cure guaranteed by Hart's Drug Store. Price 25 cents.

From Various Sources.

AN ANTI-NUPTIAL AGREEMENT.

The Groom Could go Barefooted or Bare Anything Else, and the Bride the Same.

Kansas City Journal.

"One night a few weeks ago," said Col. M. Carnes, the noted dead master, "I noticed a tidy-dressed farmer-like looking man walking about the station, who appeared very ill at ease. I observed that he had on a long-tailed black coat, a white shirt, and a pair of good stiff looking shoes, all evidently new. After I had sized him up I concluded that he was not accustomed to being dressed up, and that his shoes were hurting him.

"I approached him and asked: 'Shoes pinching you, aren't they?'

"'Yes,' he replied. 'They're new, and the pizzened-faked things air makin' me awful uncomfortable like.'

"'Why don't you sit down and take them off?' I asked. 'There's no law against it.'

"'Say,' he replied, 'you don't know what you're sayin' to me. I got myself in a right of trouble once by goin' barefooted. My wife left me on account of it, and got a divorce.'

"'Indeed,' I replied, inquiringly.

"'Yes,' he continued, 'she got a divorce, and one of the charges she made against me was that I wouldn't wear no shoes, and that my barefoot caused her great humiliation when her friends came to see her. You see, I'm a farmer, and when it's hot in the summer I like to go without my shoes. This woman of mine was very proud, and because I wouldn't suffer just to suit her off she went.'

"About two weeks later," Col. Carnes continued, "my attention was attracted by the presence of this same man in the station. He wore the same clothes and tight pair of shoes and looked more uncomfortable than before. With him was a big, strong, buxom young woman, and I at once decided that he had been getting married again. I went over to him and said:

"'Well, I suppose congratulations are in order?'

"'Yes,' he replied, blushing and looking more restless than ever, 'this is my wife.'

"'How about it?' I asked, 'has this one agreed to let you go without your shoes?'

"'You bet,' his bride replied. 'I ain't no fool. He can go barefooted, bareheaded or bare anything else if he wants to while he lives with me, an' I'm goin' to do the same.'"

Col. Carnes says that a few minutes later he saw the happy couple catch a train for their future place of residence at Nevada, Mo.

OFF THE DESERT FOR A BREATH

After Fifteen Years in Death Valley He Goes Away for a Whiff of Cool Air.

San Francisco Examiner.

Mont Lee, most miserable of men, has come back from his hard-to-reach haunts in Death Valley to God's country. Grey the Modoc knows it—the California breeze is balmy compared to the fire breath of pure and dry air that has scorched his lungs in fifteen years.

Mont Lee is the only man whom the terrors and privations of Death Valley cannot make afraid. He is the only man who can dwell in the shadow of the Funeral mountains and not go mad under the doleful strain to which mind and body are their subjects. He is the only man among all the hundred who have dared the deadly dangers of that desert furnace that fate has spared; the only one who can dwell from year to year in the hottest spot on earth, where the thermometer climbs to 140 degrees in the shade and the cruel heat waves beat incessantly upon their human victim until, praying with parched lips for water, he sinks dying to the sun-baked earth, a spectacle to haunt forever the member—a crazed and gibbering thing that is more mummy than man, the life choked out of him by that demon of the desert sands—thirst.

From Death Valley, hotbed of human suffering, grave of human despair, comes the man whom the demon of thirst has thus far tortured in vain. For the first time in fifteen years of physical torment he gazed upon green trees and fertile fields and sees Nature smiling benighly upon her children, while yonder, by the frowning Funeral mountains, she shows a mood so merciless that man, languishing upon her burning bosom, wither into shapes that none can recognize, and perish, cursing her to the last.

But Mont Lee has not come to God's country to stay.

He is going back. In a few days the desert will claim him. Mont Lee has declared that Death Valley will never "down him," and he has daily fought death for fifteen dreary, desperate, lonely years.

The reason why Mont Lee dwells on desert sands under a sky from which not so much as one pitying raindrop ever falls is simple enough. He earns a living there. The sum would not seem much to tempt—$75 monthly and expenses—but it is sufficient to lure Mont Lee and hold him there, year after year.

