

Advertisement.

BIDS are requested for the following supplies which are needed in the administration of the Christiansted Municipal Hospital, for the month of February 1920. Delivery is to be made by the merchant, in case the merchant is outside the limit of Christiansted Municipality. Bids should be addressed to the Inspector, Municipal Hospital, Christiansted.

After January 27th, no bids will be considered.

All supplies to be of the best quality.
Wheat flour, 50 lbs.; Corn Meal, 85 lbs.; Rice 100 lbs.; Lard, 35 lbs.; Cooking butter, 35 lbs.; Sugar 300 lbs.; Table butter, 50 lbs.; Irish potatoes 300 lbs.; Meat, (Beef, Mutton, Pork,) 400 lbs.; Salt fish, 60 lbs.; Tea, 3 lbs.; Quaker Oats, 60 lbs.; Cream of Wheat, 20 lbs.; Beans and Peas, 50 lbs.; Onions, 20 lbs.; Kerosene Oil, 50 gallons; Matches 1 gross.

Christiansted, St. Croix, V.I. of U.S.A.,
January 20th 1920.

J. C. DuBOIS
Inspector Municipal Hospital.

THE Promoters, Former Members, and Persons desirous of participating in the Horse Racing to be held on Estate "Manning's Bay" on Easter Monday, as well as those desirous of becoming Members of the Saint Croix Racing Association are cordially invited to attend a meeting at Kings Hill, on Sunday, 25th inst. at 3 o'clock p. m.

Subject:

Membership;

Election of Officers.

For the St. Croix Racing Association
Signed:

A. DE CHABERT. K. HENDERSON,
W. H. FLEMING. E. L. BROWN,
CORNELIUS PENTHENY.

Concert Program

On the Wharf To-Night
by the Native Brass Band
PART I.

1. March "The Battle Song of Liberty" Arr. Hildreth
2. Operatic Ming e Arr. Berry
3. Waltz "Spring Bells" Mackie-Beyer
4. March "On To Victory" Mackie-Beyer

—:Intermission:—

1. March "The New Liberty" Lincoln
2. Overture "Scenes From Operaland" Arr. Al Hayes
3. Two-Step "The Booster" Klein
4. One-Step "A Warming Up In Dixie" Paull

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

FRED. C. JACKSON, JR.
Bandmaster.

The sugar shortage is undoubtedly acute, very little being obtainable anywhere and the price of what is to be had almost prohibitable. The Bethlehem concern has started grinding it is understood and there, however, is at that rate relief in sight.

The schooner Creole has not yet arrived here owing probably to the heavy winds which have prevailed since yesterday.

Christiansted, Jan. 20. 1920.

Editor the Avis:-

Don't you think the people ought to remember the Danish American Grocery in these days as the place that stood up for their interests during the first days of the exchange panic? Why not patronize this place now when even during the existing sugar scarcity it is holding on to reasonable prices, and giving the public the benefit of 18 cts. a lb. for what little it can place on the counter?

Yours,

CONSUMER.

To The Editor of the Avis.

Dear Mr. Editor:

In WEST END NEWS of the 15th inst., under the heading of "News Notes" an invitation was issued to the public to hear the delegates of the Virgin Islands Protective League sound the death-knell to class hatred in these islands, which, in the absence of qualification (the speakers being members of the Negro race) and in an overwhelming Negro population, one was led to believe that the lecturers (?) intended to deal with the subject in the true light.

To my great surprise, the very next day, a gentleman—a white man—showed me a copy of WEST END NEWS, with the report of the speeches, and in strong language gave vent to his feelings over the outrage perpetrated on an innocent population by the delegates of the Virgin Islands Protective League in the Roman Catholic Schoolhouse in Frederiksted.

I admitted to him that I was astonished, but at the same time felt that the unwary delegates had fallen the helpless victims of some unscrupulous persons in Frederiksted and its environs.

I was also told that Mr. Geo. Fleming of Høgensborg, Planter Gaffney, Planter Smith of Whim, and the Catholic Priest shook hands with, and congratulated the speakers.

It is not my policy to denounce those who deserve pity, but, as hypocrisy and I do not sit in the same saddle, and as I cannot stand double dealings, I am bound, for the sake of my race, to show our people that when the delegates at that meeting in the Catholic Schoolhouse spoke of race-hatred, and attributed its introduction here to "the man", they

were acting as convenient mouthpieces for the oppressors or would-be-oppressors, and I shall quote from letters written me from New York, which I no longer deem confidential.

I shall however mention in passing, as I have so often pointed out to members of the League in America, that, if the Virgin Islands Protective League has for its aim the welfare of the Islands, it may depend upon my whole-hearted support; but as the present mission of its delegates has shown that the league has no definite plan of action, I must, for the present, withdraw my promised support, until such time as the representatives show a greater amount of wisdom, conscientiousness, and stability. Weather vanes revolve in all directions, according to how the wind blows. But to the question of race-hatred.

The following extracts from letters of some of the officers of the league, will shed some light on my silence in the matter, and readers will then see hypocrisy in its most flagrant form. Compare the tenor of these extracts with the address in the Catholic Schoolhouse on the night of the 15th inst., remembering at the same time that those letters were written in New York, and the lectures delivered here. See if it displays courage to stand by conviction.

The following are from a letter from Miss Hendrickson, now here; the date of the letter is April 7, 1919.

"We have from time to time been hearing of different outrages and injustices being committed upon our people by men in the service of the U. S. Government, and that the press in the islands are suppressed, and are not permitted to publish the various atrocities...."

"We therefore solicit your support and co-operation as the organization would like to work in conformity with you...."

"It is therefore essential that the organization be permanent in order to voice the sentiments of the people, as we are cognizant of the fact that wherever American white men goes, they carries with them race prejudice and hatred, and are always ready to execute same on the people of darker complexion, whom they term "Niggers"....."

"In order to combat these obstacles that are working against us as a race, and to make the Virgin Islands safe for Democracy, the Virgin Islands Protective League must live, so we can openly tell our white Americans that the Negroes are human, and will no longer tolerate being kept in serfdom and peonage".... From another officer, dated April 17, 1919: "It (the League) had its origin from the unheard of atrocities perpetrated upon the defenseless natives of those islands by those Southern brutes on Christmas Eve Night"....

Mr. Arnold Golden was very active in clapping with the white people at the meeting, we hear. Of course race-consciousness is dead in him.