

## THE GARDEN ISLAND

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### The Civic Convention

The next big excursion to Kauai will be that of the Civic Convention, September 25 and 26; and indications already are that this island will entertain between 150 and 200 prominent business men of all the islands at that time. It is of the greatest importance that this entertainment be of the whole-souled, Kauai brand, and that the convention itself prove a record-breaker in the matter of interesting and profitable discussion and results. Of course much of the program will come from the outside, but the general success of the Convention will depend upon local activities.

It is understood that a meeting of the general arrangement committee will be held Thursday afternoon of this week, and at that time all of the other committees will be named. The work of this general committee would be greatly facilitated if members willing to serve would ring up Dr. F. L. Putman, or the secretary, this afternoon, tomorrow or Thursday, and so signify. There need be no timidity or bashfulness in this matter, it being a work for the public good.

Letters arriving already from Honolulu, Maui and Hawaii indicate that interest is very much alive on the subject of the big rally at Lihue, and we hope that general enthusiasm among our own people may be awakened without delay.

WHATEVER CHANCES H. P. Wood may have had of making a success of promotion locally, those possibilities are knocked in the head completely by the signed report, or statement, of a majority of the Promotion Committee, published last Tuesday; and the sooner the whole matter is closed up the better for all immediately concerned and the nerves of the public. The Committee is undoubtedly sound in the contention that a most important part of the work of its bureau is right here in the Islands, and that that part of the business has been badly neglected. Our sympathies are cordially with Mr. Wood and his mainland promotion ideas, but our judgment wanders off, somehow, in the direction of a more definite and aggressive policy of taking care of tourists after they arrive in the Islands than the retiring secretary has proved able to put forward.

WE REFERRED sometime ago to the probability that the problem of obtaining beet seed from Germany would soon be overcome; that unprecedented sowing would likely follow the opening of the seed market; and that this was one of the things our local planters should reckon with in calculations for the future. The following, sent out from Washington on June 2, bears us out in the matter: "As a result of reports of a sugar beet seed scarcity the British foreign office Wednesday notified the state department that it would not interfere with seed shipments from Germany if it were shown that they were unobtainable elsewhere, provided they went through neutral ports and no commodities were given in exchange."

WHILE OUR good people are planning improvements for Lihue and neighborhood, attention should be given to the important matter of water. The water on the Grove Farm side of the town is excellent, but the same cannot be said of the supply in the business and most thickly populated sections of the community. The water in Lihue proper is not what it should be; in fact it is very bad at times. This should not be, especially in view of the fact that very excellent water is to be had. We hope that serious consideration may be given to this matter, and that Lihue, while having the best of many other good things, may also have the best of water.

THE RETIRING Board of Supervisors has earned the "well done" of Kauai people, and we believe that its excellent work is generally appreciated. We believe that the Kauai board is the only one in the Territory which has not come in for criticism of one kind or another in the past two years; and in giving such general satisfaction in every respect its members are to be heartily congratulated. It is a satisfaction, in view of these facts, that a majority of the old board will continue on as members of the new board.

THE KAUAI High and Grammar School has closed its first year. A year ago there were those doubtful as to its future—doubtful that a high school could be made a success in a community so small and so peculiarly constituted as this one. The complete success of the venture must be a matter of especial satisfaction to the optimists of that period. Undoubtedly the school has proved all that had been hoped for it, and its future is assured.

HILO IS SHOWING considerable spunk in establishing a promotion committee of her own at Honolulu; but after all that seems to be about the only way the outside islands can hope for their just share of the tourist business. The experiment will be watched with interest.

KOLOA PLANTATION is the last of the sugar companies on this island to declare dividends, so that Kauai now has not a single large estate but will "make good" this year. The war which has brought so much suffering and loss to Europe has resulted in tiding many a sugar plantation through the year.

WHAT WAS this work "the delegate" did at Washington for which he received a fee of \$750 from the Honolulu brewery? The people of Hawaii have a right to know.

