

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN BUSY SESSION

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The above are the officers and trustees of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce for the ensuing year, as selected by the nominating committee. D. Tenney, chairman; John Waterhouse and M. P. Robinson—and who it is expected will be elected at the annual meeting this afternoon.

Big Order of Business.
A formidable order of business confronted the chamber at the opening of the meeting, set for 2 o'clock, consisting as follows:

Reading of minutes. Reports of president, secretary and treasurer. Special report of committee on harbors, shipping and transportation, upon the proposed removal of the lighthouse tender Kukui to the Alaska station, also upon the question of stationing a revenue cutter permanently at Honolulu.

Report of the nominating committee and election of officers and trustees. Reports of committees on harbors, shipping and transportation; on commerce, manufactures and agriculture; on legislation, on public health, on anti-tuberculosis campaign, on entertainment, on international arbitration; report of Hawaii Promotion Committee; report of the building committee and a report on the opening of Pearl Harbor.

As several of the reports are lengthy their reading will occupy a long time, the president's annual report alone requiring half an hour, and there will not be much time for discussion at this session.

SPALDING TELLS

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from rough grazing lands into successfully-cultivated areas, and pines still further advanced in 1911 as our second most important crop, with an output of some 750,000 cases. Some 12,000 or more acres are now under cultivation in pines, and a back of over 1,000,000 cases, valued at \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000, is expected for the current year, with the raw pines and bottled product marketed in addition. The trustees of this chamber have used their best efforts to oppose tariff legislation unfavorable to pines as well as that affecting sugar.

Unfortunately, rice, which has figured so largely in our prosperity as our second most important crop in the past, has still further declined. This is due to various causes, such as competition with the imported article, scarcity of labor, high rents, and unprogressive methods of cultivation and in selection of seed, evils which the experiment station is striving to correct.

"A limited immigration of Chinese into this Territory, if permitted, would do much to restore the rice industry without causing any menace to our political conditions."

President Spalding refers also to the growth of other industries—coffee, tobacco, rubber, cotton, sisal, honey, etc.—and speaks of the ravages of the Mediterranean fruit fly and the campaign against it.

Referring to immigration and labor, he says: "The shortage of labor to meet our agricultural requirements continues to be one of our most serious problems, notwithstanding the efforts of the Territorial Board of Immigration, which has secured thousands of European laborers at great expense."

Shipping.
The addition of the Oceanic Steamships "Sonoma" and "Ventura" on the run to the Colonies, has materially increased our transportation facilities. The Matson line are building a million dollar passenger boat and are considering the construction of a large freighter. The P. M. S. S. Co. also contemplates the addition of four new 25,000 ton boats to their fleet calling at this port. The Inter-Island Steam Navigation Co. report a marked increase in both passengers and freight business, to accommodate which the "Kilauea" has been added to their fleet for the Hawaii run; an 8000 ton coal steamer has been ordered and another of similar capacity may soon follow. This enterprising company have also decided to build during the coming year a floating Dry Dock, capable of accommodating a 4500 ton vessel, which is a long needed and important convenience to shipping in Honolulu harbor.

Coastwise Suspension.
The above mentioned important additions to the transportation facilities offered us by American Ocean lines fully justified this Chamber in withdrawing its opposition to the operation of the U. S. Coastwise Shipping Laws in this Territory, which was done in general meeting held during the year.

Panama Canal.
"The approaching completion of the Canal renders necessary prompt measures for ensuring the full capacity of our wharves and harbors, and for shipping accommodations of all kinds. The matter of reasonable rates for water to shipping should receive immediate attention.

The necessity is urgent for expen-

diture of Federal Appropriations on Honolulu harbor to complete plan, and also for adequate appropriations by Hawaiian Legislature to carry out the Harbor Commission plan for wharves. We may be assured that, if suitable accommodations are not provided on opening of the Canal, opportunity will not continue to knock at our door, and shipping and travel of great value to this port will pass us by.

Harbor Commission.
"It is imperatively necessary that the next Legislature should make suitable appropriation for the Hawaiian building and exhibit, if we are to be properly represented at San Francisco Harbor Commission.

"The appointment of this Board to control the expenditures of large appropriations for wharves and harbors was in accordance with the recommendations of our Legislative Committee. Necessary rules and regulations have been governing the handling and storage of freight, which had the consideration of our Trustees, and plans are being considered for securing the greatest dock facilities possible in Honolulu harbor, the bulkhead plan, with railway, having met with the approval of our Trustees.

