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NATIVE SAMOANS PLAY BALL

Commander W. M. Cross, naval governor of American Samoa, has found a way to put to good use among the native Samoans the otherwise lost art of welding a war club. Paymaster F. H. Alderson, who passed through Honolulu on the last trip of the Ventura, told all about it, and incidentally brought the first news of the Samoan baseball league.

It has been said that America governed the Philippines with a baseball bat and a package of hope deferred smoking cigars. As we are bound by no promises in Samoa, Governor Cross is to get the smoking habit, but is making big success with the baseball bat.

The crew of the Princeton made a little tour of the island last week, which the governor has, playing exhibition games of baseball. The natives were interested at once. The white man had made them stare when they saw clubs and watching the women make their cloth did not seem very much real excitement. Here was a game that was played as good as war, and they went to it with the water.

Every day, said Paymaster Alderson, the natives play a game of native baseball. The crew of the Princeton, who are on a tour of the island, are playing exhibition games of baseball. They play rattling good ball, too. They are not only on the field and they can't pitch. They can catch pretty fairly, and when it comes to hitting there is hardly an island in the Samoan group that can hit any kind of a ball, and of those who would not otherwise be served.

The foregoing plans are provisional, and suggestions from all persons interested are requested, especially as to the places to be selected for stations. All communications should be sent to the undersigned at Honolulu, Honolulu, January 10, 1913.

ROBBINS B. ANDERSON,
 Chairman of Committee on Island Libraries and Stations, Trustees of Library of Hawaii.

JAPAN LECTURE AT Y. W. C. A. VESPER SERVICE

The vesper services at the Y. W. C. A. will be held at the Homestead tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Leader, Miss Ida Duncan, and it promises to be a very interesting meeting because she is just returning from Japan and is to speak of her work there and also to exhibit some curios which she brings from that country.

CITY SANTARY

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mean to put a stop to the cooperation of the board of agriculture and board of supervisors," the report sets forth, "as it is beyond reason to expect us to begin to break in a new man to do work which it will require at least one year for him to become familiar with. It is required to make the test without cost to the owner. This arrangement, which has saved the board of supervisors a cost of testing 5000 to 6000 head of cattle annually, has proved immensely satisfactory.

Richards has given his whole time to study not only the dairies and herds but the character and idiosyncracies of each individual milk producer with the satisfactory result that the milk supply of the city and county of Honolulu may be said to be 100 per cent better than it was two years ago.

"I therefore suggest that your board (agriculture) make such representations to the board of supervisors to insure a continuance of the services of Richards for the tuberculosis test."

Gay is now a mounted officer in the police force and objects to the statement that he is an inexperienced man, "I was brought up on a ranch at Wai-alea and know all about cattle and horses. I was manager of the slaughter-house and meat-shop at Kohala for three years," he said this morning, "and I consider myself quite able to perform the duties of milk inspector. I can get on to the tuberculosis and milk tests in a very short time, I am confident."

The supervisors are carrying out the sweeping changes in the sanitary work of the city that were decided upon in caucuses. The assistant city physicianship has been cut out, with

a saving of \$75 a month. The county physician and his assistant each got \$150 under the old regime. Under the new plan, Dr. J. T. Wayson takes care of the entire work with the assistance of a nurse. Dr. Wayson gets \$225 a month from the city.

The supervisors have also reduced the city sanitary inspectors to six instead of seven. In this connection there is much dissatisfaction with the plan of having the territorial board of health handle the city inspectors and there is some talk of asking the next legislature to turn the sanitation work of the city back to the territorial board.

There is a rumor afloat that the supervisors will soon consider a municipal paving-plant. This is flatly denied by Lester Petrie, chairman of the roads committee, who says that the committee has not taken the matter up, and that the report be read this morning was the first he heard of such a scheme.

COAL IN THE PACIFIC COAST STATES.

The dominating factor in the coal production of the Pacific coast States is still the heavy production of California petroleum which is used for steam fuel to the almost entire exclusion of coal. The production of coal in Washington in 1912 will possibly show a slight increase for domestic purposes over the output in 1911. In California and Oregon the production of coal is negligible. The consumption of California oil for fuel purposes in 1912 was approximately 57,000,000 barrels, or more than four times the equivalent of the total production of coal in the Pacific coast States.

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MEN AND RELIGION MOVEMENT PLANS TO BE ALTERED

As a result of the change of the boat schedules, it has been found necessary to make several changes in the dates of the Men and Religion campaign. The campaign will, however, begin on the same day as previously announced, January 23, but will close Wednesday afternoon January 29, two days earlier than at first expected. A more intensive program has been prepared for the visit of the team, including the same number of features.

The committee in charge of the special functions of the campaign met yesterday afternoon for the purpose of planning a banquet to be held on the afternoon of January 23, probably at the Moana Hotel. This will be perhaps the largest gathering of representative business and professional men ever held in the city; covers for fully three hundred will be laid. Invitations and invitation lists are now being prepared and the former will be issued next week. Messrs Smith and Robins will speak at the dinner and the international quartet, which accompanies the team, will render several selections.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SHOWING INCREASE

Statistics compiled by Superintendent of Schools W. T. Pope from reports which are beginning to come into the department of public instruction from the various districts on the attendance in the public schools since the close of the holidays, show approximately 26,000 pupils are attending the public schools in the Territory of Hawaii. As all of the reports have not as yet come to hand, it is believed that this figure will be increased somewhat. The attendance during the last term, which closed with the beginning of the holidays, was 25,186, with Honolulu leading all other districts in the Territory with a total of 10,000.

These figures show that there is comparatively little change in the attendance after the holidays. The places of some of the students who fail to return after Christmas are taken by the new scholars and in this way the average for the year is maintained. The problem of the crowded conditions of the different schools and has been remedied in the best possible manner and in so far as accommodations are concerned, Kauai probably leads all other public school districts. That there is no overcrowding in this district is due to the fact that the school authorities of Kauai added twenty-four additional rooms to their schools and erected another building. There is some overcrowding in the schools on Maui, and according to Inspector of Schools Gibson, the greatest number of accommodations are needed on the schools in Honolulu.

WHEAT AND COFFEE.

A cablegram, dated December 23, 1912, from the International Institute of Agriculture, Rome, Italy, has been received by the United States Department of Agriculture, giving the following information:

In Argentina the estimated production, this season, of wheat is 235,161,600 bushels; oats, 115,882,000 bushels; flaxseed, 51,180,000 bushels.

In Brazil, the estimated production of coffee, this season, is 1,322,720,000 pounds.

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