

## **PRESIDENT DIAZ AN ATHLETE.**

### **Occurrence of Last September Which Incidently Sent a Publisher to Prison.**

From the Chicago Times-Herald.

A sentence recently imposed by President Porfirio Diaz, of Mexico, on the publisher of a paper in that country recalls an incident illustrating a pleasing characteristic of the Mexican ruler. The publisher in question was punished for allowing a cartoon to appear in his paper depicting the president of the republic as a monkey climbing a rope. The incident, which inspired the cartoonist of the anti-administration newspaper occurred during the visit of the Chicago day invitation committee last September. During their journeyings around the Mexican capital President Diaz and members of his cabinet one day drove with the Chicago delegation to the national military academy, the West Point of our sister republic. The party entered a large gymnasium, where a number of embryo captain generals were exercising. The Chicagoans applauded the feat of an athletic young cadet who climbed hand-over-hand to the top of a long rope.

The dignified president of the republic suddenly stepped aside, and, taking off his coat and silk hat, handed them to an aid. He then ran briskly to the perpendicular rope, and to the surprise of all started up hand-over-hand. He did not stop until he had climbed twelve or fifteen feet, and then slid quietly to the ground amid the applause of all in the building. President Diaz is over sixty years of age, and this display of youthful agility astonished the Chicagoans, though the Mexican officials declared their ruler had often before given evidence of youthful vigor.