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Depart	8:15 A. M.	LIMON.	1:00 P. M.
Arrive	9:20 "	ZENT.	1:50 "
"	9:40 "	ZENT JUNCTION.	1:55 "
CHIRRIPO BRANCH			
Arrive	10:45 A. M.	ZENT.	10:00 M. A.
Depart	10:25 "	CHIRRIPO.	10:20 "
BANANA RIVER DISTRICT			
Arrive	5:00 P.	LIMON.	3:15 P. M.
Depart	4:05 "	BRACKESHM.	4:00 "
"	4:05 "	PHILADELPHIA.	4:00 "

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CURRENT ITEMS.

"That is Chichester Cathedral"
says the Archdeacon, pointing to
one of the views on the screen,
whereupon said a lady of the au-
dience: "Oh that is in China."
The Archdeacon heaved a painful
sigh.

British Honduras seems to be
waking up. An Agricultural
Society has recently been formed
there, and during the past week
we have been favoured with the
first number of the first Volume
of a Journal published monthly
by the Society, of which Mr. P.
Stanley Woods is the Commercial
and General Secretary.

THERE was only one drawback
at the Tea meeting last Tuesday
night, and that was the Magic
Lantern views. It is a pity that
someone did not have the fore-
thought to throw the views from
behind the screen; as it was the
lantern itself took up all the space
in front, and it was the only ob-
ject that those of the audience who
were three or four seats from the
front could see.

It will be a disappointment to
many to know that the "Altai"
on Monday next will leave here
for New York direct, not taking
mails for Jamaica. The Royal

Mail of course will leave on Wed-
nesday taking the Jamaica mails
and provided she gets a clean
Bill of Health, passengers also.
At the present writing there
was no yellow fever in port.

The Government has approved
the project submitted by the Costa
Rica Railway Company for the
construction of a branch line
through "La America" and ad-
jacent farms to the south of the
Old Line near La Junta. The
Company will pay the value of
the lands through which the road
passes, and it is understood that
the Company will allow to cross
its tracks any railroads or cart
roads the Government may con-
struct or authorize to be con-
structed.

The Archbishop of the West
Indies presided a London on
Wednesday July 1st. at the
Church House over a representa-
tive meeting of people interested
in the work of the Church in Ja-
maica and in the general welfare
of the island. He said that their
total of Church membership was
43,000, and, amid much immorali-
ty and illegitimacy in the island,
they kept these members under
discipline, and, their conduct
justified it, they were liable to be
expelled from Communion. It
was not true that the Church in
Jamaica failed to influence the
lives of its own people, but it was
true that half the children in the
island were not at school because
the Government could not afford
a complete system of education,
and it was also true that half the
population were living outside
religious worship of any sort.—
London Times.

(Continued on 11th Page.)

CURRENT ITEMS (Contd.)

Mr. Charles Paninski is one of the latest victims of fever.
Mrs. Carlos Saborio, who has been sick for a couple of weeks, was well enough to leave for the interior this week.
Dr. Manuel F. Obregon returned from his trip to Colombia by the Atlas s.s. "Valencia" on Sunday.
Mrs. Willie Keith and three children were passengers from New York by the s.s. "Brewster" on Monday last.
CONTRACTORS banana checks for the month of August will be calculated at the rate of 113 per cent.
Mr. Amadeo Boza McKellar, a subscriber to the LIMON WEEKLY NEWS, has been appointed Chief Clerk in the office of the Governor of Puntarenas.

