

CHRISTIANSTED THEATRE

8.30. THURSDAY EVENING 8.30.

"The Sundown Trail"

A Universal Special Attraction
6 Reels.

This is a very interesting story about the adventurous and dangerous life in old days California, and nothing is wanting in the way of special sets and local color, and the bright attractive photography is a big asset.

A wonderful story of the adventurous life in the gold-mad days of California when the first goldmines were discovered and all adventurers, both good and bad ones, but mostly bad ones, were rushing out to the far west to get their share of the rare metal.

Show concluding with:

"Missing Husbands"

Comic 1 Reel.

A D M I S S I O N :

Reserved Seats.....	40c.
Two last rows of reserved seats.....	30c.
General Entrance.....	20c.
Children half price.	

NOTICE.

IT is hereby made known that the 6th. Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council which was fixed for Monday, April 19th, a. c. according to Government's decision has been postponed until further.

ROBT. L. MERWIN.
Chairman.

Colonial Council Office, St. Croix,
April 13, 1920.

NOTICE.

Owing to the limited supply of water through which the manufacture of ice is to some extent restricted, the proprietor of the ice factory advises public economy in the use of ice while this drought lasts it being possible that the lack of water may force the reduction of his output.

LOCAL.

The Municipal Hospital is now occupying No. 16 Church Street which has been renovated and made otherwise suitable for hospital purposes.

We now learn that the s. s. Korona which was scheduled to sail from New York on the 8th. did not leave until the 10th.; is therefore not expected here before Saturday morning 17th.

The sugar price as published by the W. I. & P. Tel. Co. last night was 15.80 cents, a half cent more than last quotation and as these figures are nearly always about 5 days late in transmission it is certain that the price is still higher now, private cable advices received yesterday quoting it as over 17 cents.

The "Vigilant" sailed for Fajardo, P. R., last night with a cargo of cattle.

The "Creole" has not arrived up to time of going to print; the weather has been calm, all night, and the wind is now southerly.

OFFICIAL NEWS.

April 13, 1920.

Governor Oman has received a cordial invitation from the San Juan Chapter of the American Red Cross to attend a great fair exposition to be held in San Juan, Porto Rico, under the auspices of that Chapter, from May 1st. to May 8th., and he has also been requested to extend an invitation to the people of the Virgin Islands to attend the exposition.

Government Secretary Timmons, who is continuing to rapidly improve in health, left the Naval Hospital yesterday and returned to his quarters.

Governor Oman has today forwarded to the Colonial Council for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John the appointment of a fourth appointed member vice Carl A. Thraen, deceased.

Correspondence.

Christiansted, St. Croix, V. I.,
April 13, 1920.

The Editor "St. Croix Avis".

My attention has just been called to the word "canon" as applied to the rubrics of the church having been misspelled with three instead of two n's throughout my second communication which appeared in the Avis of Monday 12th. inst., and it is desired to have this serve as a correction of that error which was most probably overlooked by you when reading your proof-sheet. It will be noted that the word is spelled correctly in my letter to you of the 8th. It has also been remarked that there is no such article as XXV. and someone has on that ground attempted to ridicule my discussion of the subject. Please let those people who are of such opinion be informed that Article XXV. of the Protestant Episcopal Church, *does* state that "matrimony is not to be counted for a sacrament of the gospel"; and except it has been changed overnight. I defy anyone to refute that fact. Please also let those people who plunge into defending things they know nothing about, and concerning which they never care to investigate for themselves, so prone they are to depend upon others, even into thinking for them, that the first rubric in the *Form of Solemnization of Matrimony* directs, on the ground of differences of laws, in the various States, that "the minister is left to the direction of those laws in everything that regards the contract between the parties." Laws determining what persons shall be capable of contracting would seem to be included in "everything that regards the civil contract", and unquestionably marriage may be performed by the law of all States as a civil contract, hence it must be deduced that the church prescribes for recognition and respect by it of marriages performed by the law; except in this island where we are now told that marriage is a sacrament of the church while the law enacts it as a civil contract. There is no use making ducks and drakes of the question; according to A. T. and such, the stand of the church is that marriage is a sacrament; if it is a sacrament it cannot also be a civil contract; it cannot be both;—we know the law regards and administers marriage as a contract; in fact has no authority to administer sacraments, nothing enacted by the law being considered sacred in the sense under consideration:—therefore, if we have a little bit of grey matter left in our craniums we are obliged to conclude by A. T.'s arguments that there is no marriage except that performed by the church since marriage is a sacrament and only the church can administer sacraments. My position is that marriage