

# THE NEWS

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## THE NEWS

### A CONSUL HONORED.

A very unusual social event took place in the spacious rooms of the Internacional Club, which were profusely and handsomely decorated for the occasion, on Saturday evening, last, the 24th instant. The society leaders of San Jose, without regard to nationality—Costa Ricans, of course taking the initiative—gave a ball in honor of the retiring and popular Consul of the United States to Costa Rica, the Hon. Harrison R. Williams.

It is the first time that a consular officer has been so honored in this capital, and, no doubt, was an outward signe of the popularity enjoyed by Mr. Williams, as well as an expression of regret that he is so soon to leave us.

Mr. Williams has, for upwards of four years, represented the United States of this Republic, and, during that time has on more than one occasion, shown his aptitude for the position.

Mr. Williams arrived at the Club shortly after 9 o'clock, accompanied by the members of the Committee of arrangements, Messrs. Enrique Fernandez and Marian Guardia. Soon after the arrival of the Guest, dancing began and continued until the following morning. The order of dancing was as follows.

#### PROGRAMA :

- 1 } *Obertura* ..... MIGNON
- 1 } *Cuadrillas* ..... CARMEN
- 2 *Vals* ..... FRANCOIS LES BAS BLEUS.
- 3 *Mazurka* ..... AMALIA

- 4 *Vals á dos tiempos* EL ALSTER  
*Extra* .....
  - 5 *Cuadrillas* ..... COQUELICOT
  - 6 *Vals* ..... VISIONES DE AMOR
  - 7 *Mazurka* ..... EXCESIOR
  - 8 *Vals á dos tiempos* GUATEMALA  
*Extra* .....
  - 9 *Cuadrillas* ..... JUBILACIÓN
  - 10 *Vals* ..... SANGRE DE VIENA
  - 11 *Vals á dos tiempos* JUX
  - 12 *Vals* ..... MORENA  
*Extra* .....
- Quinteto Castagnaro.*

The Committee of Arrangements deserve special mention for their management of the ball, and, more especially, for the beautiful decorations—the principal feature of which was, Mr. Williams initials, festooned on either side with the Costa Rican and American flags.

It is a pity, in consideration of the fact that so much is said derogatory to the Consular Corps of the United States, that, when the Country has a gentleman who has proved himself, after numerous tests, to be, not only an efficient consul, but also one who has developed great diplomatic acumen, that, at the zenith of his usefulness, he should be replaced by a new and inexperienced man. Mr. Williams' early legal training was such as to be of great service to him here, especially was this shown in his management of the case of Francis H. Weeks, who was delivered to the United States by this country, notwithstanding that no extradition treaty existed between the two Republics. The ability shown by him in this and other cases has gained for him the fraternal regard and respect of his legal brethren. It is very rare that one

will find as much unanimity regarding their consuls as can be seen in the case of Mr. Williams with the American Colony. "He who runs may read." The American Consul is, by his fellow countrymen well thought of, and in conformity with this idea, that notwithstanding a large majority of the Americans here are his political opponets, they voluntarily petitioned the present Government at Washington for his retention, and, in addition to this, a similar petition from the leading lawyers, physicians and merchants of this country, was sent to the Costa Rican Minister at Washington, and by him delivered to the Minister of State, but, as unfortunately, the spoils system is in vogue in that great country, no doubt the pressure brought to bear on the Government was so great that Mr. Williams, who had so demonstrated his efficiency and usefulness, was superseded by an untried man who happened to have the necessary party mark.

Talking about the United States and Consul Williams; the following figures taken from the reports of the Bureau of Statistics are well worth the consideration, not only of Americans, but other nationalities. In 1893 the four leading nations' importations into this country were

England.	United States.	Germany.	France.
32.98	23.99	19.26	13.84

In 1896:

United States.	England.	Germany.	France.
39.95	24.83	17.08	7.89

These figures speak for themselves and would certainly indicate that the United States is not only holding her own, but leading her competitors a long way. We know how difficult it is to

make some of our American friends believe they are not always right, but that they are beginning to see this constant changing of their consuls, for partisan reasons, is more hurtful than helpful, there can be no doubt. However, our friend Mr. Williams is going and should his successor make as good a showing as he has, his country should find no fault. Those of us who are English, German or French, while regretting Mr. Williams departure, at the same time hope that it may work for our own good in the matter of increased trade with Costa Rica.

