

Publication.

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NOTICE.

BY special request, The Christiansted Entertaining Company will repeat their programme,

Wednesday Night Dec. 14, 1921

at the Christiansted Theatre at 8 p. m.

Tickets will be sold at the Theatre.

Reserved Seats.....25c.
General Entrance.....20c.
Children.....10c.

C. BASTIAN,
Manager.

LOCAL.

The S. S. "Fort St. George" is due at Frederiksted Wednesday morning for New York via St. Thomas, and will accept cabin passengers for St. Thomas.

The two football matches played yesterday afternoon at the Parade Ground and at Holger Danske resulted in a draw with no goal for the former and one goal for each side for the latter.

The Native Brass Band entertained a large gathering at a public concert last night. The weather was perfect.

A burglar broke into Mr. Ans. Fabio's grocery on Saturday night last and stole his cash-pan containing \$115 including \$30 in American money. There is no clue so far, and the matter has been reported to the Police.

It is understood that owing to machinery trouble the calling at this port of the S. S. Marina was postponed. She arrived at Frederiksted yesterday morning.

The Creole had a hard passage from Saint Thomas since Friday night, arriving here only last night.

It is requested mentioned that apart from the mail which will be closed for New York via San Juan today, a dispatch will be made up for the S. S. Fort St. George and will be closed at 3 p. m. tomorrow, 13th.

Readers are reminded of tonight's movie show. See attractive programme in this issue.

Correspondence

To the Editor of "St. Croix Avis."

Dear Sir, —In looking over the program of the Christiansted Theatre published in your esteemed paper, we are sorry to see that the usual Paramount Screen Magazine is missing. As regular theatre-goers we got quite accustomed to this amusing as well as instructive number. In St. Thomas according to the newspaper there "The Trail of the Octopus" closed with a fine comic, in absence of the Screen Magazine.

MONSIEURS X & Y.

The Keynote To Prosperity

BY ASHLEY L. TOTTEN.

A long drawn out contention between the Planters and Laborers on the islands is to the effect that land when rented and cultivated by the latter is usually taken away from them at harvest time.

Certain land owners in St. Thomas and St. Jan argue that the laboring

classes are lazy and will not cultivate the land.

For the benefit of both, I advance a few suggestions which if taken up and worked upon will positively bring about a solution of this matter.

In this great city of New York, people are going dappy over tropical fruits and vegetables.

A mango—just a plain common ordinary mango sold in the island for one cent and in many instances less than a cent, will bring you anywhere in the colored district of Harlem, ten cents.

In the white neighbourhood and most especially around the railroad depots you can get as high as fifteen cents for a mango.

Avocado pears sold in the islands for one cent, will bring you from twenty five to fifty cents apiece anywhere in New York. There is a large demand for okras and pigeon peas. Dried Ka-la-loo growing wild would sell faster than it can be shipped.

We have learned from the Agricultural Expert at St. Croix that the soil of the three islands is most adaptable for the cultivation of pine-apples.

The Cha-Chas at St. Thomas raise pine apples that are sweeter and richer than those at Hawaii.

Unfortunately the Board of Health here placed a ban on the importation of yams, potatoes and tanniers, but per mission for the entry of these can be obtained by means of application to the Horticultural Board providing these specific articles are from any of the United States possessions.

Tropical fruits and vegetables come here in large quantities from Jamaica and all the other British islands.

Dominica a very mountainous island, sends a large quantity of limes.

All fresh fruits and vegetables coming here from foreign ports are dutiable.

Those coming from the United States possessions are not.

Fruits and vegetables are shipped here from Porto Rico, Cuba, Haiti, Sto. Domingo, and they also find their way here from far off Hawaii and the Phillippine Islands.

But from the Virgin Islands which are even nearer to the mainland than the others, nothing but sugar is shipped here, and perhaps a little Bay Rum.

And right in the Islands today there are so little fruits and vegetables in cultivation that the natives are dependent on Tortola for these necessities.

This is perfectly ridiculous, I believe we should hide our faces with shame at such conditions, for which no one is responsible but ourselves.

Now since the Planters deny that they are handicapping the progress of laborers who cultivate the land in fruits and vegetables, and since the laborers deny that they are lazy, then let us take up the suggestion.