Buildings.
"An unprecedented development of our business and residential sections is in progress. A business block costing \$100,000 has recently been completed, and three more of approximately cost are in course of construction, besides others of less price. The Spreckels property, bounded by Queen, Alaheka and Merchant streets, will probably be turned into business blocks in the near future.

Commercial Building.
"Notwithstanding the efforts of a capable and representative committee, the financial difficulties attendant upon the erection of a commercial building have not yet been solved, and must go over to my successor, so far as the interests of this chamber are concerned. The various organizations interested are anxious to secure a creditable home, but fully realize that this must be accomplished without a heavy burden of debt or dangerous financial responsibility. Attention is now turned to the possibility of a satisfactory home as tenants.

Political.
"While the Territory has advanced so materially industrially and commercially, and in general development during the past two decades, our administration of public affairs does not show a marked improvement, so far as economy and efficiency are concerned, over "The good old days of the Monarchy", when our form of government was likened to the machinery of the steamer Great Eastern in a sardine box. Notwithstanding that our tax revenues have almost trebled in the past ten years, our public debt has been going the same pace, and all without satisfactory results, so far as public works and service are concerned. In order to assist in securing more efficient and economic administrative methods, this chamber undertook in February last an investigation into the affairs of the city and county of Honolulu, which was accorded the ready assent of the mayor and board of supervisors. The report of Mr. E. Gooding Field, the expert employed by the chamber, goes extensively into copy detail and contains valuable information and suggestion. It points to political demoralization, friction, lack of co-ordination, lack of responsibility, and lack of business methods, resulting from untrained officials, multiplicity of elected officers, complications and defects of the incorporating act, lack of system and waste of public funds. This report should be of value in arousing responsible men to the necessity of taking a more active interest in politics and of placing reliable and competent men in office to insure the best results possible under our present system of government. In this connection the progress of the commission form of government in mainland cities is being watched with great interest.

Roads.
"We may accept as an axiom that good roads are one of the best assets for the Territory. Too severe criticism would be impossible of the utterly inefficient and criminally wasteful policy pursued for years past in our road department. The responsibility does not rest wholly on our Board of Supervisors, but extends back through successive administrations of County and Territorial affairs. Our City Road system has now reached a condition requiring not merely repairs but general reconstruction at a great cost. This work must be divorced from politics and civil service methods adopted by competent road superintendents and assistants employed and kept in office during faithful service. Contract work should be done where large amounts are involved.

The continual tearing up of streets for water, sewer, and gas pipes and for other purposes, and the proper filling of trenches so made, should be placed under strict supervision and regulation.

Loan Fund Commission.
"The various Loan Fund Commissions should awake to their responsibilities to the people and proceed expeditiously and in a business like manner with the expenditure of the funds entrusted to them."

He speaks of various commercial matters, including the extension of postal facilities and the need for further extension.

Considerable attention is paid to health matters by President Spalding, who tells of the good work done in preserving the health of the port, and he also pays a cordial tribute to the work done on the annual clean-up days.

Speaking of the Ramus report, he takes occasion to say: "A very injurious and exaggerated paper on the subject of leprosy in these islands was submitted by Dr. Carl Ramus of the U. S. M. C. & P. I. Service to his department in Washington, and received more or less distorted publicity on the mainland. The Chamber's Health Committee, under the able chairmanship of Mr. Geo. Smith, investigated the subject and very fully and conclusively refuted and exposed the fallacy of Dr. Ramus'

conclusions; and supported by the statistics of the Territorial Board of Health, has shown that the danger to whites in these islands from Leprosy is remote, and that effective measures are being taken for the control of this disease and for its ultimate eradication. The Sanitary Commission appointed by the Governor has presented a voluminous and valuable report. Valuable reports have also been rendered to this chamber by its Health and Anti-Tuberculosis Committee.

Tourist and Promotion.
"The Promotion Committee have amply made good during the past year and justified the confidence and support given them. Some enthusiasts go so far to predict that our own tourists will ultimately rival our Sugar crops; if, as claimed, tourists are worth \$50,000,000 per annum to Los Angeles, this claim does not seem impossible. Honolulu, however, does not consider the tourist from the cold business standpoint of dollars and cents alone; we extend to them a friendly greeting and ask them to remain and join in the upbuilding of the Territory. The Promotion Committee have been fortunate in securing the valuable services of Mr. Walter G. Smith, to promote the interests of Hawaii, through a series of lectures with slide illustrations, on mainland circuits. With larger revenues at their disposal the Promotion Committee could extend their good work effectively."

