

AMERICANS IN PUERTO PRINCEPE

CUBA IS ALREADY BEGINNING TO BLOSSOM.

Planters Have Turned Their Attention to Their Farms, and Crops Are Springing Up—Cleaning the Cities of the Dirt and Filth That Remained as a Legacy of Spanish Rule—Interesting Letter from Robert G. Colborn, Formerly a Resident of This City.

Special Correspondence of The Tribune. Puerto Principe, Cuba, Dec. 23, 1898.—At last we have reached the land of perpetual summer and are now encamped in a delightful location within three miles of the city, preparatory to occupying permanent and spacious barracks in the city, recently vacated by the Spanish troops.

Beyond a doubt this will, in time, become the El Dorado for American capitalists. Hundreds of thousands of acres of land are lying in a wild, uncultivated state, and the magnificent hand of American pluck, push and perseverance to put it into a state of rich productivity, and many of the present generation will live to enjoy the products of this tropical country at home, which are enjoyed only in families of wealth, but later will become a part of the daily food in the most humble American homes.

To make the towns and cities more healthful and inhabitable to Americans, will require much time and money, as most of the streets are rough, uneven and filthy, with no idea or regard of sanitary conditions, as all sewage is carried into the streets. These conditions alone no doubt contribute most largely to the dwarfed and unhealthy condition of the natives.

Nervous Dyspepsia

To Gain Flesh, to Sleep Well, to Know What Appetite and Good Digestion Mean.

MAKE A TEST OF STUART'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS.

No trouble is more common or more misundersood than nervous dyspepsia. People having it think their nerves are to blame and are surprised that they are not cured by nerve medicines. The real seat of the mischief is lost sight of. The stomach is the organ to be looked after.

Nervous dyspepsia often do not have any pain whatever in the stomach, nor perhaps any of the usual symptoms of stomach weakness. Nervous dyspepsia shows itself not in the stomach so much as in nearly every organ. In some cases the heart palpitates and is irregular; in others the kidneys are affected; in others the bowels are constipated, with headaches; still others



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Send for valuable little book on stomach diseases by addressing F. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich. All druggists sell full-sized packages at 10 cents. Professor Henry W. Becker, A. M., the well-known religious worker and writer of St. Louis. Secretary of the Mission Board of the German Methodist church, Chief Clerk and Expert Accountant for the Harbor and Wharf Commission, Public Secretary for the St. Louis School Patrons' Association, and the District Conference of Stewards of the Methodist Episcopal church; also takes an active part in the work of the Epworth League, and to write on religious and educational topics for several magazines. How he found relief is best told in his own words: "Some weeks ago my brother heard me say something about indigestion, and taking a box from his pocket said 'Try Stuart's Tablets.' I did, and was promptly relieved. Then I investigated the nature of the tablets and became satisfied that they were made of just the right things and in just the right proportions to aid in the assimilation of food. I heartily endorse them in all respects, and I keep them constantly on hand."

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be used as a covering with comfort. The dew is almost as heavy as rain. Orchards of coconuts, oranges, lemons and bananas are within close proximity of the camp, while we are closely surrounded by groves of bamboo, rare palms and tropical flowers and vines of all description, beautiful and fragrant. I cannot refrain from mentioning the outrages being perpetrated upon the fair name of America, the birthplace of freedom, and the synonym of right and justice, by the regimental commander. Think of it, that an army of thousands of United States troops should be refused the privilege of attending the House of God for worship on Sabbath! Scores of men, honest in their purpose, asked permission to attend church, but were positively refused permission to do so, and no chaplain provided for this vast army of young and susceptible men. At this rate we will soon degenerate into a state of indifference far worse than that of the oppressed nations our brave and peerless army and navy fought and suffered so bravely to free. It would be well for Christian ministers to sound such things as these from their pulpits.

PRICES ADVANCED. Articles of merchandise of all descriptions seem to have been advanced in price since the influx of the American army of occupation, and then, too, all of the leading stores are owned by Spaniards, who expect to enrich themselves at the expense of the Americans, and are anxiously awaiting an "army pay-day." Natives already know the value of American money, and as fast as they get it they hide it away and dispose of their Spanish coin. For an American dollar you receive one dollar and forty cents in change, Spanish. The soldiers are learning the value and exchange of money rapidly and are picking up the language quickly, or at least such words as are in daily use in ordinary business affairs. I doubt greatly if, in our own America, you could find a city of similar size where people are as orderly, polite, and clean in their manners as here. The manner in which these people were oppressed, business destroyed and homes ruined, during the past four years, is most appalling and almost incredible to any, save those who are here to witness it. No Cuban was allowed to till the soil, make repairs about his home, keep open his place of business, and even forbidden to move about the city for months, which fact occasioned so many deaths from starvation, as they were dependent solely upon the scanty supply of food kept in their homes and in the stores.

