

PORTO RICAN STATUS

NATIVES OF ISLAND NEITHER CITIZEN NOR ALIEN

Efforts Being Made to Give Them Definite Status - People Dissatisfied

Washington.—Administration influence is being exerted to secure the rights of citizenship on inhabitants of Porto Rico, but with slim chances of success at this season of congress.

Identical bills have been pending in the two houses since early in the winter, designed to rescue the Porto Ricans from their anomalous status.

In the house the speaker's opposition to the measure has successfully prevented any action of whatever character on the proposal, and it still lies in committee.

Gov. Beekman Winthrop represents that the people of Porto Rico feel that they have been rather badly treated in this matter.

The status of the Porto Rican is not as good as that of the Spaniards residing in the island who elected under the organic act to continue subjects of Spain.

There was a difference of opinion in the senate in 1900, when the Porto Rican act was passed, as to what the status of the native islanders should be.

If a Porto Rican should see fit to come to the United States or to engage in any commercial transactions involving shipments to or from this country, he is required, by our coastwise and navigation laws, to use ships of American registry.

FIND DOGFISH GOOD FOOD.

Once Despised Fish Now Called "Flake" in Great Demand in England.

Plymouth, England.—The English people are taking a new view of the dogfish, which they now find good to eat.

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Chinese in British Columbia have organized a \$2,000,000 company to construct an electric trolley system in China from Canton to San Wu.

France's Purchases. In the calendar year 1905 France purchased from the United States articles to the aggregate of \$107,023,123.

GREAT HATCH OF CHICKS.

Mammoth Incubator in New York Town Turns Them Out by Thousands.

"Nine, ten, a good fat hen," sitting ten years, or a thousand hens sitting each on their 15 eggs, would be required to do the work of the new incubator, with a capacity of 15,000 eggs.

OCEANS OF SMALL CHANGE

Nickels Paid Into New York Street Car Companies Reach an Enormous Total.

It is probable that all the five-cent pieces now in existence would not have more than paid the cash fares collected on the New York City Railway company lines alone.

APACHES SUN WORSHIPERS.

Orb of Day Always Besought for Favor Upon Undertaking Any Expedition.

The Apaches, like many other North American tribes, are sun-worshippers. Their myths tell them that the sun is the all-powerful deity and to it all supplications are addressed.

Regicides Unpunished. Although nearly three years have passed since the king and queen of Servia were murdered by political conspirators, the murderers or many of them, are still unpunished.

French Writer's Discovery. Zola, in his youth, before fame came to him, wrote some stories about millionaires, wherein it seemed to him that he exaggerated shamefully in his descriptions of the cozy homes and habits of the rich.

THE PASTORAL NAVAJOS.

Habits of This Tribe of Indians and Their Homes in the Southwest.

The Navajos are a pastoral, patriarchal, semi-nomadic people, their whole culture and development centers in their flocks.

While the Navajo's life is a wandering one, he is not what could be called a true nomad. His zone of wandering is limited; on the same grounds his father and father's father have kept their flocks.

CELERY GAINING IN FAVOR.

Grows Best in the Rocky Mountains, Where It Is Neglected by Farmers.

Celery is a native of Europe, where it has always been much more used than here, not only in salads and as a relish, for which it is still principally demanded in this country.

The old discussion as to whether celery is properly a winter or a summer food is rapidly giving way before the generally accepted idea that it is a good thing to eat whenever it can be had.

Curiously enough, the Rocky mountain celery, which is declared by connoisseurs to be superior to all other varieties, does not reach this market or any other.

Japan's Military Heroes. Self-depreciation seems to be a common virtue of military heroes in Japan. In his parting address to his officers on the breaking up of the Manchurian army Marshal Oyama says: "That I, in spite of my defective ability, have been enabled to avoid any signal failure must be primarily assigned to the loyalty and fidelity of the officers and soldiers under my command."

Euthanasia. A very remarkable thing happened in an English almshouse last Christmas. One of the inmates died of overeating, something that had never happened before in England.

Learning the Business. Aigy—I see you at your father's office quite frequently—are you working? Freddy—Oh, no; dad's taken me in to learn the business—that's all.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

TO THE CONSUMER.

FACTS FOR HIS CONSIDERATION REGARDING HOME TRADE

Patronage of Local Merchants an Important Factor in Building Up a Community.

Dear Mr. Consumer: The retail merchant in your community very often has much less at stake there than you have.

His investment in your community may be represented entirely by the stock of goods he is carrying.

If your particular community does not afford him prosperity according to his necessities it is a comparatively simple matter for him to close out his stock and go elsewhere.

If you are a farmer, let us say—since we are writing of mail order house patronage, and agriculturists are very large patrons of the mail order institutions—your holdings in your community represent many thousands of dollars.

It may be safely stated, however, that the interests of the average farmer, who is the great catalogue house patron, are more closely bound up in the welfare of his community than are the interests of the average retail merchant.

If your local merchant be honest and if he be making an effort, fairly, to supply your needs as far as it lies within his power, it is to your interest that you should encourage him by every means you possess.

At one time or another you may have contributed a bonus to bring a manufacturing establishment to your community. The retail merchant, in a smaller way, is as important a factor in the prosperity of your community as the manufacturer.

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TRUTH ABOUT THE TRAPPER

Not a Picturesque Figure, But a Cruel and Ruthless Destroyer of Game.

W. H. Wright, the noted grizzly bear hunter, tells about "The Trapper's Real Character" in "World's Work."

People who have not seen can form no idea of the suffering trappers cause, nor of their ruthless destruction of game.

The bones of the leg are almost invariably broken by the trap, and the leg swells to incredible size.

It is true that many retail merchants have property interests in the communities in which they live in addition to their mercantile interests.

Important experiments are being carried out by the naval authorities at Portsmouth dockyard to ascertain to what extent the steaming properties of the Welsh coal used in the British navy are improved by storage in the sea.

Undersea Cold Storage. Experiment of the English Admiralty Being Carried On at Portsmouth.

At the naval coaling stations in the tropics this decrease in calorific value is very great, the sun's heat drawing all the light volatile oils out of the coal.

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ABOUT APPENDICITIS.

TREATMENT OF THE MALADY IN VARIOUS LANDS.

Rare Among People Who Eat Little Meat—Medicine More Successful Than the Knife.

A statistical study of cases of appendicitis has been made by Dr. Chauvel, the medical inspector of the French army.

In 1902 668 patients suffering from appendicitis were received in the military hospitals of France.

Dr. Chauvel also made investigations to find out the cause of appendicitis. He compared the figures furnished by the French army in the metropolis and those of the army in Algeria.

Pushing his inquiries still further, Dr. Chauvel found that the French army in Algeria included both Europeans, French and natives.

The Arabs are a sober people who eat little and are vegetarians. When they eat meat it is cooked to shreds.

Other medical men have testified to the rarity of appendicitis among people who eat less meat than we.

Postcards as School Aids. Many of London's Pupils Are Educated by Foreign Correspondent's Letters.

Much success has attended the interchange of letters and postcards between pupils in the London county council schools and those in schools in the colonies.

London boys and girls are put in communication with children in the elementary schools in any part of his majesty's dominions from which applications are received.

One feature is the interchange of pictorial postcards which invariably results. The scholars engage in this on their own initiative.

At the Oxford public schools collections of all postcards of instructive value, such as views of towns and districts and photographs of national costumes and scenes of current events are exhibited in the classrooms and are discussed between the children and the teacher.

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