Matters of harbor, shipping and transportation occupy considerable space in his report, as well as territorial wharf improvements. The recommendation of the committee on these subjects are summarized by Mr. Spalding as follows: "Existing plans for Honolulu, Kihulo and Hilo harbors should be completed as soon as possible. Improvement of Nawiliwili harbor as recommended by Engineers. "Additional breakwater required at Kahului to prevent shoaling. "The following appropriations should be made at next session of Legislature: "To complete scheme for Honolulu wharf extension as adopted by Harbor Commission and approved by the Chamber. "For the extension of Sorenson, Nuuanu and Brewer wharves to Queen St. and necessary dredging. "For building sheds, etc. Hilo wharf. "For the necessary improvements Kihulo and other boat landings. "On expiration present lease steps should be taken to acquire Marine Railway for wharf purposes. A revenue cutter for the port is urged in the report.

The extensions and improvements in railway service in the territory, the growth of wireless systems, the vast military work under way for army and navy, the opening of Pearl Harbor, are all dwelt upon, President Spalding speaks of the proposed new commercial organization as follows: "Influenced by the success of Cleveland, Boston, San Francisco and other large cities of the mainland in forming enlarged and more powerful and influential organizations by consolidating the different commercial bodies, a meeting of representative citizens, including some of the Trustees of this Chamber, was held some months ago, for the purpose of considering the advisability of a local combined and enlarged Commercial Organization. A committee was appointed, which has been investigating the methods adopted in results attained by the above cited cities, which committee, I am informed, will submit their information and suggestions in due course to this Chamber and to the Merchants' Association. This is by no means a new idea, but has had our consideration on several occasions. While, on account of our cosmopolitan population and other patent reasons, conditions are essentially different in Honolulu from mainland cities, the advantages to be gained by a large and united commercial body, particularly in acting upon questions of Federal and Territorial legislation, must be recognized, and I believe that a union of the Chamber and Merchants' Association with a vigorous campaign for an enlarged membership to include all desirable persons, would be a progressive step and would materially add to the activity and influence at home and abroad which our two Commercial bodies are now exercising."

Other matters of interest are taken up, including the proposed annual inter-island conference of commercial bodies, volcano research, etc. A tribute is paid to the late James F. Morgan, who was president of the Chamber for four years and Mr. Spalding's predecessor. In conclusion Mr. Spalding sees the brightest prospects for Hawaii's prosperity and urges active interest of the members of the chamber in public affairs and in the chamber's work.

TOSHI ATTENDS "BOY'S STAG," MRS. J. R. GALT IS HOSTESS

Eighty Youngsters from Palama Spend Joyous Afternoon as Guests

Toshi was hungry and thirsty and generally out of sorts for want of something to do. Especially did he want a piece of watermelon, nice and red and full of black seeds just like that big piece on ice displayed so temptingly in the glass case of the Chinese store on the other side of the street.

The more he thought about it, the more he wanted it until in an effort to distract his mind from the thought he began drawing hieroglyphics with his big toe in the dust of King street. This grew tiresome and he directed his energies to spelling out a big sign which stood at the entrance to the Palama Settlement grounds.

"Boys' Stag Today" it read. He knew what boys were; he was one, and he had a hazy memory of a stag

as the animal that occupied a prominent place in a picture in his " Carpenter's Geographical Reader. Europe." But he failed to see the connection and consequently he decided to go and see this boy's stag. So he went inside the Palama gymnasium.

Fifteen minutes later, Toshi, together with seventy-nine other boys, in charge of three Settlement workers, was headed for the residence of Mrs. J. R. Galt on Liliha street, where for the rest of the afternoon the eighty youngsters fished, went swimming, and dived Mrs. Galt's mango trees of their fruit. Games were played and it was well along in the evening before the happy, yelling mob took its departure.

Toshi alone was silent for his thoughts were busily engaged and he smiled meditatively as the memory came back to him of a large, luscious watermelon, red and full of black seeds, which he as captain of the winning baseball team had been allowed to consume.

TURRILL AFTER ACHI OUSTED; CITY'S CASH CLAIM REJECTED

Fred Turrill is after some of the accumulating surplus stored in the city and county cash box.

He has come forward with a threat to institute proceedings in the courts unless his claim for damage done several dozen eggs is not settled by the city fathers.

The Turrill claim for fractured hen fruit has been pending in the municipal halls for many months. Turrill alleges that through the careless handling of giant powder or dynamite, used in the breaking of rock on a neighboring street, a number of eggs belonging to high-priced settings were spoiled.

