

Publication.

It is hereby brought to public notice that Government has, this date, authorized Rev. ERNEST PUGH to perform civil-religious functions in the Municipality of St. Croix.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, St. Croix, 4 April, 1922.

J. J. GAFFNEY,
Government Secretary.

Bekendtgørelse.

DEN ordinære Generalforsamling i den dansk-vestindiske Nationalbank afholdes ONSDAG DEN 14 JUNI 1922 KL. 11 FORM. i Ministerialbygningen, Slotsholmsgade Nr. 6 her i Staden.

Forhandlingsgenstandene er:

- 1) Forelæggelse af Bankraadets Beretning om Bankens Virksomhed i Aaret 1921.
- 2) Forelæggelse af det reviderede Regnskab for nysnævnte Aar med Forslag til Anvendelse af Aarsoverskuddet.
- 3) Indstilling om Decharge for det aflagte Regnskab.
- 4) Valg af et Medlem til Bankraadet.
- 5) Valg af en Revisor.

Kjøbenhavn, den 2 Marts 1922.

F. NORDLIEN, WINThER.

Translation.

Notice.

THE ordinary General Meeting of The National Bank of the Danish West Indies takes place WEDNESDAY THE 14 JUNE 1922 AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M. in the Ministerial Building, No. 6 Slotsholmsgade, in Copenhagen.

The Order of the Day is as follows:

- 1) Report from the Board of Directors covering the activity of the Bank during the year 1921.
- 2) Presentation of the audited accounts for the said year with proposal as regards the distribution of the surplus for the year.
- 3) Move, that the accounts be adopted.
- 4) Election of a Member for the Board.
- 5) Election of an Auditor.

Copenhagen, the 2 March 1922.

F. NORDLIEN. WINThER.

LOCAL.

The usual large and appreciative audi-

ence was present at the Christiansted Theatre last night where four more attractive parts of the paramount serial "The Flaming Disk" were presented and aroused general interest, admiration and interest. This film is drawing to a close now, and on Monday night, 10th., six parts will be shown. There will be no show on Thursday night, Holy Thursday.

Correspondence

New York City,
March 23rd 1922.

Editor of the Avis.
St. Croix, V.I.U.S.A.

Dear Sir:—

A little over two years ago, when I visited the islands, and when a certain group of people were up in arms against me, I said to many of my friends that the chickens would come home to roost some day.

I see by the papers that they are beginning to do so, and for these reasons I feel that in justice to myself, I should make public as a reminder just what I said when I made addresses before an audience at St. Gerard Hall at Frederiksted and also at Christiansted.

The language expressed by me at the time were with words to this effect: "Looking at my dear old home St. Croix today, I see a great change as compared with the days of my childhood. I regret that certain conditions which exist here do not deserve much credit to us as a people.

It has been told to me, and I have also observed it to be a fact, that a spirit of unfriendliness exists among classes here. There is a lack of co operation between the people of the laboring classes and the Church, between Capital and Labor with a decided mark of disrespect on the part of the larger group.

I believe in justice to one and all, and the right to fight for the things most near and dear to us, but I am totally against those who are seeking to win by abuse. I cannot see what any leader expects to accomplish by telling his followers to keep away from the Church, to disrespect its ministers, and not to contribute towards its support.

So far as oppression against labor is concerned, that must be expected.

There are fighting labor parties everywhere, in Russia and even in America.

It is up to your leaders to direct your battle by means of logical arguments along the principles of labor however, and leave the social end of it alone.

There is no place in this civilized world where everybody link as one—socially.

It is human for one person to think himself or herself better than the other, and while in many instances they are not justified, yet the right to aspire to social prominence is nevertheless an inalienable one.

We err in the belief that we bully people into thinking our way. There is only one way to break down class or color prejudice, and that is by education.

If you are intelligent you are more capable of appreciating culture and refinement. If you are ambitious you will save what you can and thus become independent. It is money and brains that rule the world today, and it is only after you have acquired these things that you will be able to enter on the same platform with anybody.

I differ again with those leaders who have made certain utterances against the Priests and white men of the islands.

It is time that the Priests, the Merchants, Planters and others who represent the prominence of the islands are no better than anyone else so far as color or texture of skin is concerned.

But you must appreciate the fact that the Priests, the Merchants and the Planters belong to a different station in life to the people of the laboring classes, and in the case of the Priests especially, they do stand higher socially, morally or otherwise.

I regret, and do regret very deeply that the question of color has entered these islands. I know by experience that the white man rules and will always rule where he establishes industry and finance upon which you the masses are dependent for support.

And the black man and woman in these islands with money occupy the very same position.

There is no evidence of malice or hatred prompted by them against you, for as a matter of fact while they segregate themselves socially, they will on the other hand be your very best friends.

Is it fair for any leader to train you to disrespect, to aid in dragging down the moral worth of our own country, when deep down in their own hearts, they too aspire to social prominence and do think themselves socially above you?

I say to you with frankness, stand as a united people for justice to one and all regardless of race, creed, or color, be good Christians, honor and respect the government and all its officials, choose from among you good and faithful leaders, and above all watch your pocket-book and guard yourself against exploiters who are likely to be in your midst.

I have always felt broadminded enough to shake hands in good spirit with anyone who takes issue with my views relative to the conditions existing in our three islands.

It is love of country that prompts one to take an interest, and we should not be so thin skinned to get at loggerheads or hold as personal matter these differences.

The open letter which appeared in your paper of recent date with signatures coming from a group who were bitter against me, reveals the fact that these remarks made by me, at the time and which have once more made public were just