

WAILUKU TEMPERATURES

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
AUG. 19	80	71	.04
AUG. 20	85	71	.09
AUG. 21	84	71	.09
AUG. 22	85	71	.09
AUG. 23	84	76	.00
AUG. 24	87	70	.00
AUG. 25	89	71	.00

Maui News

NEXT WEEK'S MAILS

From the Coast—Sunday, Buckeye State; Monday, Shinyo Maru; Tuesday, Maui.
To the Coast—Saturday, Niagara (to Vancouver); Sunday, China Monday, Wolverine State; Wednesday, Manoa.

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Wilhelmina and Harry Gesner Swap Charges

Popular Wailuku Automobile Magnate Is Sued for Divorce. He Denies All Allegations of Cruelty and Counters With Alleged Habitual Intemperance.

Served last Saturday with papers in suit for divorce, Harry M. Gesner, Wailuku automobile business man, by his attorney, Eugene Murphy, yesterday afternoon filed in Wailuka circuit court his answer to Wilhelmina Gesner's libel, entering a general denial, also filing a cross libel for divorce, alleging habitual intemperance and cruelty.

Mrs. Gesner, in her suit, charges her husband with cruelty and inhuman treatment. She says that he told her he had "made a mess of things by marrying her," charges that he and his mother nagged her; that her marital unhappiness was such that she became despondent and nervous, and couldn't sleep. She asks for alimony in the sum of \$250 a month.

Charges Intemperance

Gesner alleges in his cross libel that intemperance was a daily occurrence with his wife; that she indulged "as long as she was able to procure intoxicating liquors—and that she at all times able to and did procure intoxicating liquors;" that she was intoxicated in view of all the people of Kahului or all who were at the wharf on the occasion of a sailing of the steamer Wilhelmina for Honolulu.

Gesner complains of worry and anxiety. He says Mrs. Gesner did not get his meals; that she neglected her home duties; that she bought an automobile and drove it while intoxicated; that frequently, when she was driving on Maui roads, he followed her, worrying that some trouble might befall her. He alleges that his wife made a public exhibition of herself by appearing in an intoxicated condition at places where people congregated.

When the Shriners visited Wailuku Gesner alleges in his cross libel for divorce, Mrs. Gesner appeared in an intoxicated condition at places where Shriners were being entertained. He charges that she put her arms about the necks of men with whom she was unacquainted.

The Honolulu Advertiser of Wednesday, August 24, contained the following:

Called "Movie Actress"

Riding the waves on a troubled sea of matrimony doesn't suit the beautiful Mrs. Wilhelmina Gesner, former movie actress, who filed suit for divorce against Harry M. Gesner, wealthy automobile man of Wailuku, Maui, which was served upon her husband on the Valley Island Saturday.

Mrs. Gesner who is a guest at the Young Hotel told a sordid tale of neglect, of a road paved with unhappiness and of trailing her husband on the Pacific Coast three weeks ago.

Agricultural Display at Next Fair Will Be Greatly Increased

Exhibits in the agronomy building of the fair will be larger and more extensive this year than last, and plans for the expansion of various sections were briefly outlined at a meeting of the committee in charge of the agronomy section of the fair Friday afternoon. The expansion will be especially noticeable in the fruits and vegetables departments, of which Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Case will have charge. Instead of one large platform there will be two, each the same size as the one last year. The exhibit will be at the same end of the building as last year and the agriculture and forestry commissions exhibit will be moved east of the pineapple section, which is at the very center of the building, to make more room for the fruits and vegetables. The board of agriculture and forestry has asked for double the space it had last year.

From reports thus far received, Mr. Case told Chairman Clark and the other members of the agronomy committee there will be extensive exhibits from Oahu and Kanai in addition to the home displays. No word has yet been had from Hawaii relative to exhibits in that department.

Each department head had plans and progress to report, and the subject of judges was taken up. It was decided to invite Messrs. Wilder, Westgate, Agee, James, Carter and Borden, all of Honolulu, to make the awards. They will be divided into sections and thus lighten the labor and expedite the work.

James Lindsay has consented to take the chairmanship of the cut flowers and potted plants department again this year and will have it housed in the same building as last year. His plans are more extensive than last year and he has a number

which culminated in a search of the steamer Wilhelmina at San Francisco. Gesner arrived in Honolulu in the steamer Wilhelmina August 9.

