

LIFE IN PUERTO RICO DESCRIBED BY A LOCAL MAN.

Bert A. Hoffman Writes Entertainingly of the Island and of Its People.

PICTURESQUE AND GRUESOME SIGHTS

Bert A. Hoffman, a former Reynoldsville boy who is now teaching in the U. S. government schools in Puerto Rico, under civil service, has written to the editor of The Star an exceedingly interesting letter descriptive of the strange life and scenes in that island dependency of Uncle Sam. We give below the letter in full, knowing that every resident will be interested in knowing of the work that is being done by a Reynoldsville boy in a strange land.

Aguadilla, Puerto Rico.
November 18, 1910.

Charles S. Lord,
Reynoldsville, Pa.

Dear Friend:— I will not attempt to give an elaborate description of Puerto Rico, but I will try to give you my first impressions in chronological order, and also my subsequent views.

After leaving "God's country," as every American calls the States, for six days we were sailing on the Atlantic ocean, and the voyage as a whole was very pleasant for us, though some of it was not.

When we landed in San Juan, it seemed as though the fates had conspired to make our first impression unpleasant. You may remember that Puerto Rico had just suffered from one of the worst hurricanes that they have ever had. For that reason San Juan was in darkness and the roofs of many of the houses were blown off and everything was in disorder. This, however, was the least of our troubles. The great wind had brought with it an epidemic of mosquitos, and as we were the latest arrivals, they seemed to take an unholy delight in making our stay pleasant. I might add that we are still bothered with them.

After we had seen the Commissioner of Education we started out to see the city and it was very interesting to say the least. The most striking, and also the most common sight, was so many little children running around naked. Inasmuch as San Juan is supposed to be American, it seemed strange that so many children were allowed to run around naked, but after one is here a few weeks, you soon realize that Puerto Rico is for Puerto Ricans. No matter how much we try to teach them the English language, they will still be Puerto Ricans and Spanish will always be their mother tongue.

The next sight that would attract your attention, are the many different colored houses. All colors of the rainbow are depleted here, and I must say that while we were out on the bay, it looked very picturesque with its fringe of palm trees running along the water's edge.

The first place of interest that we visited was the grave yard. Possibly this would not appeal to everyone as a place of interest, but when you consider that Ponce de Leon is buried here, it seemed worth while, for Ponce de Leon and his wonderful dream of eternal youth has always been a fascinating tale for all students of history. But what was more fascinating and horrible, because horrible and gruesome things always seem to appeal to people, was the manner in which the Puerto Ricans bury their dead. The poor people rent a shelf for the body, and as a rule, at the end of five years, the rent expires and the owners of the cemetery take the coffin from its niche and take the bones (because by that time the flesh has evaporated, so to speak) and throw them into a great heap at the end of the cemetery. I had the gruesome pleasure of seeing this and it was appalling to see the thousands and thousands of human bones lying there exposed to all kinds of weather. This practice, I am informed still prevails.

We next visited the two forts, Morro Castle and San Cristobal, and they proved very interesting, being especially so to one who has lived in a town of the interior.

The face of Morro Castle rises from the water with a height of at least 100 feet of solid masonry. It was magnificent, as well as imposing, but as I looked at it, I saw three large holes in its face, mementoes of the Spanish-American war, where the great guns from our warships, after firing a few shots, forced the Spaniards to haul down the Yellow and Gold, to be replaced by the Red, White and Blue, which is still waving there. And I just want to say that one does not appreciate what Old Glory means until you get in another country.

As we looked down from Morro Castle we could see Loper's Island, and a number of lepers running around on their living tomb. It was the saddest sight I have ever seen. They are doomed to stay there, suffering a living death, until real death comes to relieve them.

Off to the right was the small pox camp, well filled with the poor natives who were unable to pay for better, and could not get

it if they could. It was a sad sight to say the least.

To describe the different windings or turns of this Castle or Fort would be impossible, because one could not conceive or estimate unless they were a contractor. But as I looked on it as a concrete whole, I could not help but shudder as I thought of the lives that must have been ground out there. We had the pleasure of visiting most of the underground passages and as I looked, it was brought forcibly to my mind that only the people of the Latin race could devise such horrible instruments of torture and would use them. They had all kinds—the rack, thumbscrew and instruments that I did not know the name of.

Puerto Rico is a beautiful little island about ninety-six miles long and thirty-six miles wide. It has very rich exports, running close to \$10,000,000, sugar being the most important. Tobacco, oranges, pineapples and all kinds of tropical fruits are here in abundance.