CLEANING THE STREETS. Streets are being purged of their filth, homes are being repaired and brightened, owners of land and plantations now go forth in the early morning to work to place them in their old-time state of productiveness, with no fear of being driven back by a troop of Spaniards. Within the short period of a month, crops of corn, lettuce, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, and all manner of produce have been raised, and are sold upon the streets and in the market places. The street cars were all destroyed, as well as most of the rolling stock of the only railroad, leading from here, were destroyed at the hands of the Spaniards. The railroad is indeed a primitive affair, the engines burn wood only, and the passenger coaches are genuine curiosities, no glass in the windows, no backs on the seats, and void of all upholstery. The only ice plant here was almost totally destroyed, but is fast being repaired and in a few weeks United States troops will be furnished with ice for the preservation of fresh beef.

The most serious thing we suffered from was the detention of the mail at Havana. No mail or official communication has been received for a month, occasioning much annoyance and distress at headquarters. This error, however, is to be corrected at once and mail will be received at least twice a month. This is a great field for missionary work. In this city of 46,000 people, there are but eighteen churches, all Roman Catholic, and presided over by Spanish priests. Many of the young ladies here have been educated abroad, mostly in France, and are fine musicians. Pianos are found in a majority of the homes, and I have heard some of the most talented performers among the Senoritas here I have ever listened to. The children are bright, cleanly and well-behaved, and quick to grasp the English language. The character of the buildings are very quaint, ancient, and romantic in the extreme. The churches are ancient, and rusty on the exterior, but magnificently decorated inside, with all manner of precious woods, gold and silver.

ARE ABSOLUTE FACTS. Such statements as I have made are absolute facts, as my position in the headquarters of the subsistence department of the army is such as to take me into all sections of the city, and gives me an opportunity to converse and familiarize myself with the natives in all the different vocations. The general health of the troops is improving and out of the 200 or more boys from Scranton and vicinity but few have complained, and all seem to be in fine spirits.

Among the best and most popular boys from Dunmore are William Gesler, James McGill, Richard McAndrew, Thomas Fitzpatrick and Blaescker, all of whom are fine specimens of soldiers, well-behaved and gentlemanly. I sincerely hope that many who read this may some day be permitted to visit this land, and I am sure that then they will more than

ever love the Union that gave up so many of its noble sons to free a country so oppressed, and yet so vast, rich and beautiful as this, and be permitted to hear the grand chorus that will arise from these freed from bondage, God bless America, the home of the brave and the free. Robert G. Colborn.

TORNADO IN TEXAS. Many Persons Injured—Trees Uprooted—Property Damaged. Long View, Tex., Jan. 15.—A tornado passed through this county Friday from the southwest, four miles northwest of Kilgore. The tornado swept down and demolished a tenement house on the Moore place, in which were a woman named Mrs. McHugh, and five children, dangerously injuring all and perhaps fatally injuring Mrs. McKune. The husband was away from home and was not hurt.

Acres of forest trees were uprooted and everything was swept down before the wind's fury. The rain was the heaviest ever witnessed and the creeks are so swollen that up to this hour communication is impossible with the southern part of the country. All wires went down and trees were blown across the International and Great Northern railroad in several places.

INDUSTRIAL JOTTINGS.

Anthracite Coal Trade Is in Better Shape Than It Was at This Time a Year Ago—The Ruling Prices.

"The first half of January finds the hard coal trade in decidedly better shape than a year ago, but it must be remembered that this improvement is not due to any concerted action among the companies," says the Engineer at Scranton. "Better times West and an unusually early winter are the factors, and the trade is far from being on a satisfactory basis. The December production was about 4,225,000 tons. The January production is undetermined, but with continued cold weather and the resulting brisk demand for coal, it is probable that January will see a tonnage of close to 4,000,000 tons. Weather has not interfered of late with shipments from the mines, nor has it hindered vessels much yet at seaboard shipping ports. The market in the west is in good condition. Retail business at Chicago showed improvement, the orders from country points are often urgent, and at the head of the lakes, where prices have been advanced 50c, stocks are reported smaller, while business remains good. In the east, broken, egg and stove sizes are in liberal supply. Sales agents talk more confidently to prospectors, buyers, and prices are undoubtedly firmer, though there is no general advance in quotations. Sellers simply try to get as near circular figures as they can. Chestnut and the steam sizes are scarce all around, and big fair to remain so till spring. We quote: Broken, \$2.25; egg, \$2.40; stove, \$2.55; nut, \$2.90."

THIS AND THAT.

