

REFORMS ARE NEEDED

Less Cumberseome Form of Government in Porto Rico.

REPORT OF INSULAR COMMISSION

Reorganize the Courts and Establish a School System.

JAILS AND FRANCHISES

The Insular Commission, appointed by the War Department to investigate affairs of Porto Rico and to report upon all matters relating to currency, laws, taxation, judiciary, public improvements, education and civil affairs generally, has made its report to the Secretary of War.

The report was unanimous and is signed by all three commissioners. It takes up all the questions separately, discusses them at considerable length and makes recommendations thereon.

It speaks of the people of Porto Rico and their loyalty and devotion to their new country, and says that they are very solicitous to become a part thereof and be so regarded. All classes and conditions are ready and willing to accept American institutions, and to be content with them.

A great many of the people are living in comfortable homes, and are enjoying the marriage ceremonies, as demanded under the old Spanish system, so great that they could not afford to secure the permits for the services.

The commissioners say that the reports concerning starvation on the island are without foundation. While the people are not so rich as they were, the island is so rich and produces so much tropical fruit of all kinds that it is almost impossible to starve a people on such an island.

The present civil government of the island is largely a continuation of the old civil government under Spanish rule. The commission reports that it is too elaborate, expensive and complicated to be continued and will recommend a new system of government more after the forms of those in the United States.

The report discusses the question of finance and the financial conditions of the country, and says that it is largely the outgrowth of Spanish institutions. The currency of the country consists of \$5,000,000 in Porto Rican silver in circulation and about \$1,000,000 in Spanish bank bills.

The report discusses the question of public schools, and says that the system of public schools is in a very backward condition. It recommends that the Porto Rican money be redeemed at an early date to be supplied by the United States.

It makes reference to the municipal governments of the island and their extrajurisdictional mode of conducting business, the small amount of salaries paid to officials and the small amount accomplished for the amount of taxation levied upon the people.

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It discusses the question of concessions and franchises and recommends such a generous settlement of this question as will give to Porto Rico every opportunity for advancement and improvement, and encourage the investment of money in the way of building railroads and other public improvements of all kinds, all to be regulated in such a manner as shall be to the best interest of the people of the island, and all to be under government control.

It makes report of the temperance of the island, showing that in four months of American occupancy, during which time the mean temperature was 75, the highest was 85, the lowest, in December, 57, the range 16; the average, 75; the total rainfall being 80 inches.

It discusses the question of religion, and says that the representatives of many denominations are now in Porto Rico for this purpose and are meeting with encouraging success.

It discusses at some length the courts of the island and recommends a reformation of these courts upon the plans of the courts in the United States, giving to judges of the first instance jurisdiction over civil affairs in amount not exceeding \$200, to hear and dispose of minor offenses, take acknowledgments, and execute instruments of writing, etc.

It recommends also the establishment of federal courts to be held at three different points on the island, who shall have jurisdiction upon all questions arising out of controversies growing out of customs duties, or controversies which the United States are interested in, all federal questions, and have concurrent jurisdiction with all other courts in criminal and civil matters, and in certain cases authorizing a jury in federal courts.

It makes a long report about the prisons of the island and gives particular statements and reports with regard to certain of them and especially as to the prisons confined therein, showing that in the jails of Porto Rico there were at the time of their visit nearly 2,000 men awaiting trial for crimes, some of the most insignificant.

It recommends that the charges of notaries for making deeds and recorders for making record are so enormous and extravagant that they seriously interfere with business and place a burden upon the property holders of the island without reason or without justice, establishing a system of transfers and offices for recording, after the system which prevails in the United States, limiting the charges to reasonable sums in both cases.

All Hats Trimmed Free of Charge.

King's Palace Manufacturer's Outlet Sale!

A \$25,000 Stock to be Sold at One-Half Its Value.

We have had sales—others have had sales, but none will equal the one that starts its career at King's Palace today. Strange, but the manufacturer's season ends in the midst of yours. While the recent celebration was holding sway and business was at a standstill, we held a council with the department buyers. Instructions were given to the buyers to go out on a junketing trip over the various manufacturing centers in quest of stocks suitable for present season needs and to play their shrewdest points for exceptional bargains.

Millinery Department.

Here's a section of the store just teeming with bargains, every one essaying to surpass the other. Of course you'll readily recognize that you can't duplicate these values elsewhere.

Rough Straw Jumbo Sailors, worth 75c., 29c. at - - -

25c. doz. Split Straw Sailors, worth up to 88c., \$2.00, at - - -

Double-brim Split-Straw Trimmed Sailors, Knox black, men's finish, extra fine quality, no letter hat made. Sale Price, 88c.

Extra! Extra! Fine Milan Cowboy Hats, sold for \$3.98 \$1.98 to \$5, at - - -

Imported Leghorns, worth up to 50c., \$1.50 at - - -

15c. Dimities, 74c.

124c. Lawns and Organdies, 5c.

6c. Challies, 24c.

10c. Nainsook, 5c.

19c. Organdies, 104c.

