

The vital thing in a democracy is to stimulate in the people an interest in their own affairs. The well-meaning official who plans to "let results talk" all too often doesn't get enough results to make a whisper.

Maui News

NEXT WEEK'S MAILS

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Field Gets Control Of Grand Hotel

Deal Reported In Maui News Being Closed Today—New Management To Take Charge In Few Weeks—Price Is \$50,000.

The papers are being signed today by which the Grand Hotel property in Wailuku comes under the management of Maui Hotel Co. The new owners, it is said will take charge in a few weeks.

As reported in the Maui News several weeks ago, negotiations had been on foot for some time for the purchase of the property from the Bank of Maui Ltd., and H. Streubeck who bought it more than a year ago at a receivers sale. The matter of details held up the deal until this week, however, when the terms were finally agreed upon. The purchase price is reported to have been \$50,000.

The hotel is taken over on a lease basis for 5 years at \$250 per month, but with privilege to purchase at any time, and this, it is said will be done as soon as the Maui Hotel Company, Ltd., effects a reorganization which is contemplated.

W. H. Field, manager of the Maui Hotel Co., will have charge of the new property which now becomes one of the string of Field hotels on Maui, the others being the Maui in Wailuku and the Pioneer Hotel, in Lahaina. Mr. Field states that the Grand will be run as a strictly first class hostelry with the Maui Hotel as an adjunct. With the opening of the Ino road he expects to build an attractive and commodious place up the Valley to cater to the tourist travel. He believes that within a comparatively short time the development of the tourist travel to the Islands will tax the present hotel facilities of Maui and that enlargements may be necessary.

Trailing Pseudo Dentist Police Find Gamblers

A gambling game running behind barred doors at Lahaina was brought to light last Saturday night by Sheriff Clem Crowell and Officers Lindsay, Silva and Wilhelm, and the whole outfit rounded up after several hours of patient and watchful waiting. Half a dozen Chinese gamblers were taken in the next and on Monday were each fined \$25 and costs with the exception of Wong Git, the alleged proprietor of the place, who waived examination and demanded a jury trial.

The crime of gambling becomes a more serious offense, under the laws of Hawaii when conducted in a barricaded place.

Pseudo Dentist Nabbed

The raid on Wong Git's place came through the chase of the officers after L. W. Chan, who is charged with having practiced dentistry at Paia without a license. He was found in the gaming house and was fined with the rest, but he was also put under \$200 bail to answer the dentistry charge.

Chan is said to have previously worked for Dr. Clemmens, the Hun dentist, who was recently refused a renewal of his license to practice, following his return from the alien enemy detention camp in Utah, and who has now left the territory. He will be given a hearing in the Wailuku district court next Monday.

Fine Fall Of Snow Makes Haleakala Beautiful

For the first time in several years Haleakala has a beautiful mantle of snow, extending for a mile or more below the summit. The snow fell during last Saturday and Saturday night and was disclosed with the breaking of the clouds on Sunday. It also explained the unusually low temperature which has prevailed all this week, in all sections of Maui. In the vicinity of Wailuku the thermometer has registered below 60 degrees nearly every morning.

Kula Ranch Land Bought By A. F. Tavares

There has been considerable interest on Maui in the past few weeks in the sale of some 400 acres of Kula ranch land by Pia Cockett and Frank Somerfield to A. F. Tavares. The area comprised several pieces of land and the deeds for the transfer were recorded last week. The price paid for the property was \$34,000 and is generally considered to be a very liberal price for that character of land. Mr. Tavares was already a heavy land owner in Kula.

Big Waterspout Thrills Maui Folk

Huge Column Of Water Rises From Ocean To Clouds For Quarter Of Hour Off Pauwela—Witnessed By Hundreds

An immense waterspout, which arose from the ocean a mile or two off Pauwela, last Sunday afternoon, attracted attention from all parts of central Maui from which it was visible, being apparently witnessed by hundreds of persons. It maintained its form for upwards of 15 minutes and was one of the largest ever seen in this vicinity. Some idea of its immensity may be had from the fact that it was clearly visible to persons at Waikapu, a distance of 15 miles or more.