resignation tendered by him has not been accepted. He is, moreover, asked to continue to discharge the duties of the office as heretofore.
A MEETING announced in another column took place in port on Thursday night last to consider the idea of taking some part in celebrating the Independence of Costa Rica on September 15th. Another meeting will probably be held during the coming week, further particulars of which will be published in next issue.
A PAGOQUITO correspondent to "El Noticiero" suggests that each landowner should be taxed one colon for each manzana of uncultivated land in his possession. He further insinuates that the Custom House duties are too high in view of the fact this country does not manufacture scarcely any article it consumes.
"EL NOTICERO" asserts that a rumor exists to the effect that Sr. Licenciado don Leonidas Pacheco, the present Minister of Foreign Affairs, will shortly be sent as Minister Plenipotentiary of Costa Rica at Bogota. Our contemporary pays a tribute to the merits of this gentleman which those who know him best will heartily endorse.
THE sad death occurred here on Sunday morning last of Mr. Luis Ace, who for about a year has been employed by the United Fruit Company as Inspector of their Commissaries on the line. Deceased, who was a Spaniard by birth, leaves a wife and several children in San Jose. His remains were followed to the cemetery on Sunday afternoon by most of his fellow-employees and a number of other friends.
WHAT has become of the Vagrancy Law in this port? If our understanding of this law is right the police have authority to arrest any person found in a public place during working hours; and yet during any hour of the day at least fifty gamblers are to be found in a public place within a stone's throw from this office, where they are permitted to gamble at pleasure without the slightest let or hindrance.
We were agreeably surprised when told that the fireworks used here on the 1st were made in this country, to wit, Heredia. They certainly compare very favorably with imported, and in some respects we thought were superior; the price, we understand also is cheaper than the first cost of the imported. This article furthermore pays a heavy duty when imported, and since the article is manufactured here it is now no more the expensive luxury it has hitherto been.
In expressing our sympathy last week with the postal authorities in connection with the continued robberies in the Limon office, we might also have included don Zacarias Chavez, the Chief of the Telegraph office in whose department the suspected thief was employed. Mr. Chavez is a gentleman whose reputation is beyond question, and such conduct in his office could never have been knowingly tolerated.
THERE is a rumor about town that there will shortly be two passenger trains daily between Limon and San Jose, one a fast train stopping only at important stations, and the other a mixed train. This is a venture on the part of the Railway Company which deserves complimenting, and if the fast train can only manage to reach San Jose before the banks close the business people down this way will heartily appreciate the accommodation. We hope the rumor has some foundation, and that if put in force the Company may be sufficiently compensated in making the experiment.

which was given by Mr. D. Henry. I was a well attended meeting and the behaviour of the people was noteworthy.
We are indeed proud of the people of Twelve Miles especially when we consider that they are the members of a race to which we belong. On the whole they can be put down as a quiet lot of people. We hope they will maintain their good quality.
This place is in need of another shop. We have only one here now, but the Chinese in charge are as pompous and fussy as mutton cats. Even another Chinese man would do well here. Away with these.
It has reached us from 13 Miles that a children's entertainment will be given there sometime during the present month by Miss Catherine Greene of St. James (Jamaica). The young lady, we understand, is a trained and certificated Schoolmistress of Shortwood College (Jamaica) which institution is in connection with the Jamaica Baptist Union.
The members of the Baptist Church here are neither hot nor cold. Last Sunday only about four or five attended service. I think this is very discouraging to any preacher. It is not our mission however, to criticize persons or motives but to point out malice toward none and with charity toward all. We consider it not only our privilege but our duty to criticize wrong things that thereby right ones may be more firmly established, and wrong ones brought into disrepute. People especially women in this part of the world only attend church when there is an opportunity to display new dresses, which we think is out of harmony with Christianity.
We are in need of a School teacher here. Mr. J. Lewis who was conducting one here has removed to Zent Island to take charge as manager of the farm of Mr. John Wilson. We wish him success in that line.

