

NOTE OF APPRECIATION.

We the Members and Leader of the Industrial Brass Band feel it our duty to send a note of appreciation to the community for the manifestation shown our organization by the loud and continuous applause for every number played.

We thank you,
Yours to serve,
A. SEBASTIAN FORBES.
Leader.

LOCAL

The s. s. Bolivar from New York via Frederiksted arrived at this port yesterday, landed cargo, mails and passengers and sailed at 4.45 p. m. carrying mail for the British West Indies and Guadeloupe.

The officers of the Municipal Committee have been making the usual rounds of inspection prior to the adoption of the yearly budget.

The U. S. S. Grebe is expected here today from St. Thomas returning some time later. It is advised that, depending on the customary courtesy, the post office will forward by her all St. Thomas mail posted up to noon.

Lieut. C. E. Rappolee, U. S. N., now transferred from his post as Despatching Secretary here, in accordance with Navy regulations, sails today on the "Grebe" and will take the transport "Kittery" at St. Thomas for the States. We found Mr. Rappolee very courteous, and it is conceded that he exercised a careful business scrutiny of the affairs of his office, the dignity of which was singularly well upheld. We wish bon voyage.

"The Prisoner of Zenda" was concluded last night in great style and attended by a large and highly satisfied audience. It was screened that the whole film of 10 reels will be shown tomorrow afternoon at the usual rates of admission.

BETTER CAN'T BE DONE.

Day to day the people say
Better can't be done
Consider well, what you say
Try to do something every day,
Work a little harder in every way
And you will surely know,
Better can be done.

BERTRAM GIBBS.

St. Thomas News

Captain Fischer Departs After 43 Years Residence

Among the passengers who sailed yes-

terday on the "Guiana" was Harbor-master S. Fischer.

Captain Fischer who came to St. Thomas in the palmy days of the island, is a native of Denmark and first set foot on our soil on the 27th day of October 1880, as an employee of the firm of Bache & Company.

On the death of Captain Bache, Captain Fischer and Mr. Carpenter, another of the firm's employee, continued the business for Mrs. Bache.

After the firm of Bache and Company closed its doors Captain Fischer bought two vessels, a brigantine and a schooner which he sailed himself for some years until he entered the service of the Danish Government as first assistant harbor-master in 1896. This position he filled until the Transfer when he was promoted to the position which he has just given up on account of failing health.

"Have you ever had an accident Captain?" the retiring harbor-master was asked by a reporter of this paper.

"I am happy to say that during the 27 years I have been engaged as pilot in the harbor of St. Thomas there has been no accident entailing the payment of damage by the Government, by the insurance companies, or by the owners."

Such a record speaks well for Captain Fischer and our reporter could not do otherwise than congratulate him.

During the 43 years that Captain Fischer lived on this island, he made many friends by his bluff and kindly disposition and, indeed, like the majority of the Danes who have lived long on the island, he became identified with the island and its people. The ties that connect the captain with St. Thomas being exceptionally strong as he leaves buried in its soil a dear wife, a beloved daughter and an only son. Thus it was that as the sprightly old man shook hands with us on departing the thought that was uppermost in our mind was: "Those who know our people are departing so swiftly and the ends of the bond which time and distance must sever might never be picked up by the new comers."

May the genial Captain live long and happy in the midst of his family.

In expressing our pleasure at Captain W. O. Simmonds' promotion as harbor-master, we wish him a long and successful career.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, June 14th.*

The New Lodge

We understand that the Order of the Knights of Toussaint has gained many members during the first few weeks of its existence in St. Thomas. This order which was founded in 1910 in Washington, D. C., has had since its inception a rather large and remarkable growth in the States.

The founder of the order, Mr. A. Fitzallan Wallace, Grand Supreme Ruler,

accompanied by Miss Jones, Most Worthy Empress of the Order of Susanne an auxiliary of the Knights of Toussaint paid a short visit to the island on the 11th of last month for the expressed purpose of opening Wilmot Blyden, Lodge No. 27. The visit being made at the earnest request of Mr. F. Guirty, who had joined the order while in the United States and been deputed to act as organizer in the Virgin Islands.

At the first initiation of members, 16 applicants were enrolled as members of the order of the Knights of Toussaint and a similar number in the Order of Susanne.

Mr. Guirty must be complimented for the energy and unselfish motives he displayed to his endeavor to bring the new institution to the island and it is hoped that he will have the pleasure of witnessing the full fructification of his labor.

The object of the order, it is emphasized, is to encourage race consciousness and on the whole to help humanity.

Mr. Guirty was appointed Most Worthy Ruler of Wilmot Blyden Lodge, and Miss Emma Richards Worthy Empress of the Court of Naomi.—*Ibid.*

There was quite a representative gathering at the Office of the Colonial Council on Thursday night, where and when very valuable information and data relative to the possibilities of raising tobacco in this island were presented by Messrs. Juan Jose and Leopoldo Rivera of Conerie, Rto. Rico. These gentlemen, who are at present, and for a large number of years have devoted themselves to the cultivation of the aromatic leaf, satisfactorily explained to the attentive audience the result of their investigations here and advocated a prompt and serious consideration of the matter. Many questions were asked by several persons, and promptly answered by the gentlemen mentioned, and the audience on retiring felt that nothing should be left undone towards making a possibility of the proposed industry and with the further hope that the services of the Messrs. Rivera may be contracted for at the opportune moment.—*The Bulletin, 16th June.*

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

New York, June 18th.—M. Bordes, general representative in this country of the French Line, announced this afternoon that arrangements had been made in Washington whereby French sailors, homeward bound, would be issued half a litre of wine a day after the three mile limit had been passed. M. Bordes said he had notice to this effect from Ambassador Jusserand. Under the new arrangement sailors will receive this wine, in accordance with French law, while bound to the United States would have their supplies locked up in port, but would get