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## Little Hope For Better Pine Prices

**A. A. Durney, Fruit Man From Coast, Holds Little Hope to Growers For Several Years at Least—Demand Can't Be Much More Increased.**

"Speaking frankly, the outlook for the pineapple business from the growers' standpoint is not bright, for at least several years to come," stated A. A. Durney, a member of the big fruit packing firm of Griffith, Durney & Company, of California, who arrived from the coast this week on business of his firm. Mr. Durney has no direct interest in the production of pineapples, but his firm has contracts as agent to handle the output of the Maui Pineapple Company, of Pauwela, and of the Honouliuli Ranch. Mr. Durney declared that it had not been easy to dispose of the big pack of over two million cases, the amount of Hawaii's output of pineapple last year, and that it was only possible at all by the very low price at which it was offered. It will not be possible to materially increase these prices, he thinks, for the coming season's output.

"Yes, I sincerely believe the limit has been very nearly reached," declared Mr. Durney. "Of course consumption will continue to increase, but it will be slow. In 1908 the packers inaugurated a big advertising campaign and practically saved the day for pineapples, enormously increasing the demand. They tried the same methods last year and the results were scarcely noticeable.

"Then too, the European war has cut into the work of developing the pineapple appetite in Europe. The exports had already reached very important proportions—perhaps 500,000 cases per year. This is now practically stopped."

With little prospect of a material advance in the price of the canned goods, there can be no very great increase in the price the packers can pay the growers. Hence the conclusion that there must be a decided curtailment among the growers before adequate returns for their product can be hoped for.

## Thousands of Children in Big Chorus

**Unique Attraction Now Being Worked Up in Connection With Carnival—Event Will Be Staged With Folk Dances in Front of Capitol.**

(Special.)  
HONOLULU, Jan. 6.—Thousands of youthful voices, raised in the singing of patriotic and popular airs, will be a feature of the program of the 1915 Mid-Pacific Carnival, which without doubt is going to be one of the most appreciated and entertaining events of the celebration. Special copies of music are now being prepared at the instance of the Carnival company, especially for the occasion, and within a few days Miss Jane Winno, who successfully conducted the Christmas carol singing here a year ago, will commence rehearsing the children, the majority of whom will be public school pupils.

The singing will be done from the capitol steps to the accompaniment of the Royal Hawaiian Band. Bleacher seats will be arranged for the audience. In connection with the singing, during the intermissions the children will portray the folk dances of the various nations, each child being in appropriate costume. The folk dancing is in charge of Mrs. Mary Gunn and Miss Nina Adams, who shortly will begin rehearsals. The various local public school teachers are heartily in favor of both events, and it is expected that between 1500 and 2000 children will participate.

## New Engineer Department is Created

**Ordinance Passes Third Reading and Hugh Howell is Appointed—Lake Opposes—Raymond Accuses Him of Playing Politics.**

Denouncing in vigorous measures what he declared to be an effort on the part of Supervisor Charles Lake to "play politics," Dr. Raymond, at the Wednesday afternoon meeting of the board, insisted on action being taken on the ordinance creating the office of county engineer. Lake's effort to postpone action on the measure failed, and with two slight amendments, the ordinance passed its third reading, Kalamo, Meyer, and Raymond voting for it, Lake against it, and Drummond being absent.

In urging the adoption of the ordinance, Dr. Raymond cited figures aggregating \$22,618.18, spent on road work and other projects during the past eighteen months, which he declared had been wasted, solely because the work had been done without proper engineering skill.

A petition from fifty-five voters of the county protesting against the passage of the proposed ordinance, on the ground that the county can't afford the luxury of an engineer at the present time, had been previously read. Raymond declared that the fifty-five names represented but a small fraction of the opinion of the county. Further, that the county is not hard up, and that it will have plenty of money next year to carry out all of its more important projects for road building. That this work cannot be done without a competent engineer in charge.

Supervisor Lake strenuously denied the charge that he was playing politics in connection with the matter, declaring that his opposition to the ordinance had been consistent from the start.

Following the adoption of the ordinance, creating the new department, and placing all the district overseers under the engineer, the Board formally appointed Hugh Howell as engineer, with a salary of \$300 per month. The vote stood the same as before. Mr. Howell is at present filling the place of engineer, but under the new appointment his authority will be much extended.

Although Supervisor Drummond was in town at the time, he did not attend the meeting until after the engineer ordinance had been acted upon.

## County at Last Pays For Auto Truck

**Attorney Breckons Shows Supervisors the Desirability of Cleaning Up a Malodorous Matter—Sum of \$4350 Turns Trick.**

The Supervisors on Wednesday, by formal resolution, appropriated \$4350 to pay for the much-discussed auto-truck, which the Board allowed to be wished onto it by the Volcano Stables Company, a year or more ago. The matter, which has been an unpleasant topic to the board for a long time, is thus finally disposed of.

