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THE CITY CHARTER LETTERS.

The Star-Bulletin believes that every resident of Honolulu will be deeply interested in the series of letters on the "short-ballot" and commission government which begin today. The letters are from mayors and city managers all over the country, representing cities where these ultra-modern ideas are being tried out. The Star-Bulletin asked these city officials their frank opinion of the new forms and their experiences as to results. In view of the coming city charter revision convention, the letters are timely and may well be carefully considered by convention delegates.

MR. ACHI'S SUGGESTIONS.

Directly in line with this information upon model charter forms is the draft of a charter prepared by Mr. W. C. Achi, who has been elected a delegate to the charter convention and who has given much time and thought to revision plans. He suggests a board of supervisors consisting of a mayor and four members, each member heading a specific department. Mr. Achi's plan will be discussed more fully by the Star-Bulletin later on. Just now we wish to draw general attention to it and to commend his zeal in working on a progressive idea. The draft which he has prepared will be read through with much interest. He does not expect that it will be unchanged and he is perfectly ready to discuss better provisions if they are brought forward.

IF THE GREAT NORTHERN COMES.

Honolulu businessmen will not pledge their freight off-hand to the Great Northern or any other new steamship service without some more definite knowledge of what the newcomers propose than now exists. But on the other hand, local importers may well begin at once thinking of the possibilities opened up by the Great Northern Steamship Company.

The Great Northern interests are built up on enterprise. James J. Hill is a born pioneer. Years before he had enough freight or passengers secured to make his railroads paying propositions he drove the steel rails into the west and carved empires out of wild mountains, dense forests and arid plains. He fostered innumerable schemes for developing the country through which his lines passed, so that the revenues of the road might make his empire dreams financially feasible. Hill's brainy men taught reclamation, agriculture, horticulture; built up shipping facilities for the farmers. The roads sent exhibit cars far and near, gave appropriations to stock and fruit-fairs, advertised largely. A projected ocean line materialized in the Minnesota and the Dakota and was not abandoned even when the Minnesota ran for months on end at a heavy loss and the Dakota was wrecked.

If the Great Northern men establish a line to Hawaii, they will give Hawaii a huge amount of effective and systematic advertising. In order to get results for their expenditure they will have to spend money to secure passengers. They cannot count on sugar freights from Honolulu to San Francisco, so that the bulk of their freight business—in the beginning at least—must be in miscellaneous articles shipped to Hawaii's importers.

The Great Northern will send its traffic manager, Mr. C. E. Stone, to Hawaii to work up business. If there is any sort of definite assurance that he will be given a thorough hearing and his proposals afforded fair consideration. Certainly Hawaii should meet this opportunity half way. A definite movement among businessmen to ascertain how much freight would be available for a twice-a-month service by this crack liner will bring the subject into such shape that when Traffic Manager Stone arrives he can get down to business at once.

If the Pacific Mail liners eliminate Honolulu in November, there is no time to spare.

HASTY CRITICISM.

The great American privilege of kicking is sometimes responsible for hasty criticism. A Honolulu writes to the press objecting to the Carnival drawing published last week in the Star-Bulletin, because, he says, it is not effective as a poster. As a matter of fact, and as he would have learned had he read the accompanying article, the drawing is not for a poster at all but for a magazine advertising page. The artist and the Carnival director know it is not a poster drawing but are using it for win-

dow cards in order to get early action in some mainland advertising. The special Carnival poster is to be made as soon as possible. Criticism of this sort does little good, for it is based on mistaken assumptions.

CONSIDER THE TRAFFIC COP.

The traffic policeman in Honolulu must stand for many hours in the broiling sun and the baking paving, always on the alert, always courteous, always ready to avert accident. His job is no easy one in cool weather. In hot weather and wet weather it is more than just uncomfortable. Honolulu ought to provide some sort of shelter for the crossing policemen. A small, movable platform with a big umbrella over it, could be used at certain intersections, as is done in some of the mainland cities. There is always a way to do such things if the city is in earnest about finding it.

RUSSIA'S HOPE.

Novogeorgievsk, the great fortress town which the Russians have held for weeks in the face of a battering-ram attack by the Germans, is one of the strongest of the fortresses on the first line of the Russian defense in the west, and forms, with Warsaw, Ivangorod and Brest Litovsk, the famous Polish quadrilateral, says a study in war geography issued by the National Geographic society. The study deals with the northernmost link in the interior chain of Russian Poland's defense.

Novogeorgievsk guards the western and northern approaches to the capital, Warsaw, just as Ivangorod guards the southern and eastern approaches. Defensive works of lesser importance lie to the north and to the west of Novogeorgievsk, nearer to the German border, most of which have already fallen before the advancing invaders. The northern angle to the quadrilateral is a fortress of the first class, with a strong plan of outworks and minor defenses, situated upon the confluence of the Bug and the Vistula rivers. It lies 25 miles to the north and west of Warsaw.

A new circle of eight powerful forts has been thrown around the old works of Novogeorgievsk by the Russians. These forts form the main strength of the post. The forts are built to the rivers at a radial distance of ten miles from the enciente. Novogeorgievsk commands the lower Vistula and the railway between Danzig and Warsaw. It was first fortified by Charles XII of Sweden and later considerably strengthened by Napoleon. In 1813 and 1830-31 it was several times under siege.