JESS WILLARD got \$26,000 for his four-hours fight with Jack Johnson. That's more than some newspaper editors make in four months.

WE WONDER if the new Board of Supervisors will have the nerve to tackle an estray ordinance for Kauai?

WHY, CERTAINLY, not all Filipinos are bad; but some of the bad ones on Kauai are fearfully bad.

WITH ALL TEAMS strengthened it begins to look as though Kauai is to witness some classy baseball in the second series.

### The Hyades Coming

The freighter Hyades probably reached Honolulu today and will come to Port Allen about Thursday or Friday. She has 175 tons of merchandise for Kauai.

### Waimea Hotel At Fair

Resident Commissioner H. P. Wood writes to C. W. Spitz from the Exposition at San Francisco that in the series of views of Kauai made up by R. K. Bonine for exhibition at the fair, the one of the Waimea hotel occupies a conspicuous position.

### Normal School "Grads"

There will be 28 graduates of the Normal School at Honolulu this term, as follows:

Clifton Yamamoto, William Werner, Michael Duson, George Kekauoha, Alice Lee, Helen Poe-poe, Ella Kau, Juliette Kau, Mary Hobbolokalani, Hattie Silva, Louise Cropp, Eva Ornellas, Emily Raposa, Tsuruyo Morita, May McGowan, Kino Uno, Annie Ah Sam, Lizzie Deibert, May Christain, Ruth C. Soper, Louise Churchill, Rita Canairo, Matsuyo Sakuma, Esther Hofgaard, Masae Tanaka, Rose Goo, Thelma Murphy and Rose Tolbert.

## Stories of Wailua, Kauai

By L. A. Dickey.

At the annual meeting of the Kauai Historical Society held last Thursday evening Judge L. A. Dickey read a paper on the history of the ancient rendezvous known as Wailua, which, owing to its interesting character, will be reproduced in these columns in instalments. The first instalment is as follows:

While seeking to learn different forms of Hawaiian cats-cradle I was shown by a Koloa woman a series of string figures that she called Wailua-nui and accompanied with these words:

"Wailua nui lanai  
E ku i ka maka o Uluena.  
Huluena la o ka Manuena.  
O Makakii ka wena."  
Great Wailua lanai  
That stands in the eye of Uluena  
Huluena and Manuena.  
And Makakii between.

"O Nounou, O Aahoaka.  
O kuamoo loa o Kane."  
O Nounou, O Aahoaka.  
O great path of Kane.

Turning the hands with the string down we get:  
"Hale o Kulanihaka."  
House of Kulanihaka.  
and then, by pushing two loops together:  
"Punawai o Makena."  
Spring of Makena.

These words tell no story but are unemphatic references to places in Wailua which doubtless were full of suggestion in ancient times.

It was in trying to learn of the places referred to in this cats-cradle, that, though failing to locate all the places, I came interested in the large number of stories connected with Wailua.

If a line be drawn across the valley from Mopua, the south part of Nounou Hill to Mt. Kapu on the south side of the river, approximately all makai of this line is the Wailua nui lanai referred to in the cats-cradle, also, called Wailua nui hoano or sacred Wailua, a land tabu to common people. It is said to be named after an ancient chief named Wailua-nui-hoano.

This is the ancient capital of Kauai. While no one was recognized as a chief unless born in the District of Puna, all chiefs should if possible be born in Wailua hoano and at a very definite spot just mauka of the coconut grove. This and Kukaniloko in Waialua, Oahu are the two most famous birthplaces of chiefs in all the Hawaiian Islands. These birthplaces were thought to add some special divine gift to the sacred place occupied by a tabu high chief. Here all the kings of Kauai were born, from earliest times to King Kaunuaalii.

