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CUBA'S FOREIGN TRADE

The customs officials at Havana re port that for the three months of July August and September the imports into Cuba from the United States were valued at \$5,361,795 in a total importation for the period valued at \$14,316,272. That is a gratifying showing at first Cuba bought very much more from us than from any other country. her total foreign purchases she took considerably less than half from the country whose government set her free-only 39 percent, while she bought 61 percent of her foreign goods from other countries.

These purchases were widely dis tributed. From Spain the people of Cuba took 17 percent, 13 percent from England, 5 percent from France and 5 percent from Germany. From countries in the western hemisphere other than the United States the Imports were 18 percent, other countries in Europe 2 percent and from elsewhere In these figures are clearly shown the force of habit and trade tra-Cuba still goes to Spain for a good bit of her foreign goods-17 percent in that three months' period-and the reason is, in large measure, because Spain knows exactly what sort of wares the Cubans like and will buy freely.

On the other hand, Spain herself took only 3 percent of the exports from Cuba during these three months. Possibly, Spain wouldn't buy a single dollar's gist's worth, if she could help it. To the United States went 82 percent of these Cuban exports, 7 percent to England, 4 percent to Germany and 1 percent to

To summarize, the people of the United States are buying \$2 percent of what of your friends or relatives in the east Cuba exports; the Cubans are buying are coming west while these rates are of the United States only 39 percent of in effect, give us their name and adwhat they import. We are doing vastly better by them than they are by us. If the ratification of the Cuban treaty would help to equalize this trade- and it is quite generally agreed that it would-congress shouldn't hold that instrument up another day.

An excellent recommendation was made by the committee on hygiene of Trumbull, Com'l. agent Ill. Cent. R R. State Medical society in its report on tuberculosis to the convention at Albany this week, says the New York Commercial. It was that of compulsory registration in the proper office by every physician of every case of tuberculosis, and that in case of death the house be thoroughly disinfected by the proper health officers. This is an intelifgent and common sense view of a most deadly disease and of the precautions necessary to check its spread, to stamp it out and help the afflicted. The committee recommended a lafter taking it I felt as well as I ever receiving hospital in every city, and did in my life." Weak, sickly, rundown county seat in thinly settled districts, to which should be sent every case of Satisfaction guaranteed by Charles tuberculosis among the poor. From Rogers, druggist. Price 50 cents. there incipient cases would be sent to the state sanitarium for the poor. The physicians take the position that cures are possible in almost every stage of ment. At any drug store, 50 cents. the disease under favorable conditions, blosc SHR SH RSHR SDHLRLL-Persons suffering from tuberculosis surrounded by unfavorable conditions as they are bound to be in the crowded tenements, are certain to die; not only that, but they are a source of contagion | es. burns, scalds, sore feet of stiff joints and others who occupy their rooms and beds invariably contract the disease That is why it has spread so in the last few years. If we recognize the danger and take the proper course to meet It, as the physicians recommend in their convention, it is only a question of time when the discuse will be eradicated. Pesides, those of the poor already afflicted would receive better attention than they possibly could get at their homes, and there would be the additional chance of working a cure. There are many plagues that cause us to shy the castor of quarantine at sis-

all. Action is needed.

ter states and cities, but tuberculosis

in the most dangerous, the most insidi-

no state is exempt. Laws that are ap-

plicable in New York are aplicable to

matter of health precautionary meas-Says that journal: "Not only the profession but also the public is awaking to the fact that the present condition of sanatary administration or, rather, anarchy, in Oregon is no longer tolerable. The fact seems to be dawning upon us that Oregon is one of the only three states in the Union which are not provided with a state board of health, and several of the sem civilized territories are ahead of her in this respect. What makes the situation worse is that the only authorities having any power of dealing with cases of infectious disease are the city physicians and the county physicians, and that many counties in the state do not even appoint a county physician. So that the situation has presented itself time and again of cases and epidemics of infectious diseases upon the very edge of the city limits of a town pouring their contagion across the imaginary boundary continually, and yet utterly beyond the control of any legally constituted authority. It is not exaggeration to say-in fact, it has been proven most painfully by repeated instances within the past two years-tha cases of diphtheria, of smallpox and of scarlet fever may occur in the outlying districts of the town, just over the city line, and be utterly beyond any quarantine regulations whatever, except what they may choose to submit to themselves. The only recourse that the municipality has is the ancient and barbaric method of establishing a cordon of police and preventing by force of arms the members of the infected fam-

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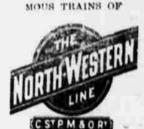
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