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Untrimmed Hats, in Black or White, worth \$1.00, at - - - 44c.

Trimmed Hats, worth \$5.00 to \$1.98 \$7.50 at - - -

All-Silk Ribbons, 4 to 7 inches wide, worth 15c., 25c. to 50c. - - -

Flowers of All Kinds, worth up to 75c., 15c. at - - -

50c. Crash, 24c.

21c. Huck Towels, 15c.

37c. Table Damask, 21c.

37c. Boys' Blouses, 19c.

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King's Palace June Sale of Muslin Underwear.

Where labor is underpaid the goods are bound to be under value. The makers from whom we bought our underwear employed the most skilled and expert workers. At a glance you can quickly note the immaculate style and elegance of our garments. Every piece has been selected with a critical eye and only the finest materials, trimmings and workmanship entered into their make-up.

124c. Corset Covers, 4c.

25c. Drawers, 124c.

39c. Drawers, 25c.

50c. Muslin Gowns, 29c.

\$1.39 and \$1.50 Skirts, 98c.

39c. Corsets, 19c.

\$1 W. B. Corsets, 54c.

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Skirt and Suit Department.

Phenomenal values greet your eyes in this department. Every item advertised will be sold at prices which show the barmness of profit about 'em.

\$1.25 Duck and 59c. Crash Skirts - - -

White P. K. Skirts, worth \$1.25 - - - 68c.

Braid-trimmed Crash Suits, worth \$3.98, at - - - \$1.39

White P. K. Skirts, inserted or Braid Trimmed, worth \$2.98, at - - - \$1.45

75c. Waists, 46c.

\$1.75 Waists, 97c.

50c. Children's Hats, 19c.

39c. Children's Dresses, 22c.

15c. Hosiery, 6c.

Tunic P. K. Skirts, worth \$5.00 - - - \$2.98

25 Children's Cloth Reefers, worth up to 50c., \$3, choice at - - - 59c.

75c. Crash Skirts - 18c.

\$2.75 Cloth - \$1.98

19c. Children's Hose, 9c.

124c. Ribbed Vests, 5c.

75c. Wrappers, 35c.

\$1 and \$1.25 Wrappers, 67c.

25c. Handkerchiefs, 11c.

19c. and 25c. Embroidery, 124c.

KING'S PALACE DEPT. STORES,

812-814 Seventh St. N.W. 715 Market Space.

The Only Complete Housefurnishers in Washington, House & Herrmann, 901-903 Seventh Street, Corner of I (Eye) St. The Only Complete Housefurnishers in Washington.

Four Solid Months of Fiercely Hot Weather Ahead.

How about it? Got everything in shape? You can't dodge the inevitable, and you might as well make yourself as comfortable as circumstances will permit. Suitable summer goods were never offered you at such universally low prices as we are quoting, and if your finances do not permit of any extra outlay just now, you are welcome to make use of our liberal credit terms, which give you long time in which to pay for your purchases without in any way adding to the cost.

Cash or Credit.



Straw Mattings.

We offer you the largest assortment of patterns to be seen in this city. Every yard we have in stock is new, fresh and clean, and were imported for this spring's trade. Take up your heavy carpets, replace them with cool, clean Mattings. Your health will be better and your house-keeping easier.

Roll of 40 yards..... \$4.50

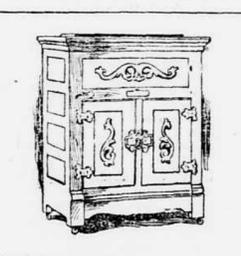
Roll of 60 yards..... \$6.00

Roll of 40 yards..... \$8.00

And so on up to \$20 per roll of 40 yards.

Choice pattern 5-piece Parlor Suite, mahogany-finished frame, covered in good quality silk fabric. Would be a cheap suite at \$22.00. Our price is only..... \$22.00

Cash or Credit.



Refrigerators and Ice Chests.

We wish to call special attention to the points of superiority in the line we carry: They are all made of thoroughly seasoned, selected Ash lumber, finished in Antiqu.

The Locks and Hinges are of solid Bronze, with Roman Gold Finish.

Our Automatic Air-tight Locks are the best in use.

The Case is ornamented with Raised Hand Carvings.

Our system of insulation is acknowledged to be the best known.

The Provision Chamber Shelves and Ice Rack are made of Galvanized Iron.

Our Self-closing Drain Cup is easily cleaned and very convenient.

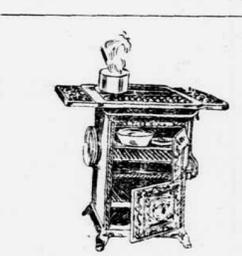
The Swinging Base Board permits the use of a large drip pan.

The Lids are made of extra heavy lumber and are lined with rubber.

Everything about these is thorough, and what large experience has taught to be the best for the purpose. Needless to say, they are very economical in the use of ice.

Choice pattern 5-piece Parlor Suite, mahogany-finished frame, covered in good quality silk fabric. Would be a cheap suite at \$22.00. Our price is only..... \$22.00

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Gas Ranges.