Uluena is far up the mountain at the sources of the Wailua River. Manuena is a cave on the makai side of Mopua Hill. Huluena I have not located but according to the cats-cradle it should be on Kepu Hill. Makakii is perhaps another name for the locality where the kings were born. Aahoaka is the well known hill between the forks of the Wailua River. Nounou the hill back of Waipouli and Kapaa. The Kuamoo loa of Kane is the upper part of the ridge between the Wailua River and Opai-kaa Stream. The spring of Makena is at the bottom of the river not far above the poi factory. The house of Kulanihaka I have not located.

It is not easy to arrange the stories connected with Wailua in any logical order. In a rough way we may begin with the beach and work mauka, though a story, once begun, may cover many localities. This beach of Wailua is famous in story. Here Vancouver landed in 1793. Here the sorcerer Naula-a-Maihea was thrown up alive by a whale which had swallowed him near Oahu. Here many of the ancient voyagers from Kahiki from whom the Hawaiians are descended, landed.

A little east of the mouth of the river on its south side is Hauola,

an ancient city of refuge. Here a murderer of one liable to death because of violating a kapu might flee from the pursuer and be safe. The gates were always open for the fugitives who rush in, hasten to the principal idol to thank it for safety and after remaining within the walls a few days would be immune and might leave. Inside the walls were houses for the priests and for refugees. There is also a pohaku piko here. In the southeastern part is the heiau, Hikina-akala, a long, narrow heiau, containing graves of a family that desecrated it by cultivating within its walls. It is reported that on the nights of Kane the sound of drum and ukeke, played by spirits, may still be heard at Hauola.

Stretching north across the mouth of Wailua River from Hauola is a line of rocks with strange markings on them that may be seen when the rocks are exposed and wet. They are said to have formed part of the wall of the city of refuge when the course of the river was different. These are called "Pae mahu o Wailua, also paikii or pictured rocks. It is said that a sculptor of ancient times, carving idols, could only make one to suit him and threw the others away. These rocks are some of them, the marks being the hieroglyphics of the ancient sculptor.

Again, it is said that these stones are the eight brothers of Maui. Maui wished to bring the Hawaiian Islands together and for that purpose to catch the powerful fish, Luehu, which if hooked would cause all the islands to draw together. This fish could only be caught on the night of Lono and Maui would go out each month on that night with his eight brothers to fish for it. The alae birds or mudhens of whom also there were nine, hindered the fishing. They would count the men in Maui's canoe and when there were nine would say "There go Maui and his eight brothers," and would then start a fire and cook sweet potatoes. This fire would give notice to the Luehu that Maui was out in his canoe and the big fish would escape. The alae birds were the only creatures who knew how to make fire so their signal could not be mistaken. Hina, Maui's mother, advised him of a plan to learn how to make fire and also prevent the warning being given to Luehu, so Maui made an image of wood and put it in the end of his canoe where he usually sat and sent his brothers out into the Wailua Bay to fish as usual. He, himself, however, got into a hole he had dug at the usual feasting place of the alae, covered his head with sweet potato vines and waited. His mother had told him that the smallest alae bird was the captain, and the one to catch. The birds counted those in the canoe and found nine, because of the wooden image, and gathered sweet potatoes and started their feast. Then Maui darted from his hiding place and with some difficulty caught a young alae in what is now a taro patch near the Holo-holo pohaku-piko. Here he demanded the secret of fire. The bird told that the fire could be made by rubbing sticks together, but at first lied about the kind, naming api, taro stalks and banana stumps. Maui tried all these without success but without letting the little bird escape. Then at last the bird told him to try a kind of wood called pua and fire came. Maui rubbed the head of the bird with a burnt stick until the blood came and the alae has ever after borne the red mark.

This exploit also put an end to the warnings of the alae to the big fish and the next time Maui went fishing he caught it on his hook. His mother Hina had told him not to disturb any bailing dish he might find floating in the water at the mouth of the Wailua River as this would be her beautiful sister Hina-ke-kaa. However, when Maui saw a dish for bailing out canoes floating near, he told his brothers not to look behind them on pain of death and picked up the bailing dish and put it behind him in the canoe where it turned into a beautiful woman.

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