

MANY HONOLULU CHINESE DRINK TOASTS TO YUAN

New Year Celebration of Old Regime Makes Streets Gay; Chamber Has Open House

"Pleasure before business." This is the standard set today by many of the Chinese of the city who are celebrating the New Year, or Feast of the New Year. All business houses owned by Chinese who are in sympathy with the policies of the present ruler of China, have been closed, and crowds line the streets and congregate in the clubs to drink a toast to Yuan Shih-kai.

A walk along Fort street Ewa of Nuuanu will give an idea of the celebration that is taking place in honor of the New Year. Firecrackers are strewn on the sidewalks, bands are playing weird Chinese music, and "Koboi Fat Choy" is the expression most used. Many of the residences have been gaily decorated, and the Chinese are all garbed in their finest, ready for the many receptions and parties that are part of the day's entertainment.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce rooms on Maunakea street have been crowded all day with visitors who have called to wish the members and their friends a happy New Year. The club rooms have been tastefully decorated, and each visitor is taken around the rooms by the ever watchful committee which is in charge of the reception of visitors.

On the broad lanai in front of the clubhouse the Hawaiian Band played a number of selections, and this afternoon a number of musical features were part of the program. During the morning beginning at 9:30 a number of the prominent Chinese citizens welcomed the visitors, and short talks were made on the spirit of the occasion.

Ching Shai, chairman of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, presided this morning at the meeting of the body. Short talks were made by Consul Tsz-ang Wookuan, Chow Kim, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Kim Fook, one of the directors, and Wong Sui Kin of New York, who was formerly a resident of Honolulu. About 10 years ago he had charge of the congregation of the Chinese church on Fort street.

In the talks each speaker emphasized the policy of being friendly with one's neighbors and honest with one's fellow men. They also stated that this year was one of the great years for China, and urged each and every one to do every thing in his power to advance the interests of the mother country. Many Americans were visitors at the club rooms today.

Greetings on Walls.
The walls of the chamber's rooms were decorated with various greetings, among them one from Yuan Shih-kai, reading "Good Merchants Are Depended Upon." Letters of congratulation from the Peking Chamber of Commerce, Vice-President Li Yuan Hung of the Chinese Republic; Chow

JOHN COOK, 91, DIES ON MAUI; REAL KAMAAINA

John Cook, one of Hawaii's real "kamaainas" (old-timers) died last Monday at the Fred Baldwin Memorial Home, Maui, according to news received by friends in Honolulu. He was known all over the islands. Cook was born on June 14, 1824, and was 91 years of age last June. He arrived in Hawaii September 16, 1844, and with the exception of a short absence, had lived here ever since. He was a carpenter and builder of ability and a good citizen. Last year he went to Maui to enter the Baldwin home, accompanied by his orphan grandson.

Cook was the first man to raise an American flag in California and this flag has been one of his most cherished possessions. He is survived by two sons, John and Felix, both carpenters.

Tsze Chi, minister of commerce and agriculture; General Lung Chee Kwang, general of Canton; the Hongkongs, Yokohama, Kobe and Osaka chambers, were also read.

Included in the reception committee were the following officers of the Honolulu chamber: President Chu Gem, Vice-President Goo Kim Fook, Secretary Shar Pang Chung; Assistant Secretary Wong Chi; Treasurer Wong Chow, Managing Director Ching Shai, English Secretary Lung Man Chew, Auditors Pang Lum Mou and Wong Lum.

Chinese Consul Tsz-ang Wookuan assisted in the celebration, also Vice-Consul Li Kwang Heng and Secretary Wang Kan of the Chinese consulate. Many prominent Japanese attended to show their good will for the new organization. They included H. Arita, Japanese consul; Dr. I. Mori, Dr. K. Haida, Y. Takakawa, S. Awoki and Dr. T. Katsunuma.

