

HAWAII, THE "PEARL OF THE PACIFIC."

The Tenth of a Series of Letters by John R. Musick.

A Visit to Kauai—The Spouting Horn and Other Natural Curiosities—An Ostrich Farm.

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The island of Kauai is sometimes called the Garden Island of the group. It is one vast flower garden between ninety and one hundred miles in circumference.

On January 6, 1896, the little steamer Mikahola lay at her dock in Honolulu Harbor. At 4 p. m. I alighted from the carriage, walked up the gangway and took my position on the Captain's bridge to watch the process of loading mules.

This is an interesting sight. The vessel has a derrick rigged on the deck, and a broad belt is passed under the mule to which is attached a hook above his back.

This mule was brimful of his Satanic majesty, and flashed more brimstone from his eyes than the great volcano is doing to-day.

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Before we reached Diamond Head the supper gong sounded, and the passengers hurried down to finish the meal before we entered the channel, as the chances were we would not enjoy it an hour later.

Our road led over a beautiful country. We crossed the Lawai and Kalahao Valleys, and at about 11 o'clock reached the Hanapepe Valley, following it for five or six miles, when we came to the end of the carriage road.

Three ladies, myself, seven Japanese and fourteen Chinamen were the passengers to disembark. The harbor was not very rough, though the water was slightly undulating.

For those who are run down by too much indoor life or by hard work, and who would safely weather the coming month, the most dangerous in the year, Faine's Celery Compound is the true tonic.

Advertisement for Ailcock's Porous Plaster, describing its benefits for various pains.

Advertisement for Faine's Celery Compound, highlighting its effectiveness for nervous and blood-related issues.

Advertisement for Dr. Henley's Celery, Beef and Iron, claiming it will make a whole man of you.

Hawaiians. This feat in the night is not pleasant, especially when the boat and ship are bobbing in different directions.

As soon as the mull was brought off the omnibus took us to the hotel at Likue, about one and a half miles from the landing.

The ride from Likue to Koloa was delightful. The day was fair, the roads, but for the red soil, might remind one of New England.

As we reached the beautiful village of Koloa, with its great sugar mill, I noticed in front of one of the larger and better houses the glorious "Stars and Stripes" flying.

"Come to my house and stay as long as you like," said the United States Consul at Hilo.

On the afternoon of my arrival the doctor, his wife, Dr. Crane and myself went to the Spouting Horn, which is not more than a mile and a half from Koloa.

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we visited two days later. The journey was one continuous picnic. It was made by the same party in carriage and on horseback.

Another natural curiosity is the Barking Sands of Mouna. A long line of low sand hills is thrown up along the beach, and as the traveler walks over these mounds, or strikes the sand, a growling, barking sound is produced.

The ostrich farm is situated on a sandy beach about three miles from Koloa, shut in on all sides, save one, by mountain ranges.

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STATE PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

The East Four Blocks Being Laid Out and Planted.

In Place of a Barren Waste of Fallow Land There Will be Flowers and Grass, Trees and Shrubs.

State Gardener Dunn and his force have done an immense quantity of work in the State Capitol grounds this winter, and the park has never presented as beautiful an appearance as it will this summer.

He is taking advantage of every hour of the present fine weather and utilizing his force of men to its utmost capacity. The front terraces and grass plots were all spaded up twenty inches deep during the winter, and the old sod buried in the bottom upside down, in order to kill the Bermuda grass and other undesirable plants that had crept in.

Heretofore the four blocks between Thirteenth and Fifteenth streets have been plowed up or allowed to grow up to weeds, but it will be so no longer, and Mr. Dunn and his men are busily engaged in laying it out for flowers, grass and trees, and are making the best of their time.

The path running down M street, or what would be M street if projected through the grounds, divides now into two equal parts. On the L-street side Mr. Dunn has laid out a path with a reverse curve, running diagonally from the corner of the open space between the State Printing Office and the Pavilion and connecting with a path that runs along the north side of the printing office lot to L street.

Along the L-street fence will be grass borders ten feet wide. Between this and the curved path will be planted catalpa trees, and in the corner near the printing office will be planted a number of umbrella trees, under which, in due time, will be placed seats.

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Large advertisement for John Breuner's watches, featuring the text 'WATCH AND WAIT' and 'FRIDAY'.