More than ten days ago reports from Italy claimed the capture of Gorizia. The strict censorship imposed by the Italian government encouraged the falsehood, just as the strict censorship imposed by every other belligerent government in this war have encouraged falsehoods.

Escape from punishment for petty misdemeanors leads to forgetfulness of the law. Thus the police department which fails to enforce minor statutes is partially to blame for grave crime.

Abbe Martin's observation has some local point: "Every day some feller gets caught who'd rather be a defaulter than be accused of not holdin' up his end."

Luther Burbank told a conference of eugenicists that it will take the race of men six generations to reach physical perfection. Most folks can't wait that long.

Hayti objects to the presence of American marines but being considerably less dangerous in a fight than Mexico is forced to grin and bear it.

U. S. cavalry chasing and capturing Mexican bandits on Mexican soil may not be armed intervention but it is dangerously near it.

Even the second-story man has no objection to getting in on the ground floor.—Leavenworth New Era.

Bryan's sentiments on the single-term idea as applied to the secretary of state haven't yet been learned.

A semi-autonomous Poland under the Hohenzollerns will not have enough independence to brag about.

Greece needs a little more Dollar Diplomacy before getting into the war.

JAPANESE FROM PLANTATIONS TO SEE CORONATION

Excursion Being Arranged to Take From 30 to 40 to Kyoto Next November

Japanese hotelkeepers of this city are arranging plans for an excursion party made up of laborers on the island plantations to attend the coronation of Emperor Yoshihito, which is to take place in Kyoto on November 10. It is not known definitely as yet how many will join the excursion, but the number will probably be between 30 and 40. This is an estimate made from the three excursions, which have been held in previous years and which took local Japanese laborers on sight seeing trips to their home country. This party is to be headed by Dr. Katsunuma of the Federal Immigration Station. It will leave probably on November 10, and will spend from six weeks to two months visiting different points of interest about the country before and after the coronation.

Kyoto, the scene of the coronation ceremony, is the old capital of Japan, the executive buildings having been located there before the removal to Tokio. It is a bit of Japanese sentiment, therefore, that names the old town as the scene of the present coronation.

By custom, the coronation of an emperor must take place within a year following his assumption of the throne, but the ceremony was delayed this time on account of the death of the dowager empress. Yoshihito came to the throne after the death of Emperor Mutsuhito in August of 1913.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

DR. FLETCHER GREEN SANBORN: I like Kaunakakai, Molokai, very much and expect to stay there indefinitely. For hunting and fishing that island "beats the world."

CHESTER DOYLE: I'm not going to give out any more interviews that have to do with che-fa. I got the dickens from the police for what I said about Yee Yo Kung, the escaped Korean.

CIRCUIT JUDGE STUART (from Hauula): Yes, I am enjoying myself over here, thank you. This is a fine place to spend one's vacation. I took a long hike the other day and am feeling pretty tired, but outside of that I'm all right.

A. P. TAYLOR: I am glad to hear that Maj. Lewis S. Scripps is coming to Honolulu to the 1st Infantry. He is a fine fellow and a good mixer. I knew him in Salt Lake City in 1899, when he came to Fort Douglas, Utah, fresh from graduation at West Point. I met him again in San Francisco last year when he was in charge of troops leaving for the Mexican border. It was the first time I had seen him in 20 years.

MAYOR LANE: I am leaving this afternoon for Waimea, where I shall spend the evening fishing for kole, with Delegate Kuhio. The delegate is said to be one of the best fishermen in the islands and I shall try to take pointers from him. Next week I plan a larger party at Waimea, with the board of supervisors as my guests. Fishing is one of Supervisor Shingle's hobbies, I believe, and I hope to give him and the others the time of their lives on the party.

RAYMOND C. BROWN, secretary Chamber of Commerce: From the way automobile accidents happened yesterday, I guess we will have to drive some "safety first" ideas into the heads of a few automobile drivers around Honolulu. Anyone who drives faster than four or five miles an hour on the Moanalua hill when it is the least bit slippery deserves all that's coming to him. It's not so bad when reckless drivers kill themselves, but when they kill others it's horrible.

"HAPPY-DASHERS" ENJOY HAPPY TIME AT PICNIC

Yesterday afternoon at "La Belle" Moanalua, the Happy-Dashers' picnic proved a grand success. Over 200 guests were present and everyone enjoyed the sports that were carried out in a fine manner. During the afternoon ice cream was served with other delicacies. Among those present at the picnic were Capt. J. A. Gonzales, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Reis and daughter of Pearl City, Oahu, Professor Abruski of Walluku, Maui, and Harry Swift, The committee in charge

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T. S. DRUMMOND of Cleveland expects to visit here with a party of seven this winter. He is a hardware man.

MISS VIRGINIA RAPHAEL is leaving tomorrow morning on the Mongolia, accompanied by her mother, for an extended visit in California.

JUDGE LYLE A. DICKEY of Kaula, who has been spending the week-end in Honolulu, will return to the Garden island in the steamer Kinau tomorrow afternoon.

