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## NEAR WHOLESALE MURDER IN KALIHIWAI VALLEY

### Murderous Robbers Kill Man And Probably Woman, Shoot or Otherwise Wound Boys And Try to Burn Them All in Their Home—Four Arrests Are Made.

One of the most shocking crimes in the recent history of Kauai took place in Kalihiwai valley last Wednesday evening, as a result of which a well-known and prosperous Japanese farmer is dead, his wife is at death's door in the hospital, three boys are wounded and four Filipinos are in jail, two of whom have confessed to their respective parts in the affair.

The first man to confess was one Juan Conoel and the second Panajano Colaste. The other two men held are Feliciano Hirona and Florentino Alicia. Conoel, Alicia and Hirona belong to a desperate Filipino tribe known as the Bicolanas. Colaste is a Pasayan, supposed to be a more peaceful and law-abiding tribe. All of the men have been working for Kilauea plantation, although Conoel had been laid up for sometime on account of arsenic poisoning.

The story as far as it has worked itself out is as follows: Last Wednesday evening shortly after dark the men met in the cane field back of the Hawaiian church, and from there went up Kalihiwai valley, two or three miles, to the grass house of Wada, a rice planter and truck gardener. Wada, his wife and three sons were at home—one of the latter about 17 years of age, the second about 13 and the third about 9.

They reached the place between 8:30 and 9 p. m. It is stated that here one of the men (thought to have been Juan) stopped outside, while the other three entered the house. The youngest boy, who happened to be sitting at a table facing the door, eating his supper, saw the Filipinos creeping in and called out to his father, who was reclining on a raised bed. "Father, here are the Filipinos."

The man started to get up and as he did so, one of the Filipinos

opened fire with a revolver and shot him dead, the ball taking effect in the right of the forehead.

The raiders began to yell out that they wanted money. The oldest boy handed one of them \$1.50, saying that that was all they had. The Filipino replied, "You have more money," but the boy declared that there was no more. With that the Filipino shot him in the right side over the three top ribs, the bullet glancing across the breast and lodging under the skin at the left side without penetrating the body. The boy dropped to the floor and pretended to be dead.

Several more shots were fired around the room, apparently to thoroughly frighten the others in the house, during which the second eldest boy was shot through the fleshy part of the neck, beneath the chin.

One of the raiders then took up an iron bar, which is supposed to have been in the house, and knocked a large hole in the back of the head of the wife of Wada, and crushed the skull in three other places.

At that point the smallest boy got his father's purse and handed it to one of the Filipinos (It is said to have contained \$28.) The raiders then struck the boy across the head with fists, knocking him senseless.

Then they went outside and set the grass house afire in several places, making a hasty get-away afterward.

They undoubtedly believed that the entire household would be burned in the conflagration which they had started.

The oldest boy, however, who had been shot on the breast and had been pretending to be dead, sprang up and dragged the body of his dead father, his dying mother.

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## A BUSINESS BLOCK FOR LIHUE CENTER

The Lihue Plantation Company has practically decided to move the stables from the location on the road almost opposite the rear of Lihue store to a piece of lowland near Lihue mill, which it is proposed to fill. The move is to be made both as a matter of convenience, and with the further object of removing a somewhat uncomely nest of structures from a locality which it is the intention to improve and beautify as much as possible.

Following up the latter idea, plans are being considered for a handsome, reinforced concrete business block, two stories high, on the lot now occupied by the stables, running down and taking in a part of what is now Hale Hooni theater. The lower floor of the building will be occupied by a restaurant, a coffee shop and store, barber shop, tailor shop, cobbler's shop, carpenter shop and some other enterprises. On the upper

floor it is planned to construct lodge rooms for societies, have an art gallery and a few offices for other purposes.

The plan carries with it the removal of the Hale Hooni theater entirely, but its place will be taken, at the corner, by the beautiful new theater mentioned in another article in this issue.

When the new building is finished and occupied, the present Lihue Coffee Shop building and other small structures in that neighborhood will be cleared away, and other improvements will be planned for that locality.

## Dr. West's Father Dead

Thomas D. West of Cleveland, a world authority on iron and steel manufacture, died last Friday following an automobile accident. Dr. West of Makaweli, Kauai, his eldest son, was notified by cable.

## Baseball Next Sunday

The baseball games next Sunday will be as follows: Makaweli and J. A. C., at Makaweli; Mc-Bryde and Lihue at Lihue.