September 15th.
PROPOSED RACE MEETING
A meeting was held on Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m. in Limon by a large and influential number of Gentlemen for the purpose of joining in some suitable Sports in connection with the Costa Rican National day of Independence—the 15th September.
It was moved and unanimously carried after the purpose of the meeting was explained—that Mr. L. O. Fraser be called to the chair; who, after some suitable remarks showing his hearty approval of same, proceeded with the business of the evening. It was moved and carried that Sr. Don Alcides Ramirez be asked to accept the position of Treasurer, and Mr. F. C. Wynter be appointed Secretary.
After a lengthy discussion in which nearly all the Gentlemen present took part, it was finally decided that Races which is always considered the "King of Sports and The Sports of Kings", be the principal feature on the occasion.
Messrs. J. A. Naar, F. C. Wynter were then proposed by the Chairman—on account of their untiring energies on former occasions—to take the necessary steps in getting the assistance of the Government, and collecting subscriptions for the successful carrying out of Programme; the same was unanimously agreed to.
Several minor matters were brought up & dealt with, after which a vote of thanks was given to the Chairman. The meeting then adjourned until Thursday next.
SMALL POX N B OCAS DEL TORO.
QUARANTINE REGULATIONS IN COSTA RICA JUSTIFIED.
The following letter of Dr. Osterhout addressed under date July 29th to Mr. H. Leer, Manager of the United Fruit Co. at Bocas, has been handed us by Dr. Stegall, Medical officer of this port, and the particulars there given will show that the quarantine restrictions here against Bocas del Toro during the past few months have been fully justified:—
Bocas del Toro, Rep. Colombia July 29th, 1903.
Dear Sir:—
In reference to the small-pox situation in Bocas del Toro, I quote the following from the reports of the "Isolation Hospital": This institution received the first patient May 11, 1903.
Week ending July 14th, inclusive 5 cases 1 death.
Week ending July 21st, inclusive 1 case 1 death.
Week ending July 28th, inclusive 5 cases 0 deaths.
The total number of patients treated at the "Isolation Hospital" from May 11, 1903, to July 28, 1903, inclusive, 119, with 14 deaths. Remaining in the Hospital 14.
All houses from which we took patients have been promptly disinfecting, and the persons found therein have been similarly treated and vaccinated.
All cases were immediately removed to the hospital as soon as discovered, and no exception made as to the ruler. About 600 vaccine tubes (or points) have been used to date; this includes many in the lagoons. This measure will be continued until all are vaccinated.
Respectfully (Signed) Paul Osterhout, M.D.
NEW FRUIT COMPANY.
PROGRESS BEING MADE BY MR SYMINGTON.
At a recent monthly meeting of the Trinidad Agricultural Society, Mr. W. Symington attended and was introduced to the meeting by the Governor who presided.
Mr. Symington addressed the meeting at length and remarked that all he had done had been most prosperous up to the present moment. They had the "Trent" and the "Ta us" fitted with co-operators for carrying the fruit and capital for planting and handling the fruit, and it on a very profitable way, and he thought they would have a very prosperous little syndicate. He wished to avoid failure in every possible way, and therefore he intended to go home with the "Trent," leaving here on the 31st inst. to see the fruit collected and taken safe to Southampton and to come straight back to assist the work as he was doing now. He did not intend to lose sight of it. He was asking for 3,000 bunches of bunches of bananas, and he had the greatest part of them promised for the first shipment. He was taking various fruits as trial fruits. He hoped they should be able to take mangoes successfully. The trial shipments of mangoes he had taken had been a very great success. He was taking about 600 boxes of mangoes by the ship, and if they arrived in good condition, as he thought they would it would be a very great help to the small farms and a very welcome fruit on the London market. He thanked the Governor, personally, and all those Government officers in their various departments here, who had given him the kindest and warmest help. He did not know what he should have done without them. Mr. Smith, the Manager of the Railway, had been kindness itself and had tried to assist him in organizing the traffic and getting the fruit to the Railway. Every body, not only the planters themselves but even the smallest holder, had been trying to help him in every possible way. There was only one matter in which he hoped this Society would see their way clear to.

