

ROADWAY COST COMES OUT IN RAILWAY SUIT

Giles H. Gere, superintendent of the Bishop estate and a civil engineer by profession, was recalled by the petitioner in the territory's injunction suit against the Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Company today to give testimony regarding matters concerning the cost of reproducing the company's present-day plant.

Mr. Gere's testimony covered the physical units comprising the company's roadway, and the cost which should be considered in placing an estimate on a reproduction of this part of the system, if the same should be reproduced at the present time. Mr. Gere was to be further examined by the territory this afternoon regarding the cost of reproducing the company's overhead structures.

FIND CARTRIDGES ON TABLE AFTER HEARING OF MURDER THEATRE

After reporting that her husband had threatened to kill her and then commit suicide, Mrs. Frank Robella disappeared last night, and the police who went to the Robella home in the Lamakila tract could find neither the man or woman. On the table in a bedroom they found a box of revolver cartridges, but no revolver.

Neighbors reported that the couple went away together, and later were seen in Nuuanu lane. The police believe the trouble was caused by too much wine.

Peat is being used as fertilizer in greater quantities in the United States—\$250,000 worth in 1914, against \$170,000 worth in 1913.

Scotchmen are the tallest of the natives of Great Britain. The Irish are next, then the English and the Welshmen are the shortest.

Egypt bought 179,867 Bibles last year. Bulgaria bought 18,000 and Asiatic Turkey 52,000.

Personal Mentions

JOSHUA D. TUCKER, commissioner of territorial lands, is detained at his home today with a bad cold.

HURON K. ASHFORD, clerk to the first judge of the local circuit court, has been removed to his home in Beretania street following an operation for appendicitis at the Queen's hospital.

GEORGE K. FRENCH, local attorney, says that within a few days he will leave for Washington, D. C., on business, and that he will be absent about two months.

EVANGELIST JOHN E. BROWN and Soloist C. P. Curry, who are conducting an evangelistic campaign in Honolulu, will leave for the mainland in the steamer Matsonia next Wednesday on their way to Los Angeles, Cal., where they will have charge of a big revival.

EDMOND MELANPHY, clerk in the offices of the Hawaiian Sugar Factors, is slowly improving from the collapse which he suffered on Sunday morning, according to word received this afternoon from his home. Mr. Melanphy is now said to have regained partial consciousness and hopes to be held out for his recovery. Doctors have not yet ascertained the cause of the sudden collapse.

BRIG-GEN. SAMUEL I. JOHNSON, who went to Maui to inspect troops and look into the condition of companies there, with Sergt. August Weitzel, U. S. A., who has been assigned as sergeant-instructor to the troops there, probably will return to Honolulu Thursday or Saturday. It is possible that Gen. Johnson has gone from Maui to Hawaii, but no positive information to that effect has been received at National Guard headquarters.

STAR-BULLETIN GIVES YOU TODAY'S NEWS TODAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Public hearing on the Kalaheena avenue improvement project was set by the board of supervisors for Thursday, January 6.

According to present plans, the local federal court will adjourn on December 17 for the holidays and reopen on January 6.

The federal grand jury may be called into session early next month, probably on January 6, to begin work on an unusually heavy docket.

The members of the Honolulu Street Railway Employees' Benefit Association will meet at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow evening in the club house, Beretania street, near Alapai.

A meeting to boost the formation of a woman's section of the Navy League of the United States will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning on the roof garden at the Alexander Young hotel.

The case of Chang Ah, charged with having opium in possession, was nolle prossed in federal court today at the instance of Horace W. Vaughan, assistant district attorney.

A petition for adjudication in bankruptcy has been filed in federal court by Hatsuji Iwanaga, who alleges that his assets amount to \$787 and his liabilities to \$1790.90.

Henry Freitas, building inspector, has reported to the board that work is now satisfactorily completed on the additions to the police station by J. G. Correa, contractor. The report was adopted last night by the board.

A meeting of the territorial grand jury will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the judiciary building. It is expected that the tribunal will resume its investigation of the recent "mutiny" at the boys' industrial school.

Sheriff Pas of Hawaii yesterday brought Jose Bellinaga, a Filipino, who murdered 18-year-old Hattie Kinama of Kohala, to Honolulu to await execution. Date of the hanging will be fixed when the governor signs the death warrant.

The frontage tax system will be explained by L. J. Warren at a meeting of the Puunui Improvement Club to be held this evening at the residence of W. O. Barnhart, 2476 Puunui avenue. All land owners in the district are invited to attend.

From far-off Cape Town, South Africa, there has come to the Promotion Committee a request that it forward a Hawaiian outrigger canoe and a surf-board to E. W. McL. Thomas of that city. The committee will supply Mr. Thomas with data regarding prices.

Three girls living near Fort Castner reviewed 1800 men of the 1st Infantry recently in an effort to identify a soldier who is said to have assaulted one of the girls. Two of the girls had seen and talked with the soldier before the crime was committed. They failed to find the assailant.

The joint committee of the Chamber of Commerce having in hand the investigation of the advisability of establishing an army and navy Y. M. C. A. in Honolulu met yesterday afternoon to discuss the proposition. The committee decided that further information would be necessary before a report could be made.

To determine whether the retail stores of the city shall close at 6 o'clock in the evening or remain open until 9 or 10 o'clock as has been the custom during former Christmas holidays, a meeting of the board of retail trades will be held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce at 2 o'clock next Thursday afternoon.

Sheriff Rose, in a letter to the board last night, urged that a special appropriation of money be made to cover the cost of painting and tilting the inside of the building now used by the police department, including the court room, court clerk's offices, and that portion used by the detectives. Building Inspector Freitas estimates the work will cost \$984.20 at least.

