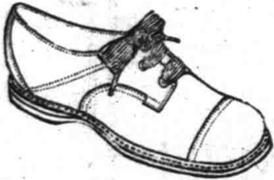


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## HILO INTERESTS DEADLOCKED ON RATE FOR POWER

Traction and Electric Company Representatives Confer But Cannot Agree

"Deadlock," briefly replied C. G. Ballentyne, representative of the Hilo Traction Company, when asked this afternoon what had been the result of the conference between himself and Frank E. Thompson, attorney for the Hilo Electric Company, over the proposed amendments to the traction company's franchise. The electric company is opposing some of the amendments before the Public Utilities Commission, which has been asked by the governor to send him its recommendations.

"We could not agree over the price for power," stated Mr. Ballentyne. "The traction company is willing to pay what it regards as an excessive price—one and a quarter cents. It refuses absolutely to pay more, and Mr. Thompson would not offer us a rate of less than one and a half cents. There was no use in discussing the other matters in dispute when we could not agree on this one, so we called it quits. I suppose it will have to be all threshed out before the next meeting of the utilities commission."

The conference was held in Thompson's office at 3:30 this morning, according to arrangements made at the meeting of the commission last night.

Objections Filed Last Night. Last night's meeting resulted in an adjournment after the presentation of 13 pages of objections to the amendments by F. E. Thompson, attorney for the Hilo Electric Company. R. W. Shingle and C. G. Ballentyne, representing the stockholders of the traction company, were present and attempted to answer them. Analyzed, the 13 pages simmered down to a question of the price of power to be furnished by the electric company to the traction company. A cent and a half is wanted and but a cent and a quarter offered.

The list of traction company stockholders, which has never been made public before, was revealed last night. C. G. Ballentyne, manager of the Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Company; R. W. Shingle, J. T. Mohr, H. V. Patten, Carl Carlsmith and a "Mr. Johnson" were named.

Some of Attorney Thompson's objections to the amendments, briefly stated, are:

"The primary object of the proposed amendments is to force the Hilo Electric Company to either take over the franchise so long and so unsuccessfully hawked about the territory, or to supply power to the traction company at such a price as it shall dictate, in order to keep it out of the power-selling field."

"The proposed amendment gives the traction company all the rights and privileges of the electric company without any obligation on its part to do anything so far as supplying light is concerned."

Objection was also made to the exemption of the traction company from taxation while it was building up its business in competition with a going concern which is paying taxes and to the introduction of the franchise amendments in Congress without first having the territorial legislature thresh them over.

Referred to Governor.

The amendments were referred to the governor by the traction company and by him to the secretary of the territory, W. W. Thayer. Mr. Thayer put his views in writing, and the governor has turned the amendments and opinion over to the utilities commission, which will have supervision over the traction company, with a request for recommendations. When the commission has passed on them they will go to the attorney-general.

Then the governor will determine their fate—whether they go to Congress, to the legislature or back to the traction company for changes.

Objections to action by the utilities commission until they can be heard on the question has been made by the Hilo Board of Trade and the board of supervisors of Hawaii. Final decision as to recommendations will not be reached, according to Charles R. Forbes, chairman, until his return from Kauai next week.

Within the next week or two the Schuman Carriage Company expects to move from its present quarters at Merchant and Bishop streets to its new home at Alakea and Merchant streets. With the exception of some interior work and the completion of third floor at the rear of the mechanical department the new building is practically finished.

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## CHINO-AMERICAN BANK WILL HAVE IDEAL QUARTERS

Directors of the proposed Chino-American bank, which will be located at King and Nuuanu streets, will call for bids in a few days for the remodeling of part of the Hocking building. The first floor of the building, which is now being used by a jewelry concern, is the space which will be used by the financial institution.

Directors of the bank who were selected have declined to discuss the enterprise, yet it is generally understood that the Chinese merchants of the city are heavily interested, and that the doors of the institution will soon be opened. The capital is understood to be \$400,000.

Plans for the improvements on the building contemplate the installment of an up-to-date banking equipment on the first floor and basement at the corner, which will contain large safety deposit vaults and the directors' rooms. There will be a burglar-proof steel-lined vault on the first floor.

## FILIPINO BANDIT WEARING BADGE ROBS KOREANS

Wearing the badge of the County of Hawaii special police, and claiming to be a police officer, Illimo, a Filipino, pointed a 38-caliber revolver at three Koreans playing pool in a billiard parlor on River street Wednesday afternoon, and removed \$2.90 in all from their pockets.

Illimo left the place and started to run down River street. One of the victims, braver than his companions, started after the robber, keeping a respectful distance behind, however. Police Officer Kihachi, turning the corner of King street and River street, took the situation in at a glance and collared the Filipino until the Korean caught up with him and explained the story.

Rather than bind the man over to trial by grand jury on the charge of being a robber, Police Judge J. M. Monsarrat found the man guilty of larceny and sentenced him to one year's imprisonment.

## USES RAZOR TO ESCAPE ARREST FOR SELLING 'HOP'

When Plain Clothes Detective Fred Caplanst Belmont arrested a man in the uniform of a private in the 4th Cavalry with a tin box of opium as evidence, and started off to the nearest patrol box to call the patrol wagon, he had a mental picture of preferring the charge at the sergeant's desk, seeing the man locked up overnight, and the man brought before the police judge in the morning, found guilty and fined, with consequent credit to himself, the said detective.

While this picture was taking shape in Belmont's mind his prisoner reached into his inside pocket, grabbed a razor and started slashing the detective right and left, thus affecting his escape, not forgetting, however, to recover his box before leaving.

Belmont is relieved from duty for a few days while he recovers from his wounds, none of which is serious.

## PUNUI INVITES ITS FOES TO CONFERENCE ON PROPOSED OUTLET

George Sherman and the president and board of directors of the Country Club are invited to meet with the executive committee of the Punui Improvement Club Wednesday evening and discuss the route of the proposed outlet to Punui, by action of the committee at a meeting held last night.

The meeting is to be held at the residence of W. O. Barnhart, 2744 Punui avenue. The invitations were mailed this morning.

## AGED MANUFACTURER IS LOYAL HAWAII BOOSTER

Away back in Stillwater, Minnesota, Hawaii has a loyal booster, and one who is assisting in spreading the fame of these islands not only at home, but among his neighbors. He is L. Sargent, president of the Stillwater Manufacturing Company, one of the largest lumber product concerns in Minnesota. Mr. Sargent first visited the islands when 20 years old, coming here with a whaling fleet. That was 60 years ago, Sargent now being 80 years of age. Since that time he has visited here a number of times, and has now written to the Promotion Committee for a lecture on Hawaii and literature pertaining to the islands.

Objection by the auditor and treasurer to transfer of money from the permanent improvement fund resulted in the tabling of two resolutions which had already passed third reading at the last meeting of the supervisors. Puuloa coral road and repairs to Makiki flume appropriations were the victims. They will be brought back in a new form.

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