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MAUI BLUE BOOK

Don. J. W. Kahua, Circuit Judge.	Wailuku
J. R. N. Keena, Clerk District Court.	Wailuku
Judge McKay, Dist. Magistrate.	Wailuku
Shapantana, " "	Makawao
Kahaloa, " "	Lahaina
Kanani, " "	Honolulu
Joseph, " "	Hana
Pihama, " "	Kipahulu
Mabee, " "	Melohai
Kalohalahala, " "	Lama
L. M. Baldwin, Sheriff.	Wailuku
W. H. King, " "	Makawao
C. R. Lindsay, " "	Lahaina
P. W. Wright, " "	Hana
G. Trimble, " "	Molokai
Step. Goodness, Captain Police.	Wailuku
M. K. Oshiro, " "	Lahaina
H. H. H. " "	Hana
P. J. P. " "	Molokai
G. H. Diney, Tax Assessor.	Hana
W. T. Robinson, Deputy Assessor.	Wailuku
W. O. Allen, " "	Hana
G. D. " "	Lahaina
J. J. " "	Hana

A BOUQUET.

The appointment of Mr. G. B. Robertson to the office of District Magistrate for Wailuku is not meeting the approval of the people of that district, and we have received a number of letters from the most prominent people of Maui which are anything but complimentary to the powers who selected for the important office a man who is a perfect malibid and who does not understand a word of the Hawaiian language. What possesses Mr. Dole and his advisers to make breaks like the appointment of Mr. Robertson, is beyond our comprehension. They certainly must understand that such action on their part means utter destruction to their political influence and that even the men to whom, in the future they might look for support will throw them overboard and become their bitterest foes. Judge Kaleikau had acted as District Magistrate for Wailuku while Judge McKay was attending to the post office or building a road at Nahiku. Kaleikau was doing fairly well and it would have been proper to have offered to him the judgeship instead of selecting a man who is unknown here except that he is running a newspaper, and we believe a hotel. We have not a word to say against Mr. Robertson, because we have never met him or heard of him, but we feel convinced that no scathing criticism of Wailuku's new judge will ever appear in the columns of the MAUI NEWS. However Mr. Dole's policy of patronizing the malibid suits our political game. It is not for us to stop our opponents from making egregious asses of themselves. And that is what Dole is doing.—Independent.

Volney Vailancourt Ashford.

Volney Vailancourt Ashford is dead. The man whose name figures with so much prominence in the history of the Hawaiian Islands is no more. News of the passing away of this soldier, lawyer and politician in San Francisco was brought here by the Mariposa.

Ashford was a Canadian, Port Hope, Ontario, being his native town; he was trained for the law, joined the Union army when hardly 16 and served two years, seeing much service. He was a Grand Army man. Before he reached his eighteenth birthday he was promoted to a commission in the cavalry. Later he served as a volunteer in Canada. He left the Dominion for these Islands in 1884 and ranked at that time a captain and a brevet major. His rank as colonel was given him here.

V. V. Ashford was associated with his brother Clarence in the practice of law in this city. When the Revolutionary League was formed in 1886 he succeeded Aldrich as commander of the Honolulu Rifles. Afterwards, when he had made over the command into a battalion of four companies, Kalakaua gave him the commission of lieutenant colonel. The Rifles, it will be remembered, guarded the mass meeting of June 30, 1887, held in the Armory, which, through its demand, obtained the resignation of the Gibson Ministry and a new Constitution. Later the Cabinet advised the King to commission Ashford as colonel of the entire forces, but Kalakaua claimed the power of making his own choice. Later the Rifles were disbanded.—Advertiser.

ISLAND NEWS

FROM HONOLULU

The seventy-first case of bubonic plague in Honolulu was discovered last Saturday afternoon about 6 o'clock. At 9 o'clock the patient was dead, and early yesterday morning the body was cremated on Quarantine Island.

Catherine Sullivan, age 13, from her home on Liliha and School streets, was the victim. Dr. Camp attended the case and found it extremely suspicious, and reported it as such and the usual precautions were taken. Dr. Hoffmann performed the autopsy and discovered unmistakable signs of plague. The house from which the girl was taken is strictly guarded and the inhabitants have been removed into quarantine.—Advertiser.