Near the residence of Mr. W. J. Ford there are several finely laid lawn tennis courts where we have seen excellent play. We shall be happy to fully report all lawn tennis matters, together with base ball notices and other outdoor games.

The Drug Store of Dr. César Borja has just received a full line of drugs, perfumery and medical instruments.

Send your advertisements to THE NEWS as early as possible each week, to ensure proper placing.

We shall be glad to receive *Short Clippings* for publication, and we shall give the name of the sender. The Clippings may be from newspaper, book or magazine, but, in each case, it should be stated from what source they are taken.

When a man considers himself "one in a thousand," he naturally regards the others as ciphers.

"That man Smithers is a clever fellow. He can write with either hand." Is that so: how does he do it? "On a typewriter."

We beg to draw attention to the business and professional advertisements as indicating the nature of the support and patronage our paper is receiving: We again appeal to our readers to aid us in our efforts to establish and improve the only journal in the Republic published in the English Language.

Amongst the recent arrivals in this city we notice that of Mr. G. V. Plender, to whom we are indebted for a very kind letter which appears elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Plender has just arrived from San Francisco, to take a position with a large house established in this city. This gentleman, who is a native of England, was in regular correspondence with the press of his own city, during his residence in the United States, and we shall be pleased to have further contributions from his pen in the near future.

In asking our readers to send us Clippings, from books, magazines, or other sources, we must not be misunderstood as meaning an indiscriminate use of the scissors. We shall find place for short extracts, provided they are pithy and that they are accompanied with the name of the paper, magazine or book from which they are taken.

We find it impossible to summarize the document dealing with the Union of the Five Republics, and as it is too long to publish in full at one time, we intend giving it in two or three parts, the first of which shall appear in our next issue.

## NOTICE.

Mr. Max Schaps is the sole Agent of THE NEWS in the city. He is authorized to receive advertisements and collect all accounts. Apt. 181.

## WANTED.

An english speaking girl to take care of a child.  
Address: THE NEWS, Imperial Hotel.

Mr. W. J. Field and family have left the city for his finca at

Sánchez, where they expect to remain about two weeks.

Dr. F. J. Rucavado, who has been in the city for some days, returned on Friday last to Santo Domingo.

We referred on last week to the want of a building society in the city. The need for one is but too apparent. Perhaps a few of our business men will bestir themselves and add such a society to run in conjunction with the Loan and Trust Company, about being formed, and enable those with limited means to build on the installment plan.

Arrangements are being made to increase the electric light plants, at present so much needed.

San José de Costa Rica

July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1897.

To the Editor of

"The News."

As a stranger within your gates allow me to express my pleasure at seeing within the first few days of my arrival in your beautiful city, the first copy of "The News" printed in the English language, in the interests, and for the benefit of, the English speaking people of Costa Rica.

Having but recently arrived, the writer can scarcely feel justified in saying very much about the country in which you have "pitched your tent" and in which you are braving the dangers of the "chapel" and the "printers devil," but that you may have the support, the confidence and the success that you certainly deserve, is the least I can wish for you.

To me, this Republic of Costa Rica affords many attractions, and more especially this city of San José. Situated as it is in the midst of a very rich and fertile country; it cannot fail to improve and prosper in the future, as present evidences show it has done in the past.

Less than two weeks ago, I came from Port Limón by the railroad to this city; the ride certainly baffles description, from the level of the sea to our present altitude of 4,000 ft, we passed through some of the prettiest scenery, it has been my lot to view.

Fortunately on the trip, I made the acquaintance of several "paisanos" and during the whole length of our ride, I was called from one side of the car to the other to see the various beautiful glimpses of the country through which we passed, these picturesque spots we passed in such rapid succession that it was veritably a kaleidoscope of Nature itself.

