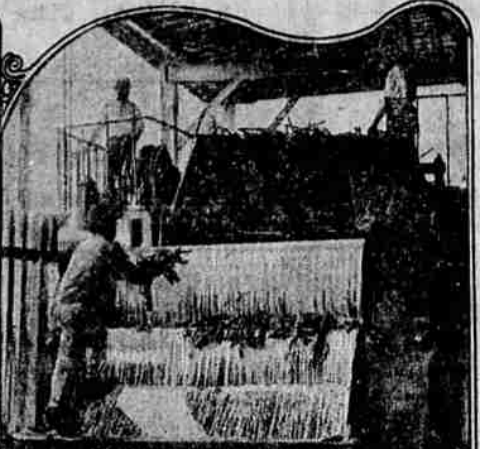


Modern Cuba Wins Her "Place in the Sun."



WOOD'S FOLLY, NEAR SANTIAGO, CUBA—ROAD THOUGHT IMPOSSIBLE TO BUILD.



PRODUCE EXCHANGE, HAVANA, CUBA—THE REPUBLIC'S COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL WELFARE IS CLOSELY INTERWOVEN WITH THAT OF THE UNITED STATES.



FIELD OF CUBAN TOBACCO—NEXT TO SUGAR CHIEF OF THE ISLAND'S RICH AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES.

FEW Americans realize that down in the Gulf of Mexico at our very gateway there has grown up in the last twenty years on the basis of a medieval Spanish colony a modern American state that, although politically independent, thanks to us, is to all intents and purposes practically a part of the United States.

THE PRADO OF HAVANA, CUBA—THIS CITY IS ONE OF THE MOST CHARMING CAPITALS OF THE WESTERN WORLD.

A realization of how little we know of this new land of Cuba was brought forcibly to public attention by the recent visit to this country of the Cuban Commercial Mission appointed by the President of Cuba to present Cuba's financial plight and to plead against the imposition of a 60 per cent increase in the tariff on Cuban sugar. This increase was enacted in the emergency tariff and is now making it difficult for Cuba to recover from the serious business and financial depression which afflicts the island.

Island out of the same economic and political disturbances which Spanish misrule caused. Cubans know that Spain taxed Cuba to death and brought upon herself the train of misfortunes in the island which resulted in the loss of Cuban territory. The plea of the Cuban mission in Washington was in effect that we do not follow the unfortunate example of Spain and lose Cuban markets for our exports.

The change that has taken place in Cuba since Spain was driven out of the island has come quickly, but so gradually that few of us realize it. Probably few know, for instance, that Havana can be reached by train to Key West in forty hours from Washington and the remaining ninety miles covered by airplane in one and one-half hours, a trip American and Cuban business men are constantly taking. It will be a surprise to many, too, to learn that a long distance telephone line has been established between New York and Havana and interconnecting points which is in almost hourly use.

mill yards of Cuba without transfer or cost of handling. Cuba is now our fourth largest international customer. It is this rich trade, dependent as it is upon the prosperity of Cuba's chief industry, the raising of sugar, that is menaced by the 60 per cent increase in the tariff on Cuban sugar enacted by the emergency tariff act.

There is a slang phrase of the street that runs something like this, "The bigger they are, the harder they fall." This could be applied to the Cuban situation, with reference to our responsibility for her welfare. We have made Cuba big. We have helped her to her advance in civilization all along the line. As a result of the close trade and transportation relations between the United States and Cuba the human differences between us and our national fosterchild are fast disappearing. We have made her big, we have made her part of us, financially and industrially, and we should see that she does not fall, as she is quite likely to if we raise a permanent tariff barrier which would have the effect of shutting out sugar, her chief product, from

the United States, her chief market. For we must remember that it takes years to readjust the crops of a nation or to build up new markets for her exports. Cuba's present shaky financial condition would not stand the strain of such a period of readjustment.