Turrill presented a claim for \$50, but it was turned down by a former board. He now threatens suit for \$150 and costs, and Deputy City and County Attorney Milverton has advised the board that the claim can be settled to the satisfaction of all parties concerned for \$35.

The board has turned the matter of paying the Turrill claims over to the ways and means committee.

LOCAL AND GENERAL
Clara Mokumia has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Joseph Mokumia, to serve without bond.

The fourth precinct, fourth district Republican club will meet on Friday evening at the Punahou park, opposite the Pleasanton Hotel, at 7:30.

The government water will be shut off tomorrow between the hours of 8:30 a. m. and 4 p. m. at Kaalawai, Diamond Head and Kapiolani Park.

According to reports received by the ways and means committee of the board of supervisors, \$82 was paid out for the repair of autos during July.

The city and county fathers ordered \$192 paid as a special premium on insurance policies covering automobiles owned and operated by the city officials.

Judge Whitney has set September 24 as the date on which he will hear the petition of Kakalina Gonsalves for probating the will of Lui Gonsalves and her appointment as administratrix.

Alleging desertion since last February, Nabe Takara has filed a petition in circuit court asking a divorce from Kichisuke Takara. She asserts they were married at Okinawa, Japan, in 1906, later moving to this Territory and residing at Ewa for more than two years.

U. S. District Attorney R. W. Breckons says that the Federal grand jury has done the greater part of the work prepared for it, and intimates that its session will not continue much longer.

The next session of Federal District Court is set for next Saturday morning, and it is possible that the grand jury may make some returns at that time. Four witnesses from out of town have been summoned to appear before the inquisitorial body this afternoon.

Manoites made a forceful showing at last night's meeting of the board of supervisors, when Mr. Guild declared that despite the fact that residents in that district paid taxes on hundreds of thousands of dollars in property, the city fathers have done practically nothing for the section. But two streets have received attention within the past eighteen months, while more favored portions of the city are receiving all the money expended for road improvement.

IMMIGRATION BOARD MEETS.
At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Immigration held this morning report of business transacted through that agency and progress made in encouraging the small farming industry. Bills for the month were approved.

"And did you stay long in Venice?" "Only two days, but I saw everything worth seeing, don't you know."

"Really? Then you saw the Lion of St. Mark's, I suppose?" "Rather; saw the brute fed, in fact."

Even a fat woman may have a slim chance in the matrimonial market. There's plenty of happiness in sight but getting it is another proposition. It's surprising how many heroes there are in the world—to hear them tell it.

Even a whispered call to duty can be heard by a deaf man if the salary is sufficient. Dress may not make the woman, but she often makes the dress.

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Exceptions of the defendant are overruled and the verdict of the Circuit Court is sustained in finding for the plaintiff, in an opinion handed down today by the Supreme Court in the ejectment suit brought by Lau Lam against W. C. Achi and the co-partners who occupy the land under the firm name of the Honolulu Brick & Stone Co.

The land is situated at Kapalama, Honolulu, and the plaintiff lays claim as sole devisee under the will of Lau Chong, who died in China, May 26, 1900. Achi, the defendant who also claimed title, asserted that Lau Chang did not devise any property to Lau Lam, and moreover, that he, Achi, had adverse possession of the land for more than the statutory period, thus entitling him to title by default.

The case was tried without a jury and judgment rendered for the plaintiff.

ARREST CORNYN AS RECKLESS AUTO DRIVER
P. F. Cornyn was arrested last night on a charge of heedless driving, preferred by Kamigaki, a Japanese, who alleges that he was forced to jump from his bicycle to avoid being run down by Cornyn, who bore down rapidly upon him from the rear.

The accident happened Sunday afternoon at King street and Kalakaua avenue. According to the story that he told the police, Kamigaki was riding his bicycle along King street, bound for town, at the time the accident happened. As he approached Kalakaua avenue, a Rapid Transit car came from the rear, and in order to give the car a wide berth Kamigaki veered over towards the curbing.

The complainant alleges that just as he turned into King street from Kalakaua avenue and followed behind him, gaining rapidly. As the Japanese was hemmed in between the street car and the curbing, he says he was forced to jump to avoid being run down.

As he jumped, he lost his balance and fell to the pavement, although he was not touched by the wheels of the automobile, which destroyed his bicycle as it passed.

The case came up in Police Court this morning and was continued. The warrant charges P. F. Cornyn with heedless driving. Cornyn is better known as Dick Sullivan.