GIVE THE SYNDICATE SOME HELP.
The last time he was there he asked for financial help and he was promised £250 a year for three years for initial expenses, but he did not think he should have to ask for the money as expected as a communication had taken place with the Colonial Office at home asking Sir D. Morris if he would allow the Agricultural Instructors to teach that branch of the people how to deal with the fruit, and he thought it was more than probable that that would be done. He had by this mail received kind expressions from Mr. Chamberlain, wishing every success to the syndicate and hoping they would carry it to a successful issue. This Society could help them considerably. This island was handicapped against Jamaica by the ships having to lie out at sea and the whole cargo having to be taken from the shore to the ships, so that it would be necessary for them to have a flat or lighter, and he would ask the Society to help them in getting such a vessel, so that they would manage with less money than they had asked for.
NICARAGUA QUIET.
ZELAYA PROCLAIMS UNIVERSAL AMNESTY.
President Zelaya of Nicaragua has proclaimed universal amnesty, releasing all political prisoners from jail, and welcoming back to the republic all revolutionary exiles. There are probably more exiles from Nicaragua than from all the other Central American states.
Zelaya has been bitterly hated by a large element of the population, and many conspiracies have been formed against him and revolutions started, the last of which was crushed only a few weeks ago. The proclamations started, the last of which was crushed only a few weeks ago. The proclamation is made with a view of conciliating all discontented factions.—Hearner.

CHURCH NOTES.
The Costa Rican Ministers' Fraternal will celebrate its Anniversary and hold its first conference in Turrialba August 11-13. It is hoped that Messrs. Witt, Pitt, Hayter, Shortts and McDonald will be present. Great sorrow is felt that Mr. McCoull of San Jose cannot be present.
Rev. W. Baillie is expected to give a Magic Lantern Exhibition with lecture at the Baptist Church on Friday August 21st.
Wanted.
Two good workmen. Apply at once: E. U. Bins, Tailor, La Germania. perm. 8.8.03
WANTED.
An assistant in Wood's Book Store who has also a practical knowledge of banana and cacao cultivation. Apply in person any time after nine o'clock this morning.
FOR LEASE OR RENT.
A House at Puita, front and back piazzas, land suitable for small farming. For Particulars apply at this office.
SUGGESTIVE THERAPEUTICS.
OF the manifold reasons why the people of the United States of America is giving such marked attention to this science to-day. And why Costa Rica and any other country that would be abreast of time should adapt it.
The following twelve reasons will show it. Because no truly enterprising nation can keep up to their requirements satisfactorily unless their mental self is developed on equal lines with the physical.
2nd. Because the time is come when the world is finding out the essential difference between the mental and the physical self. And that just in proportion to the development of either is that nation uplifted or depressed.
3rd. Because this is no new doctrine among scholars, but needs to be diffused among the masses if they will excel. Because we every day see that people who holds places of prominence are they who are intellectually developed.
4th. Because we know all human beings are capable of mental development, and therefore conclude that there are exceeding greater heights to which the masses may attain.
5th. Because it is never too late to benefit yourself and others.
6th. Because we know by suggestive mental treatment the household that is fast dissolving can be made honourable to hold its own.
7th. Because the profligate man, the fallen and the broken-hearted woman can turn to this treatment and find a solace.
8th. Because insomnia, hysteria, toothache, headache, neuralgia, etc., etc., are cured by it, and so is alcoholism in all its forms.
9th. Because stammering may be cured through suggestion quicker than in any other way.
10th. Because Dr. H. G. Peteracn, a noted American physician, speaks authoritatively, when he said no absolute cures are effected in cases of chronic disease by means of drugs, because by their use the patient's power of resistance is decreased, whereas by suggestive treatment it is increased, at the end of a course of treatment by suggestion the strength of will of a patient is so exalted that he is securely fortified against future attacks of his old condition.
Because every one may enjoy the knowledge and use of this wonderful curative agent, whereas after taking other treatment you are not one wit the wiser as to how and why you were cured or how to remain so. We operators of suggestive therapeutics teach all our patients the power and principles of auto-suggestion, how of themselves to retain their health when their old condition threatens to return, this in itself is worth more to a patient than is any course of treatment.
12th. Because we should prize the manner in which the American scientific world deals with the public to-day in diffusing knowledge. What has been and still is shrouded jealously by European scientists from the masses is in part (advisedly) laid bare by American scientists, a thousand times, yes! this is so occasionally even on matters goteric and thus by scientifically diffusing knowledge to the masses, instead of confining it to the few, the logical outcome of the nation is repleated to an almost inexpressible manner.
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TWELVE MILES.