Among the representative Honolulu Americans present were Judge Sanford B. Dole, Judge C. F. Clemons, Malcolm A. Franklin, E. C. Peters, Raymer Sharp, Judge W. L. Stanley, Fred Macfarlane, Charles Merriam, T. Marlowe, Horace W. Vauchan, J. J. Smiddy, C. C. Hitting, Edward Woodward, representing Mayor Lane; Judge A. Perry, Harry L. Strang, Walter F. Frear, J. K. Clark, F. W. Klebahn, J. L. McLean, R. L. Halsey, Edwin Farmer, J. L. Milligan, W. R. Castle, F. M. Swany, L. Tenney Peck, F. J. Lowrey, George W. Smith, P. L. Weaver, W. A. Wall, Wade Warren Thayer, representing Governor Pinkham; E. A. Mott-Smith, Lorrin Anderson, Judge C. W. Ashford, C. R. Smead, Dr. Charles B. Cooper, Mr. Bethel, Raymond C. Brown, R. H. Brown, and many others.

Corrections made recently in maps of Greenland have shown it to be about 150,000 square miles larger than formerly believed.

COMPLAIN OF UNCLEAN MILK SUPPLY HERE

As the result of complaints which daily are being received from consumers both in Honolulu and at Aiea and Waipahu, A. W. Hansen, federal pure food commissioner, has dropped all the other business of his office to investigate what is reported to be an unusually poor milk supply, the main contention of those who have complained being that the local product is unclean.

Mr. Hansen has found that the present bad weather is largely the cause of the poor supply, and also that, in some instances, dairies have failed to see that their cows and the hands of their milkers are clean. One of the most general complaints is that the milk does not keep any length of time, but sours shortly after being delivered.

Mothers have complained to Commissioner Hansen that their babies have become sick as a result of feedings of the milk. These reported cases of illness, however, may or may not have been directly due to the milk, says Mr. Hansen.

Better Weather May Help.
By personal investigations and examinations, the office is endeavoring to get at the seat of the trouble. Better weather may lessen the complaints, it was reported today.

In the report which he is preparing for presentation to the board of health, Mr. Hansen comments on the milk situation as follows:

"During the month we have had a great many complaints in regard to milk. Some of these were that the milk was dirty. The most common and frequent complaint, however, has been that the milk could not be kept, but soured quickly.

"We have found that there has been good cause for many of these complaints. The unusually wet weather that has prevailed lately has made it extremely difficult to produce clean milk. At such a time in particular is the dairyman a menace to public health who is not careful about having the udders of the cows and the hands of the milkers carefully cleaned. To my mind the principal cause of our present serious difficulty with the milk supply is careless milking."

The office is now working with a view to having the dairymen first of all give more attention to the cleanliness of both cows and milkers.

MORNING ON 'CHANGE

There seems to be a growing tendency on the part of brokers to do most of their trading between boards, and to confine the session merely to a wary fixing of quotations. Since noon yesterday 9312 shares of local stocks have been traded in, according to 'change sheets, but of these only 365 shares changed hands this morning. Dealing in bonds was not neglected, \$4000 worth of Oiaa 6s at \$100.25 having been sold, and \$10,000 Hilo Extension 6s at \$49. Oiaa was again the feature, 4555 shares of the stock having furnished nearly half of the trading, with \$13 per share the ruling price. McBryde has taken an upward movement and sold today at \$10, with closing bids at that figure.

ANNUAL MEETING. NAHIKU SUGAR COMPANY.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Stockholders of Nahiku Sugar Company will be held at the office of the Company, Stangenwald Building, Honolulu, T. H., on Monday, the 14th day of February, 1916, at 3:30 o'clock p. m.

JOHN GUILD, Secretary.
Honolulu, February 2, 1916. 6387-11

ANNUAL MEETING. CENTRAL MILL COMPANY, LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Stockholders of Central Mill Company, Limited, will be held at the office of the Company, Stangenwald Building, Honolulu, T. H., on Monday, the 14th day of February, 1916, at 3:00 o'clock p. m.

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ANNUAL MEETING. OMAOPIO PLANTATION COMPANY, LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Stockholders of Omaopio Plantation Company, Limited, will be held at the office of the Company, Stangenwald Building, Honolulu, T. H., on Monday, the 14th day of February, 1916, at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

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INCREASE AREA OF SUGAR BEETS BY 70,000 ACRES

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people the necessity for the tariff on sugar. It also shows the confidence of people in the production of sugar beets in the United States if we have adequate protection for the industry."

