

THE CROWN LANDS.

TO BE ADDED TO THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

And Thrown Open For Settlement—About 1,700,000 Acres Now Owned by the Government.

Commissioner of Crown Lands, C. P. Laukae will leave for Waimea, Hawaii, next week to make the first start in the Government's new policy of opening up the crown lands for settlement.

The utterances of the Star have been towards this consummation and it can credit to itself somewhat of the popularity of the project.

In a few weeks the crown lands will be incorporated in the public domain and treated as such. Both government and crown lands then being the same category, all that is not at present leased will be put on the market for lease or sale.

There are 985,000 acres of crown lands on all these islands.

Of this, 650,000 acres are on Hawaii, 66,000 acres on Maui, 22,000 acres on Molokai, 23,000 acres on Lanai, 70,000 acres on Oahu and 154,000 acres on Kauai.

All but 94,000 acres of this land are under lease, and all of the unleased land except 2,400 acres is on Hawaii.

The intention of the Government is to secure a surrender from the present holders of large leases by offering such terms as will better pay them than what the income of their lands is at present.

He pays just \$250 per year, but he is not allowed to sub let or assign. He holds therefore control of about 100,000 acres. The Government could easily afford to pay him quite a sum and yet make a big profit by securing smaller holders of the lands.

Besides the crown lands, the lands now owned by the Provisional Government in these Islands amount to 828,000 acres. Of this amount, 588,000 acres are on Hawaii, 111,000 acres on Maui, 30,000 acres on Lanai, 20,000 acres on Molokai, 30,000 acres on Kahoolawe, 25,000 acres on Oahu, and 21,000 acres on Kauai.

The tracts of land to be put on the market in the Waimea District of Kohala, Hawaii, as well as that covered by future leases, are to be let under very advantageous terms. They will be divided into twenty-acre lots, and for the first three years no rent will be charged and the only expense will be the taxes to be paid by the lessee.

After this period has elapsed, one dollar per acre per annum will be charged, and at the end of thirty years the land will again revert to the Government. Special conditions must be observed by the lessee in regard to planting a certain number of deciduous trees in order to clothe the soil anew, which has been denuded of forest.

The intention is to get those certain agricultural portions of the crown lands away from the present large holders and place them in a position so that small landholders can obtain them. The income from the crown lands, at present, does not average five cents an acre, and upon the theory that the agricultural portion amounts to one-tenth of the total land, there would be an income of \$100,000 yearly to one dollar per acre per annum, instead of \$48,000, the present income.

There is no better example of the advantages of the homesteading and dividing up of the present large tracts than what is now presented in the Olaa lots in Puna, Hawaii, on the Volcano road, commencing eleven miles from Hilo and extending to within five miles of the crater. The wonderful effects of the settling up of this tract has been explained in the newspapers. Of 383 fifty-acre lots laid out a year ago, 150 have been taken under leases which provides free rental for the first three years, and \$2.00 per acre per annum for the rest of the 30 years, and, if a bona fide resident, only \$1.50 per acre per annum.

There are a number of Portuguese settlers who pay \$5 an acre in Kula, Maui, for raising corn and potatoes, and the opening of the lands as above will be a godsend to these people. There is also a large number of young men who are anxious to go to farming, but under the past conditions they could not find it profitable.

Now a young man employed in Honolulu can put his little savings into a homestead on Hawaii and, by raising coffee and pine-apples, secure to himself a snug fortune. He need not occupy the land himself, but hire the cultivation from Japanese under the cooperative plan. The vast possibilities of the land-opening and homesteading, which is now to be inaugurated, have only been touched upon in a general way, but from time to time we shall give further news as the work progresses.

New England and Hawaii.

At a meeting of the New England Historic Genealogical Society at Boston, on the 3rd inst., papers were read on "The Relations of New England to Hawaii," by Rev. E. G. Porter of Dorchester, Rear Admiral Geo. E. Belknap of the Navy, and Jas. F. Hunn-mill of Charlestown.

Not Decided.

Jonathan Shaw was looking over affairs in the Tax Office to-day, but has not decided whether he will accept the position of Tax Collector that was tendered to him or not.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Report of the Executive Officer—California Lepers and Molokai.

At the meeting of the Board of Health the following report was received, and the succeeding letter filed:

C. B. REYNOLDS, Esq., Executive Officer of Board of Health.

Sir:—My report of inspection for the week ending May 16, 1893, is as follows:

At the slaughter-house, Kahooloa, there have been inspected 138 bullocks, 18 calves and 232 sheep.

Twenty-nine Maui and 8 Molokai bullocks were free from disease; 21 head from Hawaii had 2 with abscesses of liver, the rest good; 45 head from Oahu had 12 sound, 33 with the fluke disease and 12 with abscess of liver; of 35 head from Kahoolawe 8 had abscess either of the liver or of parts attached to it. Dr. Andrews examined one of these cases. Most of the Kahoolawe liver were condemned from their unhealthy appearance. Some of the Oahu cattle that were sent by train were badly bruised, and portions of them were condemned.