"Hid in Purser's Office"

"Harry hid in the purser's office while I searched the ship for him," said Mrs. Gesner last night. "He evaded me and ran away from me despite the fact that I tried continuously to see him in San Francisco. His brothers wouldn't tell me where his mother lived or where I could find him and my last hope was to watch the steamers for Honolulu."

The Gesners were married in San Francisco Aug. 1, 1919, after a whirlwind courtship of six weeks, and according to Mrs. Gesner, she is Gesner's fourth wife.

Compared With Nat Goodwin

"He walked right in and vamped me in the Stewart hotel," said Mrs. Gesner, "and he had such an irresistible personality that he just took me off my feet. Well, Nat Goodwin has nothing on him but he ought to remember Nat's fate. You know what happened to him."

"But seriously though, I don't really know what has happened yet and I am all in a whirl as to the reason that Harry doesn't want me. I suppose that he has some one else for he certainly can not care for me and treat me as he has."

"We were happy on Maui where we made our home after our marriage until his mother arrived and then he treated me as though I was not good enough for him. I was practically the servant of the home. Neither of them would talk to me during meals and he kept after me to leave for San Francisco saying that my health was failing."

"I Bought Harry a Car"

"To please him I left February 1 and in April, I received a letter from him in San Francisco telling me that he was through with me. He had no charge for doing this. I bought Harry a car while we were on Maui, in fact, he hasn't paid me all he owes me on it yet, and for no reason at all he has utterly neglected me."

"He came to San Francisco, went to New York and motored back and I tried to see him and sent letters, even going so far as to try to have an attorney arrange a meeting. I wanted to know what I had done but none of my letters were answered so I decided to see him at the steamer and I failed again miserably and while I searched for him, he hid out in the purser's stateroom."

Mrs. Gesner would not say what were contained in her charges against Gesner but contended that she was entitled to and would ask for a substantial alimony.

The Gesners have no children.

M. A. Co. Goes Ahead With New Fuel Plans

Maui Agricultural Company is going right ahead with its plans to substitute fuel alcohol for wood in the houses and camps of the Paia and Haiku plantations. It has placed a second order for oil stoves in which the fuel is to be burned. Further orders will be placed later, but the second order is indicative of the intention of the company to go on with the project.

No important developments in the experimenting work have been noted since Maui News told of the plans to substitute a supply of fuel oil for wood. At that time the experimenting had been satisfactory and a short time later the order for more stoves was placed, a larger number than in the first shipment which arrived on the previous Manoa.

The type of stove that is being purchased can be used in the houses or can be placed in the ordinary concrete affairs outside of most of the plantation houses.

Around the company's office there exists a confidence that the project will be a success and an important money saver to the plantations.

Freitas Bond Delivered—The insurance department of the Bank of Maui yesterday delivered the bond of Contractor J. Freitas in connection with Iao Valley road improvement. The bond is in the sum of \$9,450, the contract bid being \$18,900. Freitas will start work on Monday.

Estimate Reduced—Last revised estimates of the sugar production of the Islands is 480,890 tons of raws as compared with an estimate on May 1 of 482,503. To August 1, this year manufacture has been 59,000 less than in 1919.

of improvements he will put into operation. He urges Maui flower growers to start now with their plans to exhibit.

Telephone System Gets Last Hearing

Public Utilities Commission Is Now Preparing Decision—Little or No Constructive Complaint.

No substantial opposition to making the present Maui telephone rates and toll system permanent was presented at Tuesday's public hearing before the public utilities commission in the town hall.

When the meeting was called to order by Chairman I. M. Stainback, shortly after 10 o'clock in the morning, there was none present with a complaint.

Later, E. R. Bevins, county attorney and representing the special committee of the Maui Chamber of Commerce appeared and reported what the committee had gathered in the way of opposition to, or complaints against, continuation of the temporarily authorized rates; and C. D. Lufkin, vice-president and manager of the Bank of Maui, arriving toward the end of the meeting, declared for what he considered more equitable rates, inasmuch as he believed the bank was not paying a large enough flat rate as compared with rates charged much smaller and neighboring patrons of the system, although he informed the commission that he had no concrete or constructive suggestion to make.