We are located in Aguidilla, which is on one end of the island looking out over Mona Channel, while San Juan is on the

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RATHMEL COUPLE SURPRISED FRIENDS.

Miss Alice Broadhead Becomes Bride of Rolland London, of Bloomington.

Miss Alice Broadhead, daughter of O. H. Broadhead, of Prospect Hill, near Rathmel and Rolland London, of Bloomington Valley, surprised their friends Tuesday of last week by quietly getting married and leaving for Maryland on a wedding trip. The young couple are well known in Rathmel. The groom is a barber in DuBois. They are followed by the best wishes of a host of friends.

Oswald Tench, of Leechburg, spent a portion of last week in Rathmel, the guest of relatives.

Mrs. A. M. Cameron, of this place, went to Kittanning last week to spend the winter among relatives and friends.

Miss Mae Eagin, teacher of Room 2, in the Rathmel schools, was taken ill while visiting at Luthersburg last week, and was unable to teach school for several days.

OIL AS FUEL IN BOTTLE FACTORY.

The Brookway Machine Bottle factory received its first consignment of oil to be used to manufacture, the fuel with which they expect to operate their plant on account of the shortage of gas in this community. The oil is procured from the Union Oil Company, located near Corry, and the factory expects to consume a car a week. The factory began to use the new fuel today.—Brookwayville Record.

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San Cura ointment Stops Pain at Once, Draws Out All Poisons, and Heals Promptly

In all the world there is no ointment, no liniment, no remedy for burns, cuts and bruises that can compare with the antiseptic ointment called San Cura.

Every person ought to have a jar on hand; it is the first and best aid to the injured in case of accident, and is the ideal remedy for so many other distressing and painful ailments besides.

For example: it is garranteed by Stoke & Feicht Drug Co. to cure itching, bleeding and protruding piles, eczema, tetter, ulcers, salt rheum, boils, carbuncles and pimples, or money back.

In case of old or running sores, no matter how long standing, a few poultices of San Cura ointment will draw out every particle of poison, and leave it in such a thoroughly antiseptic condition that the sore will heal, never to break open again.

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San Cura Soap is delightful for shampooing because it is full of antiseptic properties that banish the germs of dandruff and other impurities from the scalp. It cures pimples and blackheads too. 25 cents a cake at Stoke and Feicht Drug Co. Mail orders for San Cura Ointment and Soap filled by Thompson Medical Co. Titusville, Pa.

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No matter what the cause—wear work, worry, neuralgia

At all drugists, 10c & 25c
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BUY EARLY AND BUY AT YOUR HOME STORE

Reynoldsville Merchants are Offering the Finest Stocks in Jefferson County.

VISIT THE STORES TO-DAY AND SEE THE DISPLAYS

The stores of Reynoldsville will probably do the largest holiday business this year of any place in the county, due in part to the prevailing prosperity of the town and in part to the holding of the county institute in Reynoldsville this year, which will bring an influx of guests immediately preceding the holidays and stimulate trade in all channels. The merchants have prepared for the occasion by laying in the largest and finest lines of goods they have ever handled.

It is worth a visit to any local store at present to see these lines in their completeness. And local people who are wise will visit them NOW for another reason. The fact that the town will be full of visitors during the holidays, on account of the institute, means that there will be a congestion of trade which will make it far less pleasant to shop then than now, to say nothing of being forced at that time to select from broken lines, while all lines are now full and for the most part but recently from the factories.

For your own advantage, do your holiday shopping NOW and DO IT IN REYNOLDSVILLE, where the finest lines in the county have been secured for you. There is no excuse whatever for local people going to other towns to shop this season.

WHEN PROSPERITY VANISHES.

Brookville is now going through its darkest time for years. Among the industries that heretofore have been numbered among its assets, were the Ty-ford Motor works, which now have closed down. The Red Bank woolen mills are closed. The Brookville glass and tile works are between the order of starting up and closing down. The workmen in these plants have gone to other points to find employment. Outside of these are several planing mills, the Humphrey Brick and Tile works, the Deemer furniture factory, all working full time and one or two minor plants which employ a few men each. There are from 60 to 70 dwelling houses vacant, which makes the outlook for the town very dark. In addition to these dwelling houses, there are and will be several store rooms vacant.

The above article, appearing in the Brookville correspondence to Grit Saturday, shows that the county seat is now passing through the same stygian gloom that encompassed Reynoldsville two years ago. It is to be hoped that, like Reynoldsville, it may emerge with a better and brighter future than ever.

Candy

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for the Holidays.

—CANDY—
8 to 25 cents

1 lb. box of chocolate Bon Bons 25 cents. The finest to be had in town at the price.

