

ROOSEVELT PLEADS

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mal school, an agricultural school, three industrial and three high schools. Every effort is being made to secure not only the benefits of elementary education to all the Porto Ricans of the next generation, but also as far as means will permit to train them so that the industrial, agricultural and commercial opportunities of the island can be utilized to the best possible advantage. It was evident at a glance that the teachers, both Americans and native Porto Ricans, were devoted to their work, took the greatest pride in it, and were endeavoring to train their pupils, not only in mind, but in what counts for far more than mind in citizenship, that is, in character.

I was very much struck by the excellent character both of the insular police and of the Porto Rican regiment. They are both of them bodies that reflect credit upon the American administration of the island. The insular police are under local Porto Rican government. The Porto Rican regiment of troops must be appropriated for by the congress. I earnestly hope that this body will be kept permanent. There should certainly be troops in the island, and it is wise that these troops should be themselves native Porto Ricans. It would be from every standpoint a mistake not to perpetuate this regiment.

Sugar and Tobacco.

In traversing the island even the most cursory survey leaves the beholder struck with the evident rapid growth in the culture both of the sugar cane and tobacco. The fruit industry is also growing. Last year was the most prosperous year that the island has ever known before or since the American occupation. The total of exports and imports of the island was forty-five millions of dollars as against eighteen millions in 1901. This is the largest in the island's history. Prior to the American occupation the greatest trade for any one year was that of 1894, when it reached nearly twenty-three millions of dollars. Last year, therefore, there was double the trade that there was in the most prosperous year under the Spanish regime. There were 210,375 tons of sugar exported last year of the value of \$14,184,419, \$5,656,163 of tobacco and 28,390,322 pounds of coffee of the value of \$3,483,192. Unfortunately, what used to be Porto Rico's prime crop—coffee—has never recovered from the disaster of the hurricane, and moreover, the benefit of throwing open our market to it has not

compensated for the loss inflicted by the disaster of the market to it abroad. I call your attention to the accompanying memorial on this subject, of the board of trade of San Juan, and I earnestly hope that some measure will be taken for the benefit of this excellent and high grade Porto Rican coffee.

In addition to delegations from the board of trade and chamber of commerce of San Juan, I also received delegations from the Porto Rican Federation of Labor and from the Coffee Growers' association.

American Citizenship. There is a matter to which I wish to call your special attention, and that is the desirability of conferring full American citizenship upon the people of Porto Rico. I most earnestly hope that this will be done. I cannot see how any harm can possibly result from it, and it seems to me a matter of right and justice to the people of Porto Rico. They are loyal, they are glad to be under our flag, they are making rapid progress along the path of orderly liberty. Surely we should show our appreciation of them, our pride in what they have done, and our pleasure in extending recognition for what has thus been done, by granting them full American citizenship.

Under the wise administration of the present governor and council, marked progress has been made in the difficult matter of granting to the people of the island the largest measure of self-government that can with safety be given at the present time. It would have been a very serious mistake to have gone any faster than we have already gone in this direction.

The Porto Ricans have complete and absolute autonomy in all their municipal governments, the only power over them possessed by the insular government being that of removing corrupt or incompetent municipal officials. This power has never been exercised save on the clearest proof of corruption or of incompetence—such as to jeopardize the interests of the people of the island; and under such circumstances it has been fearlessly used to the immense benefit of the people. It is not a power with which it would be safe, for the sake of the island itself, to dispense at present. The lower house is absolutely elective, while the upper house is appointive. This scheme is working well; no injustice of any kind results from it, and great benefit to the island, and it should certainly not be changed at this time.

People Run Elections.

The machinery of the elections is administered entirely by the Porto Rican people themselves, the governor and council keeping only such supervision as is necessary in order to insure an orderly election. Any protest as to electoral frauds is settled in the courts. Here again it would not be safe to

make any change in the present system. The elections this year were absolutely orderly, unaccompanied by any disturbance; and no protest has been made against the management of the elections, although three serious threats were made where the majorities were very small and error was claimed; the contests, of course, to be settled in the courts. In short, the governor and council are cooperating with all the most enlightened and most patriotic of the people of Porto Rico in educating the citizens of the island in the principles of orderly liberty. They are providing a government based upon such citizens' self-respect, and the mutual respect of all citizens; that is, based upon a rigid observance of the principles of justice and honesty.