Not in Position to Suggest

Mr. Lufkin told the commission he thought the public was in no position to make constructive suggestions as to how the Maui Telephone Company might meet such complaints as were made. It was his idea that the telephone people should offer the public the choice of various methods of charging. Personally he did not like the toll system at all. For one thing, he considered it a detriment to the celebrated Maui community spirit, and to a very considerable degree. The toll system seemed to introduce a feeling of separation among the various island districts, he felt.

Modern Charge System

Chairman Stainback inquired if the bank manager did not realize that everywhere, in large cities especially, the tendency of the times was to charge in accord with service rendered; nor did this growing system appear to work to the detriment of community harmony.

Mr. Lufkin mentioned the San Francisco slug system as an example of what might be introduced here; where telephone subscribers were entitled to so many slugs for their flat rates, paying extra for additional slugs. He expressed surprise that some Maui subscribers, on some of the longest lines in the system, were charged at a lower rate than subscribers on comparatively short lines.

Thinks Charge for Change is High

The charge made for moving a phone instrument was high, Mr. Lufkin believed. He had been charged \$6 for a very minor operation—the mere transfer of an instrument from the desk to wall. Following this charge he had himself performed the next transfer of instruments required. He supposed the company would send him a bill just the same, now that he had told the secret. Manager T. A. Brown laughingly promised to see that Mr. Lufkin promptly received a bill.

W. D. Stone, acting treasurer of the Mutual Telephone Company, explained that charges for moving instruments were established on the law of average of service.

Speaking for the Chamber of Commerce committee, County Attorney Bevins said that the committee had received nothing in the way of concrete suggestions except that the company should allow a certain number of calls, under the flat rate, for the benefit of thinly populated districts. It seemed, he said, that for the most part, people were inclined to make the best of the system as now conducted; at least nothing definite or authoritative had been offered by way of constructive suggestion for relief.

Private Phones Abused

William F. Pogue, manager of the East Maui Irrigation Company had made objection to the abuse of his phone at the end of the government road on the ditch trail, said Bevins. It seemed that his phone was considered more or less of a public institution. People used it without his authority and he had to pay the tolls. He had given orders to the telephone company, Pogue had said to charge for no calls except such as were made on his authorization. Everybody coming over the ditch trail, who wanted to ring for a machine, made free use of Mr. Pogue's telephone.

Bevins said that W. O. Aiken had a similar complaint to make. Chairman Stainback intimated that it was the subscriber's responsibility to keep deadheads from using his phone; that it was up to the man paying for the use of the service to see that those who made use of his instrument paid for their calls; or the subscriber was privileged to prevent his instrument being used as a public phone.

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Case Rumored for Hawaii Secretary

Leading Maui Attorney Is Said to Be Considered by Governor to Succeed Col. C. P. Iaukea.

Strictly unofficial reports from Honolulu are mentioning D. H. Case, prominent Wailuku attorney, either as Secretary of the Territory to succeed Col. Curtis P. Iaukea, or for an important position in Governor Farrington's cabinet, possibly that of attorney-general, now occupied by Harry Irwin.

Attorney Case called on Governor Farrington on Monday last. Not that there is necessarily any peculiar significance in a Maui kamaaina passing the time of day with an Oahu kamaaina and a good friend of long years, but report has it that the call was not casual, merely because the Wailuku lawyer happened in Honolulu on a business trip. On the contrary, it is said that Governor Farrington sent for Case to discuss matters of state in which the latter may become personally and prominently interested if he so desires.

Colonel Iaukea's term as Secretary of the Territory expired in March last. He is holding on at the request of the administration. There have been several men whose names have been mentioned for the office, a position which is filled by the President on the recommendation of the Governor. John C. Lane and Raymond Brown have been among those discussed for the secretaryship, but lately rumor has been busy with the name of Daniel Hebard in the same connection. A successor to Colonel Iaukea, since the latter is holding only until he is relieved, may be recommended for appointment by the President at any time. In the matter of the attorney-generalship, it is understood that the Governor wishes Harry Irwin to remain until he has brought to completion certain important business in that department.

D. H. Case opened law offices in Wailuku in 1903 and for several terms he was county attorney of Maui. He has been in the Islands for over a quarter of a century. In 1896 he entered the law office of Kinney & Ballou, Honolulu. Born in Leavenworth, Kansas, he was educated at Washburn College, Oberlin College, Northwestern University (law department), and after graduation practiced law in his father's office at Topeka.

