

Democratic Watchman

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THERE AINT NO FUN.

There aint no fun a-fishin when yore bait's a-... An you're the jug a-light'nin ever time you...

There aint no fun these mornin's when winter seems to float... An mix in with the weather, while yore last year's overcoat...

There aint no fun a-votin when the race aint very hot... When candidates seem keeterless an air just as apt as not...

To ask yore help for nothin, like any man can find... An take keer of his family of he gives away his vote.

—Atlanta Constitution.

Porto Rico.

A Fertile Country, Undeveloped under Spanish Sway.

The island of Porto Rico is the smaller of Spain's two remaining colonies in West Indian waters. It lies 80 miles to the east of Hayti, and close beside it to the westward lie the group comprising the Virgin Islands.

In general, however, the island is well watered. The coast line is indented with many bays and creeks, several of which can be used by ships of heavy burdens.

The climate of Porto Rico is supposed to be less unhealthy for Europeans than most of the Antilles, and the heat, even in the months of summer, is not so severe as in other parts of the West Indies.

The lack of good roads and of bridges in many parts of the island has been one cause of the failure of the island to develop its real value as a producer of agricultural products.

Cattle-raising is another profitable industry to the inhabitants, and the pastures in the north and east are superior to any others in the West Indies.

The population of the island numbered 315,000 in 1890. The total population at present numbers about 900,000.

San Juan, the capital and chief seaport, lies on Morro island, on the north coast, and is connected with the mainland by bridges.

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The first attempt was made in 1820, and the insurgents were defeated after a short guerrilla war. Other attempts were made about the middle of the century, but it was not until 1868 that a wide reaching plot was formed to follow the example of the Cubans, who had revolted that year.

Government laws and institutions are the same in Porto Rico as the other Spanish dependencies. There is a captain-general, whose authority in military matters is absolute, and who, in civil affairs, is president of the royal "audiencia."

The permanent army numbers 213 officers and 3,630 men. The permanent army numbers 213 officers and 3,630 men.

Lieutenant Hobson, whose brilliant sinking of the Merrimac has made him the hero of the hour, is rather eccentric.

Men who were at the Naval Academy while he was there say his classmates at first attempted to make life miserable for the quiet, studious boy, but found that he could resent their actions in a way that made them desist before he had been in the academy very long.

"I do not desire, and neither will I tolerate any more of your scurrilous contumely,"

On the east bank of the Mississippi river, about fifty miles north of New Orleans, at a place called Indian Camp, in Iberville parish, stands a typical old plantation house, large and roomy, surrounded by magnificent oaks.

The plantation was originally owned by General Camp, a veteran of the war of 1812, who spent many thousands of dollars in beautifying the place the mansion alone costing eighty thousand dollars.

Among "Les-Miserables" six deaths have occurred since that time. All lepers coming to the home voluntarily have the assurance that their real names will never be divulged or their family connection exposed.

The other night, when Mr. Wallypug was lying asleep on the library sofa and snoring away for dear life, Mrs. Wallypug remarked that she wished he would not snore so.

There is a law to enforce the sending of lepers to their refuge, but doubtless there are some who are concealed by their friends. The disease is mitigated by medical treatment, but no lepers are ever cured.

These poor unfortunates so afflicted who enter the gates are henceforth dead to the world, and in a manner, as it were, buried alive. A line from Dante's "Inferno,"

No person is permitted to enter the enclosure except the Sisters of Charity, the doctors and members of the board. Any money handed by the lepers is first soaked in a solution of bi-chloride of mercury, and fumigated with the strongest disinfectants before being put in circulation.

Disfigured Her With a Hat Pin. A woman's hair is hidden upon her head in a lock.

In a furious quarrel over the attentions of a man, in the summer garden of a loon on the Bowers in New York, at 4 o'clock Sunday morning, Ida Ackley, nineteen years old, was disfigured for life with a hatpin by Dora Dean, a girl of the same age.

Judge John J. Wickham Dead. Judge John J. Wickham, of the superior court, died Saturday afternoon at his home in Beaver, from a stroke of paralysis.

Business Notice. When baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.

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Very Low Rates to San Francisco. Via the North-Western Line (Chicago & North-Western R'y.). Excursion tickets will be sold at greatly reduced rates June 28th and 29th, limited to return until August 31st, inclusive.

Very Low Rates to Omaha, Neb. Via the North-Western Line (Chicago & North-Western railway). Excursion tickets at exceptionally low rates to Omaha and return (including a visit to the Trans-Mississippi and International exposition, Omaha) will be sold June 19th and 20th.

Medical. SPEAK OUT. THE SEARCH-LIGHT OF PUBLICITY IS PLEASED BELLEFONTE PEOPLE.

Roofing. A LEAKING ROOF IS A PESKY NUISANCE. W. H. MILLER, Allegheny Street, Bellefonte, Pa., puts on new or repairs old slate roofs at the lowest prices.

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