Robt. W. Breckons, attorney for the Stables Company, was at the meeting of the board and asked that the matter be settled, as was finally done, after the board had waited in vain for some time for the arrival of Supervisor Drummond. Dr. Raymond moved the adoption of the resolution and was kokuaed by all present.

Attorney Breckons returned to Honolulu the same evening, following the successful outcome of his mission.

## School Tax Law to Have Opposition

**Maui Losing Money Under Present System—Territorial Control of Schools Will Have Opposition—Committee Will Draft Bills.**

That the plan which is being worked up in Honolulu to put the public school management entirely in the hands of the Territory, is not going to have smooth sailing through the legislature, was evident on Thursday during the conference of the Board of Supervisors and the Maui legislative delegation. The plan was declared by general to be a step backwards instead of forwards.

It is also certain that there will be a kick made to have the plan of apportioning the school taxes amended. Under the present system of dumping all school taxes into one pot, it was declared that Maui gets the short end of the deal to the tune of about \$100,000 per year. In other words, Maui's money goes to support the Oahu schools to very considerable degree.

At the meeting where this discussion came up, were present, beside the supervisors—Senators H. A. Baldwin, H. B. Penhallow, W. T. Robinson, Representatives P. J. Goodness, Robt. Nawahine, and W. F. Crockett. Besides the legislators there were also present County engineer Howell, former supervisor William Henning, and others.

The discussion was very general, and brought out many ideas relative to needed legislation. Dr. Raymond made the declaration that with proper businesslike administration the county of Maui will be able from her ordinary sources of revenue, to construct all roads, bridges, waterworks, and other public improvements in sight that properly belong to the county, within a period of seven years and have them of a standard equal to any in the world.

The importance of getting at least \$50,000 appropriated by the legislature to build roads in the Kulaha homesteads was agreed to all around, and a good deal of time taken in discussion of the best means for accomplishing this.

It was finally agreed that the supervisors should appoint a legislative committee which shall lose no time in working out details of legislation needed for Maui, and embodying these in bills properly drafted.

## Former Maui Man and Wife Die in Surf

**Tragic Ending of Picnic Party at Waikiki Beach—Two Children With Couple Saved—Well Known Hawaiian Couple.**

While wading on the reef at Waikiki, Honolulu, on New Year's day, Isaac Ihiki and his wife were carried off their feet by a big wave and into a deep channel, where both drowned before help could reach them.

Rosie, the 10-year old adopted daughter of the unfortunate couple, and Pemograna De Rego, an 11-year old companion, were being carried on the backs of the man and woman when the accident occurred, and would have drowned also but for the heroic efforts of Harold Castle and Edward Miller, whose attention was attracted and who swam out to the party. Miller and Castle made a second trip into the surf and brought the bodies of Ihiki and his wife ashore, but efforts to resuscitate them failed.

The dead man was a deputy in the bureau of conveyances, and was enjoying the New Year's holiday when the accident happened. He was formerly a resident of Maui, having been born in Lahaina fifty years ago. The remains of the couple were brought to Lahaina for interment.

## Supervisors Vote to Keep Prisoners

**Talk of Sending Kuiaha Road Gang Back to Honolulu Opposed By Chamber of Commerce—Urge More Efficient Management.**

The territorial prisoners who are working on the roads in the Kulaha district, are to be kept on Maui indefinitely and for a long time to come, provided the wishes of the board of supervisors are respected in the matter. The board adopted a resolution to this effect at its Thursday afternoon session, after it had been waited upon by a committee from the chamber of commerce.

The sending of this committee to the board was a development of the chamber of commerce meeting the same afternoon, when it was brought out that the prisoners were very shortly to be sent back to Honolulu. Inasmuch as the chamber had been in a measure responsible for getting the prison labor for Maui in the first place, this proposition did not meet with favor, and a committee consisting of W. A. Baldwin, W. O. Aiken, and E. R. Bevin was named to see the board about the matter, with the results as above stated. Maintenance of the prisoners costs, it was stated, about 50 cents per day per man.

Much criticism was made in the chamber meeting of the manner in which the road work is being done in the homestead district, it being stated that practically all the work was being done by hand, whereas the county fathers had promised to concentrate the entire working force of the county, particularly the county teams, on this work. W. A. Baldwin told the board that the Haku Fruit & Packing Company would rent all the mules needed to the county at 75 cents per day. The sentiment of the board seemed to be that team work should be employed.

## A. L. Case is Burned Painfully

**Automobile Takes Fire in Unusual Manner While Owner is Cleaning Engine—Electric Spark Supposed Cause—Car Saved From Damage**

Painful though not dangerous are the burns which A. L. Case, supervising principal of the Maui schools, sustained last Sunday morning in a peculiar accident, while engaged in cleaning the engine of his automobile at his home in Hamakua. While brushing the mechanism with a metal brush saturated in gasoline, the volatile fluid suddenly ignited, and before he could escape the flames had spread over his left arm, face and neck. At a water hydrant nearby, Mr. Case succeeded in extinguishing his blazing clothing, while W. S. Beeman, principal of the Hamakua high school who happened to be near, managed to put out the fire which had started in the oil pan of the auto.