HONOLULU, April 2-2 p. m.—Several cases of sickness in different parts of the city are being closely watched by the faculty.

One is that of Sarah Lee in Ah In lane, Palama. Others are withheld from publication to prevent stampedes of neighbors. None are absolutely suspicious of being plague. In one instance a person gave notice of sickness in a neighbor's house. Reference to the district inspector's book showed the case to be attended by a physician, while three physicians altogether had patients in the same yard.

At this afternoon's meeting Dr. Wood will propose Dr. C. L. Garvin for medical executive officer of the Board of Health. This appointment was forecast in the Bulletin on Saturday. Dr. Wood will retain the presidency of the Board for the present, but states he does not desire the position permanently.—Bulletin

plague situation. People over there are wondering at what seems to them the eagerness of the Honolulu authorities in declaring their port infected.—Bulletin.

Good judgment of the Council of State is shown in the tendency toward liberality in dealing with the schools. There is hardly a district of the Islands where the schools are not crippled for lack of funds. The emergency is an ever present one when school houses are crowded beyond the proper capacity and the number of teachers is not sufficient to supply the educational demands of the constantly increasing number of pupils.—Bulletin.

Wanted, an electric plant. With 1600 horse power running to waste down Iao Valley, it is strange that some enterprising electrical concern has not seized the opportunity of establishing an electrical light and power plant at Wailuku. If electrical heat can be utilized for cooking, as asserted, this delay is still more strange. Lights, heat and power are needed both at Wailuku and Kahului, and with modern appliances for harnessing lightning and making it bear the white man's burden, it should be only a question of a short time until we have our streets lighted, our dinners cooked and our machinery run by electric power.

Now that the strain of the quarantine is over, the attention of the customs officers is respectfully invited to the opium traffic. It is an open secret in certain quarters that somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2500.00 worth of the drug was recently landed at Kihei. Of course it is difficult for the officers of the law to get on the inside of these matters and still harder to find the guilty parties or the drug. But the fact that one Chinaman was caught this week peddling tins of opium is evidence both that the traffic is lively and that the police are on the qui vive.

It is to be hoped that a hospital for incurables will be established in Honolulu, and the people of Maui will have the privilege of sharing its hospitality. Last week a man was taken sick in Wailuku with what appeared to be the preliminary stages of consumption and he was unable for love or money to get into the hospital here. True the hospital at Wailuku is terribly overcrowded, but even if it were not, such cases as his are not taken there. It seems incredible that any enlightened government should not make provisions for such cases.

The expected has happened. The 31st of March has arrived and the Wailuku water works are not completed. The government seems to be doing what it can to remedy the mischief caused by the delay. Of course the money will be forthcoming in a short time, but it seems too bad that the work should be delayed at all. It is to be hoped that the public spirited citizens of Maui will come to the rescue of the government and keep the work under headway until Act 4 becomes operative.

If bubonic plague is really in San Francisco, and there seems little room to doubt it, no more foolish policy could possibly be adopted by the people of San Francisco than to deny or belittle it. The outside world will readily know all about it and quarantine against it. And if it really appears that the authorities in San Francisco are suppressing any of the facts concerning it, they will not be readily trusted when the time comes for them to declare the city free from plague.

Attention is cordially invited to the bouquet which the Independent tosses us. Permit us to make one correction, Independent, relative to our ignorance of the Hawaiian language. Do you suppose it possible for any one to start and run a news and job office without learning meaning of the word "pilikia" in all its moods and tenses? Give us credit for having at least learned the meaning of that word.

A proper distinction should be observed between the Bow Wong Association of Honolulu and the highbinder organizations of San Francisco. Doubtless the Bow Wong is a political rather than a benevolent organization, but its movement is in the direction of advancement, as opposed to the conservative policy of the Empress of China, and full scope should be given it to perfect its organization.