(COMMUNICATED.)
The August season has passed off philosophically, quietly and peacefully. No rioting, revelling or drunkenness. The first day of August was hailed by a "Speaking meeting"

Rev. William Baillie.

The Rev. William Baillie who a short time ago visited the Wesleyan Mission here and gave some interesting Lantern Lectures, is expected to arrive here again on R. M. steamer on Wednesday next. Mr. Baillie though travelling this time more for the benefit of his health than for work, will no doubt visit some of the line stations and also give several Lantern Lectures. The first: "Our Heroes or the men who faced death" will be given at the Wesleyan Church, Limon, next Friday evening the 21st, the title of which will be announced later.

WHAT IS A COUGH?

A spasmodic effort to expel the mucus from the bronchial tubes. A cold causes a more abundant secretion of mucus, and when the lungs and bronchial tubes are inflamed, they are extremely sensitive to the irritation. Unless care is taken, the cold may result in pneumonia, which is swift and deadly. If the cold is a lingering one, the more leisurely but equally fatal consumption may set in. Do not neglect a cold or cough. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It always cures and cures quickly. LImon INTERNATIONAL PHARMACY sells it.—26 ins. 11. 4. 03.

Mutual Life Assurance.

DIRECTORS' MEETING.

A meeting of Directors of the Limon Mutual Life Assurance was held at the Treasurer's Office (Wood's Book Store) on the evening of Saturday last under the presidency of Mr W. J. Reid, with the following Directors in attendance:—Messrs. David N. Vaz, S. Pearce, J. W. Allen, C. W. Grant, E. J. C. Webb and F. M. H. Wood (Secretary and Treasurer)

DELINQUENT MEMBERS.

The Treasurer reported that four of the delinquent members reported at last meeting had since paid up their assessments, but that members Cory don Junius and Gilbert Hofman had failed to respond. Their names were there fore ordered to be struck off the list.

NEW MEMBERS.

The names of five new members were put in and accepted, two of them being members under the old organization.

The Directors adjourned at 8.10 the date of the next meeting being left to the discretion of the Secretary and Treasurer.

USE OF FIREFLIES.

THEY SUPPLY LIGHT TO READ BY AND TO SHOOT BY—A FIREFLY TELEGRAPH.

(From The Sun.)

"In the tropics," says G. R. O'Reilly, the naturalist, "the fireflies may be made to serve many purposes. For instance, they supply light to read by. One night when stormbound in the forest-covered mountains of Paria, in eastern Venezuela, my companions complained of the monotony of having nothing to do. "How jolly it would be," he said, "if we only had a lamp and some books!" "Why, I've got "Don Quixote" in the sack, said I, "and I'll soon have a light."

JAMAICA GHOST TALES.

TOLD BY A JOURNALIST IN AMERICA. (From The Gleaner.)

A journalist who was some time ago in Jamaica contributes an article to certain American newspapers on ghost stories of the world. Of Jamaica he has this to say:—

A hard-headed Scottish planter, now living in Jamaica, declares that he met a ghostly mare, three nights in succession at the same spot, when riding home from his banana fields.

Each time his horse stopped dead, quivering with fear, and could only be made to pass the mare by liberal use of whip and spur.

On the second night the planter tried to flog the mare out of the way, but as his whip curled over her back it only cut the air.

The planter's two sons, not to be outdone, declared that their horses were once raced for a mile by a spectral mule, which suddenly vanished under their very eyes.