Advertisement for 'THE ROCKLIN ACCIDENT', detailing the coroner's jury findings on the deaths of two men.

Advertisement for 'MASON'S Steam Laundry' located at 528 J Street.

Advertisement for 'ECLIPSE BROWNIES' featuring an image of the product and promotional text.

Advertisement for 'NEW TO-DAY' entertainment, including 'TO-NIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT' and 'DATE TAKEN'.

Advertisement for 'BELL & CO.' real estate and general auctioneers, located at 211 to 217 J Street.

PERSONAL MENTION.

F. W. Doan was in the city from Boca Wednesday.

Sam Buckner came over from Reno Wednesday.

Miss Ida Ing is in San Francisco for a short visit.

H. H. Vanderhoof came up from the Bay last night.

W. A. Conn of Fresno is registered at the Golden Eagle.

Miss Nettie Tokar has returned from a visit to Auburn.

John Mackey went to San Francisco yesterday afternoon.

Sol Runyon of Courtland is stopping at the Capital.

C. S. Little of Dixon was here on business Wednesday.

J. J. Maloney of San Francisco is here for a short stay.

R. O. Beach of Placerville made a trip here Wednesday.

J. C. Sims was a visitor here from Santa Rosa Wednesday.

F. V. Barson and wife of Santa Cruz are spending a few days here.

Colonel Sontag of San Francisco was in the city on business yesterday.

Mrs. Albert Bonheim went to San Francisco for a few days yesterday.

Mrs. S. C. Denson is up from San Francisco, spending a few days with relatives.

Joe Madden, a prominent merchant of Newcastle, was in the city yesterday on business.

William M. Gwinn, Jr., ex-District Attorney of Napa County, is spending a few days in the city.

M. Q. Meehan, the well-known merchant of Placerville, was transacting business here Wednesday.

Crawford Cox is up from his ranch in Kern County. He is suffering from the effects of a sprained arm.

M. J. Curtis, W. E. Peterson and W. F. Knox, Jr., were among the San Francisco arrivals yesterday morning.

Mark Schwartz of San Francisco, who has been the guest of Eugene Elkus for a few days, leaves for home to-day.

A. Hunter, teacher of the Sutter District school, on the Riverside road, is laid up from an attack of typhoid fever.

John T. Whitney and wife and Mrs. James G. Whitney of Rocklin passed through the city for San Francisco yesterday.

Under Sheriff Long of San Joaquin, accompanied by his wife and Mrs. Tucker, were in the city yesterday and visited the Capitol.

Miss Pearl Noble and Miss Almee Barrington, members of the Saturday Morning Orchestra of San Francisco, are visiting Mrs. George Melster.

The many friends of C. W. Reed, the well-known nurseryman of Yolo County, will regret to hear that he is lying dangerously ill at his home in Washington.

Miss Jennie Allen, who had been visiting in the city as the guest of Miss Douglass, has returned home, accompanied by Miss Douglass, who will remain in Sacramento for a month.

Ex-Assemblyman Eben Owen of McConnell's Station was in the city yesterday. He reports his section of the country as very flourishing, and says the late showers helped the growing crops a great deal.

George A. Marden, editor and proprietor of the "Daily Courier" of Lowell, Mass., is in the city. He is a friend of C. P. Massey and family, who yesterday showed the visitor attentions. Mr. Marden is one of the order of Eastern visitors whom we should be anxious to have form a good opinion of California, since he is a practical observer, a practical business man and of broad intelligence and keen perceptions. He says that his three weeks' visit in the State has been one of great pleasure and satisfaction, from which we may be justified in anticipating seeing pleasant things in the "Courier" about California.

Weather Notes. The Weather Bureau reports show the highest and lowest temperatures yesterday to have been 70 and 53 degrees, with a light to gentle northerly wind and clear weather prevailing.

The barometrical readings at 5 a. m. and 5 p. m. were 30.15 and 30.10 inches, respectively.

The highest and lowest temperatures one year ago yesterday were 58 and 44 degrees, with .04 of an inch of rain, and one year ago to-day 61 and 43 degrees, with no rain.

Advertisement for 'Hood's Pills' for constipation, highlighting its effectiveness and safety.