It has not been easy to instill into the minds of people unaccustomed to the exercise of freedom the two basic principles of our American system; the principle that the majority must rule, and the principle that the minority has rights which must not be disregarded or trampled upon. Yet real progress has been made in having these principles accepted as elementary; as the foundations of successful self-government.

I transmit herewith the report of the governor of Porto Rico, sent to the president through the secretary of state.

One Insular Bureau.

All the insular governments should be placed in one bureau, either in the department of war or the department of state. It is a mistake not to so arrange our handling of these islands at Washington as to be able to take advantage of the experience gained in one, when dealing with the problems that from time to time arise in another.

In conclusion, let me express my admiration for the work done by the congress when it enacted the law under which the island is now being administered. After seeing the island personally, and after five years' experience in connection with its administration, it is but fair to those who devised this law to say that it would be well nigh impossible to have devised any other which in the actual working would have accomplished better results.

Salem Degree of Honor Officers.

Salem, Or., Dec. 11.—Salem lodge, No. 19, Degree of Honor, has elected the following officers: Mrs. Margaret West, P. O. H.; Mrs. Anna Miller, C. of H.; Mrs. Villa A. Davey, C. of C.; Mrs. Laura A. Sellwood, recorder; Mrs. Mary A. Thatcher, financier; Mrs. Carrie M. Holman, receiver; Mrs. Sylvia Vieska, L. U.; Mrs. Jane Van Wagner, I. W.; Mrs. Nettie McFadden, O. W.; Millie Pugh, trustee for three years.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Duggie's brand name if it falls to cure. S. W. GROVER'S signature is on each box. 2c.

RAILROAD WANTS SCHOOL LAND

St. Paul Line Trying to Buy Stephens Property at East Third and Mill.

PRICE OFFERED IS REFUSED BY BOARD

Twelve Thousand Dollars Believed to Be Too Little for the Property, and Twenty Thousand May Be Asked by the Directors.

The St. Paul railway is seeking a block of school property in Portland in the opinion of the board of education. The railway has offered \$12,000 for it, but the directors believe \$20,000 would be nearer right.

The property covers a little over one and a half blocks and lies at East Third and East Mill streets. An agent of what is believed to be the St. Paul road has made several offers for it, and has at last come up to \$12,000. Herman Wittenberg reported the new offer to the directors last evening, and his suggestion that it be refused was adopted.

This property is close to the right of way of the Southern Pacific and is known as the Stephens property. The "box" building district in Multnomah addition \$4,000 has been offered by other persons. "That's a fair price now, but property is going up all the time, and it isn't costing up a cent to hold it," said Wittenberg. This offer probably will be also declined.

School Tax Levy.

It is probable that \$ 1/2 mills, the same as last year, will be recommended by the directors as the school levy for 1907. The annual taxpayers' meeting will be held December 27. As the valuation of city property is now over \$20,000,000 this levy will produce a much larger sum than has ever been at the disposal of the directors. But from all quarters come demands for more teachers, more rooms and more apparatus. At present, for instance, two more rooms must be provided for the February term next year.

Hereafter janitors of schools having 10 rooms or more will receive \$76 a month instead of \$70, and those caring for 20 rooms will get \$100 instead of \$82.50. Out of this must be paid all the assistants' wages. I. N. Fleischer recommended this increase and also that of \$100 of the high school, which has 25 rooms, get \$135. Mr. Wittenberg objected, declaring that one man at \$75 and another at \$50 could do all the work required. But for the rest of this term at least \$135 will be added among the three men now cleaning the building every day, as Mr. Wittenberg was overruled.