Large amounts of goods are being brought to Maui directly from the Coast, but not enough to supply the demand, and there has been a scarcity of foodstuffs and general supplies lately. No ham, no bacon, no cereals, no cigars, and but little of any thing else, make the people of Maui sigh for the fleshpots of Honolulu.

There is getting to be entirely too much "gun play" on Maui. The complaining witness in a case in the District Court this week complacently told of his having fired at a drunk who disturbed his slumbers. Needless to say, he received a severe reprimand from the Court for his recklessness.

If the Rev. Sheldon's religion retained its sweetness and warmth after his early morning experiences in getting his paper ready for press, it may safely be regarded as the genuine article. No wonder he felt inclined to pardon "language" used by the pressmen at such times.

The Honolulu papers are urging a crusade against rats. No surer means could be adopted to rid Honolulu of plague than to rid it of rats, and it is to be hoped that the Board of Health and the citizens generally will sustain the papers in their crusade.

San Francisco will probably now exercise a little more common sense and leniency toward Honolulu, since the eruption of the plague there has taught them a practical lesson as to what it means to a city to be quarantined against.

The Kinder Garden Court.

The Chamber of Commerce wants the claims for losses by sanitary fires to be adjusted by business men and not by lawyers. The Court of Claims as named two days ago and as now sitting is composed of five lawyers—J. A. Magoon, Lorrin Andrews, Geo. A. Davis, A. F. Judd, Jr. and A. N. Kepoikoi. Yesterday the Chamber of Commerce at a meeting in which intense interest was shown, drew up a resolution stating its disapproval of the court as at present constituted and directed that a copy of the resolution be sent to President Dole.

Meanwhile the Court of Claims sat in its rooms in the Judiciary building. Four members only were present, as one, A. N. Kepoikoi, is now on Maui. The court has not yet considered any claims. It has been busy in arranging the detail of its methods. A formal petition has been drawn up which will be printed. This will have in it blanks for the scheduling of losses and will be the required form for use by claimants.

The four members of the court had nothing to say on the action of the Chamber of Commerce. President Magoon said that the rumor that the commissioners would resign was baseless as far as he knew. They had not discussed the matter at all, he said, and he for one was not prepared to say what stand he would take in the premises. "We are going ahead with our business, and as we are legally appointed and qualified I cannot see anything to stop us."—Advertiser.

For Drivers to Remember.

That a driver should be his horse's best friend and should study his comfort.

That it is everybody's business to interfere with cruelty.

That horses need three square meals a day—as much as you do.

That to whip a horse, instead of his driver, for "cussedness" is a great mistake.

That your horse needs water often—than you especially after supper.

That a rise of only one foot in ten doubles the draft.

That balking is caused by abuse, overloading or tight harness.

That horse sometimes "feels sick" (as you do) and should be favored.

That he who abuses a horse will abuse his wife, or children.

That cruelty qualifies for crime—they are close neighbors.

That blinders are useless and injurious. Cut them off!

That he who abuses a horse will abuse his wife, or children.

That it is wise to put yourself in his place—and think it over.

—The Humane Educator.

New Illuminant.

Experiments have been conducted recently at the naval proving station at Indian Head, on the Potomac river, with an invention designed to do away with the necessity of using searchlights on shipboard on occasions when it is desired to "pickup" objects within a limited distance and yet conceal the ship's position from an enemy. The invention consists of a shell filled with gas. When the shell explodes it illuminates a considerable area. Its one weak point is that so far no shell has been found with walls sufficiently heavy to withstand the shock of the explosion required to project it more than a mile or two. Four and six inch rifles have so far been used in the trials and the best results secured have been with a shell that explodes and sets the fuses burning when one mile distant from the ship.

Lieut. Strauss, who has charge of the station, has made some very successful trials with the invention recently, and is encouraged to believe that if a shell can be made which will stand the shock of exit from the rifle and at the same time explode at the proper range, a light can be produced that will answer many purposes of the searchlight and have the advantage of not disclosing the precise location of the vessel firing the torch. Its usefulness would be apparent in a close harbor, where it might not be advisable to use a searchlight at all times.