That the United States now produces one-fourth of all the sugar consumed in this country, was stated by Mr. Nicholson, who said this includes the sugar produced in Hawaii.

"If the growers of sugar cane and beets were assured of staple tariff protection there is no question in my mind but that in five or six years the United States would produce at least half of the sugar they consume," he declared with slow emphasis, "and in 10 years, two-thirds."

Mr. Nicholson explained that as sugar beets grow best only in semi-arid regions requiring an artificial water supply, the amount of land located in a climate which could give the beets the requisite saccharine content is limited by the quantity of water available for irrigation.

Touching on the tariff Mr. Nicholson said he is for protection. He stated his views on this live topic as follows:

Cuba Could Double Output.
"It is absolutely essential that a tariff of at least a cent and a quarter to a cent, and a half be maintained on sugar for the reason that Cuba is not, under present conditions, producing more than 50 per cent of what she is capable of. If Cuba had free access to American markets her cheap labor and climatic conditions would make it impossible for American growers to compete successfully with the Cuban grower."

Figured on a basis of 14,000 acres of sugar beets to each of the five new factories which are to be built in the western states this year, there will be 70,000 acres of sugar beets added to the existing acreage, Mr. Nicholson stated.

The talk switching around to that ever-present topic, preparedness, Mr. Nicholson declared Hawaii should have a fleet sufficiently large to protect the islands from invasion. "I am a strong believer in a very, very, strong navy," he said. "It should be of sufficient strength to protect our shore lines everywhere, including the Hawaiian Islands. If we do not provide a navy big enough to do this, we are falling short of our duty to the American people."

TWENTY-NINE IN ESSAY CONTEST ON CITIZENSHIP

"We were all very much pleased with the number of essays that have been submitted in the contest on the subject, 'A True American Citizen,'" said Dr. S. D. Barnes, chairman of the committee in charge of the essay contests which were organized by the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution.

Miss school leads the field with 10 essays sent in out of a total of 29 already submitted, according to Dr. Barnes. Essays have been received from Hilo, and it is expected that Kauai and Maui will forward their contributions by the next mail.

"The essays that have been submitted are really of worth, and they will be submitted to the judges of the contest tomorrow. Next year we intend starting the campaign sooner and we expect that the prizes will be more valuable and more of them. The announcement of the winners of prizes will be made on Washington's birthday during the patriotic exercises given by the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution."

CUT PILOT CHARGE DOWN FOR VESSELS FORCED TO RETURN

Two American-Hawaiian vessels—the Panaman and Minnesotan—were granted half-pilotage by the board of harbor commissioners at a brief meeting in the capitol this afternoon, the two boats having had to put back to port recently after leaving on account of stress of weather. The law allows the commissioners to make such charges as they shall deem just and equitable in cases of this kind. Bills and payrolls amounting to \$2849.59 were approved and signed by Chairman Charles R. Forbes. This was the first meeting of the board held since Mr. Forbes' return from the mainland. It is probable that at the next meeting plans and specifications for the wharf at Waimea, Kauai, will be approved.

VISITORS TO SEE HOW SUGAR IS MADE

Judge Arthur A. Wilder will be host tomorrow for a large party that will go to the Oahu Sugar Company to see the cane sugar industry in full blast. Among the guests will be Samuel Nicholson of Denver, who is largely interested in beet sugar in Colorado and other states.

MAYOR LANE OUT FOR FACTS ABOUT COSTS AT QUARRY

Mayor Lane, together with his secretary, is investigating the figures submitted by Supervisor Larsen to the other supervisors at their last meeting, regarding the alleged high cost of operating the municipal quarry at Moiliili. The investigation is being made to satisfy the mayor himself, and not for the supervisors.

"The report was read before the supervisors in regular meeting," he says, "and is therefore a matter for them to consider if they care to do so. My own study of the report and conditions at the quarry is to satisfy myself.

Keeps Rock Prices down.
"One thing that is certain is that the quarry holds down the price of rock. Without the quarry to back us rock prices would be sure to go up, and we would not be able to buy as cheaply as Larsen quotes in his report.

Acting Road Overseer Sam Keilinoi has been called into consultation with the mayor, and according to the latter believes that study of the report will show that the figures have been stretched to meet the ideas of one man."

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