Mr. Case was removed to the Pala hospital, where his injuries were dressed and where he will be confined for another week or more.

The presumable cause of the accident was a spark from the electric ignition equipment of the car. The metal brush which Mr. Case was using, is supposed to have short-circuited the current causing a sufficient spark to ignite the gasoline with which the brush was saturated.

Mr. Case's wife and her sister, Miss Coupe, who were in Honolulu at the time, and who sailed for the coast by the Manoa on Tuesday, were not advised of the accident.

## WAR DRAGS ALONG WITH LITTLE APPARENT CHANGE

**Russians Crowding Into Hungary—News From France and Belgium Series of Contradictions—American Stand Regarding Search Will be Respected.**

PARIS SAYS HONORS ABOUT EVEN.

PARIS, January 8.—Statement by French says Germans have lost in continuous fighting in Alsace. Have made some progress but offset by reverses. In hard fighting northern part honors are even.

ITALY GETTING READY FOR STRUGGLE.

GENEVA, January 8.—All Italians in this city able for military duty ordered to report to consul for medical examination.

UNPLEASANT IF TRUE.

BERLIN, January 8.—Kaiser has put ban on German troops fraternizing with soldiers of Allies. No more informal truces.

FRENCH LOSS OVER MILLION MEN.

According to calculations by experts, French have lost more than million men. This covers total casualties.

POPE HEARS OF TURKISH ATROCITIES.

ROME, January 8.—Six hundred members Catholic societies, refugees from war zone, tell pontiff of Turkish atrocities.

RUSSIAN ACTIVITY PORTENTIOUS.

LONDON, January 8.—Keen interest in war at present centers in three great movements on part of Russia. While holding Poland secure, monster army pours into Hungary. Huge forces sweeping towards Budapest. German led troops while heading towards Cracow are harried Allies. Turkey now on defensive and will have to so continue.

COUNT OKUMA HAS NOT RESIGNED.

TOKIO, January 8.—Count Okuma still retains premiership. Cabinet strengthened for election.

NOTED JAPANESE STATESMAN RESIGNS.

TOKIO, January 7.—Count Okuma, premier of Japan, has resigned to avoid bitter political controversy.

ARREST OF CARDINAL DENIED.

LONDON, January 7.—German military governor officially denies arrest of cardinal.

MAY USE IDLE SHIPS.

Great Britain will approve purchase of ships now idle for use in South American trade, providing assurance is given they will not be used in German trade.

FIGHTING AGAIN SEVERE IN WEST.

BERLIN, January 7.—Severe fighting continues north of Arras to regain possession of trenches we captured yesterday. French repulsed in western Forest Argonne from all positions they took Tuesday. Losses heavy. Ours light. French made hard attempt to capture hill west of Sennheim, an important position. Attack broke under our fire and hill remains ours. Situation unchanged in East. Our attacks developing slowly in spite of weather.

FRENCH COMMISSION SAYS BARBAROUS WAR.

ARRAS, January 7.—We made slight gains on extreme right wing now reaching two and one-half miles beyond Altkirch and captured portion German first line trenches to northwest of Filery. This is hard thrust against German wedge with apex at St. Mihiel. Rain and mud along entire front.

French commission appointed to investigate atrocities reported: "Never has been a war between civilized nations of such savage character. Pillaging, ravishing and murder ordinary practices."

ANTI-ALIEN LAW KNOCKED OUT.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 8.—The anti-alien law of this state is declared void by special federal court.

MONGOLIA SAILS AHEAD OF TIME.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 8.—Steamship Mongolia sailed with supplies for Russian detention camp of prisoners in Siberia.

COAST CHAMPION COMING.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 8.—Dorothy Becker, coast champion swimmer, will go to Honolulu for carnival contest.

PANAMA, January 8.—Big collier Prometheus passed safely through canal yesterday.

DENY DUM-DUM BULLET MANUFACTURE.

WASHINGTON, January 7.—Emphatic denial is made by American manufacturers to charge that they made "Riot guns," dum-dum bullets and buckshot cartridges for Allies. Secretary Bryan has submitted reply to Germany. Winchester company denies having made any such ammunition for anybody. Remington company did make some and will supply names of individuals to whom sold.

GOOD OPIUM HAUL LAST NIGHT.

HONOLULU, January 8.—Marshal Smiddy raided opium joint last night. \$2000 opium seized.

Japanese run over by Oahu Railway train. Will die.

Mrs. J. A. Cruzan dead, San Francisco.

Deaf mute oath taken for first time in Hawaii, in trial in U. S. court yesterday.

HONOLULU LEFT OUT.

HONOLULU, January 7.—Honolulu will not be included in River and Harbors bills in Congress. Legislature will be asked to enact.