But the queerest Jamaican ghost is one which haunts a plantation called Talloch. It is a spectral horse and buggy, and appears with oppressive regularity two or three times a week. The clatter of the horse's hoofs and the scraping of the buggy wheels on the carriage drive are plainly heard, but when the people look out from the house there is no horse or buggy to be seen. Hundreds of persons are ready to testify to the truth of this story.

The non-human ghosts are not confined to dry land. There are stories of phantom sharks in many parts of the world, and one which is supposed to haunt the waters around Nassau is vouched for by a cloud of witnesses.

It is called the harbour monster—a nickname applied to most famous sharks—and is incredibly long, some of the imaginative fishermen even make it a good rival of the sea serpent.

It swims with a weird, phosphorescent glow even in broad daylight, and is not to be scared away by a noise in the water, like ordinary sharks. It has been hooked over and over again, so the fishermen say, but it always vanishes of the hook as it is being pulled over the ship's side. It does not merely hop on and fall back into the water; it simply vanishes, and there is no splash afterward. Next day it is found back at the old stand, doing business as usual.

Tough old shellbacks who have sailed in whaling vessels are fond of telling yarns of the famous phantom whale. They see a huge spouter and lower away the boats to harpoon it. But their harpoons go clean through the whale as if it were air, and then vanishes.

Some misfortune is bound to befall the vessel soon afterward. It is a worse omen than sighting Vanderdecken and his spectral ship.

THE FRUIT WAR.

EFFECTS OF THE RECENT CUTTING OF PRICES. (From The Gleaner.)

New York, July 11.—This week saw the initial shipments of bananas here by the two independent companies, Verley, of Providence, and Di Giorgio, of Baltimore. And incidentally it may be said at the outset that the two companies have not gone under one name, the Independent Fruit Company, as somebody had it, but are operating each on its own account yet conjointly.

Each imports its own fruit, but lands it at Pier 14 here, and the fruit when here is looked after by a local banana man, though the respective importing interests are keeping tabs on all that goes on. The Verleys brought in a good cargo of Jamaica fruit last Thursday, and Di Giorgio had a cargo of Baracoa on Thursday. Both were excellent fruit, green and in splendid shape. The Jamaicans sold out pretty well, despite the fact that the United Fruit Co. has been charged by the independents with stocking up markets by consigning very liberally. The Baracoas did not fare so well, because by the time they were offered, lots of bananas had been brought in by the United Fruit Co. and others, and with the intense heat making shipments to any but nearby markets out of the question, people were afraid to buy bananas.

The independent importers are charging the United Fruit Co. with cutting rates, while declaring that they themselves have no intention of doing any such thing. It is a fact that LOWER RATES HAVE BEEN DECLARED by the United Fruit Co., but their officials, if they would consent to talk, probably would explain it by the hot weather and a large supply on hand. It is said already that the independent importing interests are not harmonious, and Di Giorgio, whose cargo fared much worse than the Verley cargo, may withdraw. It is hinted that there is discord over the local management, which the independent interests are not in harmony about. It is known that some of the trade are very critical on this subject, and think the independents have made a mistake at the outset. It is pointed out that Mr Cadmus of the United Fruit Co. is a man who gets along with everybody, and a big part of his time, since he resumed charge at Pier 1, has been devoted to winning back to the United Fruit Co., interests it lost while he was out of it.

The United Fruit Co. has made every effort since they became convinced that they were to have opposition, to head off the independents and no doubt these efforts have been to a certain extent, successful. There is no occasion for discouragement, however the season of the independents is young and the weather unusually hot. It is the general belief that there is plenty of room for them, and they have plenty of chances to succeed if they do their business right. The independents have taken high ground. They say they are here to build up their own trade, not to tear it down.

down the United Fruit Co's and they will not consign. Some imperial observers (according to the Fruit Trade Journal) think the United Fruit Co. is not acting wisely in meeting the competition.