After the tests have been concluded at Indian Head, several specially made projectiles filled with the new invention will be sent to some of the ships with the request that they continue the trials when practicable. It is believed that a shell can be manufactured capable of discharging explosives at a distance of at least five miles.

Will Live in Honolulu.

Herbert P. Williams, literary editor of the Boston Herald, who has been here several weeks writing letters about Hawaii to his paper, has become enamored of tropical life and will stay. He sent by the last steamer for his family and furniture. Mrs. Williams, who will soon join him, has filled his responsible post on the Herald in his absence and will be a decided acquisition to the circles of cultivated women in Honolulu. Mr. Williams is a graduate of Harvard and was a working companion of Mr. Whitmarsh, at present The Outlook's Philippine correspondent, during the Cuban war.—Advertiser.

Ned Macfarlane Home.

E. C. Macfarlane held an informal reception in Merchant street and at his office this morning, his many friends welcoming him back from long absence in San Francisco. He says the press San Francisco has been induced to keep down the city's

ARMSTRONG SMITH RESIGNS.

Leaves Educational Work to Study Medicine and Surgery.

Armstrong Smith sent his resignation as principal of the Kaula School to the Minister of Public Instruction yesterday, and if his successor can be appointed prior to the departure of the Australia next month, he will leave on that vessel for the United States and Europe, to commence the study of medicine and surgery. His resignation was a surprise to the Board of Education and to his friends, although he has contemplated the action of yesterday for several weeks. It was a hard struggle for him to arrive at the conclusion reached, which means that he will give up all educational work for the future, devoting himself entirely to the study and ultimate practice of medicine.

He has had a long and honorable career in the educational work of Hawaii, lasting for sixteen years, commencing with an appointment in Iolani College, or "the Bishop's School." Following this he has taught at Waihalu, Oahu; Kukuhihala and Honokaa, on Hawaii, and the Fort street and Kauluwela Schools, Honolulu. Lastly he was the principal of the Kaulani School, recently constructed.—Advertiser.

FROM HAWAII

FROM THE HIGLO HERALD.

Still in Doubt.

Whether glanders has appeared among the animals at Olaa plantation or whether the disease is something else seems to be undecided, but a majority of the veterinarians who have seen the animals agree that the disease is glanders. Dr. H. B. Elliott, the local veterinarian, declared on examination of the diseased mules that glanders was the complaint. He afterwards had the animals examined by Dr. Defoe of the transport Aztec, Dr. Bishop of the Conemaugh, Dr. Kelly of the Leelanaw and Dr. Owens of the Lennox. These surgeons agreed with Dr. Elliot's diagnosis, Dr. Bishop going so far as to say that a post-mortem was not necessary. Dr. Jones, of the Saim, took a different view from his colleagues and said emphatically that the disease was not glanders. The sugar company decided, then, to have a consultation of surgeons at which Drs. Jones, Elliot and Owens should be present. This was held at 10 a. m. Tuesday and it was there decided to shoot the one horse that was sick. Before a post-mortem was held Dr. Owens was called back to the transport and an examination was held by Drs. Elliot and Jones. Each was as emphatic as before and an agreement could not be reached. Portions of the glands were removed and packed in ice for removal to Honolulu where they will be examined by veterinarians there. Dr. Elliot states that he found sufficient bacilli of glanders to inoculate every horse on the islands.

The HUMANE EDUCATOR.

The first number of this publication is at hand. Its purpose is to stop the beating of animals, dog fights, overloading cars, overloading teams, the use of tight check-reins, overdriving, clipping dogs' ears and tails, underfeeding, neglect of shelter for animals, bleeding calves for the purpose of making white veal, plucking live fowls and driving galled and disabled animals.

Also to introduce better roads and pavements, better methods for horse shoeing, drinking fountains for both man and beast and humane literature in our schools and homes.

Also to induce children to be humane, teachers to teach kindness towards animals, clergymen to preach it, authors to write it, editors to keep it before the people, drivers and trainers of horses to try kindness, owners of animals to feed regularly, people to protect insectivorous birds, boys not to molest birds' nests, and people to appreciate the intelligence and virtues of an animal.

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