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## Immigrants to Take Up Land.

Frank L. Hatch, clerk of the Federal Court, has returned from Kauai, where he has been for several days past. He went to the Garden Island for the purpose of receiving declarations of intention to become citizens from a number of Portuguese and Spanish immigrants, who have recently entered the Territory. In telling of his trip yesterday he said: "While on Kauai I took the declaration of six Spaniards and five Portuguese who have recently arrived in this country and wish to become citizens of the United States. They were all able to sign their names and can talk a sort of pidgin English. They were mostly men of large families, and came from the McBryde, Kekaha, Makaweli and Lihue plantations.

"Their intention is to take up land in the Territory, and according to the Territorial regulations they must have taken out their first papers in order to get the homestead rights. The plantations, particularly the McBryde, are anxious that the men with large families shall take up land and live on it, that both they and their children may work on the plantations.

"Some twenty-five or thirty have already taken their first papers out and have taken up land. As my wife and I drove through the country we saw numerous little houses which these people have built, and which while plain and simple, seemed to be comfortable and neatly kept. In most cases the ground around the house had been plowed, and in some cases trees had been planted, showing that the inhabitants were going ahead in the right way. It is hoped that others will follow suit and that there will be a large colony of settlers, who will all be permanent in the island and will all be citizens of the United States.

"They expect to grow vegetables there, and pineapples, the latter in particular, which can be sent to a pineapple cannery which is not far away and should help the men, who work on the plantations, to make a very good living. The land which they have been given seems to be of very good quality, and to be very fertile. From what I saw I should say that the experiment should be a very good one and that it would help out the labor question a great deal."

## Murder or Suicide?

The Garden Island published at Lihue Kauai in its issue of October 26th has the following story.

The body of Cypriano Rivera was found suspended from a tree at Kaupena Tuesday morning and the story of his death is surrounded by a number of mysterious circumstances that future investigations may solve or may not.

Many years ago when the Hawaiians still were in business an old native by the name of Keo did a thriving cattle and butcher business over at Hanamaulu. He accumulated quite a little money, and as the pile of silver dollars grew, he took it over to A. S. Wilcox and had it change for gold. The idea of putting his earnings in a bank did not seem to have appealed to him for he buried his treasure in the ground as it later appeared.

This fact was brought out when at an advanced age he was taken seriously ill. Mr. Wilcox went to see him at his home on the top of Kapaia hill, about the place where Mr. Delbert now is living, and found him pretty low. He confided to his visitors that he had quite a lot of money buried, and said that he was going to tell him where it was so that it might not be lost. Mr. Wilcox who appreciated that Keo was pretty near his end and might pass away any moment urged him to tell his secret at the time, but he said he would wait until the next day. In the night he died.

A few months ago Cypriano who had been working for the Lihue Plantation Co. at Hanamaulu quit his job and a few days later he confided to a couple of country men that he had discovered nine thousand dollars in gold and that he had taken them away and buried them where nobody could find them. His story was to the effect that a ghost had appeared to him one night and lead him to the place where the treasure was hid, and this specter he judg-

ed to be what remained of the late Keo owing to the fact that it was attired in heavy top boots. The Porto Ricans tried to scare him in order to get him to divide the find with them by threatening that they would tell of his discovery, and he evidently got frightened at the suggestion as he disappeared from his usual haunts.

It has now come to light that he hid himself at Kukuia occasionally working a day or two in the neighborhood to earn his living. While there he met a Portorican girl Narcissa by name, and got infatuated by her charms. She was only a young girl, some sixteen or seventeen years of age, while he himself was a man of mature age, and she therefore did not meet his advance with the response desired. Balked in his endeavors to get the girl's consent to a marriage he at last held out the glittering prospect of being a rich man's wife, telling her of his nine thousand dollars that he had buried. Dazed by these prospects she consented and Monday afternoon at seven o'clock they both set out for Hanamaulu a foot.

They arrived at Kaupena, a small valley beyond Hanamaulu about one o'clock and there Cypriano told his sweetheart to wait for him while he went farther up the gulch to on earth the treasure. After an hour's wait he returned and told the girl to have patience a little more as he had missed the place and would have to hunt for it a little longer. Another hour elapsed and he told her that he had failed to find it, and that if he didn't succeed the third time he was going to hang himself. The girl waited until four o'clock but as he had not returned by that time she got frightened and went into the Porto Rican camp and told acquaintances there of what had happened. These chanced to be the very ones whom Cypriano had told of his discovery and they after some persuasion agreed to go with her and see what had become of him. By this time it was daylight and after some search they found the body of Cypriano hanging to a tree in the gulch where he had been looking for his gold.

The Sheriff was notified by telephone of the finding of the body and was soon on the spot and had a coroner's jury unpaneled.

At the place numerous diggings were found where the unfortunate had looked for the gold, but the evidence sustained but one conclusion, that of suicide.

## Jack London's Checks Returned.

Yesterday's mail from the Coast, received by the Claudine, brought word to several business men in Hilo that checks paid them by Mr. Jack London, before he left here, were returned by the Central Bank of Oakland on which they had been drawn, marked "Not Sufficient Funds." Checks that had been issued earlier by Mr. London during his stay here, have been paid and there is a disposition to believe that the trouble arises through lax business methods on the part of the author and globe trotter, as he is known to have drawn checks without filling in the stubs and it is supposed that amounts due him may not have been placed to his credit as promptly as he expected.

In one case a check was paid for some handsome koa furniture, but the furniture was not shipped pending returns from the check. As there are no returns there will be no furniture in the London household. There has not yet been time to hear from the latest checks that he issued.—Hawaii Herald.