The huge phenomenon arose in an apparently solid, black column from the sea to the clouds and is estimated by those who saw it to have been at least 1000 feet high. It flared at both ends where it merged with the sea and with a large, inky-black cloud.

At the base of the column the sea was in terrific agitation, even for some time after the waterspout itself disappeared. This it did gradually, apparently dissipating from the bottom. It reformed once after apparently breaking for nearly half its length.

Land Owners Discuss Method Of Taxation

Assessor Kunewa Names Committee Of Citizens To Work Out More Just Means Of Determining Land Values—Will Hold Hearings.

In order that a more equitable system of valuation for real property may possibly be evolved, a committee of five citizens of Wailuku district was appointed by Tax Assessor J. H. Kunewa, on Tuesday, to study the matter. The committee was named at a meeting held at the Town Hall which was attended by about one hundred tax payers of the district. The matter of taxes was discussed for some time, and the idea of the committee was the net result of considerable discussion.

The committee consists of—J. Garcia, chairman; Charles Wilcox, W. E. Bal, T. B. Lyons and J. V. Marcelle.

After the adjournment of the general meeting the committee met and organized and decided to hold meetings every Saturday morning at 10 o'clock for the purpose of plotting the district and of consulting with the property owners of the various sections, who from time to time will be asked to confer with the board. W. E. Cockett was elected secretary.

The board does not expect to offer any opinions until ready to make its report to the assessor, which will not be for several months. The investigation will of course have no bearing upon this year's taxes, and in the end will be simply in the nature of recommendation to the assessor, having no force of law.

A similar meeting will be held in Lahaina tomorrow afternoon at which Assessor Kunewa will meet the tax payers of west Maui.

Mr. Kunewa stated that through these conferences he hopes to get the people to working in such way that the burden of taxes will bear more evenly.

OCTOBER FIXED FOR 1920 COUNTY FAIR

Association Also Decides To Hold Big Race Meet July 4—Much Enthusiasm At Annual Meeting Over Affairs Of Big Maui Organization—Has Property Worth More Than \$85,000—Debt Not Causing Worry—New Years Races Financial Success.

Maui County is to hold a county fair in October next. Also on July 4 another race meeting is to be held at Kahului under the auspices of the Maui County Fair & Racing Association.

This was formally decided upon at the annual meeting of the fair association held yesterday afternoon. The meeting was well attended and general satisfaction was expressed with the condition of the organization. It was decided to at once launch a lively campaign for membership and H. B. Penhallow was named chairman of a committee to have charge of this work. The fact that the fair association is now the center of most of the community activity, and has much to offer its members, makes it possible that the drive for new members will be highly successful, particularly as the cost of membership is low—\$10 for men and \$5 for women with \$1 per year dues.

Officers Elected
Frank F. Baldwin was re-elected president of the association for another year, and the following officers and directors were also elected—C. D. Lufkin, vice-president; D. C. Lindsay, treasurer; D. H. Case, secretary; F. B. Cameron, chairman racing committee; E. R. Bevins, chairman gun club committee; H. B. Penhallow, chairman membership committee; J. Garcia, chairman athletic committee; D. C. Lindsay, chairman grounds and buildings executive committee.

H. W. Rice was named as chairman of the committee to have charge of the next fair. He stated that he expects to get busy at once in planning for the big event.

Valuable Property
The financial statement submitted by D. C. Lindsay, treasurer, showing the condition of the association's affairs, is considered highly satisfactory. Without allowing anything for leasehold value or good will the statement shows that the association has assets worth \$85,226.02, while its indebtedness amount to \$64,618.64, leaving the net assets \$20,607.38.

The indebtedness includes loans amounting to \$40,000 and the meeting yesterday authorized the increasing of

this loan by \$16,000, which amount will wipe out all outstanding accounts. It is believed that the annual fair will conservatively net \$10,000 per year, while race meets and other events are expected to considerably swell this income, so that it is expected that the loan may be steadily reduced.

New Year's Races Successful
It was noted that none of the several race meets yet held by the association have failed to be financially successful. Although the one held last New Years was not as well attended as had been expected, it netted a profit over all expenses of \$583.12, according to the report submitted by Manager Cameron.