Big line of Gas Ranges, all sizes. Gas Stoves, from the single-burner hot-plate to the big Gas Range large enough for a boarding house.

5-piece Parlor Suite, mahogany-finished frame, covered in good quality American damask; frames well made, and upholstered in first-class leather.

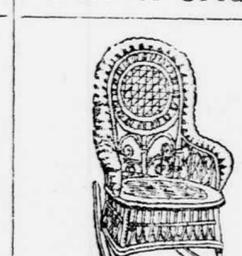
Elegant Geneva Couch—20 inches wide, 6 ft. 8 in. long, covered in handsome velours—as 5 rows tufting and is fringed to the floor. This is our regular \$16.00 Couch. We will sell 25 of them for—each \$12.50

High-grade Piano-polished Solid Oak Chamber Suite, with oval French beveled-plate mirror, double-door commode, slippers, handbaskets, carved headboard and glass frames, handsomely upholstered in the use of—each \$28.00

Solid Oak Chamber Suite, with neatly carved headboard and glass frame, bevel-plate mirror, 3-drawer dresser, and a Suite you will say is best \$18 for in any store in this city. Our price is but..... \$14.00

Leather-seated Cobler Rocker, solid oak; well made and finished—a big bargain at the price. See it..... \$1.89

Cash or Credit.



Cool Furnishings.

With each recurring year there is greater attention paid to summer pleasures. The hours of business have been shortened in many ways, and the leisure time, which has become the law of the land.

There is now a very large sale for Summer Furniture. First, it is cool and practical. Secondly, it is attractive. Thirdly, it makes home beautiful. Fourthly, it lasts for a long time, and finally, it costs very little, for the saving of all the wear of your upholstered furniture, with the inevitable dust and fading of summer, is more than made up for.

We show a full line of Reed Chairs, Rockers, Couches, etc., etc., at prices very low.

A nice Rattan Rocker for..... \$4.00

The out-of-door season is here. Enjoy it. We offer a fine, large Swing for..... \$5.00

Handsome Oak Dining Chair, solid oak, case seat, high back, excellently made and finished. Price..... \$1.00

Beautifully finished Chamber Suite, solid oak, exquisitely carved, with large French bevel-plate mirror, double-door commode, slippers, handbaskets, carved headboard and glass frames, handsomely upholstered in the use of—each \$32.00

Cash or Credit.



Baby Carriages and Go-Carts.

Our line is unsurpassed in this city. We have nearly one hundred different patterns, including many new and practical ideas, which have suggested themselves to us, or else have been suggested by our customers in past seasons.

The finish and upholstery of our Carriages are of the highest standard, and the prices are the lowest that can be made for the values offered.

An excellent Go-Cart for..... \$1.87

A handsome Reed Carriage, with parasol..... \$3.24

A fine Roll Carriage, with parasol..... \$5.98

Best assortment of Sideboards to be found in this city. All styles, all finishes. We show about 25 separate and distinct patterns, and prices start at..... \$10.00

Golden Oak, 4-foot Roll-top Office Desk, two locks, dust-proof drawers, plenty of pigeon holes; lower drawers divided, and a big bargain at..... \$20.00

Best and China Closet, solid oak and plate-glass front and ends. We give this closet the lowest price in this country..... \$9.75

HOUSE & HERRMANN, 901-903 Seventh Street, Corner of I (Eye) Street.

cal country can be produced upon the island of Porto Rico. It speaks of the native grasses which grow luxuriantly at all seasons of the year, and the cattle which are exceptionally fine all over the island.

It refers to the mineral resources which are as yet small and undeveloped. It recommends that there shall be a complete separation of church and state, and all property, including cemeteries, purchased with public money shall be declared property of the government, excepting such churches which are used for religious services exclusively, which are allowed to remain in the possession of the congregations now occupying the same.

It recommends that public cemeteries be established under the exclusive control of the civil authorities for the interment, and that the practice of disinterment of the remains of the dead be prohibited forever, except under proper health regulations or for reburial by friends; this not to prevent any church from procuring any cemetery for their own, and using the same according to their own views, excepting as to removal and exposure, and as long as they do not conflict with health regulations.

Better Postal Facilities. It recommends more extended postal and mail facilities for the island so that the people of the island may be brought into quicker and closer relations with the people of the United States.

It recommends that the marriage and divorce laws of the island be at once remedied so that marriages must be performed and requiring husband and wife, and those now living together, to make record of their cohabitation, and giving children the power to make proof of same, and legitimizing all such marriages, together with the issue thereof.

It recommends that the matter of paying pensions to officers of civil government upon the island or their descendants be done away with.

That the postal and military telegraph now upon the island, the property of the government, be continued as a part and parcel of the postal service.

That the insane on the island be gathered into one general hospital under the charge of the state, to be cared for at government expense.

That a census be taken of the island at an early date as possible, to determine the number of people upon the island, together with accompanying statistics showing its wealth and its possibilities.