## Crystal Wedding Celebrated.

Pahala, Oct. 28.—The residence of William G. Ogg, manager of the Hawaiian Agricultural Company here, was the scene of much festivity on Saturday evening when a surprise party was given to Mr. and Mrs. Ogg by a large number of their friends. It was in celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding day, the "Crystal wedding," and although the real anniversary does not come until November 9th, the occasion was celebrated ahead of time owing to the possibility of Mr. Ogg's being away later.

The affair was a complete surprise to the popular manager and his wife and the surprise was accentuated when R. T. Forrest presented an ex-

quisite cut glass punchbowl with a silver ladle and cut glass cups, on behalf of the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ogg. The presentation having been made, it was not long before the punchbowl was made to perform the duty for which it was designed and Richard Robertson, in a neat speech, proposed the health of the honored couple. The presentations were not yet over for a claret set, a fine decanter and a water jug, all in cut glass, were next given.

An impromptu dance was organized and the merriment continued until midnight when the contents of the Ogg larders were attacked and a jolly supper was discussed. The affair was most enjoyable and successful. —Hilo Tribune.

## Imitator of Orchard.

Denver, Oct. 20.—Governor Henry A. Buchtel, David H. Moffat, president of the First national bank of Denver, and Charles B. Kounze, president of the Colorado national bank, received through the mails infernal machines containing sufficient dynamite to have caused great destruction of lives and property had they been exploded. Fortunately, warning had been given the recipients of the machines by chief of Police Michael Delaney, who had obtained a confession from Kemp V. Bigelow, by whom they were mailed.

## Joseph's Lean Years.

London, Oct. 25.—Quite a sensation has been caused among biblical students by the discovery, by Brugsch Bey, the great Egyptologist, of a monumental inscription telling how the Nile failed to rise for seven years in succession about 1700 years before the Christian era. A long and terrible famine was the result.

B. C. 1700, is the date recognized as the beginning of the "seven lean years," described in the Book of Genesis, and theologians are very interested in the confirmation which the discovery gives, in hard facts, to the famous Bible story.

The account of the failure of the Nile and the continuous famine throughout the land was told in a number of extraordinary hieroglyphics, which Brugsch Bey, fortunately, has been able to decipher.

As the Aomelic Review says, all students of sacred literature, to whatever school they may belong, are thankful for new evidences of the "real historicity of the great Bible narratives."

## Impious Challenge

Answered.

Ada, Idaho, Oct. 24.—Because Amos Clark, age forty, a farmer living on the Lewiston reservation, twenty miles south of here, openly defied the Lord, he was struck dead in his front yard.

Clark had been known as an atheist for years, and in the presence of his family and several neighbors said, "There is no God."

He then defied the Supreme Being to punish him.

No sooner had the words left his lips than he was stricken, and died a few minutes later.

His family is composed of Christian boys and girls who have been secretly trained and instructed by the mother.

## Honest Gambling

Is a Myth.

The story of gambling in New York today indicates that even under the best conditions, the player cannot "back the game" and win—for long. Gambling houses do not exist, do not entertain in their lavish fashion simply because the professional gambler is inspired by a philanthropic desire to afford rest and recreation to tired humanity and to give the public an opportunity to pick up money without any effort. Gamblers are in the game to make their living and a good one, too. They know that the chances of their patrons winning easy money are about one in a hundred, that all the chances are in favor of the gambling house keepers themselves. The moment a player enters a resort of this kind his money is as good as lost. It is practically stolen from his pocket.

Take the case of roulette—the most famous gambling game in the world; which may briefly be thus described: A marble is dropped in the wheel after it has been started spinning by the dealer and finds resting place when the motion of the wheel permits in one of the numbered compartments which form the outer back of the wheel box. These compartments are alternately black and red in color. By electrical control—push buttons concealed on the edge of the table—the action of the wheel can be checked and the partitions of the red or the black compartments, at the operator's will, can be moved so as to prevent the marble falling into a compartment of that color.

In fact the style of deal box known as the "high layout" is a triumph of mechanical art. Millions of dollars have been stolen from players by its use. It is larger and deeper than the ordinary layout, so that a portion of it, which does not show, may lie below the table. It is screwed to the table top, and cannot be taken up in the hand for each deal, as the regular deal box may. There is a spring underneath, which the dealer touches with his knee every time he wants to juggle the cards. The cards do not lie even, but the upper three overlap a trifle, and there is a tiny peep hole through the deal box (obscured from the player's view by the dealer's left hand), so arranged that the dealer can see the edges of these cards. The edges are all he needs to see in order to tell what they are. If they are not suitable his knee touches the spring. The card remains exposed to the player's view, but those below are shifted by one turn of a little mechanical arm.—Broadway Magazine.

## GOOD ADVICE.

And here's another Irish Twister: Patsy: Begorra, I couldn't pay me three dollars fine and oi had to go to jail for six days.

Mike: Au' how much did yez spend to get drunk?

Patsy: Oh, 'bout three dollars.

Mike: Three dollars? Yez fool, if yez had not spent yez three dollars for drink yez'd had yer three dollars to pay yez fine wid.

## USEFUL FURNITURE.

And this is where he got even after his return home.

Wife (from the bed): What are you doing there with my false teeth? Husband (at the bureau): Just cutting the end of my cigar, dear.

## GENEROUS HEARTED.

Master Walter, aged five, had eaten the soft portions of his toast at breakfast, and piled the crust on his plate.

"When I was a little by," remarked his father, who sat opposite him, "I always ate the crusts of my toast."

"Did you like them?" inquired his offspring, cheerfully.

"Yes," replied the parent.

"You may have these," said Master Walter, pushing his plate across the table.

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