According to Cornyn's statement, which was frankly made this afternoon, as well as the story of an eyewitness, Cornyn was not to blame for the accident at all.

"I was driving along when the Japanese, to avoid the street car, ran directly in front of me," said Cornyn today. "I could not swerve out of his way, because Tom Quinn's machine was standing at the curb just in front of me. I was going eighteen or twenty miles an hour. The Japanese was not hurt, but his bicycle was smashed. I stopped my car and went back and asked him if he needed help. He didn't say a word then. Later, I understand, he complained to the police that I was driving recklessly. As a matter of fact, there would have been no accident if he had not run in front of me."

Two thousand white men are searching around Clarksville, Texas, for a negro named Leonard Foss, who within a week has killed two Texas officers.

Henry Birkenstock, one of the known manufacturers of art glass in this country, is dead at his home Mount Vernon after an illness of several weeks.

HAWAII POLOISTS TO VISIT COAST, RUFUS A. LYMAN RESIGNS, REPORT ON BULL MOOSE CONVENTION, MOKUAWEOO REPORTED IN ACTION, NEW BOND ISSUE BEING SIGNED, CONTRACTORS SHY AT HARBOR JOB, MIDNIGHT BLAZE ROUTS OUT LOGGERS.

NEW DRAWING TEACHER FOR OAHU COLLEGE
Miss Ethel V. Crosby is to be the new teacher of drawing at Oahu College. She has had training at the Boston Museum School of Fine Arts and under private teachers. She has had experience in teaching both in the schools and in Mt. Holyoke College, where her work was highly praised. She is qualified to teach not only the drawing now given at Punahou, but also advanced classes in painting and modelling and in the history of art.

D. Howard Hitchcock, who has given up his position at Punahou, will devote his time largely to the work on the canvases for Hawaii's exhibit at San Francisco in 1915. Before leaving his position he presented to Punahou his picture, "The Road to Fontainebleau," which he first exhibited at the Paris Salon. The trustees feel especially happy in receiving this picture, for it is the one by which Mr. Hitchcock first won honor in the world of art. The picture has hung for several years in Pauahi Hall, where it has been a source of inspiration and delight to generations of Punahou students.

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WE FEATURE "BENJAMIN'S CLOTHES"

There's a good many reasons why you should wear Benjamin's Clothes.

They're unlike any other Ready-Made Clothing. Young men who formerly had their clothes made to order, and who are now wearing "BENJAMIN'S CLOTHES" are better satisfied and are paying less than half. We are showing styles in new fabrics, light, dark and medium. We guarantee a perfect fit before a suit leaves this store.

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AUTOMOBILE RACING

By GEORGE FITCH

Automobile racing is a modern invention which would have made the old Roman chariot races look like an idle wagon parade. The Romans are still considered by historians to have been a lively and enterprising people, but if a Roman citizen who had been a gladiatorial matinee fender should come back and witness a modern automobile race from the upper curve, he would probably put both fingers in his ears and try to climb the fence with his teeth.

An automobile race consists of a large number of dust and smoke clouds, each one enclosing a volcanic roar, and a candidate for the moogie. The roars are produced by automobiles ranging from 100 to 200 horsepower and when a couple of these leaping cataclysms come down the stretch, making 1100 impassioned remarks per minute apiece, the late discussion between Will and Theodore in Massachusetts would dwindle to a dove coo in comparison.

Automobile races are held for the purpose of finding the weak points in automobile frames and in the spectator's brains. Thanks so automobile racing, we have produced cars capable of making 100 miles an hour for half a day, including stops for gasoline, tires and inquiries, and which can leap five feet into the air and come down 50 feet farther on without disarranging anything but the road. And we have also discovered a variety of human being who will watch a flock of these monsters turning somersaults all day and come home bitterly disappointed because he did not get a driver's leg for a souvenir. The first result is much more useful to humanity than the second.

Automobile racing is about the only game which is as fatal to the spectator as to the participant. While racing 100 miles an hour, an impatient and temperamental man is least little irritation will make him climb a tree or a fence. A man can slide off a track through a fence and get enough spectators for a without half trying. Watching auto races from behind a shaft is more dangerous than watching the Mexican revolution between the

There is never any lack of volunteers to man the fences. There are two kinds of automobile races—track and road. Road races are often 440 miles long and several hours to finish. Track races are more convenient because the detourer is always within easy reach. Automobile racing is very profitable to the heirs and assignees of the ers and is fascinating to watch. It costs \$10,000 to see and hear a horrible automobile race with only half in case of a small death rate.

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