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Grow Now Worth \$8 a lb. Ginseng

The great money making plot has been steadily rising in price for 60 years. Always a market demand unlimited. Small plot more profitable than a large farm. Start your bed this fall.

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to tell all about the business—seed, plants, growing, marketing, how to get the high price. See the possibilities of a small plot of ground. We furnish the genuine American variety seed at low price. Write for ginseng booklet No. 11.

NEWTOWN PRODUCING CO., Newtown, Bucks Co., Pa.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE FOR DISCHARGE.

Petition of M. C. Coleman, executor of the estate of Rose Cathers, deceased, for his discharge.

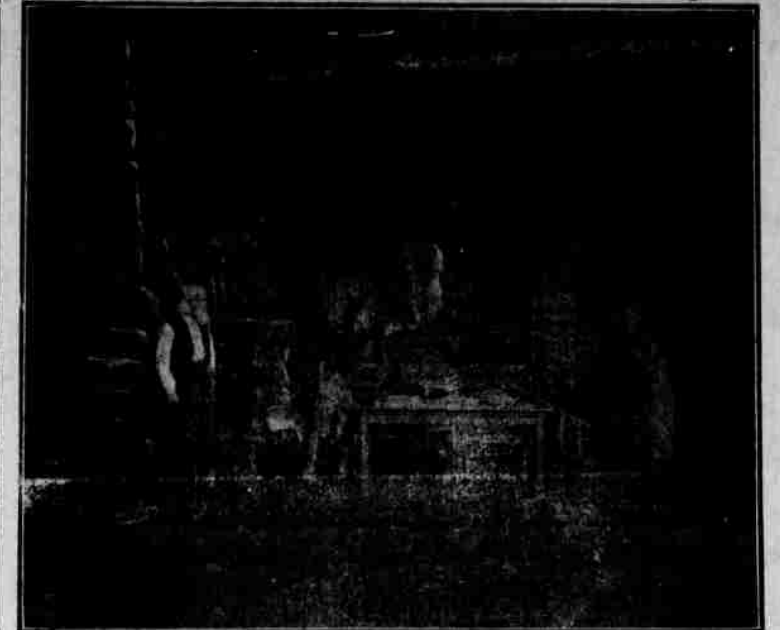
Now, Nov. the 14th, 1910, presented in open court, and rule to show cause granted, returnable on the current argument list, notice to be given in the Reynoldsville Star, as provided by law and the rule of court.

REAL ESTATE

RENT OR SELL

E. Neff, Justice of the Peace
REYNOLDSVILLE, PA.

REALISTIC SCENE FROM A GREAT PLAY



"The Wolf" will be presented at the Adelphi in Reynoldsville next Tuesday night.

A Dreadful Wound.

