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Judge P. I. Weaver has taken out a permit for a dwelling on the Puunui tract to cost \$4665. T. Gill is the architect.

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NEW CHIEF OF ARMY AIR CRAFT CONSIDERS OAHU

Confirmation of the rumor that went the local rounds some time ago, to the effect that Oahu was soon to become one of the important aerial experimental stations of the army, is confirmed by news that Major Edgar Russell, S. C., has been placed in charge of the aeronautical branch of the signal corps. Major Russell is known to be an enthusiastic believer in the efficiency of aeroplanes, not only for scouting, but particularly to take the offensive against battleships and transports, attempting to effect a troop landing. If there is one spot on the territorial map of the United States where the whole theory of warfare centers around the repelling of an invading force, it is Oahu, and it is known that Major Russell has had his eye on Hawaii for some time past, with a view to trying out a fleet of protective aeroplanes.

Army officers in this department, while somewhat skeptical as to successful flying, owing to treacherous currents and baffling winds, are unanimous in admitting the great advantage of aeroplanes that could be used to harry troops trying to effect a landing, and that might be a constant menace to the hostile navy and its convoy of troopships.

Moral Effect Enormous.
"The moral effect of an aeroplane squad that was known to be in operation here would be tremendous," said one army officer this morning, in discussing the proposed flying station. "If military aviators could demonstrate their ability to fly here under average weather conditions, and it was public property that the flyers were well provided with high explosive bombs, it would certainly have a deterrent effect on any enemy contemplating a landing. A few aeroplanes might be able to accomplish the mission of the fleet that would have to be hurried here in the event of war, and that would probably arrive too late to engage the enemy."
One fact to strengthen the belief

that army aeroplanes will soon be navigating the higher air lanes of Oahu, is that there will be no more hydro-aeroplane flying on the Potomac river this winter. The station, which has been maintained at the war college for the past four months, has been taken down, and preparations made for the shipment of the machines to the Pacific Coast. Plans at present call for the hydro-aeroplane flyers of the army to spend the winter at San Diego, but with a number of officers who have been studying at the Curtiss factory, at Hammondsport, N. Y., who will also leave for San Diego, there will be an overplus of military aviators and aeroplanes at the Curtiss school there, and now is the logical time to send men and machines across the Pacific.

Oahu Not Threatened.
As to the protection of this island from hostile aeroplanes, military men are not worrying much on that score, the carrying and launching of flying machines from battleships and cruisers not being perfected to the point where any formidable fleet could menace Oahu from the skies. However, it is rumored that some of the new aeroplane guns are destined for Oahu, as part of the island's permanent defensive ordnance.

Army officers here are convinced that, for the present, the regular small arms will be sufficient defense against aeroplanes. But they are taking no chances and are preparing for the eventual development of the aeroplane to a point at which they will be able to dart back and forth over the islands with the speed and facility of swallows.

The ordnance department has thoroughly tested the carriage for the three-inch aeroplane gun and it is a success. The sights of the new gun are said to be virtually automatic. The fire of the gun can be controlled so it will sweep the heavens for a range of three miles.

The most difficult problem confront-

ing the ordnance officers is the development of effective ammunition for the aeroplane gun. It has been decided to use light tracers for night firing and smoke tracers for the day in order to get the most effective results from the gun.

CHORUS GIRLS CONTEST TONIGHT

What is promised as the biggest novelty presented by the Hughes Comedy Company is billed for tonight's performance, it being a genuine chorus girls' contest, and, inasmuch as keen rivalry exists among the nine or ten sprightly ladies of the chorus of this particular company, as to who is the best chorus girl, some unusually good amusement is assured by this evening's contest. Some excellent specialties will be shown, as Manager Levey compels each member of the chorus to enter the contest, despite her respective ability, or lack of ability, as the case might be, and the real fun is furnished by those unfortunate enough to be long on lack of ability.

An added interest in the contest is made certain through the fact that tonight's contest will settle a long-disputed question between Miss Anna Clark and Imogene Mansfield, each of these girls having captured first prize on two different occasions, and should either of these annex first place tonight, they will doubtless proclaim herself "champion."

The Hughes company will bring their local engagement to a close Thursday night and beginning tonight a "contest" of some sort will be an added attraction for each night during the remainder of their engagement.

MOSQUITOES ON WARPATH AGAIN

Day mosquitoes have been discovered in the Makiki district, and the inspectors working in that section were called into conference this morning to arrange a careful search of the neighborhood for the source of the dangerous pest. Dr. Pratt, president of the board of health, says that mosquitoes are being found frequently now in various parts of the city, though in no large numbers, and the situation is by no means serious.

In most instances where the mosquitoes are found, the citizens have notified the department and inspectors have succeeded in locating the breeding pools and stopping the development of the disease spreading insects. Household holders are warned to watch closely for all possible breeding grounds for mosquitoes, and if they cannot locate the source of the pest, to notify the mosquito department of the board of health. Inspectors will be sent out and the

WOOD IS UNABLE TO GET AWAY TO COAST

On account of the pressure of the local promotion work, Secretary H. P. Wood of the promotion committee, did not leave for the mainland on the Korea this morning as was expected. Some time ago the committee presented plans to Mr. Wood whereby he was to go to the mainland and engage in special promotion work on the Pacific coast, and the date for his leaving Honolulu was set for this morning. However, Mr. Wood has found that the work here is of a nature that requires all his attention, and he does not expect to get away, if at all, until sometime during next April.

The January number of Travel, a well known periodical published in New York, will contain an article on the Hawaiian Islands which has been written by the editor. The article will be illustrated with several photographs of island scenes which were forwarded to the editor upon his request.

The American consul at Vancouver, B. C., writes to Secretary Wood that he has received the maps and other advertising matter which was forwarded him by the local committee some time ago. He will distribute this matter, he writes, among the officers where they will do the most good.

"As the climate of British Columbia is more or less unpleasant during the winter months on account of the rain, there is a tendency on the part of the residents, who can afford it, to winter in a warmer climate, such as Hawaii. Although we did not get a chance to hear Walter G. Smith here on account of some regulations regarding picture shows, nevertheless, I am sure that a thorough advertising of your islands as a winter resort should bring good results. This office will be glad at any time to assist you in any way."

neighborhood will be searched until the objectionable pools of standing water are located and disposed of.

Pleading guilty in Circuit Judge Robinson's court to two indictments for burglary in the second degree, Samuel Kahl this morning was sentenced to one and two years' imprisonment, or a total of three years' incarceration.

On the appeal from the decision of the district court Feliciano Baldoarolo, accused of disorderly conduct, entered a plea of guilty before Judge Robinson this morning. His sentence was suspended thirteen months.

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