The different views of the river, as we ran by its side and then mounted above it, as we crossed it and then re-

crossed it, as we met it, almost rippling by the side of the track, and then turning and twisting in its mad, eager rush to join the Atlantic, and then a few moments later when we had to bridge it and look down upon it 200 ft. below left such impressions on my mind, that were I an artist, I would simply revel in such scenes, would transfer them to canvas and would abide by the verdict of connoisseurs as to whether or not, the scenery of this little, but rich, Republic does not rival, may excel that of the better known and more frequently visited countries of the old world.

San José is certainly an interesting and an enterprising city. In England and in the United States; I have visited many places with two or three times the population, that do not have nor do they show, the enterprise that is witnessed here on every hand.

The building of the railroad alone, from this city to the coast, was a feat that would have discouraged many less persevering men than those who attempted and finally completed their work.

I am given to understand also that the Government will shortly build to the Pacific and thus be the only Republic in Central America that will have a railroad from Ocean to Ocean; they certainly deserve very great credit, and when the lands of this rich country are then open so that the produce may be easily carried from the interior to the shipping ports, he is a wise man who can foretell how much Costa Rica will increase in population, in richness and in prosperity.

So much for the enterprise of your country.

Of its romantic features, doubtless abler and better writers have sung its praises decades ago. Who can go to the Plaza, and sit there amongst the beautiful palm trees, the tropical plants and the gorgeous foliage, with the strains of the band drifting to his ears, and seeing the neighbouring balconies lit up and occupied with beautiful women, and the native ladies passing and re-passing in their native dress, who, I say, can go there and not imagine he is in some Eastern clime away from the "busy haunts of men," and where the buying and selling of Exchange, the rustle and bustle of business, and the "demnition goind" as Charles Dickens Mantalini used to say are all unknown.

Mr. Editor, I am afraid I have intruded too much upon your space, but you must forgive this, from a stranger who desires to express his pleasure, and further who knows no better way of expressing that pleasure than through the medium of "The News."

I wish you every success in your very laudable enterprise, and remain faithfully Yours

G. V. PLENDER.

BOCA DEL RÍO MATINA.

JULY 23<sup>rd</sup> 1897.

Dear Editor.

I am located on the historic banana farm of the Matina Banana Company.—A few days ago, while clearing some bananas which were badly grown up in bush, the workmen heard a noise just in the thicket which resembled in some way the growling of a dog. Upon further investigation it was found that the growling was being made by a young tiger. The youngster was then surrounded by the workmen and finally captured, and I now have the animal (which, by the way, is very beautiful), in confinement at my house. The animal takes his food nicely, is becoming very tame, and bids fair to make a nice pet. If any of my friends are sceptical in regard to this tiger story, and will pay me a visit, they can see for themselves a real live tiger.

Yours Truly,

D. H. Taylor.

AMERICAN BOARDING HOUSE.

Mr. Editor.

As you invite your readers to send letters, for insertion in the News, on all matters of interest, I gladly accept your invitation.

I wish to draw attention to the sadly needed want of a respectable American Boarding House. A first class place of this sort, clean, well kept, good cooking, and a substitute for home, would be highly appreciated and well patronised by a large number of business men who are willing to pay a good price for an agreeable home, and pleasant social surroundings. How strange! there is not one single such place in the city.

Boarder.

(We cordially endorse the statements in the letter of "Boarder." His suggestion is worthy the serious attention of any lady competent to supply this much felt want.—Editor.)

The vote, on sanctioning the contract for the proposed Pacific Railroad, which took place in Congress on Friday last, was of a decidedly affirmative character; twenty three deputies voting for, and only six against, the adoption of the Contract by the Government.

We are glad to learn that the daughter of the well known lawyer Mr. Nicholas Oreamuno is recovering from her severe illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith are now quite settled in their new home. Their house is situated near the Station, It has been thoroughly over-

hailed, painted and papered, by the owner, Mr. Luis Bengochea.

We send our congratulations to Mr. Manuel Amador on his appointment as English Vice-Consul at Puntarenas.

He—Yes; I saw him there five times within half mile the other day.  
She—Since Flotsone took to bicycling I suppose he is often seen on the road?

Barber.—Your hair is getting gray sir.  
Customer.—I should think it would; are you not done yet?