Playful members of the Alumni association of the Union Park school had entered the building without permission and had "rough housed" it. Mr. Wittenberg suggested that if they did so again they be arrested, but chairman Beach thought instructions to the janitor not to give up the key without a written order sufficient.

Mrs. Fannie Wheeler, a teacher in the Stephens school, tendered her resignation, which was accepted.

TEST WELLS WANTED ON AGENCY PLAINS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Madras, Or., Dec. 11.—Residents of the Agency Plains, a district comprising over 100 square miles of wheat land adjacent to Madras, will shortly circulate for signatures a petition to the Oregon legislature asking for an appropriation for the purpose of drilling deep wells on the plains. The amount of appropriation desired is \$8,000. The farmers point out that if they know beyond question at what depth water could be found, individual wells might be drilled by the farmers, who could go at the work with the assurance that their property would easily be increased in value more than the cost of drilling the wells. Furthermore, it is stated that to solve the water problem of the Agency Plains would in time prove a good investment to the state, as the increased taxes from that region would more than repay the state treasury the amount of the appropriation.

FOR MIDNIGHT BARS IN HOTELS OF BOSTON

(Journal Special Service.) Boston, Dec. 11.—Municipal elections are being held in a number of the larger cities of Massachusetts today. In addition to choosing members of the city council the citizens of Boston are voting on the question of granting the additional privilege of selling liquor on week days in hotels from 11 until 12 o'clock midnight.

The excise board, if the proposition carries, will have authority to issue them midnight licenses, costing \$500 apiece, to 25 first-class hotels. The chamber of commerce and business men generally are supporting the proposition in the belief that its adoption would prove a benefit to the business interests of the city.

OFF TO HEPNER TO FRAME BIG LEAGUE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Portland, Or., Dec. 11.—This morning at 9:30 o'clock a large delegation of Umatilla county citizens left for Heppner on the excursion train run by the Umatilla County Development league from this city. It will be held at Heppner for the purpose of organizing the Third District Development league, to be composed of Morrow and Umatilla counties.

The people of Heppner have prepared an elaborate program for this occasion, and the Umatilla county delegates will be hospitably entertained.

DESCHUTES LAND AND WATER CASE AGAIN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Madras, Or., Dec. 11.—Petitions addressed to the secretary of the interior asking that the right of way for the Oregon Trunk Line railroad up the Deschutes river be granted are now being signed throughout this locality. The obstacle which stands in the way of the railroad is the recent filling in of the river by the reclamation service for a power site, which is proposed for the purpose of generating electricity for pumping water in connection with the Umatilla government irrigation project.

There are many want ads in today's Journal that will interest you.

The Best in Quality The Most in Value. The Roberts Bros. THIRDO AND MORRISON. Portland's Fastest-Growing Store.

Great Holiday Crowds Now Throng Our Aisles

All previous holiday sales' records are being broken daily—even last year's highest records. The store is fully prepared for this immense activity—stocks are more complete in assortment, extra salespeople better trained, service better arranged for quickness and more extra space given to display goods than ever before. As the great volume of trade grows day by day this store with its unequalled equipment in space, merchandise, organization and value-giving power will clearly demonstrate beyond all question of doubt that Roberts Bros.' store is the Buying Headquarters for all ECONOMICAL SHOPPERS.

EXCEPTIONAL VALUES IN Dress Goods and Silks Start the Xmas Buying Now

Dress Goods or Silks in waist, skirt or suit lengths are very acceptable Xmas gifts. These very special seasonal items from these popular sections demonstrate more fully our supremacy in value giving:

- 38-inch All Wool Henriettas, all colors, 50c per yard.
42-inch silk finished Henriettas, all colors, 75c per yard.
45-inch silk warp Henriettas, all colors, per yard. \$1.25
38-inch all wool Batiste, all colors, per yard. 50c
45-inch all wool Taffeta, all colors, per yard. 75c
38-inch all wool Crepe Poplin, all colors, per yard. 85c
44-inch all wool French Prunella, all colors, per yard. \$1.00
44-inch all wool French Serge, all colors, per yard. 75c
52-inch all wool American Panama, all colors, per yard. 85c
56-inch all wool French Panama, all colors, per yard. \$1.25
Two Xmas Specials in the Silk Department
Chepe de Chine—23 inches wide, very popular this season for gowns, waists, scarfs, etc., colors light blue, pink, lavender, Nile green, tan, steel, cream and black; our regular \$1.79c. Special price tomorrow.
Plain Colored Jap Silk—27 inches wide; extra heavy quality, all the leading shades as well as cream and black; sold all over the city at 65c. Our price, per yard. 50c
Priestley's Cravenettes
An exceptionally good showing of Priestley's rainproof cloth, in tan, brown, Oxford, castor and green; our regular \$2.00 and \$2.25 grades. On sale at, per yard—\$1.50 \$1.75
New Winter Coating
Another splendid assortment of heavy Cloaking, in fancy checks, light and dark colors. Special price tomorrow. \$1.50
44-inch all wool Taffeta, all colors, per yard. \$1.00
42-inch all wool Melrose, all colors, per yard. \$1.00
Christmas Novelties in the Notion Department
Handkerchief and Glove Boxes, all sizes and styles. Prices 25c up to. \$1.75
Work Boxes, complete assortment. Prices 15c up to. \$1.50
Bonnet Brushes, silver mounted. Special price. \$1.00

Tapestry Table Covers, Portieres and Couch Covers

Can be bought here tomorrow at a big saving. Tomorrow we will place on sale several special lots selected from our regular stock. The designs are neat and effective and include many handsome patterns in plain and fancy colorings. As these goods will be in great demand in the near future for holiday gifts, we suggest that you supply your needs now.

- 75c for Hungarian Table Spreads, full 4-4 size, reversible, finished with knotted fringe. Special value, each. 75c
50c for Armure Tapestry Table Covers, 6-4 size, pretty two-toned effects, assortment of patterns, each. 50c
25c for Tapestry Table Covers, 4-4 size, large assortment of rich two-toned effects. Splendid value, each. 25c
\$3.00 for Hungarian Tapestry Table Covers, finished with heavy knotted fringe, rich Turkish colors. An extraordinary value at. \$3.00
\$2.25 for Ottoman Tapestry Table Covers, reversible, finished with heavy knotted fringe, colors blue, brown, red and green, full 8-4 size. Price, each. \$2.25
\$1.95 for Kashgar Tapestry Table Covers, full 6-4 size, rich oriental colorings, heavy knotted fringe, reversible, assortment of designs. Good values, each. \$1.95
95c for Armure Tapestry Table Covers, 8-4 size, large assortment of pretty two-toned effects. Exceptional value, each. 95c
Couch Covers
40 inches by 3 yards, Roman and Oriental Striped Couch Covers, reversible, fringed. Splendid value, each. \$1.00
50 inches by 3 yards, Roman and Oriental striped patterns, reversible, assortment of colorings, each. \$1.35
Couch Covers, Continued
60 inches by 3 yards, Ottoman Couch Covers, pretty two-toned effects, finished with heavy knotted fringe. On sale at, each. \$3.25
Portieres
42 inches by 3 yards, Tapestry Portieres, pretty two-toned effects, heavy knotted fringe. Splendid value, per pair. \$2.50
52 inches by 3 yards, Roman and Oriental Striped Tapestry Portieres, finished with heavy knotted fringe, large assortment of colorings. Pair. \$2.95
46 inches by 3 yards, Figured Repp Portieres, with rich Persian band borders; also plain colors, red and green. Exceptional values, per pair. \$3.90
50 inches by 3 yards, Tapestry Portieres, made of heavy mercerized yarn, finished with heavy fringe; plain colors, red, myrtle and olive-green. Splendid value, per pair. \$5.50
50 inches by 3 yards, Imitation Silk Moire Tapestry Portieres, highly mercerized, edged with novelty braid, large assortment of colors. Price, per pair. \$7.50
50 inches by 3 yards, Duplex Corded Edge Portieres, highly mercerized, beautiful designs, handsome color combinations, cream and green, red and olive. Price, per pair. \$12.50