## TODAY'S AND LATEST NEWS BY WIRELESS

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Honolulu—Late yesterday Jack Scully was sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for eighteen months for his part in the recent opium and hold-up scandals, Judge Clemons passing sentence. He has appealed to the United States court of appeals. Scully is almost a physical wreck.

### Oregon Cuts Off Carranza

Washington—Carranza is cut off on an island in the harbor of Vera Cruz by Oregon, and the latter is now commander of strategy in that city.

It is hoped here that this situation means peace in Mexico. The Villistas were defeated by the Vaquios and the outbreak on the west coast seems to be really serious.

### An Undersea Volcano

Tokio—Steamers arriving at Japanese ports today report a great upheaval at sea about 150 miles from this island. Columns of fire were shot up through the sea, and clouds of dust and smoke at times veiling

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## FIRST MEETING OF ACCIDENT BOARD LIHUE WILL HAVE A REAL THEATER

Members of the Industrial Accident Board held a meeting in the Waimea court house Thursday afternoon, immediately following the session of the Chamber of Commerce, and effected temporary organization.

The following were elected temporary and permanent officers, subject to confirmation of the body when permanently organized on July 1: L. D. Timmons, chairman, E. E. Mahlum, secretary.

Before adjournment the chair announced that the secretary would receive at any time proofs of financial responsibility or other papers which corporations or individuals might wish to file prior to July 1; although they would not be officially acted upon until July 1.

## Lihue School Closing

Closing exercises will take place at the Lihue public school Thursday afternoon, beginning at 1:15 o'clock. The public are cordially invited to be present.

## Fats And Slats

The "fats" and "slats" had a go on the Makaweli baseball grounds Sunday afternoon, the latter winning, 14 to 13. Huddy and Kanaka formed the battery for the winners while Havselden and Furtado was the "fat" battery. The hospital reports that there were no casualties.

## Coming Tomorrow

The following will be among the number to arrive in the Kinaiu tomorrow morning: Chas. Gav, W. T. Frost, Miss Danford, Lung Hwai Chew, Goo Wah Chang, Hans Hansen, C. Jacobsen, A. Robinson, M. Coney, S. Osaki, S. Shirai, Miss Marion Parish, Miss S. Purvis, Sid Spitzer, Miss Kaiwi, Wu Kupuua, Manuel Fernandez, Miss C. Keilakai.

## Port Allen Shipping

The schooner, Prosper, which arrived on the 16th, is discharging 900,000 feet of lumber. She came from Port Townsend. The W. F. Jewett is discharging 600,000 feet at Waimea. She arrived on the 17th, from Port Angeles.

The steamer Helene arrived Saturday night from Honolulu with coal for Port Allen and Waimea.

The freighter Francis Hanifi will arrive at Port Allen Friday morning from Honolulu and the coast.

Lihue will in all probability have the beautiful, modern theater which has for so long been the plea of this paper. Rev. Hans Isenberg, Mrs. Isenberg and Hon. Paul D. R. Isenberg, in particular, and the stockholders of Lihue Plantation Company, in general, have become much interested in the subject, and tentative plans are now well under way.

The theater building will occupy the right corner at the lane mauka of the present Hale Hooni, and will be almost directly in front of the head of the street leading up from Nawiliwili by the bank and Lihue store. In that position it will be conspicuous, and it is needless to say, perhaps, with a knowledge of the people behind the plan, that it will be a beautiful structure.

As now planned the theater will be of reinforced concrete and as nearly fire-proof as possible. It will have a sloping floor, orchestra pit, galleries, stage and settings for any class of entertainment and an easy seating capacity of 500. In general design, neatness and beauty it will not have its superior in the Islands outside of the Royal Hawaiian Opera House at Honolulu.

It is understood that architects at Honolulu will in a few days be requested to draw up definite plans for the theater, and that the work of constructing it will begin at a date in the early future.

## Rev. Mr. Damon Dead

Rev. Frank W. Damon, father of Mrs. Dr. Putman, died in Honolulu this morning. Mrs. Putman is already here and Dr. Putman will leave for the city tonight. In the latter's absence E. Hoffman, of Kealia, will look after the sick of Lihue.

## Some Big Baseball

The Japanese and a team of Portuguese managed by J. B. Fernandez will play baseball at Koloa on July Fourth and at Lihue on the 5th. Henry Bushnell, of Honolulu, will pitch for the Portuguese while the famous southpaw, Sueda, will twirl for the Japanese.