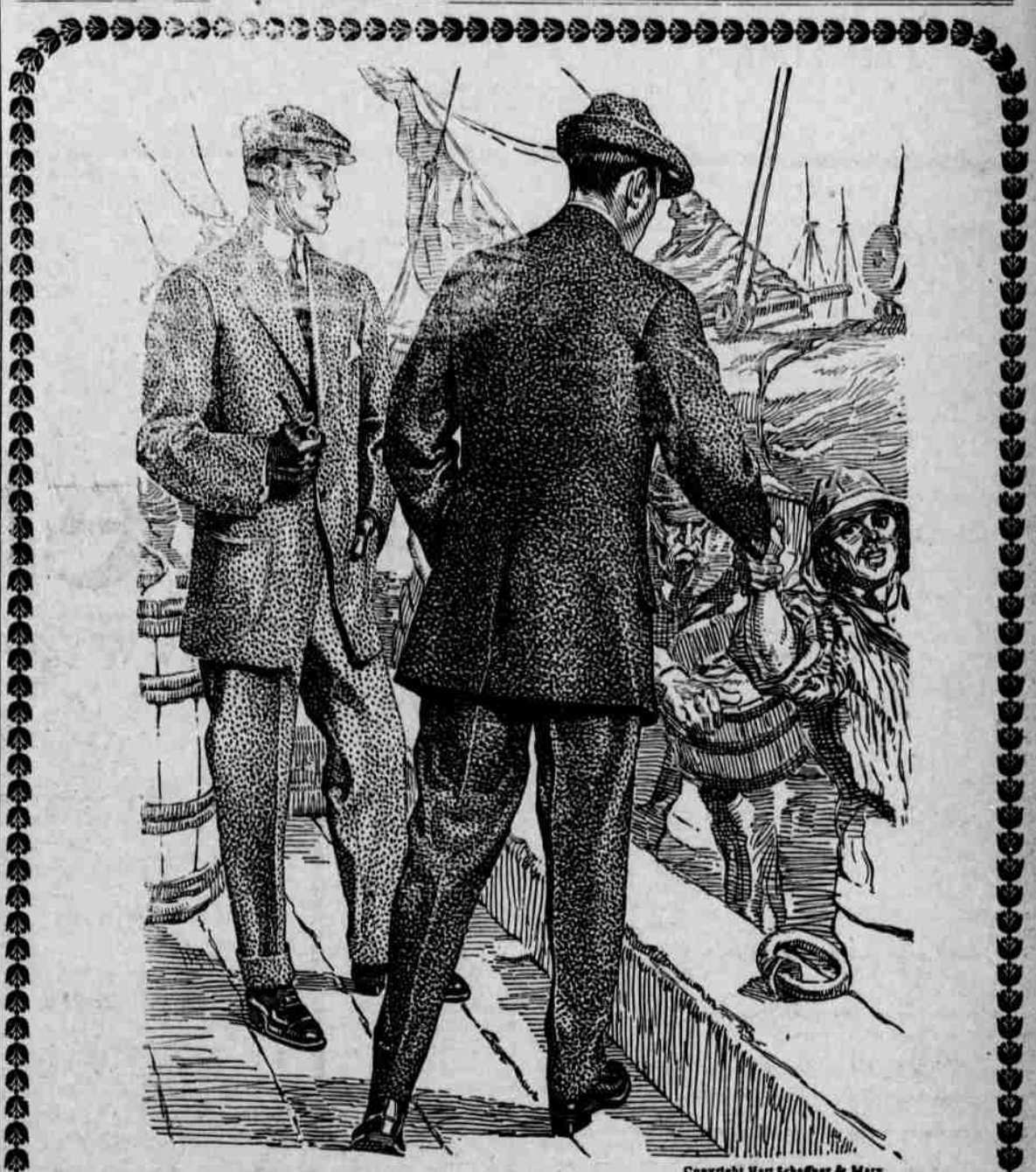
from a knife, gun, tin can, rusty nail, fire-works, or any other nature, demands prompt treatment with Bucklen's Arnica Salve to prevent blood poison or gangrene. It's the quickest, surest healer for all such wounds as also for Burns, Boils, Sores, Skin Eruptions, Eczema, Chapped Hands, Corns or Piles. 25c at Stoke and Feicht Drug Co.

Sealship Oysters.

We are still in the oyster business and have the Sealship, also the Sealshippers. You know where you always got the best. Special rates to parties.

Frank's Tavern.

The greatest wearing shoes ever to the trade. American Boys, price \$3.00 and \$3.50
Adam's.



YOUNG men of the strenuous life; college men, business men, hustlers; these are the fellows we're especially for with

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clothes; new models with youth and athletic vigor in them; good styles for older men, too.

Plenty of good things to wear, shirts, hats, underwear, neckwear. This is our store.

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Remember we are ready for your hristmas buying. We have one of the greatest assortments of useful hristmas presents in the line of smoking jackets neckwear, gloves, coat sweaters, umbrellas, caps in seal skin, fur and cloth caps, underwear in two piece and combination suits, shirts plain and fancys, suit cases and bags.

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This the store to get what you want. Their is nothing in our line that you need send out of town for, as we have the greatest line ever shown in any city store.

W. H. BELL

Good Clothes and Furnishings REYNOLDSVILLE, PA.

UNITED MINE WORKERS ELECTION THIS MONTH.

Balloting will commence December 13th for National and District Officers.

December 13th the United Mine Workers of America will commence to ballot for the election of new officers in national and district organizations. President Thomas L. Lewis has the usual fight on his hands for re-election, but indications are that he will win out, as he has in the last three elections. John P. White, of Ohio, is opposing candidate.

There is no opposition to Patrick Gilday for the presidency of District No. 2, or to Richard Gilbert the secretary-treasurer. Thomas Haggerty, present member of the national executive board from this district, is a candidate for re-election, and Samuel Bruce, of DuBois, also seeks the honor.

Kept The King At Home.
—For the past year we have kept the King of all laxatives—Dr. King's New Life Pills—in our home and they have proved a blessing to all our family," writes Paul Mathulka, of Buffalo, N. Y. Easy, but sure remedy for all Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles. Only 25c at Stoke & Feicht Drug Co.

CLARION STATE NORMAL
The Clarion State Normal School is offering special courses of study during the Winter Term for young men and women whose opportunities have been limited. Tuition is free and the cost of board is low. Drop a postal card to the Principal, Clarion, Pa., and get full particulars.

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