G. W. WILCOX of Honolulu, proprietor of extensive sugar plantations in the Hawaiian Islands, has taken quarters at the Bellevue with his family. —San Francisco Chronicle.

C. J. COOPER, connected with the Customs Service at Honolulu, Hawaii, and Mr. Cooper were in Sacramento today on their way to Lake Tahoe to spend their annual vacation.—Sacramento Bee.

DR. M. E. GROSSMAN will leave in the steamer Mongolia tomorrow for San Francisco to attend the international dental congress. He expects to return to Honolulu in the Korea due here September 24.

DR. H. de B. MACAULEY, surgeon of the Matson liner Wilhelmina, returned to the steamer at San Francisco and is now in Honolulu after having been in a San Francisco hospital for 45 days with pneumonia.

MISS KAPULANI CHONG SEE of Lale, this island, will leave for the coast in the Wilhelmina Wednesday to take a three-years' course of training as a nurse in the Latter Day Saints' hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

JAMES G. MEEK, formerly of Honolulu, now a corporal with the New Zealand engineers at the Dardanelles, has written to a friend in this city describing the life in the trenches as viewed from his dugout in "Shrapnel Gully."

H. GOODING FIELD was scheduled as a speaker at the National Congress on Recreation at the Exposition a few days ago. He was to have talked on the day devoted to recreation in many lands but was unable to go to the coast for the conference.

T. COMPTON PACKINHAM, a former employe in the Hilo office of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, is now in England taking a course of training to become a lieutenant in the British army, says the Hilo Tribune. Packinham left Hilo several months ago.

FLORENCE OAKLEY, well known and much-admired by local theatergoers, is now leading woman in a stock company playing at the Post theater, San Francisco, run by Jim Post. In the cast of "Within the Law" several Honolulu favorites appear, among them Guy Hittner, Olga Grey, Jack Fraser, and Pat Pryor. Huron Blyden is stage manager.

ED MCGREW, formerly of this city and a graduate of the Petaluma high school, who has been living for many years in Honolulu, where he is filling a government position, arrived at San Francisco on the steamer Sierra on Saturday, accompanied by his wife and children and they will make an extended visit at the fair. They are expected here to visit Will McGrew and family. Frank McGrew, another brother, is also residing in Honolulu. —Petaluma, Cal., Argus.

EIGHT PERSONS FREED FROM MATRIMONY TODAY

The martial troubles of eight persons were settled once and for all this morning when Circuit Judge Whitney granted four divorce cases. It was one of the heaviest divorce calendars to be cleaned up in the last several months. The cases were as follows: Louis W. Miller against Rose S. Miller, desertion; Kiyoki Mitsunaga against Mine Mitsunaga, desertion; Kaaina Davis against William Davis, statutory; Ho Yamamoto against Iyataro Yamamoto, desertion and non-support. In the last case the plaintiff was allowed permanent alimony in the sum of \$2.50 a week.

Mrs. Hattie Teare Woodworth, a tourist whose home was in Chicago, died at the Colonial hotel Saturday after suffering a stroke of apoplexy. She was 60 years old and the wife of Dr. P. M. Woodworth, a well-known physician of Chicago. Funeral services were held at Williams' undertaking establishment yesterday.

consisted of Alfred S. Rego, George S. Pereira and August P. Gomes.

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GREAT SCIENTIST TO SPEAK AT CLUB LUNCH

Dr. W. H. Welch, president of the board of directors of Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, will be the guest of the University Club tomorrow at noon, for luncheon. The eminent physician will address the club concerning phases of his work and the great achievements of medical science in the last few years. For the last several years Dr. Welch has been visiting Kilauea volcano. Dr. Welch was secured as a speaker through the efforts of his friend, former Governor W. F. Frear.

Prices for steel and iron scrap in St. Louis were advanced 25 to 50 cents a ton.

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1325 Palolo Valley Rd.	2 bedrooms	20.00
Wilder Ave. (opp. Oahu College)	4 "	30.00
602 Wylie St.	4 "	45.00
1704 King St.	2 "	30.00
Cor. Kamehameha Ave. and Manoa	2 "	40.00
Hackfeld and Prospect	2 "	27.50
1004 W. 5th Ave., Kaimuki	4 "	18.00
1313 Makiki St.	3 "	30.00
1205 Wilhelmina Rise, Kaimuki	3 "	25.00
770 Kinai st.	4 "	32.50
1329 Wilder Ave.	4 "	40.00
1877 Kalakaua Ave.	3 "	20.00
1317 Makiki St.	3 "	25.00
2144 Lanilulu Drive, Manoa	2 "	40.00
2130 Kamehameha Ave., Manoa	3 "	47.00
Lower Manoa Rd. and Hillside	2 "	37.50
1913 Young St.	2 "	25.00
Kewalo St.	3 "	40.00
1058 14th Ave., Kaimuki	2 "	30.00
12th and Mauna Loa Aves., Kaimuki	2 "	15.00
1562 Nuuanu Ave.	5 "	50.00
40 Beach walk	3 "	35.00
1028 Piikoi St.	3 "	30.00