

PORTO RICO'S DAY.

It Was Marked by an Informal
Reception in the Island's
Pretty Building.

THE KIRALFY BALLET.

It Has Been Secured as a Midway Day
Attraction—Many Wheelmen
Will be Here.

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Scandinavia and Porto Rico were to have joined hands today in conducting special ceremonies at the exposition. The Scandinavian musical program was given up, owing to failure on the part of the officials to secure satisfactory railroad rates, and the Porto Rican ceremonies were adjourned owing to the inability of Gov. Allen of Porto Rico to be in Buffalo in time to attend them.

The special ceremonies consisted simply of an informal reception in the Porto Rican building. Porto Rico has a small building at the exposition. It is in the court of state and foreign buildings, and it is used only for reception purposes. Pretty señoritas served coffee to all visitors. Besides this building, Porto Rico has notable exhibits in several parts of the grounds.

The most notable exhibits are in the court of the liberal arts building and the agriculture building. They represent the work of Porto Rican women, and the general resources of the island.

The exhibit of coffee is especially fine. Porto Rico produced in 1899 about 50,000,000 pounds of coffee, about 85,000,000 pounds of sugar, and about 16,000,000 pounds of tobacco. The Porto Rican merchants and commissioners to the exposition hope, by means of the comprehensive exhibit, to increase the sale of Porto Rican coffee in America.

The exhibit of tobacco shows the plant in its various stages of growth and manufacture, from the leaf to the finished product. There are three grades of Porto Rican tobacco. The cigarette exhibit is interesting. Porto Rican cigarettes, it is claimed, are less injurious than those made in some parts of the world.

Other interesting exhibits are rice, which is shown in the shell; Porto Rican beans and peas, red, yellow and white corn; starch from the yucca, and the castor-oil bean. Samples of cotton are shown in glass cases. The Spanish peanut flourishes in Porto Rico, and samples are exhibited, with the leaf of the bay, which is used for fine bay rum. On the walls are vegetable fibres used for cordage and twine.