English has become the language of the Cuban business community. Young Cubans are being educated in the schools and colleges of the United States. Education has replaced ignorance, orderly government has supplanted anarchy, sanitation has ousted dirt, prosperity has succeeded to poverty, and all of this is dependent upon the prosperity of the sugar industry.

The development of education in the island is one of the most marked changes between the Cuba of today and that of two decades ago. In 1890 the population of the island was 1,572,791, of whom 1,400,884 were unable to read, 33,003 knew how to read, but could not write, while 10,158 had received some higher education. The change for the better began with American intervention when Alexis E. Frye was

attractive spot. It is a land of picturesque mountains, beautiful valleys, fertile plains and plateaus all overspread with luxuriant tropical verdure.

Its climate is free from extremes of temperature and other weather conditions which often make life in or near the tropics unpleasant to northerners.

And the man made environment of Cuba is equally delightful to the northern sojourner, particularly that of such modern cities as Havana. This city is one of the most delightful capitals in the western hemisphere. It is a city, modern in every respect that promotes comfort of living and up to date commercial activities, in a quaint, historic setting that dates back in part nearly 400 years. Havana today is a mixture of modern concrete and stone office buildings five or six stories high with little one or two story thick walled, tiled roofed structures, some of them 300 years or more old. It is a clean, sanitary town, far different from the fever infested city the Americans found there two short decades ago.

The chief railroad systems of Cuba are the United Railways of Havana, the Cuba Railway, with its subsidiary, the Camaguey and Nuevitas railway, and the Cuba Northern railway. They have an aggregate of about 2,300 miles of track.

Cuba's mineral wealth is just at the beginning of its development. The early Spanish dreams of gold in Cuba have never been realized, but they are supplanted today by actuality in the shape of rich deposits of copper, iron, manganese

and chrome. Asphalt and petroleum are also found in paying quantities, and in recent years numerous companies have been formed to develop these resources.

Cuba is also rich in timber. There are 367 varieties of valuable hard woods found in her forests. Of these only cedar and mahogany are imported to this country in any quantity. This natural resource has as yet been little exploited.

But in agriculture lies Cuba's wealth. Soil and climate combine to make her one of the most fertile bits of land on the globe. Sugar and tobacco, of course, are her principal crops, and in these the Cuban farmer has become a specialist. With an annual output of over 4,000,000 long tons of raw sugar she is far and away the greatest sugar producing country in the world. Her annual crop brings her in some \$250,000,000 today, and upon the prosperity of this one industry depends largely the general prosperity of the Cuban people. It can easily be seen then how much importance is attached to the present visit of the Cuban mission and its effort to avert the enactment of a ruinous American tariff against sugar, inasmuch as Cuba depends upon the United States as a market for half of her enormous sugar crop. Over a billion dollars, more than half American capital, is invested in sugar production in Cuba.

Tobacco, her second largest crop, is worth over \$50,000,000 a year to her. About three-fifths of this crop is exported, the greater part of it to the United States.

Two other agricultural products imported from Cuba to the United States in large quantities are pineapples and honey. Practically all of America's importations of pineapples, amounting to nearly \$4,000,000 a year, are from Cuba. Our imports of honey from Cuba amount to well over \$1,000,000 annually, or about half our total imports of that commodity.

Coffee is another large agricultural product of Cuba. Cubans are said to be the greatest coffee drinkers on earth.

Other considerable agricultural products are mangoes, citrus fruits, bananas, grapes, cacao, vanilla, potatoes, tomatoes, eggplants, peppers, okra, squash, beans, corn, wheat, rice and peanuts. Stock raising, including horses, cattle, hogs, sheep and goats, is followed to a considerable extent. Poultry raising is also a rapidly growing industry.

When the American government was established at Santiago in 1898 one of its first acts was to begin the stabilization of Cuban currency. This reform was completed by the Cuban Congress under the law of October 29, 1914, by which the Cuban gold peso, of weight and fineness similar to the American dollar, was declared to be unit and United States money legal tender.

In view of this close harmony of interests the visiting commission from this new Cuba holds that the erection of greater tariff walls between the two countries is illogical and harmful to the best interests of both.

