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### A Queer Case.

Again the young man in charge of the Babylonia Commissary has been arrested since Friday evening by request of Mr. Merrill; or what charge has he been arrested is yet to be known.

The surrounding circumstances of the case are that the young man slept on the premises and he should have heard and seen the rogues taking out the chest, and since he did not see, he is alleged to be in complicity with the rogues.

Is it possible that a man in charge of a Commissary and having \$400 in a chest would go to the trouble to get hands to assist him to take out this chest, put it on a car and take it a hundred yards away and break it open to get out what he could very well get at by himself alone?

The public are watching to see what will become of the case but all who know the circumstances are much alarmed over the entire proceedings. This is certainly one of the instances calling for the necessity of such an organization as Mr. McDonald's Co-operative scheme. If the young man is guilty all well he would have to stand punishment, but if he is innocent as it is believed he is, it is said that his arrest is from spite because some member of his family may have been discourteous to the Coy's Inspector, then the Club would have to see why this should be so, why the Fiscal should have allowed such tampering on the rights and privileges of respectable citizens by a frivolous prosecution without entering a 'Noble Prosecution' as soon as such a charge is laid.

### The Balkan War

According to the latest advices, the Balkan States have recalled their representatives from the conference at St. James Palace as arranged for the Armistice. The propositions are set forth by Turkey, are considered to be ridiculously arbitrary and could on no account be accepted. The representative for Bulgaria said, "this is ridiculous," is this the recompense for the lives of 100,000 victorious Christian soldiers? Hence if Tewfik Pasha does not modify his conditions very much, we may hear at any moment the continuance of the war. Of course Turkey is in a much better condition to fight today than she ever was because all her forces have secretly been mobilizing, so that the Armistice has done well for her, hence the reasons of her staunch demands.

### Lodge Function.

The Installation of officers of the Bacon Lodge, I.U.O. of Guacimo for the ensuing term, came off on Saturday night. The following officers were installed: Bros. O. E. Hall, I. G.; Luther Clarke, D. M.; Edward Brady, E. D.; N. Smith, J. D.; James Nicholson Tyler, Bro. Douglas, Secretary Bro. Astin, Treasurer, and Bro. Geo. Chisholm, P. G.

Bros. Neil Campbell, W. A. Petgrave, P. Jarrett, E. Bennett and Calder of the Progressive Lodge, Siquirres, were present and assisted at the Installation Ceremony.

### Prisoner captured.

Charles Brown has been arrested by the energetic Policeman Sebaja, as the alleged perpetrator of the robbery committed some time ago in the Jamaica Store of Messrs. Breedy, when some pieces of tweed were stolen from the premises.

### LETTER TO BOOSE JOHNSON.

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### DEATH

Drummond—On the 29th Dec. 1912, at the Casa de Salud San Jose—Alice Adella, the beloved wife of J. F. Drummond Druggist of Siquirres, Costa Rica, in her 33rd year.

Jamaica papers please copy.

### A Warning.

The public is warned against purchasing the house in Lt. Africa that is advertised by Mr. Alfred Young, as I am the owner of the said house and have authorized no one to advertise the sale of same.

Cash. Francis  
Guacim

### Wanted.

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S. C. Nation.

Secty pro tem.

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### Wireless Telegraph

On the roof of the Flour Factory of Mr. Lamiq & Coy., to our surprise we noticed the Wireless Telegraph. This speaks much for this enterprising firm whose aims are progress which means success in business. We understand that the firm can communicate with New Orleans whenever they have the urgency.

Mr. Sydney Feller, son of the late Electrician of the Limon Electric Light Plant, is the Operator

### Harvest Sale.

The Baptist Society had fine Social gathering on Monday night at the Church during which time they sold off the balance of goods presented at the Harvest Festival. The young folks thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Ice Cream cakes and fruits were freely disposed of, whilst the vendors of other articles used every opportunity presented to them for effecting a sale. Mr. Forde had quite a Harvest smile on.