SLAPPED WIFE'S FACE WHEN SHE OBJECTED TO GAMBLING HABIT

John Texiera's habit of gambling away what is left of his salary of \$9 a week after paying household expenses led his wife to severe criticism, and the criticism drove John to such a point of anger that he slapped her face. Mrs. Texiera had her husband arrested, but this morning in the police court did not care to prosecute him and admitted that he supported her well. Judge Monsarrat dismissed the couple with a reprimand for John, and they went home together.

IMPORT TAX ON COFFEE BOON TO GROWERS HERE

Will Mean About \$150,000 Per Year More, Based on Estimate of 1913 Crop

Hawaii coffee growers will get almost \$150,000 a year more for their crop than they now do if the proposed import duty of three cents a pound on coffee is made effective by Congress, as one of the means contemplated to raise the money necessary to maintain the government in the coming fiscal year.

Local wholesale grocery men in touch with the coffee situation said today that based on the crop of 1913, when between 52,000 and 55,000 sacks were produced in the islands of this territory, the proposed duty, if it raised mainland coffee prices three cents a pound, would increase the returns on coffee shipped to the states, 45,000 bags, by approximately \$135,000.

Year before last the crop of coffee was between 52,000 and 55,000 sacks. From this 10,000 sacks should be deducted, as that amount is consumed on the islands.

This leaves between 42,000 and 45,000 bags for shipment to the mainland. At three cents a pound, 45,000 bags weighing at 100 pounds to a bag, 4,500,000 pounds, and entering the states without the import duty, would bring growers \$135,000 more than if the duty on foreign grown coffee were not effective.

This year's crop, however, according to wholesale coffee dealers here, is much smaller than the 1913 output. It is estimated that the total coffee crop of the islands for this year will not be more than 25,000 or 30,000 bags. From this has to be deducted the 10,000 bags consumed locally. This would leave only 20,000 bags at most for shipment to the mainland, so that if the import duty of three cents a pound were effective now, the increase would amount to \$60,000.

SHERMAN MAKES SECOND START ACROSS PACIFIC

After being forced to put back into San Francisco Monday because of a heavy storm encountered just outside of the Golden Gate, the transport Sherman sailed again yesterday afternoon for Honolulu and Manila and is expected here late in the afternoon of December 15, or early the next morning.

Brig-gen. Frederick S. Strong and his aide-de-camp, Lieut. William E. Shedd, Major Ralph Harrison of the 4th Cavalry, and 10 other officers for Honolulu are among the passengers on the Sherman, which is also bringing a number of enlisted men for this port. The transport will take 1300 tons of coal here.

One of the many opium cases on the federal court criminal calendar was disposed of today when Leong Wah, a Chinese, was found guilty by a jury on a charge of having the "poppy drug" in his possession. The jury was out only a few minutes. Judge Sanford B. Dole sentenced the Chinese to serve two months in Oahu prison and pay a fine of \$100, the costs being remitted. The court ordered that one-half of the fine be paid the informer.

Argument was to be had in Circuit Judge Ashford's court this afternoon on a motion to quash the complaint against John Vivichaves, charging him with usury. Vivichaves and four others were arrested late last week at the instance of the city and county attorney's office on complaints of running a "loan shark" system. There are 14 separate charges against Vivichaves, all alleging that he loaned money at a rate of interest greater than 2 per cent a month. The pleas of three of the other defendants were to be taken this afternoon.

STUART NOT TO GIVE AFFIDAVIT PUBLICITY YET

A request by the Star-Bulletin that it be given a copy of the affidavit which he sent to Washington, D. C., criticizing the policies and conduct of the chief justice, one associate justice and the first and second circuit judges, was refused by Judge Thomas B. Stuart today.

Judge Stuart said that he considers the matter as private correspondence between the attorney-general and himself, and that the Star-Bulletin is welcome to a copy of the affidavit if the attorney-general will give it out, or is willing that Judge Stuart shall make it public.

"It is concerning other parties, the

judges here," he said. "If the attorney-general wants me to, I will make it public willingly."

VESSELS TO AND FROM THE ISLANDS

SAN FRANCISCO—Sailed, Dec. 7, at 2:20 p. m., S. S. Sierra for Honolulu. Sailed, Dec. 7, S. S. Arizonan for Honolulu. Sailed, Dec. 7, 5:30 p. m., S. S. Lurline for Honolulu. **SYDNEY**—Arrived, Dec. 7, S. S. Sonoma from Honolulu Nov. 22. **NEWCASTLE**—Sailed, Dec. 8, Bkt. Hawaii for Honolulu. Sailed, Dec. 8, S. S. Atlas for Honolulu. **YOKOHAMA**—Arrived, Dec. 7, S. S. Shinjo Maru, hence Nov. 26. **Radiograms.** S. S. SIERRA arrives from San Francisco Monday, 7 a. m., and proceeds to Sydney at 3 p. m., same day. Passengers, 75; mail, 952 sacks; ice house cargo, 150 tons. S. S. ARIZONAN arrives from San Francisco at 2 p. m., Dec. 14.

SUPT. TUCKER TO BE WITNESS IN 'MUTINY' PROBE

Hugh M. Tucker, superintendent of the Boys' Industrial School at Waihee, will be one of the witnesses before the territorial grand jury when that tribunal resumes its investigation of the recent "mutiny" at the school tomorrow afternoon, according to City Attorney A. M. Brown.

"I also am going to summon as many of the guards as possible," says the city prosecutor, "and try and get at the bottom of this thing." City Attorney Brown says that he will endeavor to have indicted about 16 boys who are alleged to have been the ring-leaders in the "mutiny."



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