The buildings and grounds are now practically completed, and the outlay on permanent improvements for some years is expected to be small.

Statement
Following is a statement of the assets and liabilities of the association at present:

Assets	
Leasehold	
Goodwill	
Improvement on	
grounds	22,297.26
Territorial build- ing	24,401.64
Agronomy build- ing	5,016.50
Com'cial, build- ing	4,279.60
Grandstand	13,768.04
Racing stables	5,824.86
Materials on hand	2,838.42
	\$78,426.32
Balance of Terri- torial appropri- ation	
	1,800.00
Appropriation by Maui County	
Suprvisors	5,000.00
	6,800.00
Total assets	\$85,226.02
Liabilities	
Loans	40,000.00
Accounts payable	22,955.02
Overdraft on bank	1,663.62
Total liabilities	\$64,618.64
Net assets	\$20,607.38

Koreans Arrested And Still Seized

Probably First Arrest In Island Under New Prohibition Law Made At Puunene By Wailuku Officers—Only One Man Possibly Guilty

Kim Chey Hon, a Korean of Kahului, was arrested last Saturday night at the quarry camp, Puunene, last Saturday night by Officers Cambra, Bautista and Coelho, and a large distilling plant which he is said to have been operating, was seized. Kwong Suk Kee, another Korean, who was on the scene when the police arrived was also arrested and is being held in the Wailuku jail, though the police do not believe that he was associated with the business.

Besides the still, which was made from a large galvanized wash tub fitted with a wooden lid, the officers seized several gallons of okolehuo warm from the condenser.

The prisoners will be taken to Honolulu tomorrow for trial in the federal court. As they were arrested after the constitutional prohibition amendment went into effect, it is probable that they will get a stiff sentence if convicted.

So far as is known this is the first arrest in the territory since the new prohibition law became effective on January 17.

Escaped Prisoner Captured In Kula

Manuel Texeira, Of Makawao, Tires Of Prison Life On Oahu And Comes Back To Maui—Sheriff Crowell Hears Of Arrival.

Up near the Sanitarium in Kula, where he had gone shortly after reaching Maui last Wednesday morning, Sheriff Clem Crowell on Wednesday night found and arrested Manuel Texeira, an escaped territorial convict. The man was brought to the Wailuku jail and will probably be taken back to the penitentiary in Honolulu tomorrow.

Texeira is a Makawao man who was convicted in the local court about two years ago of rape and sentenced to 12 years imprisonment. He had been working with a prison gang on Oahu outside the compound and some days ago slipped away while the guard was not looking. He did not have enough money to bring him to Maui and was put off the Mikahala at Molokai about a week ago, where he found work and was able to earn a few dollars by the time the boat came on its next trip, and thus reached Lahaina. He came by auto to Kihel and thence made his way to Kula on foot.

W. A. Baldwin Is Buyer Of Clarence White Land

W. A. Baldwin, of the Haiku Fruit & Packing Co., has purchased from Harold W. Rice the property at Haiku generally known as the Clarence White property. The price paid was \$25,000.

The land for the most part is in pineapples, though there is some cane and other crops planted. It consists of about 50 acres, and has some valuable buildings. The price is considered a reasonable one, it having been bought by Mr. Rice some four or five years ago for \$20,000.

Plantations On Oahu Tied Up By Strike

Practically all of the Filipino laborers on the Oahu plantations went out on strike last Monday and since that time a portion of the Japanese laborers have joined them. So far as can be learned no island except Oahu is affected. Here on Maui it is not believed there is any immediate likelihood of the Japanese quitting, while the proportion of Filipino laborers is not great enough to materially affect any plantation unless it might be Kipahulu and Hana.

The Japanese paper, Maui Record today received the following wireless message on the subject:

"The Japanese labor federation has notified the Oahu unions to observe unconditional rest. On the Wai'anae plantation 800 laborers have quit work."

The Maui Shimbun has received the following:
"At Waipahu and Wai'anae all Japanese laborers are resting. At Kahuku, Ewa and Aiea the Japanese workers are half at rest."

