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The Ad Club's Visit

NEXT SATURDAY MORNING Kauai will receive the Honolulu Ad Club with representatives from Maui and Hawaii, at the landing in Waimea, and for two days will essay the part of host to the banner "booster" organization of the capital city. We believe that the Garden Island is ripe for the impressions usually left in the wake of Ad Club tours; and, moreover, that there is a widespread feeling of interest in the tour throughout the country from Hanalei around to Mana. Barring inclement weather (which is unlikely, anyhow) the plans that have been made will undoubtedly ensure the comfort and pleasure of our guests, and the indications are that events will be so rounded out that they will leave here with excellent impressions of the island and of our people.

The excursion through a series of events at various places will serve to draw the good people of different communities together for a common purpose which in itself will be pleasant, and desirable. It will give us a chance to touch shoulders with our neighbors, and at the same time to elicit inspiration from a body of men who are more or less engaged in modern business thought and activities. Out of it all this community should gain ideas which may prove of value in concentrating and promoting political, business and even social effort in the future.

To the Ad Club we would say: "Gentlemen, you are thrice welcome. Enjoy yourselves. Tell us what you are—what you are seeking to accomplish; what good may come to the people of Kauai as a result of the adoption of your ideas, and what you term 'the Ad Club spirit.' We are ready to learn—to 'be shown' if you will. While doing all this, remember that we have much for you to see on the Garden Island. Keep your eyes and ears on the alert, and endeavor to glean in your more or less rapid tour correct impressions of our scenery, our individual efforts and accomplishments, our roads, our schools and our people. Do this, and your visit, we feel sure, will be long and favorably remembered on both sides of the channel between us."

The New High School

SOON after the Ad Club excursionists have been sent on their way with better impressions of Kauai and Kauai people than they have ever had the opportunity of possessing before, a public meeting will be called for discussion of the part this island must take in the successful establishment of a High School. The grounds and buildings have already been secured; the teachers may be provided; the course of study may be mapped out for us.

But if the school is to be made a success right from the start, there are duties which must be performed by the people of Kauai. First of all, there must be united approval of the high school idea. The public must grasp, mentally, the importance and value of the institution and what it will mean in the years to come. It will start small, yes; but it is one of those institutions that will grow rapidly, in the matter of attendance and in usefulness. It is the duty of the people to feel a deep, personal in-

terest in its success; talk it up, or, to use a slang expression, "boost it."

The next duty of the people of Kauai will be to see that it starts out with a reasonably large number of pupils. Quite a few are already in sight, and more will appear after the summer examinations. If all who are qualified to enter high school are sent here, in place of being bundled off to Honolulu and elsewhere, where no better facilities, in many respects, will be offered—the institution will be a great success from the first day. Try to bring that very thing about; it is well worth working for.

THE prompt and unanimous endorsement of the Nawiliwili harbor proposition by the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce is quite satisfactory for two reasons. In the first place it brings to the front and center a powerful ally in the battle for this important improvement, and in the second place (and equally satisfactory, perhaps) it proves the sincerity of the Hoists offer, a few weeks ago to assist the Kauai Chamber of Commerce in any scheme, or plan, it might desire to put through. It is not likely that anything can be done at this late day in the present Congressional session; but surely matters are so shaping themselves as to give us a strong front at the beginning of the next Congress.

We hope President Wilson has been correctly quoted by Judge Wilder in the matter of protecting Hawaii from serious injury as a result of the proposed ultimate removal of all duties now imposed upon foreign sugars. And if the President has been correctly quoted, we hope he will live up to his promise. It will be recalled that he made a similar promise to Gilbert J. Waller immediately after his nomination by the Baltimore convention. Perhaps in the rush of events succeeding the convention, the President lost sight of the latter; but surely the same conditions do not now exist and the results may be different.

IN dealing with the so-called "unemployed situation" at Honolulu, it would be well for our worthy, charitable-minded friends over there to inquire as to where these people were last employed, and why they left that employment. Spaniards and Filipinos are leaving the plantations by wholesale and drifting into the city. They are leaving good homes, steady work and satisfactory wages. May it not be that they are being lured into the city by mischief-makers, who are making false representations and promises to them? If the matter were sifted to the bottom, the results might be highly interesting.

By cutting off an hour of spare time at Hanalei, it would be possible to have one, two or three well-informed citizens accompany the Mauna Loa's excursion party around Kauai, landing at Waimea. Should this escort be men able to point out and explain different objects of interest, the treat would be an exceptionally fine one and would be appreciated.

THE AD CLUB will be accompanied to the steamer at Honolulu next Friday night by Berger's band. What's the matter with receiving the excursion party at Waimea with a Kauai band?

ON account of lack of revenues from taxation sources, the Territorial government has for several years, at more or less frequent intervals, been forced to borrow money for public improvement purposes. What is to be done now that the total of realizations from taxes is to be considerably reduced by the equalization board? More loans?

TIDE letter of Assistant Superintendent Carr, published elsewhere, in regard to the proposed daily

overland mail service on Kauai is the signal for renewed and more strenuous effort to obtain this convenience. Kauai must make up her mind not to lose anything she goes after. When it is decided that a thing is desirable, and a start is made in the direction of obtaining it, the people of the island should hang on with a bulldog's grip until the purpose is fulfilled. If this daily mail service between Hanalei and Kekaha (both ways) is required and desired, the island can get it by constantly "plugging away" at the proposition. Let the battle proceed.

THE work of organizing for the coming baseball season on Kauai is progressing in a satisfactory manner. This year very little money will be required, and it is to be hoped that the public will come up promptly with the amount needed. Good baseball will help us forget about the low price of sugar.

