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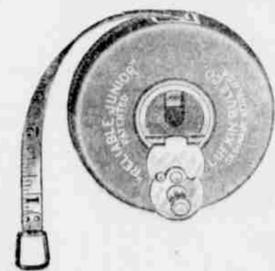
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HON. W. O. SMITH'S PAPER ON THE HISTORY OF KOLOA

(Continued from last issue.)

Among the lawyers who came to practice before the Circuit Court was Mr. W. Claude Jones, known among the Hawaiians as "Ka Aiko" which meant "The Eagle." He was tall and spare with stooping shoulders and prominent Roman nose which the natives thought resembled an eagle's beak. Mr. Jones was quite a character, who had practiced law in the Circuit Courts of the Western States at the time Abraham Lincoln was practicing, and had lived in Mexico. One practice for which he was noted was the chewing of large quantities of tobacco, and would at times emit enormous quantities of liquid tobacco. At one time when he was arguing a case before a jury at Hilo, and was passing up and down before the jury, each time as he reached the end of the front row of jurors he would eject the liquid tobacco into what he supposed was a cuspidor. Finally the end man on the jury looked down and found his best Sunday beaver partly filled with liquid extract of tobacco. He gave a very audible grunt of dismay and exclaimed "Kahaha"! As might be expected the Eagle lost that case.

The home life at Koloa was very pleasant. Our mother, like nearly all of the missionary mothers, was New England born and had training and ingenuity in household matters and making the best of conditions. The children were taught to be helpful and were instructed in the early school branches. The clothing was home made and with a large family this entailed much work and care for the mother. Our food consisted of bread and other articles made from flour, vegetables, chickens and eggs with fresh meat and fish when they could be obtained. The most common vegetables were taro and sweet potatoes and in the winter time there were garden vegetables such as corn, beans, beets, turnips, carrots, etc. Rice also was one of the staple articles. Rice was not grown in the Islands in those years but was imported from China and sometimes Carolina rice was to be had.

Paiai, made from taro cooked and pounded until it formed a hard stiff paste, was cut in slices and fried. We were very fond of Paiai cooked this way and eaten with molasses. Among the favorite dishes for supper was hard bread which was first softened with water and then simmered in hot milk. The bread was generally obtained from whalerships, and was the good old type which came in large round cakes about five inches in diameter and from three-fourths of an inch to an inch in thickness. These cakes were saturated and swelled

and softened, and then salted slightly and placed in the hot milk. When eaten a little sugar was sometimes added.

The sugar in common use was, of course, the brown sugar from the mill. White sugar was a luxury and was generally used only when we had company.

For many years we had no water available for irrigation and the summers were dry, but about October my father would have a garden prepared and beds made for vegetables, and with the first rains which came in November the garden seeds were planted. The boys as they became old enough, assisted in this garden work. We also milked the cows and made butter, swept the yards and performed most of the chores. Each child as it was able had its duties to perform.

This early training to be industrious and have a sense of care and responsibility was of great benefit. In the later days when Chinese servants, and afterwards Japanese, have become so easily available it is too often the case that children miss that training.

During the early days the missionary families often had to entertain company. Some of the visitors were acquaintances and friends and many were strangers. There were times the good mothers became weary with the extra work and care of entertaining strangers. The hospitality was given without grudging and the best things were offered to the guests, and many times the appreciation and kindness of the guests fully compensated for the labor; but there were instances of strangers going away and telling to "the luxury" in which the missionaries lived, little knowing how economies had to be practiced after their departure and of the weariness which they had caused.

Oil for illumination was whale oil which was dark colored and sticky, and the light given was dim. Sometimes by some good fortune sperm oil would be obtained which gave a much better light. When kerosene oil was first introduced it was quite a wonder. It certainly was a great improvement over the old whale oil lamps. Candles were kept for special occasions. Generally these candles were home made. It is a fact that generally the recollections of pleasant experiences are more enduring than of the unpleasant ones, and in reviewing the life of these days the recollections are in the main very pleasant. The home life was cheerful and was pervaded with a spirit of helpfulness.

W. O. SMITH,
Honolulu, January, 1915.

Kapaa Water Data

The current issue of the Hawaiian Forester & Agriculturist contains the following with reference to water in the Kapaa stream:

"Chairman Waterhouse advised that as per letter from the Governor dated February 25, 1915, he had approved of an allotment of \$700 for the purpose of covering the equipment and expenses incident to the installation of stream gauging stations to be established on the two main branches of the Kapaa stream, Kauai, by the Division of Hydrography during the six months period ending June 30, 1915."

Further along, the report says: "Equipment for two continuous record measurement stations on the two main branches of the Kapaa River above all diversions, and homesteads, has been ordered and these stations will furnish run-off data of the Kapaa river which will be of great value to homesteaders and to the Territory, in adjusting future water distribution."

MONEY FOR SCHOOLS

Senator M. A. Mikale has introduced the following self-explanatory bill in the Legislature:

Section 1. Whenever appropriations have been made by the Legislature for new buildings, repairs and maintenance of buildings and grounds and new grounds furniture and fixtures, for the County of Kauai, pursuant to the heading known as "Special Fund" of the School Budget as provided by Chapter 25 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii of 1915, and no moneys for such purposes are immediately available in said County, the Supervisors of said County may advance the funds required for such purposes from the current funds in the treasury of said County, either on special or general deposit, in which case such general or special accounts from which said funds have been so advanced, shall, on the receipt of taxes be reimbursed.

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