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SOLVING PROBLEMS--LET SCIENCE DO IT

Gradually the ancient superstition that material and moral progress is to be attained by enacting more laws is losing caste. As evidences of the futility of legislation to make people prosperous and happy constantly multiply, our minds more willingly turn in other directions. On every hand are seen the follies of ill-advised enactments. In fact most of the worthwhile work of state legislatures and congress is the undoing of the blunders of the past the repeal of serious modification of laws. As to matters in the realm of morals, we know, on second thought, that the men we elect to office or just human like all the others.

A great deal of talk about punishment of profiteers is merely wasted wind. It is doubtful whether a law that will prevent profiteering would not seriously interfere with practically all business and in the end do more harm than good. However, science hurries to our aid and beats the sugar profiteers, just as it has beaten other gougers of the public by spoiling their game. The news comes that chemists have found a way to manufacture white sugar from corn at a cost of not to exceed four cents a pound. The manufacture of corn sugar is now under way in some plants, and in another year we may expect sugar on the retail market at not to exceed 8 cents a pound. This sugar has a sweet content of about 80 percent of that of cane sugar.

This is not all chemistry has done for sugar. A recent announcement tells us that scientists in the Louisiana Sugar Experiment Station have found a way

to keep sugar from being injured by molds and bacteria. These molds consume the sucrose, which is the sweetening factor. The loss, which is now eliminated by the steaming process, has been a considerable factor in the high cost of the American bill of sweets.

The story of achievements by men of the retort and blowpipe is by no means ended. It is hardly begun. Take corn oil, for instance. The scarcity and consequent high prices of edible fats resulted in investigations followed by the discovery that corn contains oil, very suitable for cooking and baking, which could be extracted from by-products in the manufacture of certain staple corn products. As the supply of corn is practically inexhaustible, a constant supply of corn oil at prices that tend to lower the cost of living is assured and at the same time the increased demand for corn will help the farmer's market.

Thus the problems of daily life are being worked out. Of course, everybody is not yet happy, but they may be so in time if they place less dependence for relief upon the men who work politics for a living and turn their eyes of tetter to the men who are digging into the facts of matter and discovering its hidden laws. --*American Farming.*

Received Ex S. S. "Kathadin" & "Korona"

POTATOES,

ONIONS,

APPLES,

CABBAGES,

MIKED VEGETABLES,

SELECTED FAMILY BEEF,

FAMILY MESS PORK,

PICKLED MACKERELS,

SALMON,

BACON,

AND A FINE ASSORTMENT OF GROCERIES.

You are invited to come and see my Stock.

Christiansted, 18' Oct. 1920.

A. R. McIntosh.

NOTICE.

PARTIES having claims against the estate of CHRISTIAN JAMES who died in St. Thomas on July 30, 1920, are hereby notified to file their claims with the undersigned Court within three months from date, after which time no claims against said estate will be paid.

Dealing Court for St. Thomas and St. John, St. Thomas, October 29, 1920.

THIELE,
Judge.

Tonsorial.

THE undersigned makes known that he intends opening up a Barber Shop on FRIDAY the 5TH inst. on the property No. 53 Company Street.

He assures the gentlemen that he is fully competent to please them in whatever style they may require and respectfully solicits their patronage.

All patrons are politely requested to call at his place of business, as no work will be done outside.

Business hours from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. every day.

THEODORE FRYSTER.

Christiansted, 2nd. Nov. 1920.

An Open Invitation.

To all Voters of Christiansted Town and Country District.

GREETINGS:

YOU are herein invited to attend a call meeting, at 8 o'clock FRIDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 5, 1920, at Christiansted Theatre.

At this very important meeting, the formation of a Republican Party will be discussed, and plans laid to bring it into existence, in this section of the island.

It is to be distinctly understood by all, that this meeting and the plans to result therefrom, are in no way connected with any organization now existing in this island; but will be entirely Political in its scope and operation; and in strict accordance with the American conception of Political Party movements.

Yours truly,

O. C. GRANADY.