Grounds at Kahului Being Put in Shape For Fair in October

In early preparation for the Fourth Maui County Fair, which will be held October 13-15 this year, much work is now in progress at the grounds in Kahului which is indicative of the increased scope of the fair and some of the attractions that are to be offered to amusement seekers as well as sightseers.

Among the first things started by Fair Director Lindsay was work under the grand stand. Concrete floors have been laid in the sections that will be let for soft drinks and refreshment concessions there for the men's dressing room, in which three shower baths have been installed, and in the offices. Back walls have been moved farther back in some instances also.

Across the road from the grand stand and mauka of the amusement and show concessions space there has been laid the foundation for the open air roller skating rink. The floor will be 120 by 100 feet. Nearby there will be placed a large open air dancing pavilion. It is possible that one new building will be required and perhaps some additions to some of the present buildings.

One feature which will be introduced will be a large portable "shell" or sounding board for speakers. This will be placed before the grand stand when there is speaking instead of having such features in the Territorial Building. Tough of good size, the "shell" can be moved immediately any speaking ends. Thus the main floor of the Territorial Building may be utilized for exhibit space to an extent that was not before possible.

Work of improving the track is going on, but is held back, as is the making of lawns and landscape gardening by reason of the shortage of water.

Director Lindsay is anxious to get more grass on the grounds to keep down the dust and will have the roads oiled about a month in advance of the opening of the fair to help check the dust nuisance.

Alae Homestead Road—C. T. Bailey territorial land commissioner, has approved plans for a homestead road to be constructed shortly in the Alae homesteads near Makawao, Maui. The road will be about two miles long and will greatly benefit a number of homesteaders in that district. Mr. Bailey said. Bids for the construction of this road will be advertised shortly.

Maui Fair Is Advanced A Week For Press Meet

Delegates to World Congress Will Be in Wailuku on October 15 and 16—To Spend Three Weeks in Islands—Some May Climb Haleakala.

Maui County Fair is advanced a week in order to give Press Congress of the World an opportunity to enjoy some of this entertainment on the occasion of the visit of the delegates to Wailuku in October. The original days set for the fair were October 20, 21 and 22, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Now that it is to be held a week earlier, the fair will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 15, 14 and 15.

Delegates to the Press Congress will be in Wailuku on Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16, and it will be arranged that they enjoy one day of the fair and have a day for sight-seeing and otherwise making the most of the Valley Island.

Lorrin Thurston, who went to San Francisco to complete arrangements for the Press Congress, returned to Honolulu aboard the Manoa on Wednesday. On Thursday he reported the results of his trip to the committee in charge. The Press Congress members, whose exact number is indefinite, but who will number between 250 and 375, will spend altogether three weeks in the islands.

The Matsonia, which brings the congress, leaves San Francisco a day ahead of schedule, arriving in Honolulu on October 10. Sessions will be held on October 10 and 11. The Matsonia leaves Honolulu for Hilo on the

morning of October 12, arriving at the Big Isle that night.

Hawaii will be toured on October 13 and 14. On the night of October 14 the Matson boat leaves Hilo, reaching Kahului on the morning of Saturday, October 15, leaving at 10 o'clock Sunday night for Honolulu.

It was thought at first that the delegates would be in the Islands for only nine days, but Thurston announces that three weeks will be the term.

While on Maui some of the delegates will likely wish to make the ascent of Haleakala. Arrangements will be made for such as desire this trip. It is unlikely that there will be many in the big climb. Auto trips to Iao Valley and Kula will be included in the program for Sunday, October 16.

Tentative plans are under consideration for a swimming meet at Puunene on Sunday—just an invitational affair for the delegates, as there will be a swimming meet on the Monday and Tuesday following, anyway.

All of the legislative appropriation for the entertainment of the Press of the World will be devoted to the Islands' general benefit, while Honolulu will meet the Honolulu expenses, as such, it has been decided. Maui will bear such expenses, in the way of entertainment, as peculiarly belong to Maui, and the same plan applies to Hawaii Island.

Maui Man Chosen To Show Law To Japan Yet Under Contract

Chief Justice Coke Will Teach Jury System to Nipponese; To Leave Honolulu Next Monday For Four Months.