Master.—Where's the North Pole?  
Johnny.—I don't know sir,  
"What! You don't know where the North Pole is?"

"Aren't you ashamed of yourself?"  
Johnny.—Well, sir, please, sir, Sir John Franklin, Nansen, and all the rest of en could't find it.

"My good man, I never sent you to tune my piano."  
No, madam, it was the people next door."

The Botica Americana on the Calle Central, has just had imported a large and varied stock of toilet and perfumery requisites.

In the beginning of August, Drs. Calnek and Ulloa will remove to the offices now occupied by Dr. D. G. Inksetter; who purposes visiting the U. S. and Canada.

The Hotel Frances has been completely renovated, remodeled, decorated, and repapered, which, together with its French cook, makes it the gem hostelry of the city.

A monopoly is a good deal like á baby. A man is opposed to it on general principles until he has one of his own.

Fond! Mother.—Oh! Peter, Peter, I thought I told you not to play with your soldiers on Sunday.

Peter.—But I call them the Salvation Army on Sunday.

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Limón									A. M.	Alajuela									A. M.
San Hill										San Joaquín									
Swamp Mouth										Heredia									
Tanna										Santo Domingo									
Madre de Dios										San José									
Siquirres										Llega A. M.									
La Junta										Salv.									
Las Lomas										Tres Ríos									
Pasena										El Alto									
Peralta										Cartago									
Torito										Paraiso									
Turrialba										Santiago									
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SALE DE	E
La Junta	12.35
Germania	1.20
East Destierro	1.31
West Destierro	1.34
Guácimo	2.10
Jiménez	2.50
Llega á Guápiles	3.15
SALE DE	F
Guápiles	6.00
Jiménez	6.20
Guácimo	6.45
West Destierro	7.18
East Destierro	7.21
Germania	7.32
Llega á La Junta	7.55

Los pasajeros que quieran ir del interior á puntos en el ramal de Guápiles, deberán tomar el tren el martes, jueves ó sábado hasta Siquirres, y en Siquirres el tren para Guápiles hasta su destino.

Los pasajeros que van de puntos en el ramal de Guápiles á puntos en el interior, deberán tomar el tren para San José en Siquirres.

NOTA. A Todos los días  
B Idem excepto domingos  
C Solamente los sábados  
D Solamente los domingos  
E Martes, jueves y sábado  
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\* P. D.—El grabado no es alegorico, ilustra un caso real.

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Y la llave. Una cerradura solo puede ser abierta con la llave que le corresponde. Pues bien, de la misma manera, solo puede curarse una enfermedad con la medicina que la ataca en su origen. Muchas enfermedades, verdaderamente no son sino distintas formas de una enfermedad, y aun se puede decir, ramas de un solo arbol. Por ejemplo, si podemos nutrir el cuerpo y enriquecer la sangre, pronto nos deshacemos de la mayor parte de nuestras afecciones, tales como Anemia, Desordenes de la Sangre, Raquitismo en las criaturas, y así sucesivamente, pues todas son indicaciones de que al cuerpo le falta vitalidad y fuerza. No hay reconstituyente tan eficaz, como el Aceite de Hígado de Bacalao; pero cuantos hay que se trastornan y sufren nauseas, con solo el recuerdo de tan repugnante aceite. En la

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San José.

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**DR. O. J. DE SILVA**

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Graduado en la Universidad de New York é incorporado en las Facultades de New York, New Jersey, Filadelfia y Costa Rica.

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y 60-00  
etc. etc.

5ª Avenida, E.—Calle de la Estación, en el lugar que ocupó Morgan con la Fotografía.

Nota.—Todos los miércoles, de 1 á 3 p. m., extracciones gratis. Aprovechad esta oportunidad!

## LINEA ATLAS

ITINERARIO que observarán los vapores durante los meses de Junio y Julio de 1897.

ADIRONDACK.....	21 Junio.
ALLEGHANY via Jamaica.....	28 "
ALENE.....	5 Julio
ALTAI via Jamaica.....	12 "
ADIRONDACK.....	19 "
ALLEGHANY.....	26 "

NOTA.—No se comprometerán pasajes para el vapor ALTAI antes de su llegada á Limón.  
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