A HOLIDAY SALE Christmas Handkerchiefs IN THE BUSY AISLE. It's easy to think of Handkerchiefs when it comes to gifts—that's why this is one of the most popular sections of the store at Christmas time and why you should supply your needs at the earliest possible moment before the variety is broken. Women's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, half dozen in fancy box, 83c our \$1.25 quality. Special price. Women's Fancy Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs, half dozen in box, our regular \$2.25 grade. Special price, per box. \$1.48

Holiday Ribbon Specials. No. 100 5-inch Taffeta, all colors, per yard. 10c. No. 60 4-inch Plaids, pretty colorings, per yard. 18c. No. 100 5-inch Holly Ribbon; special, per yd. 12c. No. 40 2 1/2-inch Holly Ribbon; special, per yd. 10c. Nos. 5, 7, 9 Plain Satin Taffeta and Holly, 10 yards in bunch; special at, bunch. 34c. No. 2, 3, 4 Plain Satin Taffeta and Holly, 10 yards in bunch; special at, per bunch. 33c. Xmas Neckwear. A special sample line of Women's Holiday Neckwear, values up to \$1.00, on sale tomorrow at. 44c.

Grand Special Holiday Offering Women's Sample Silk Hosiery—Choice Handsome Range of Colors, Tom'w, pr. \$1.00. 25 dozen Pure Silk Stockings for Women, comprising the sample line of one of the world's largest manufacturers, values from \$2.50 to \$3.50. Hardly two pairs alike. A splendid opportunity to secure an appropriate and rich Christmas gift. The lot will not last all day, so you must come early to share in this offering. Tomorrow, one day only, pair. \$1.00

1906. "If you advertise to sell pianos at fifty cents on the dollar—do it." An Extraordinarily Liberal Piano Proposition Made by the Reed-French Piano Co. Their First Christmas Here Will be Long Remembered by Fortunate Piano Buyers. A beautiful piano for \$240—payments to begin any time in January. Never before in the history of piano-selling in the Northwest has a "Before-Christmas Piano Sale" been arranged, and the conditions of this Reed-French announcement are most unusual. December is the very last month in the year a retailer will make close prices; as a rule, he expects to get top-notch prices on everything he sells for his holiday trade. This is true of every line of business, and pianos are no exceptions. In after years we will no doubt adopt this rule ourselves, but for the present we have turned our backs on immediate profit and look to the future for results. The Portland management of the Reed-French Piano Co., knowing how unusual it would be to announce a "Before-Christmas Sale," did not feel like making such announcement without its confirmation by our Eastern office. Read what our president has to say in this connection: "We agree with you in offering extraordinary inducements to interest piano-buyers in your Christmas work. My only suggestion is, if you advertise to sell a piano for fifty cents on the dollar, do it—do not mislead anybody in the least particular. Under ordinary circumstances I would consider it poor business to cut prices before Christmas, but in our case it is rather different—we need people, we have our reputation to make in Portland, and we want to get off on the right foot—it is a matter of small concern whether we make any immediate profit or not. You have my consent to sell pianos on the revised price list furnished me. First payments may be made on pianos quoted, any time in January. The Reed-French "Bijou" (this piano has met with phenomenal success in Portland) \$190. The Reed-French "Special" (made to sell for \$400 retail) \$241. The "Cable-Nelson" (the artistic Chicago piano) \$267. The "Schubert" (famous the world over) \$287. Large-size "Fischer" (used two years) \$220. "Kimball" (one year's slight usage) \$200. And throughout the house every piano is marked at comparatively strong discounts, an average of about 60 cents on the dollar. Store open nights until Christmas. Reed-French Piano Mfg. Co. "FROM MAKER TO PLAYER" SIXTH AND BURNSIDE STREETS. Our Phonograph Department is splendidly equipped, and terms for payment as liberal as in the Piano Department.