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It is very much regretted to learn that a cablegram received here on the morning of the 4th. inst. reports the death at Detroit, Mich., of Mr. Percival Brustmeyer, — son of our esteemed townsman A. Brustmeyer Esq., and a promising young man of but 26 years of age. During the war Mr. Brustmeyer served in the United States army at home, but had since returned to private life and was doing well and enjoying good health when recently heard from. His death is, therefore, a sudden blow to the family toward whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolences on this sad occasion.

The service of the ordination to the priesthood of Mr. C. S. Mayhew was attended by a large gathering at the tabernacle of the Bible Home and Foreign Missionary Society yesterday afternoon, and was marked with deep solemnity and impressiveness. A detailed account of the ceremony will be published in an early issue.

The Schnr. Creole from St. Thomas with St. Thomas mails arrived here yesterday morning and will return at 9 a. m. to-day. Mail deposited in the Post Office up to time of sailing will be dispatched, it is announced.

The Pocahontas with Porto Rico and States mails reached Frederiksted late yesterday afternoon. Mail for this town was received last night.

Don't forget tonight's movies. Very inviting episodes are on the programme. Look it over and secure seats early.

Intermittent showers have been falling since Friday night. The gauge at the Police Office records 1½ lines to

this morning. No reports yet received from the country

If arrangements can be perfected we may have the opportunity of seeing a couple of aeroplanes down here shortly. Special landing place is the chief consideration.

Correspondence

Christiansted, St. Croix,
March 5th, 1921.

To the Editor of St. Croix Avis.

Dear Sir:—

In view of the coming election would you kindly republish an essay written by Mr. Amphlett Leader and published in your esteemed paper under the caption "The coming election—What are you going to do about it"? This article, it was the opinion of not a few of the electorate that this essay contained appropriate instruction as to who should be and who should not be a member of the Colonial Council, and for this reason I request you to republish it.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours very truly,

READER.

THE COMING ELECTION

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

BY R. H. AMPHLETT LEADER.

*Ah Love! could you and I with Him
To grasp this sorry Scheme of Things
Would not we shatte it to bits....and
Remould it nearer to the Heart's desired!*

OMAR KHAYYAM.

At the next meeting of the Colonial

STRAYED

from Estate Herman Hill

One Young Bull

with ends of horns cut. Anyone with information of same will please report at this office.

Council (April 7) nine seats will be declared vacant. The retiring members are Prettie Mc Farlane, and Levy, Ap, pointed Members; Nelthropp, McKay, Canegata, Sørensen, Coulter, and Fleming, Popular Members. As the electorate has no power one way or the other with the selection of Appointed Members it is futile to speculate on the return of these members or on who will be appointed in their stead. However, as a local writer said some years ago, "as soon as the condition underlying their appointment is removed; as soon as it can be ascertained that the Crown (that was the appellation then used) member provision is only a canker of ancient prerogative feeding on the fair flower of democratic institution before its petals have been disclosed, it is time for the advocates of liberalism and representative government indeed to see to it that the clause regarding the appointment of Crown Members be removed from the Colonial Law". The force of this argument obtains much more now than when it was written. If this office is abolished—and it should and eventually must be—Christiansted can be given two more representatives, and Frederiksted and each Country District one more. Our problem at this time, however, is with the Popular Members. All of them may run again; men who have never played politics before may be nominated. Well, what are you going to do about it?

It is about time we give politics the attention we give business for after all is said and done politics has very close relations to business. Do you doubt it Mr. Business Man? Your indifference to most things political would seem as if you do.

Carl Schurz used to say that the best politician is the one who is in politics to see that laws are made for the good of the general public. He was right. Some people believe that the best politician is the one who gets the most out of politics, and that only those who run for, or are elected to, the Council are politicians. These people are wrong. Four years ago, in two Character Sketches, I said that when the electors begin to think out their rights and duties as accountable being they will look for clean politics (in 'Dr. C. J. Heyn -Public Man,') and that our island home would be a better place to live in if we had less "personal" and "financial" politics in 'Ex-Police-