Arthur H. Rice, of Honolulu, came up on the W. G. Hall Friday morning to visit his relations, returning to the city Saturday night. He was accompanied back by Harold W. Rice, of Maui, who has also been visiting his old home.

## M'BRYDES ARE CHAMPIONS OF THE FIRST SERIES

### Defeat The J. A. C. Team in a Swift and Terrific Battle on the Lihue Grounds Sun- day Afternoon Before One of Kauai's Largest Crowds Of Fans.

Quite the largest crowd of the season turned out Sunday afternoon at Lihue park to witness the championship contest between the McBryde and J. A. C. baseball teams. Automobile row was jammed to the limit and machines were drawn up in the far outfield toward the county building, while the grandstand and neighboring grounds were crowded. The audience was, for the most part, an orderly one, although a noisy Japanese in the auto line drew the attention of the police for a short time.

The weather could not have been better. McHeula and D. Wm. Dean were the umpires.

Both teams played little short of desperately, although, as usual, numerous errors crept in. At the start of the Japanese had much the best of it, and for a long time it looked as though it was their game. Near the end, however, they seemed to weaken, made several fierce errors and the McBrydes pulled rapidly ahead. The game progressed as follows:

First Innings: McBrydes to bat; Costa fanned; Takeuchi singled; Spalding died at first and Gabriel fanned. Japanese to bat, Takitani hit safe, and Kuwamoto got the sack on a fumble by pitcher. Nagahasi failed at first. Kobavashi flew out to Spalding and Kuwamoto was thrown out at second.

Second Innings: Lorenzo reached first on error of Take; Perriera fanned; Ako fouled out. Lorenzo was thrown out trying to steal the plate. Japanese up, Take hit safe, but was thrown out, catcher to second. Watase out, pitcher to first; Sueda out, short to first.

Third Innings: Pacheco out, pitcher to first; Ako flew out to Takitani; Costa fanned. For the Japanese, Inoshita singled, but on Ohama's out to second, was retired at first. Takitani walked at this point Kuwamoto drove for three bags, scoring Takitani and then stealing the plate himself. Nagahasi died at first.

Fourth Innings: Takeuchi singled and on overthrow third to first, made second. Spalding flew out to Kuwamoto, and Takeuchi ran in. Gabriel flew out to Kobavashi and Lorenzo fanned. Japanese to bat, Kobavashi fanned, while Take and Watase both went out pitcher to first.

Fifth Innings: Perreira flew out to pitcher, Ako pitcher to first and Pacheco fanned. At this point, Sueda, first man up for the Japanese scored a complete home run, far to right field. Inoshita was retired, catcher to first. Ohama fanned. Takitani walked again. Kuwamoto was retired pitcher to first.

Sixth Innings: Ako fanned. Costa flew out Watase to first. Take (Continued on page 2)

## MATTERS DISPOSED OF BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Kauai Chamber of Commerce met in regular session in the court house at Waimea, at 3:30 p. m. of this day. President F. L. Putman in the chair.

Mr. D. P. R. Isenberg was elected to membership.

The first matter taken up was the endorsement of a candidate to be appointed by the governor to represent the island of Kauai in the Hawaii Promotion Committee at Honolulu. The chair announced that Messrs. Wishard and McBryde, a committee of the Board

of Supervisors on the same matter were present, and it was incumbent upon the chamber to select a committee of its own to confer with that committee. Messrs. H. Rohrig, R. L. Hughes, Frank Crawford and T. Brandt were named on the committee, and a recess of five minutes was taken in order that the joint committee might confer and report.

Upon the return of the committee it submitted the name of D. P. R. Isenberg as the choice for representative in the Hawaii Promotion (Continued on page 3.)

## IMPORTANT POINTS IN THE NEW COMPENSATION LAW

The new workmen's compensation law, which will go into effect on July 1, will affect practically all employers of labor on Kauai, and employers who do not thoroughly understand the law should lose no time in acquiring information concerning it. The law in full is quite lengthy, but the following extracts from it will give a fair idea of its principal points:

The new Compensation Law (Act 221), creates what is generally known as "Workmen's Compensation Insurance," which means that the employer shall pay "compensation" for every accident, excepting only when caused by the employee's willful intention or his carelessness or his intoxication. The law will be administered (Continued on page 4.)