JAMAICANS TO FORE.

(From The Gleaner.)

New York, July 10.—Among the Jamaicans who have in past years given evidence of great ability and impressed themselves upon the people of the United States by their worth, are Samuel Ward, of St. Ann; Robert Elliott, of Montego Bay; Robert Simpson, of Manchester.

Mr. Ward was a co-worker, with Love Joy, Thomas Garvin and Windell Phillips, America's greatest orator, made famous by his oration on "Toussaint L'Ouverture," and Fred Douglas in "The Abolition of Slavery"

He was a man of great ability and of unparalleled eloquence so that the Hon. Fred Douglas writes of him as superior to himself in oratory, having few, if any equals.

Mr. Douglas said of him "He was vastly superior, I thought, to any of us as an orator, and being perfectly black and of unmixed African descent, the splendor of his intellect, depth of thought, fluency of speech, readiness of wit, logical exactness and general intelligence went directly to his race."

HON. ROBERT ELLIOTT.

Robert Elliott (Hon.) came to the United States with his parents when quite a boy and settled down in Boston, Mass. where he received his early training. At such an early age he entered the U. S. Navy and served through the Civil War, rendering distinguished service therein.

He made his home in South Carolina after the war and took an active part during the reconstruction period.

He was a member of the Convention of that State which formulated the New Constitution, the organic law of the State.

He studied law and soon became a lawyer of great distinction, having been elected as Attorney-General of the State.

He was acknowledged to be a great Constitutional lawyer; and his legal arguments and debates adorn the pages of the law report of that State.

In 1886 he was elected to the National Congress and subsequently served as speaker of the House of Assembly in his own State.

Upon the expiration of the term in the National Congress he was nominated for the U. S. Senate and would have been elected to that body but for the envy and jealousy arising from his nativity.

He was subsequently appointed special agent of the United States Treasury, being one of but two colored men who ever received such a distinction. His speech, upon record in the Congressional Library, in reply to the Hon. Alexander Stephens, Ex-Vice-President of the Confederacy, on civil rights bill ranks among the ablest ever delivered in the United States Congress. In diction, logical acumen and oratory, and will be an everlasting memorial to statesmanship courage and fidelity to both country and race interest.

DR. R. STIMPSON. Among the actors of recent years is Dr. Robt. Stimpson, who received his early training under the Rev. C. L. Barnes, deceased. As found upon the records of the United States War Department, he studied Pharmacy at the General Hospital at Kingston Jamaica and graduated in 1892 with marked distinction.

In 1894 he entered Bishop's University, Canada, where he completed the medical course graduating with high honours.

The Hon. Augustus Stroker, Ex-Circuit Court Judge of Michigan, places Dr. Stimpson among the foremost men of his profession. Says the honorable gentleman: "He is above the lesser mortals, his ability as a surgeon stands unquestioned, his manners were gentle, his conduct upright and was well informed in general."

At the time of the Spanish-American War, Dr. Stimpson having won his place through competitive examination was appointed by the Hon. Hazen S. Pingree Governor of the State of Michigan, as Surgeon with the rank of Captain and assigned him to the 33rd and 34th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, with which regiment he proceeded to Santiago-de-Cuba, the seat of war where he rendered valuable service. Thus it will be seen that Jamaica not only served as a shield for oppressed Cubans but sent forward her best sons into the thickest of the fray for "Cuba Libre."

Attached to his record in the War Department the enquirer will find an appendix from the Governor and his commanding officer in which his service and efficiency as a skillful Surgeon and physician is highly complimented.

He was, upon his return from the seat of war, sent to Puerto Rico with the regular army, where he again distinguished himself as a Surgeon. Not only were his services sought by the soldiery and peasant classes but also by the best blood of the proud castilian race.

He was the first-colored physician appointed in this country to practice among white regiments, and the satisfaction which he gave all concerned stands out in bold relief upon the records of the War Office, to be handed down in history from generation to generation.

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