For fifteen years Mont Lee has had charge of the Pacific Coast Borax Company's claim in Death Valley. For the past five years he has lived at the mouth of Furnace creek, near the Greenland ranch, 200 feet below the sea level on alkali ground. He has outlived every man who has worked with him in the valley. One after another he has watched them sicken and die or go mad with the misery that death only can relieve. His task has been to keep the sand and alkali from destroying their wooden headstones. Grim, stolid, undaunted, he has stuck to his post, with the demon lurking ever near ready to slay. His health is not what it was when he ventured first into the valley, though he is still strong and burly of face and figure. If the awfulness of his surroundings weighs upon his spirit he does not betray his emotion.

Lee has a young wife and several half-breed children. His Indian companions remains with him only a part of the year.

Lee's pale is proposed by many men in who wonders at his resolutesness. It was predicted last year by an old and experienced desert ranger named Bennett, of Ash Meadows, Nev., who lost his life within a quarter of a mile of Bennett's wells in Death Valley. Bennett was crossing to the Hot Springs, and the terrible man visited him of his reason. Jumping from the wagon he lay off his leather and grovelled in the alkali for water, although there were water barrels and shovels in his outfit. Mont Lee saw Bennett die. He scoffs at the suggestion that he too will some day succumb in the same way.

"Death Valley," he repeats, "will never down me."

There is little danger of sunstroke in the valley. The air is too dry for that. No mirrors veile the sun's glare and moisture is unknown. The heat creeps the foot inches the few until the blood starts awells the tongue sucks its moisture from the body and then comes madness, and upon the heels of madness trends the specific. Death.

Mont Lee has a brother, Sam, who assists him in his work. They have helped to hunt and bury scores of bodies since they went into the valley. It is the custom of miners in the desert to establish the grave of an unknown wayfarer by a piece of scantling at the head and foot of each lone grave. Sandstorms bear away the humble monuments and the next passerby replaces them. Our Lee's way back to civilization recently he repaired the graves of the five soldiers who lost their lives in the Fremont expedition.

It is now planned to provide Death Valley with sheet iron milestones with engraved directions, that will be heat and wind proof, guiding to the Silent water tools. Frequent jar these venom-infested pools Mont Lee has been compelled to strain his drinking water through a towel.

You bet he is going back.

SEIZED A CIRCUS ELEPHANT

But the Constable Concluded Two Mules Were More in His Line.

Louisville Courier-Journal.

When Magistrate Hause of Jeffersonville sends an officer after property to be attached he instructs him to take possession of something of value.

Tommy Plummer, wearing barely enough clothing to distract Bob's orgies, went the office of the magistrate and said his master.

"I have seen a canvasman with John Robinson's show," said the young man. "When I asked for my money at Washington, D. C., I was paid by being kicked off the lot. I followed the show to Jeffersonville."

"Young man," answered Magistrate Hause, "I feel a little sorry, and I shall proceed to make these people get down on the money."

A writ of attachment was placed in Constable Kirk's hands with the explanation:

"This man says there are seven elephants with this show. Bring one down to the office. We will give the natives a sensation."

Kirk started for the show grounds. He sought the manager. This gentleman carried down to Magistrate Hause's office. The court was informed that Plummer had $1 coming to him.

"Understand, we pay no costs, squire," concluded the showman.

Magistrate Hause is healthy and is trying to add to his bank account; consequently, he does not stand for bluffs or suggestions.

"Oh, I don't know," he cheerily answered. "Business is business with me. If you owe Thornton, there is nothing to it but to settle, costs and all."

Kirk meanwhile was trying to charm the elephant. He had heard that friendship with the brutes was possible through peanuts. He accordingly spent his loose change in an effort to get on speaking terms with the beast.

The showman returned and urged the constable to take the elephant. Kirk spoke to the animal, but it probably knew all about attachments, for it swished tail and trunk simultaneously and snorted until it resembled thunder. Others of the elephant family elevated their trunks. There was trouble in the air.

"Take him along, why don't you?" continued the showman, noting Kirk's helplessness.

"No, I can't," he said. The circus was being rapidly loaded on the cars. Kirk spied three mules.

"Aha," he mused, "three mules ought to do," and he took them in charge. The animals were of the tricky kind. They bucked at first, but were not as wise as the elephant, for they at last permitted themselves to be led to Hause's office.

The court was in bed, but he came out and greeted his friend. Just then the show people arrived with a bondsman, G. A. Scheer, agent of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. The mules were taken to the train.

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