## Banana Plant That is Immune

The "American" of Bluefields, Nicaragua of a recent date, publishes the following article which will be read with interest by every banana cultivator:

"Mr. Warren P. Brown, local Manager of the United Fruit Coy. is enthusiastic over the successful outcome of his experiments in the planting of a species of banana, native of Australia, which is guaranteed free from susceptibility to the dreaded Banana disease that has worked such havoc in Costa Rica and has, within the past year, made its appearance in certain sections along the Atlantic coast of Nicaragua.

Scientists in the employ of the large fruit exporting companies and experts appointed by the Bureau of Agriculture at Washington have made exhaustive experiments and have devoted years of study in devising means for the eradication of this disease in Costa Rica and Bocas del Toro, but all their efforts have proved futile so far as extending the life of the plant is concerned. The sucker grows well, apparently until after the stem of fruit has become about one half developed, when the leaves turn yellow, the growth of the fruit stops and when about half matured it begins to ripen on the stalk and falls to the ground, a total loss to the planter. Hundreds and thousands of acres of bananas have fallen under the devastating influence of this dreaded disease leaving the planters of these sections dismayed and disheartened over the ravages of the unknown scourge that has swept away fortunes.

For over a year Mr. Brown has been enthusiastic in his desire to experiment with the Australian banana which is claimed to be immune from the dreaded banana disease; he had heard that the plant was thriving in Mexico on grounds where the ordinary banana had failed and along about the first of the present year he ordered his first supply of bulbs. The plant arrived here on May 13th last, during a very dry spell and he concluded the time for planting was not propitious and the bulbs were taken to a cool woodland, placed beside a creek, and watered daily.

The bulbs were placed in the ground on June 18th, and were planted alternately with the native plants. While the latter

have now reached a considerable size, they will not begin bearing until some time next year, while the immune banana shot its first fruit on November 8th, a little less than five months from the time of planting, thus insuring returns from this remarkable plant in marketable fruit within a period of eight months.

The Immune plant differs from the native plant in that it is much shorter and stockier; more like the Chinese banana plant but of greater growth. The fruit is large, heavier than our native fruit, but of a lighter yellow color when ripe. It is also much more fragile and will necessitate very careful handling. Another good feature of the Immune is its stocky growth and long root which enables it to withstand the strong winds which prevail here during certain seasons of the year. Mr. Brown informs us that during the high winds we have experienced during the past three weeks a number of the native plants were broken off or blown down while none of the Immune plants in the same section have been affected. The Immune plants are of a very regular growth and all the fruit of the first crop will be hanging at the same time, while the native plants will not come into bearing for at least six months and then irregularly a long time expiring before the entire crop is harvested. On account of the size of these plants, almost double the number of bulbs can be planted to the same acreage without depriving them of the requisite sun and as the crop can be harvested in about eight months about half the time required for the native banana to reach the marketing stage; it means that nearly four times as much fruit can be raised from the Immune as from the ordinary banana in the same length of time, and from the same acreage. The fruit now shooting forth from these Immune plants is very satisfactory to Mr. Brown, who is greatly elated in the hope that he has at last found something that will recompense him and his associates for the losses that have sustained through the ravages of the disease on the Loma Mico and Cukra properties and will ultimately result in the restoration of banana culture in the Coast to its former proportions."—Gleaner.

### In the running?

What? Is Swift & Coy really in the move also?

### BANANA CULTIVATION.

In another column will be found a clipping from the Jamaica 'Gleaner' relative to the possibilities of the Australian Banana withstanding the dreaded banana disease as we have it in Costa Rica.

As will be seen by that article it has been well tested in other countries and giving excellent results.