The Chestnut Ridge Railroad company, which is building a new railroad from Lehigh Gap to Kunkletown, has about 30 men at work, mostly people who reside in the locality where the road is being built. The road is to be twelve miles long and it is to connect the New York and Pennsylvania Brick Mining and Terra Cotta company's plant at Kunkletown with the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

The Delaware and Hudson company has stocked all the levels between Carbon and Arlsbald. There are about two hundred sections between the foot of Plane "B" and the head of Plane "D," while at the "A" and "B" levels there are about 30 men at work, mostly people who reside in the locality where the road is being built. The road is to be twelve miles long and it is to connect the New York and Pennsylvania Brick Mining and Terra Cotta company's plant at Kunkletown with the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

Articles of incorporation of the American Steel and Wire company, with an authorized capital of \$90,000,000, were filed with the secretary of state at Trenton Friday. The company is authorized to manufacture and trade in steel, iron and other metals and to manufacture and trade in articles made from metals of any kind. The new company is a trust comprising about all of the wire producing concerns of the country.

Three agreements for providing new rolling stock for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad have been recorded at Baltimore. Two of the agreements are between the Mercantile Trust company of New York and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company and Receivers Cowan and Murray. Under them the trust company is to furnish 2,900 box cars and 39 locomotives, costing \$1,857,000 and 500 double hopper gondola cars, costing \$250,000. The third agreement provides for 50 locomotives, 3,000 box cars, 1,000 gondola cars and 1,000 steel coal cars, costing \$3,283,000, being furnished by the Maryland Trust company. The locomotives and cars are to be rented for ten years from Jan. 1, 1899. In payment for them the railroad is to issue warrants bearing 5 per cent. interest with one-tenth due by the authority for obtaining the new equipment was granted the receivers by the United States court.

Poisoned Blood. Disagreeable Itching Spread All Over His Body—Sleep Disturbed—Hood's Sarsaparilla Drove Out the Poison and Cured. "I have been poisoned every summer for years. Last summer the poison came out on me worse than ever before. I would frequently be awakened during the night by the itching. I would scratch myself, but instead of being relieved the trouble spread to different parts of my body. I tried various remedies which people recommended to me, but none of them ever helped me. I made up my mind the poison could not be cured until my blood was pure and then I decided to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. While taking the first bottle I felt relieved from the itching. I kept on taking the medicine and it has entirely cured me. I am now on my fourth bottle and I can sleep soundly at night. W. W. Westmont, Westmont Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Hood's Sarsaparilla. Is the Best—In fact the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. \$1; six for \$5. Get only Hood's. Hood's Pills take easy to operate.

BIG COMBINATION IS NOW UNDER WAY INTENTION IS TO REGULATE ANTHRACITE COAL TRADE.

J. Pierpont Morgan is now in Europe in the interest of the Project, and as soon as he returns a Public Announcement of the Big Scheme May Be Looked for—Far Reaching Character of the Proposition That is Involved.

The plan for the salvation and rehabilitation of anthracite coal interests, so long in process of incubation, at length is said to be a fact and ready to make its public appearance under official auspices. Its announcement, however, may await the return from Europe of J. Pierpont Morgan, whose trip abroad is understood to have been taken principally with a view to the promotion of this stupendous deal. It has been known for more than a year that Mr. Morgan was devoting himself to the purposes of this great work, and associated with him in the project, as now appears, are such powerful names as W. K. Vanderbilt, George F. Baker, and Philadelphia representatives of the Drexel and Reading interests.

THEY ALL IN. The scheme will take in every one of the anthracite coal railroads, already virtually under direct control of the gentlemen associated in the plan. It is intimated that neither the Gowan, nor the McLeod methods will govern this new attempt.

There are to be no more loose contracts, or "understandings," or "gentlemen's agreements," merely contemplating the voluntary maintenance of prices and restriction of output. As stated by a high authority believed to be in the confidence of people engaged in the deal, "a new corporation is to be formed. It will have a capital high in the tens of millions, and its purpose will be certainly the marketing, and probably the mining, of practically the entire anthracite product of the country. Moreover, it is within the probable scope of this new corporation to acquire actual ownership of the anthracite coal lands of the country—or at least of the fields and mines owned and controlled by the railroads." The radical and far-reaching character of the proposition sufficiently accounts for the more hopeful view recently taken of the future of the Reading and Lehigh Valley properties especially.

GOOD THING FOR READING. The result as to the Reading will be to enable the corporation to turn into money the millions on millions worth of coal estates from which now no income whatever is available. If carried through, such a transaction, of itself, should realize the most sanguine dreams ever entertained concerning the great property.

The plan will return the railroad companies to their legitimate spheres as carriers merely, relieve them of the enormous losses incident to the mistakes of the past, and entitle them to participate in the great profits to be made through the operations of the new distributing corporation.—Philadelphia Stockholder.

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