

THE BEAUTIFUL MEXICO

Diaz Ambitious to Make it the Handsomest City.

MILLIONS FOR BUILDINGS

Opera House Patterned on That in Paris.

HOMES OF THE PRESIDENT

Reconstruction of Monasteries for the Use of the Government—Lack of First-Class Hotels.

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CITY OF MEXICO, March 23, 1906.

One of the ambitions of President Diaz is to make his capital the most beautiful city in the world, and to realize that aspiration, he and his ministers have planned a group of public buildings on a scale similar to those in Vienna.

Chapultepec is a military academy, and a part of the castle is reserved as a summer residence for the president. It is much cooler than any other part of the city because of its elevation above the valley of Mexico, and the beautiful grove of cypress and eucalyptus trees that surrounds it still remains very much in the condition that it was when Maximilian, the pseudo-emperor and the unfortunate Carlota, his consort, occupied it.

Most of the government departments are now occupying gloomy and inconvenient buildings which were monasteries under the old regime, and monkish cells are not well adapted to official purposes.

National Grand Opera House.

An entire block on Buena Vista street, between the new post office and the Alameda, which is the largest and most popular park in the city, has recently been purchased by the government, cleared of the antiquated buildings which formerly occupied it, and is now filled with workmen who are laying the foundations of a national grand opera house, which will cost not less than \$12,500,000.

Proposed Legislative Palace.

Near by, on the other side of San Francisco street, just south of the Alameda, where a hospital and almshouse stood for generations, the government proposes to erect a legislative palace, to cost \$15,000,000, of the same soft, white porous limestone that resembles marble, and is almost as fine in texture as Italian stone.

Restoring Old Buildings.

During the last five years the following sums have been expended by the government in new structures for the purposes named or for the restoration of old buildings:

Table with 2 columns: Building Name and Amount. Includes Remodeling national palace (\$3,561,700), General Hospital (2,087,834), Municipal prison (2,386,914), etc.

modern style of architecture and construction, entirely worthy of the purposes for which they are used.

Lack of Good Hotels. It may be selfishness, but the patient and long-suffering tourist and the traveler who visits Mexico on business would appreciate a new modern hotel much more highly than any of the buildings that have been mentioned.

This situation has always existed. There has never been a good hotel in the City of Mexico as long as anyone can remember, although for twenty-five years the government has been offering liberal inducements to anyone who will supply the need.

The Servant Problem. There is plenty of capital in Mexico, both local and foreign, and a million dollars stock for a new hotel ought to be subscribed in a day.

Barred from the Mails. Orders have been issued by Postmaster General Adier, directing the postmasters at New York and other cities to admit to the mails the advertisements of fifty-two illegal "medical offices" located in those cities, and also to refuse to deliver mail matter referred addressed to the fictitious and assumed names under which parties conducting these concerns hide their identity.

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Two Important Events.

There were two events during the past year of great importance to this society, and reciprocally to which this society rendered valuable service. The celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of the Jews in the United States, which was held on Thanksgiving day in the city of New York, and the celebrations which were held at the same time over all the United States.

Steamer on Fire is Beached.

A dispatch from St. Johns, N. F., says: After being in peril from fire at sea, and managing by desperate efforts to reach this port in the midst of a gale and blinding snowstorm, the British freight steamer Titan struck a submerged rock in entering the harbor late Saturday night, and a hole M. J. was struck and today lies fast on the beach, where she was put to prevent sinking.

26 Victims of Century Mine Disaster.

Two additional bodies were recovered from the Century mine in West Virginia yesterday afternoon, running the death list to twenty-eight. The funerals of twenty of the dead miners were held yesterday. The miners' union has taken steps to care for the bereaved families, many of whom are without clothing and food.

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CARDINAL GIBBONS AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH.

Much Ecclesiastical Display—Distinguished Clergy Present—Bright Vestments Used in Services.

St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, 16th street, Rev. Paul Griffith, pastor, was the scene of a solemn and important religious ceremonial yesterday morning, when one of the largest classes in the history of that parish was confirmed by Cardinal Gibbons. This church is the oldest of the colored Catholic churches of this city, and probably has the largest number of communicants of any of the Catholic churches.

Lilies as Decorations.

The high altar was beautifully decorated with spring flowers and lighted tapers. As the month of March, according to an old custom, has the lily as its special blossom, clusters of that flower formed the dominant note in the decorative scheme.

LIEUT. CRAVENS' TRIAL.

Pleaded Not Guilty—Findings Sent to General Grant. First Lieut. Lanor Cravens of the Artillery Corps, stationed at Fort Williams, Portland, Me., was tried by court-martial at New York Saturday on charges of conduct unbecoming an officer in duplicating his pay accounts.

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Three Primary Requisites

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THE "TRIANGLE A"

In the making of GOOD CIGARS there are three primary requisites:

First—The knowing how—that's KNOWLEDGE.

Second—The proper facilities—that's EQUIPMENT.

Third—Wanting to do it—that's DISPOSITION.

If but a single one of these factors is lacking in a manufacturing organization a good product is impossible.

It is the possession of these three essential elements, together with the necessary capital intelligently applied, that has made it possible for the American Cigar Company to improve cigar values to such a great extent during the past few years.

This improvement in quality is particularly evident in such well-known cigars as the New Continental Bouquet and Buck now sold at 5c.—these brands represent a value formerly sold at 10c.

This "A" (Triangle A) Merit Mark on a box of cigars is the sign by which this improved quality may be known.

The three sides of this Triangle are of equal length and stand for Knowledge, Equipment and Disposition. This "A" mark is insurance to the smoker that these three essential factors have been applied to give the smoker honest cigar values.

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The New Crema

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is a splendid demonstration of this modern system of cigar-making which has, within the last few years, by applying processes never before attempted in the culture and development of tobacco, completely revolutionized the methods of the cigar industry.

Guesswork has given way to certainty and cigars produced under our system cost the smoker no more than the ordinary kinds made in the usual haphazard way.

MISS ANTHONY HONORED

MANY WOMEN HEARD EULOGY BY REV. DR. KENT.

"The Life of Susan Anthony" was the subject of an address delivered by Rev. Dr. Alexander Kent, pastor of the People's Church of this city, at the Friends' Meeting House, Laurens street and Park avenue, Baltimore, yesterday afternoon.

A large audience of women listened to Dr. Kent. The meeting was opened with Scripture reading by Mrs. Pauline W. Holme, vice president of the state suffrage association. Miss Etta Maddox, of the Baltimore bar, delivered a tribute to Miss Anthony, and Mrs. Emma Maddox Funck, who attended Miss Anthony's funeral, told of her trip.

"The Gift," Miss Anthony's favorite song, was sung by Miss Maddox. The Cecilia Quartet, consisting of Misses Nannie Strohm, first soprano; Elizabeth Wright, second soprano; Blanche I. Heleman, first contralto; and Emma I. Kenney, second contralto, sang "Abide With Me" and "Jesus, Love Me True."

In speaking of Miss Anthony's earlier life Dr. Kent said she once met a young man whom she would have been willing to marry, but "for a certain preparation for any life that may be to come is a life of justice and kindness in the present."

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