A FINE spirit has manifested itself all along the line in the matter of preparing for the entertainment of the Honolulu Ad Club, and it is to be hoped that it may be kept up until the affair has been made a great success. Kauai has shown her ability to "get together" and do things, and we have every reason to expect that as good, or better, record will be made on the important occasion now so close at hand.

Passengers In And Out

The following departed by the W. G. Hall last Tuesday afternoon for Honolulu:

L. D. Timmons, H. Fernandez, W. H. Fernandez, Mrs. W. H. Fernandez, Mrs. Poo and child, Mrs. Kuhlman, Master Kuhlman, Mrs. A. Peters, Dr. H. L. Lyons, S. S. Peck, Lang Agoek.

The following arrived from Honolulu by the Kinau Wednesday morning:

C. A. Brown, August Haneberg, Mr. and Mrs. C. Orth, Miss Thompson, Miss Beakbane, I. B. Fernandez, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Fee, Mrs. Deverill, J. P. Cooke, Mrs. J. M. Lydgate, Mrs. A. Leonard, H. C. Waldron, J. K. Farley, F. O. Boyer, H. M. Harrison, Miss Booge, Mrs. F. Weber, S. Kondo.

The following arrived at Kauai ports by the W. G. Hall Friday morning:

S. Robinson, Francis Gay, John Souza, Leon Quonsan, S. P. Pierce, L. D. Timmons, J. F. Child, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Reichelt, Miss Mau, Miss Fushiyama, J. C. Dort, A. C. Wilcox, Lung Chan and wife, Mrs. R. Fountain, Mabel Correa, Rose Rodrigues, Inoshita, Y. Kawasaki, Jessie Silva, Mary Fernandez, Sam Seleiwie, W. Pollock, T. S. Choy, H. Hirokawa, K. Nakara, Antone Frazza and 43 deck.

The following sailed by the Kinau Saturday afternoon for Honolulu:

George Humphrey, C. H. Lim, Miss Lim, Master Lim, K. Horye, V. Marikowa, A. Murata, E. C. Ha, M. A. Nicoll, D. Leith, C. A. Ahi, Mr. Murray, W. H. Grote, W. Zerz, H. Bruss, Miss Beakbane, Dr. Lyman, F. O. Boyer, Mrs. L. Akin, I. P. Cooke, H. Haneberg, E. Kopke, H. M. Harrison, C. A. Brown, F. P. Pierce, Miss Mae Brown.

Makaweli Happenings

Mr. Murray, representing one of the largest sugar estates in Natal, South Africa, after having visited all the principal sugar countries of the world, left Kauai for Honolulu last Saturday, enroute for South Africa.

Frank Boyer, of the Dearborn Drug Co., paid a flying visit to Kauai last week.

J. P. Cooke, manager of Alexander & Baldwin, spent a couple of days in Makaweli last week.

Mrs. Alex Brodie, of Kekaha, gave a delightful buffet supper last Saturday evening to a number of younger set.

The Waimea sewing circle, composed of the young ladies of the

A Ray Of Hope

Gloom which has hung over the Territory of Hawaii for the past year because of threatened Democratic legislation which has dealt the sugar industry the greatest blow it had received in many years will be materially dispelled, says the Advertiser, of Honolulu, by the publication of Judge A. A. Wilder's interview showing that President Wilson will not permit Hawaii's principal industry to be wiped out, but has realized that the plea of the sugar planters that a free tariff means the ruin of their industry after all was not the buncombe which some of the President's Democratic advisers have claimed.

President Wilson has assured Judge Wilder that in the event that it is shown that the removal of the tariff on sugar has not benefited the consumer, the tariff will be restored. That the consumer will not benefit by the tariff removal is already demonstrated. The sugar producers today are receiving within a fraction of the lowest price ever paid for sugar, yet the retail quotations, the prices charged by the grocer to the family who buy a few pounds of sugar at a time, are the same practically as those that prevailed a year or more ago. It is admitted that with sugar at present prices to the producer great hardships will be suffered by the growers of this Territory. Already the laborers, those first to suffer when depression comes in any line of industry, are feeling the blow here in Hawaii. True, there have been no material reductions in salaries so far, but the plantations in working out their economies to meet the crushing effects of Democratic legislation have curtailed their working forces and lessened incomes for the workingmen have been the result. What will be the consequence when the sugar of the cheap labor countries of the world are shipped in to compete with the American product?

Further comfort can be taken by the sugar growers and incidentally every resident in the Territory, in the assurance that comes from President Wilson through Judge Wilder that even should it be decided that the tariff shall not be replaced on sugar, the industry here will be granted concessions which he hopes will act as a partial compensation for the damage which the removal of the tariff has already caused the sugar industry.

This is the first ray of encouragement Hawaii has received from Washington since the present Democratic administration assumed control. It means encouragement for those who were fast losing hope of saving the sugar industry here and in the fulfillment of the promise President Wilson and the Democratic party will show that they are big and broad enough to remedy the damage which a mistaken policy has brought upon a great American industry.

Why?

Why were the items for the improvement of Nawiliwili harbor, Kauai, and Kahului harbor, Maui, left out of the house rivers and harbors committee recommendations in the bill reported to the house? The improvements are badly needed. Jack Desha, Delegate Kuhio's secretary, wrote to the Kauai chamber of commerce under date of February 28 that the bill had been reported, without the local items, to the house "the other day." Delegate Kuhio's illness, which caused him to leave Washington, was learned of here on February 25. It is probable that the decision of the committee was reached prior to that time.—Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

district, held their weekly meeting at the seashore at Honouliuli. Between sewing, gossiping and eating, sea bathing held its own. Miss Purcell was hostess of the occasion.

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