CITY NEWS

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today after spending two days in Eugene. Mr. Pixley maintains his home in this city and is residing temporarily in the Lan county city.

Collects Bounty

L. D. Miller of Trent collected a \$2 bounty on a bobcat pett today.

Wife Gribble Ill

Mrs. C. E. Gribble, of the Applegate furniture company, was unable to attend to her duties at the Applegate furniture store today on account of illness.

Program on Friday Night

The program and Christmas tree to be held by the Congregational Sunday school will be on Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited.

License is Granted

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Takes Position at Bank

Miss Nell Sloan, stenographer and bookkeeper for the McCormack Auto company for the past six months, has taken a position in the bookkeeping department at the United States National bank.

Fuqua in Eugene

Ed Fuqua, who lives eight or ten miles west of Eugene on the Elmira road spent the day in Eugene transacting business.

New Deposit Boxes In

Ninety-six new steel safety deposit boxes have been installed this week in the reinforced concrete vault at the United States National bank. The boxes are 24 inches by 3 inches in size.

Going Home for Christmas

Miss Mildred Parks, stenographer in the offices of Potter, Foster and Immel,

is going to Roseburg Saturday to spend Christmas at her home.

Drive to Cottage Grove

Miss Maggie Burns, Mrs. Robert Marker and Mr. and Mrs. R. T. McMullen drove to Cottage Grove Tuesday to spend the day on business.

Bank Will Have Party

A Christmas party will be held by the employees of the United States National bank Friday afternoon after banking hours. Each employee will have a gift on the tree.

Return Home to Marcola

Mr. and Mrs. David Hill returned to their home at Fischer's camp near Marcola this afternoon after spending the day in Eugene on business.

Going to Portland

Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Whetstone are going to Portland on Friday to remain over Christmas. They will return the middle of next week.

McKenzie Men in Portland

"Shine" Edwards and Bill Montgomery who live on the McKenzie near the fish hatchery, are in Portland where Mr. Montgomery is receiving medical attention.

Leave for Roseburg

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Allen, of 209 Seventh avenue east, left last night for Roseburg where they will spend a few days visiting with relatives. Before concluding their vacation, they will journey to Portland for a short stay with friends.

Applegate Go Home

Fred Applegate returned to his home at Yoncalla today after spending Tuesday and Wednesday at the home of Albert Applegate in this city. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Fred Applegate and Mrs. Grant Applegate and son, Frederick, who have been here for a week shopping.

Eugene Attracts Sousa Band

That Eugene is the most beautiful place he was ever in (and his travels with the band have brought him to many places) is the opinion of E. W. Newcomb, solo cornetist with Sousa's band which played here last night. He has announced his intention of remaining here to live, as soon as he negotiates with the organization is concluded, declaring he can make some connection of a business nature. Mr. Newcomb, in addition to his work as soloist, is also a band director and arranger.

Renter Sues Woman

Charging that he rented her ranch and she promised to pay for hauling the hay, John Suxtor started suit in circuit court today against Fannie Gray. Suxtor alleges he rented the defendant's Linn county ranch known as the "Greymore" in December, 1919, and that it costs him \$561 to haul the hay. He charged that his landlady owes him for the hauling and for other labor amounts as follows: \$187, \$98, and \$42 with interest at six per cent.

BEEBE JURY COMPLETE

Albany, Ore., Dec. 21.—Jury in the first degree murder case of Carson D. (Pete) Beebe was completed early this afternoon and left immediately for the scene of the alleged crime near the Painter farm house at LaComb.

WILSON, GREB TO FIGHT

New York, Dec. 21.—Johnny Wilson, middleweight champion, and Harry Greb, signed up to meet at Madison Square garden on February 6.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR RENT—Furnished housekeeping rooms. Close in; light and water furnished. 251 West 8th St. tf

LOST—Knitted striped scarf in or around the University campus Wednesday night. Reward, Phone 6th 422

LOST—Boston bull terrier dog, Brown and white. Male. Phone 414-J 422

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