The Hon. James L. Coke, chief justice of the supreme court of Hawaii, has been invited by the Imperial Japanese government to go to Japan to give there a series of lectures on the application of Occidental jurisprudence generally and particularly on the American jury system according to the Honolulu Advertiser.

The Japanese Diet recently enacted a law establishing a jury system for the empire, this act marking another step forward of the Japanese nation in placing its judiciary system on an equal footing with that in vogue throughout the greater portion of the world.

Hawaii's chief justice has accepted the call and will leave Honolulu on the Shinyo Maru next Monday for the Orient. Mrs. Coke, who has been visiting in the mainland, sailed by the Shinyo Maru from San Francisco for Honolulu and will join Judge Coke to accompany him on the trip to Orient. Judge Coke had planned to leave by the Manoa next Wednesday for San Francisco on his annual vacation.

Judge and Mrs. Coke will be gone four months and will, in addition to their trip to Japan, visit China and the Philippine Islands. When in Honolulu last March, Hon. E. Finley Johnson, associate justice of the supreme court of the Philippines, extended an invitation to Judge Coke to visit the Philippines and deliver a series of lectures in Manila. This invitation Judge Coke is now able to accept in connection with his important mission to Japan.

Judge Coke said Thursday that he goes on invitation of leading citizens, but not on invitation of the imperial government.

TOYS MADE BY PUPILS OF MAUI SCHOOLS SHOWN

Toward the close of the summer school for teachers in Honolulu there was a remarkable exhibit of toys made by students in the show work classes of R. C. Bowman, industrial supervisor of the Maui public schools on display at the McKinley high school. The toys are cut out of wood, riveted together with movable joints and painted in bright and artistic colors. There are geese whose heads and tails wag when a wooden pendulum on a string is set in motion. Knights in armor and mounted on chargers are there, as also are mounted clowns, giraffes, touring cars and many varieties of mechanical toys which work to the delight of children. They are far more attractive than most of the commercially made toys and will be made in schools throughout the islands under the supervision of the teachers who have been attending Mr. Bowman's classes during the summer.

Kahului Wharf Not Yet Under Contract

Immense Structure Is Not To Be Shortened; Slight Narrowing won't Interfere with Usefulness of Pier.

Contract for the Kahului wharf has not been let as was reported by one of the Honolulu papers recently. The published report was that plans had been modified, the size of the wharf reduced, and that neither sheds nor conveyor would be installed.

Superintendent of Public Works Lyman H. Bigelow on Tuesday said that he was working on modifications of the plans and hoped that arrangements could be made with the lowest bidder to put the project through, with some modifications, within the amount of the appropriation.

It is proposed to narrow the wharf one foot, not to shorten it at all, and not to let the contract for the electrical conveyor at this time, as it would not be installed for a year, and Mr. Bigelow believes prices of motors and machinery will decline by then.

Narrowing of the wharf by one foot of 24 feet in width would not interfere with its usefulness at all, says Bigelow, and would still leave it one of the largest and finest wharves in the Territory.

Some idea of the immensity of the structure that is to be built at Kahului was given to the writer when Mr. Bigelow took him to pier 8 in Honolulu and there made comparisons between the wharf and the figures for the one to be built at Kahului. Few persons on Maui have an adequate idea of how large the wharf is to be, though the writer was able to visualize its size on his trip with Mr. Bigelow.

At Kahului the wharf will be 500 feet in length and it will be 34 feet wider than pier 8 at Honolulu. It will be shedded with a structure 400 feet in length and 132 feet in width.

Mr. Bigelow intends that the sugar shed shall be built at once, but it may not be possible to put on the general merchandise shed. Even with the one bent left out from the width it will still be wider than pier 8. As said, the berthing place will be 500 feet.

It is the plan of Mr. Bigelow to let a contract well within the appropriation and then to add to it so far as the available funds will permit.

A meeting of the harbor board was held yesterday and modifications were further discussed.

MANOA HERE THREE DAYS

The Manoa will remain here three days this trip, leaving Sunday evening at 10 o'clock. She will take with her a cargo of sugar and pineapples.

Federal Road Funds—Hawaii will share with the states in federal aid for good roads carrying appropriations for \$75,000,000 as it passed the senate last week. \$25,000,000 would be made available at once. What the Islands share would be has not been announced.