The U. F. Coy. is largely experimenting on these bananas here, they imported several carloads of the seeds and they are growing nicely on several of the farms along the line, the only fault with them being that they are more liable of breaking down from the weight of the bunches than the other fruit. If the Immune bananas prove a success as far as withstanding the banana disease here in Costa Rica, then the banana industry would have been saved, but if not, then we seem to be verging on to ruin at a pretty fast rate. Ever since the banana disease introduced itself here, all sorts of conjectures have been made and all sorts of methods have been put forward for solving the problem as to the cause of the trouble and the cure; at one time it was thought to be a worm, at another it was thought to be the defect of the soil in some particular locality, then it was decided to be from worn out soil, but now it seem getting to be a general thing, it makes its appearance in virgin soil as well as soil flooded at different seasons by the rivers, consequently baffling even the skill of the experts who have been engaged to experiment on the case. If therefore the disease goes on as rapidly as it has done within the past two years the outlook of our banana industry for the next four or five years seem pretty dark, if however the immune bananas which have been introduced here and which up to now have also been holding their own very fairly can be grown to save the situation. Costa Rica like other countries cannot sing the praises of the discoverer too loudly and we shall all have to be thankful to the United Fruit Coy. for their efforts for solving the great question.

We wont sing too loudly however until we are out of the woods, in another year we will be able to see the progress or defects if any of the Australian banana here, which as already said is hoped to be the Salvation of the banana farms of Costa Rica.

## An Elopement.

Eloped, abscondings, hidings, and the like are very frequent now-a-days, after our past experience of the last week or two. Tuesday morning found us in the midst of another scandalous little scene, when the mother of a little girl, well known around town by the name of Juana, was to be seen in tears about, telling of her troubles from the fact that a fellow named Madrigal who is said to be a married man, stole away her child and both decamped on the U. F. Coy's boat, leaving here on Monday night.

It is said that the proud rooster sent his companion away on the lines on Monday morning so as to clear his road for Panama. He then left here with his little prey as his wife.

The poor mother was frantic wanting to find out how she could intercept the pair by wireless or otherwise, but her hopes seem futile.

## Another thief Captured

A couple nights ago a man was arrested in the Railway Yard with a box of soap in his possession; on searching closely the police found that he had broken a Railway Car near by, and extracted this box of soap. He is now in the jail awaiting trial.

## A warning.

Notice has been given to all Tenants on Dr. Valverde's lands at Paita to bring their receipts at once to the office of Don Filadelfo Granados to be adjusted; any receipt not presented by the 20th inst., may cause the owner to lose his lot as it may be rented to some one else. It is well that the public be alive as to this notice.

## wedding Gift.

New York, Dec. 23—Twenty thousand enlisted men of the Navy are planning a wedding gift for Miss Helen Gould. Individual contributions will be limited to 25 cents. Miss Gould has given the sailors five fine Club Houses at Brooklyn and other ports.

## An Accident.

The dough machine of Mr. David Lindo came in for a share of mischief on Tuesday morning while the man who was in charge of that business was engaged at work, some how his hand got caught in the machine and severely crushed it. He was quickly sent to the Doctor who attended him, but it is feared he may lose the hand.

## Complaints.

There has been several complaints of late of men being fined injudiciously by the Railway Coy. The latest is that a man who was working as painter for the Coy., got a small job for painting a vehicle outside which would have paid him a little better than his day's pay; naturally he went to do the job, the watchman met him on the street going to execute his little job, with the paint which it is said he had bought to do his work. He was arrested by the watchman and taken back to the office of the Superintendent of Motive Power, when his paint was detained and his pay of some fifteen dollars gold taken from him. Now this seem atrocious; we learn however, that Mr. Mullins was not in town, if he was, we can hardly believe he would have consented to this high handed deal.

## Dutch Queen is Ill.

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—The Queen is ill, and not able to participate in the usual Court Christmas festivities.

## Notice.

This will inform the public that my wife Ethel Shaw has left my home and protection over a year ago. I will not therefore hold myself responsible for any debt or debts contracted by her.

GEORGE SHAW  
Caboita.

## Notice.

My wife Antizera Buchanan has left my premises on the 26th Dec. 1912. I hereby warn the public in general also those that I have business with, I won't be responsible for any debt or debts that may be contracted by her or money pay on my account.

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