

NOTICE.

ON account of there not being a quorum at the meeting of the HIGH SCHOOL at Midland Moravian School House on Thursday the 16th at 3.30 p. m., a Meeting will be held in the HIGH SCHOOL HOUSE (Bay Str.) Frederiksted, on THURSDAY 23RD AT 4 O'CLOCK P. M.

F. LUNNEY.
President.

The financial situation is expected to be more keenly felt from today when prices in general are to be increased 23½, or for the sake of easier calculation 25% on account of the recent rise in the U.S. dollar. While there may be grounds why some merchants should increase their prices at once, we can see no good reason why those whose remittances are being made through the National Bank at the old rate of 5% should not observe the old prices until they actually have to contend with the increased rate. The National Bank which is an Institution very well known for its leniency and readiness to help the public makes a special concession in the interest of the people that all drafts payable through the Bank and accepted before the 15th. instant will be payable at the rate of 5%. No fresh stock of goods has been received here since the 15th. and if such business men as contemplate enjoying the 5% privilege should still put up their prices, it would seem that the Bank is warranted in cancelling the arrangement with them, and we hear that this will be done.

Those who are in these days criticizing the Bank or the Government not knowing who is responsible for the present condition of things should bear in mind that we are far from being thoroughly informed on all phases of this momentous question. We hope to be able to gather enough to help furnish a general understanding of the subject.

We learn that Mr. Johannes Larsen, formerly connected with the Apothecary businesses in this island has obtained a concession for the Farsø Apothecary business in Aalborg Amt, Denmark.

The Government of the Virgin Islands has indeed shown a noble spirit in dealing with its employees during this financial crisis when the difference in exchange which would otherwise have been a dead loss to them, is being made good by the Government.

Mr. Svendsen has advertised a serial for tonight. A fine picture we are told and one that will draw we hope, the patronage the efforts of the manager deserve. It is well to note that the prices

of admission, and refreshments remain the same. At least this, ought to be some inducement.

Mr. La Bega advises us that the work on his ice-factory will be completed by the end of this week when he will again be prepared to supply the full demand for ice.

Little Johnny's Slate.

On the Estate
October the nineteenth.

Dear Mr. Yohansen:

I here that the Governor is coming over in a few days. Daddy and Mother were saying how sorry they are that the Governor can't be entertained in the Government House not having any furniture, which went back to Denmark instead of the francs and bits. Now that things are so dear here Mother is afraid that if the Governor, is invited anywhere folks won't be able to give as big a blow out as the people here usually like to give those they only see once in a while.

Mrs. Pious says we must be thankful that things are not worst and we should cut out such luxuries as shaves, hair-cuts and postage stamps. After all she thinks that the National Bank is only going dry, and by the time it is bone dry N. B. may stand for No Budget. Eggs are seven cents now, and Krazy wants you to print this little poem which he calls: 'The missing Bird'.

We have the little sparrow,
We have the yellow-breast,
We have the little doctor,
With his blue and greenish crest.

We have the little ground-dove,
The solemn pelican,
The rather shy blue-pigeon
That from above must laugh at man.

In the yard, the golden rooster,
Woos he still the speckled hen;
But without the Silver Eagle,
Eggs will soar to heaven, men!

Yours truly

JONNIE IGNATZ.

WEATHER REPORT.

San Juan, Bar. 29.96, Ther. 76, S.E. Vel 3, clear
St. Thomas, Bar. 29.96, Ther. 76, S. E. Vel. 8, partly cloudy.
St. Kitts, Bar. 29.96, Ther. 78, N. E. Vel. 8, partly cloudy.
Dominica, Bar. 29.90, Ther. 74, NE. Vel. 12, cloudy.
Barbados, Bar. 29.80, Ther. 76, E. Vel. 6, partly cloudy.
Port of Spain, Bar. 29.86, Ther. 74, S E. Vel. 2, clear.
Curacao, Bar. 29.82, Ther. 78, E. Vel. 8 partly, cloudy.

St. Croix, Bar. 30.03, Ther. 83, E. cloudy.

Rainfall for past 24 hours, 2-7/8.

Last night it was discovered that a prisoner called Alfred Barry was not at home. He had for a long time been working on the street, but last night forgot to come home — *West End News*, Oct. 17th.

TELEGRAMS

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Oct. 15th. The Supreme Council last Thursday sent a note to Germany and the Neutral Powers inviting them to cooperate in the blockade of Soviet-Russia but it was decided not to publish the note until replies had been received, says Reuter's Paris correspondent. The German Ministry of Foreign Affairs met yesterday to consider the note, the correspondent adds.

Berlin, Oct. 15th.—Finance Minister Herr Erzberger has admitted to the National Assembly that large quantities of German Army materials, worth more than 100,000,000 marks, have been sold to Czech-Slovaks with the approval of the Entente. Germany, the Finance Minister explained, had received raw materials in return.

Helsingfors, Oct. 15th. — Conditions are becoming more normal in Riga following the German-Russian attempt to capture the city, it is stated in advices received here. Most of the newspapers are again appearing. Supplies are short however, and prices of commodities are rising. The State Bank and the headquarters of the General Staff were among the buildings damaged by the bombardment.

Paris, Oct. 15th.—The fight against alcohol will be a leading plank of the National platform in the forthcoming elections. Ministers are demanding the absolute suppression of alcohol and the walls of Paris and the larger cities are already placarded with the demands and pamphlets, and posters have been mailed by the hundred thousands to hotels and individuals in the Provinces.

Paris, Oct. 15th.—The formal ratification of the Peace Treaty with Germany making that instrument effective will not take place this week as had been expected, it was announced tonight by the American Delegation to the Peace Conference. There has been indefinite postponement of this step, it was stated. The decision not to complete the formal ratification of the Treaty this week, was due chiefly to the inability of the three ratifying Powers upon the Entente side, to make the necessary preparations to carry out the provisions of the Treaty which must be attended to within a brief time, after the actual ratification. The creation of various commissions, which according to the Treaty, must inaugurate the work immediately or within 15 days