It is interpreted here by some of the Japanese here that the Japanese of Oahu who have quit work have done so on account of threats made against them by the Filipino strikers that their "resting" is not a real strike.

Strike Timely For Planters

Last reports were that Kahuku, Wai'anae, Ewa, Aiea and Oahu Sugar were all closed down, or practically so on account of the strike, but that, owing to the splendid rains of the past week or 10 days the cane fields will not suffer from want of irrigation even if no work is done on them for a month. Cane ready for harvest will deteriorate little by delay and the loss will come almost exclusively from delayed production.

Drivers Strike Also

The truckmen and drivers of the Honolulu Construction & Drayage Co. to number of about 150 have also been out on strike for the past week for higher wages. They were joined on Tuesday by about a dozen teamsters of the California Feed Co.

Stocks Hit By Strike

Practically all sugar stocks have slumped as a direct result of the strike. Oahu Sugar had fallen off about 5 points and others in proportion.

Frank Medeiros New Manager Of M. D. & G. Co.

Frank Medeiros, for a number of years manager of the Wailuku branch of the Maui Drygoods and Grocery Co. had been made general manager of all of the company's stores, according to announcement sent out this week. Mr. Medeiros succeeds I. W. Brink, whose resignation took effect the first of the year, and who has departed for the coast.

The steamship San Diego arrived in Kahului last Monday with a cargo of lumber for the Kahului Railroad Co. The consignment was discharged in record time and the vessel cleared on Wednesday, January 21, direct for Puget Sound, without taking any return cargo.

Paia Camp Store Is Robbed Of Much Cash

Robber Knew Combination And Took \$932 From Safe Without Leaving Trace—Police Have No Clue—Boys Robbed Store Before.

The Paia camp store of the Maui Agricultural Co., was robbed of \$932 in cash either last Saturday or Sunday night. Up to the present time the police have been unable to find any clue to the robber.

John Vares, manager of the store, who reported the theft on Monday states that the money was cash that was received on Saturday too late to be sent to the bank. It was put in the safe in the store and the safe locked with the combination.

On Monday morning the safe was apparently as he had left it, except that the money was gone. How the thief came to know the combination to the safe he has no idea.

A number of checks and other not easily negotiable forms of cash which were mixed with the currency in the safe, had been carefully sorted out and left in the safe drawer.

The Paia camp store was robbed of a large quantity of merchandise by a gang of boys some months ago, and a number of these boys are under indictment at present and will be tried at the next term of criminal court.

Judge Burr Improving

Judge L. L. Burr, whose condition a number of times during the past few weeks has seriously alarmed his family and friends, was taken to Lahaina last Friday where he still remains in the hospital at that place. It is reported that his condition is considerably improved.

Many Sick Cause Fear Of Another Flu Epidemic

Some fears of a recurrence of the influenza epidemic which swept Maui a year ago, has been occasioned by the numerous cases of grip or severe "colds" reported from various parts of the island.

Here in Wailuku J. B. Wilson, formerly motorcycle officer of the police force, is in the Malulani hospital and his condition today was reported to be very serious. He is suffering from "grip."

George Edwards and practically his whole family are ill with the same malady.

David Wadsworth is confined to his home with the prevailing malady, as is also Harry Bohr.

Impressive Ceremonies At K. Of P. Installation

Impressive ceremonies marked the installation of the new officers of Aloha Lodge, No. 3, Knights of Pythias at a special meeting held last Tuesday evening for the purpose. The installation was under the direction of W. H. Smith, district deputy grand chancellor of the order, of Milo, who came to Maui for the purpose.

Following the installation some initiatory ceremonies were conducted by the new officers, and this was followed by a lunch and smoker which was much enjoyed.

The new officers are—J. Patterson, chancellor commander; F. A. Lufkin, vice-chancellor; Alfred Hansen, prelate; H. Streubeck, master of work; W. S. Mason, keeper of records and seal; W. H. Engle, master at arms; M. J. Moura, master of finance; E. E. Pleasant, inner guard; G. A. Hansen, outer guard.

The S. S. West Segovia is due to arrive next Monday at Kahului with 450 tons of miscellaneous merchandise for Maui consignees. She will take away 2300 tons of Maui sugar when she sails.