Ten calves from Maui and eight from Molokai were in good condition.

The sheep were from Hawaii and Kahoolawe and were received on the 6th and 9th insts. Quite a number of them began to drop within the last day or two and have been killed off. Dr. Andrews visited the slaughter house at my request and examined some of the animals.

The swine received from some of the other islands were in better order than usual, and I hear of no disease in the lot now on hand.

The fish market has been visited daily. No complaints have been made to me of the quality of the fish or meat offered for sale.

Under the law to mitigate there have been three examinations with an attendance of twenty-seven persons.

Respectfully yours,  
G. W. C. JONES.

CLAUS SPRECKELS, Esq.—Dear Sir:

A few days since I addressed a communication to E. S. Pratt, Hawaiian Consul-General at this port, in relation to the lepers we have confined at the pesthouse in this city. The purpose of this was to have here about twelve of these unfortunate creatures, and the facilities are inadequate to their proper care. I understand that there is in the Hawaiian Islands a colony of some hundred lepers, where special attention is given them such as varied experience with this peculiar disease suggests as the most practical for the treatment and the comfort of the afflicted.

In view of this fact I suggested to Mr. Pratt that the city and county of San Francisco would like to arrange with the Hawaiian Government to take charge of the lepers at present here. A reasonable compensation would be allowed during their stay in the colony, and we could readily arrange for their transportation. Mr. Pratt has forwarded the communication to his Government for its consideration.

My object in writing is to interest you in the matter, and to ask you, as one of the city's prominent citizens, to use what influence you can toward a completion of the arrangement. You know the difficulties we labor under in this matter, and I am sure you can fully appreciate the advantages of an arrangement of this kind to all parties concerned.

Hoping you will give this request due consideration, and trusting to hear from you at an early date, I remain, yours truly,  
L. R. ELLERT,  
Mayor of San Francisco.

President Smith stated the Minister of Foreign Affairs had received a letter from Consul Pratt to the same effect.

It was also mentioned that Paul Neumann had been approached a month ago on the same matter.

The board determined they cannot act in the premises, and referred the matter to the Government. The Secretary was ordered to notify Claus Spreckels of their action.

Seeds of the blue gum and iron wood were presented by Commissioner Marsden for planting at the settlement for a windbreak.

Adjourned at 4:20 p. m.

CLAUS SPRECKELS AGAIN.

He Is Still Talking Up the Republic, With a Kaiulani Alternative.

Claus Spreckels is reported to have said that he will soon come out in an open letter in favor of a republic and against annexation.

It is also stated that his second choice, after a republic, is Kaiulani on the throne.

Meanwhile, the Provisional Government is not bothering about the future, as, in the event that annexation is deferred, it will hold its ground until political affairs in the United States are changed in Hawaii's favor. In the event that a republican name for the government is needed, the authorities will devise their own system of constitutional procedure and continue to hold the fort.

The Silver Service.

Persons who wish to subscribe their dollar to the Silver Service testimonial to the Hon. J. L. Stevens, late U. S. Minister, will find a list at the rooms of the Annexation Club and at the store of Henry Davis and Co., Fort street, Honolulu.

A Sun Halo.

An immense and brilliant ring about the sun appeared this morning at eleven o'clock. It had a radius of fifteen or twenty degrees. The phenomenon is believed to portend stormy weather.

Tax Delinquents

Deputy Weedon has completed the Tax Delinquent list for this district and it is now in order for those in arrears to step up and pay. It is about ten per cent larger than last year.

ASTOBOWEN AND SEWELL.

WHAT IS SAID OF THE EX-CONSUL-GENERAL.

Claimed by the Annexationist and Charged With Aiding the Royalist Propaganda.

The Washington dispatch which told how Secretary Gresham had repudiated the pretensions of Bowen and his companion in Hawaiian society, Harold M. Sewell, excited a great deal of amusement here. The exposure of Bowen in the STAR had prepared the public for something of the sort, though so complete an effacement of his standing with "my friend, Cleveland," was hardly looked for. The man whom the elephant stepped on and spread all over a five-acre lot was nowhere beside Bowen after the President, through his Secretary of State, had finished dealing with his official claims.

As to Mr. Sewell, one of his friends was heard in his defense yesterday. "I want to say," said this gentleman, "that Mr. Sewell never has professed to be an agent of President Cleveland. He roomed with Bowen in a cottage on the hotel grounds and was about with him a good deal; but he did not do anything to make people believe that he had come here in a semi-official character.

"It is not true, either, as they say in town, that Mr. Sewell is opposed to annexation. He has told me time and again that the United States ought to have these Islands, and that if the Hawaiians knew what is best for them they would be quick to surrender the flag. I consider him an Annexationist through and through."

Touching the latter point, a strange story comes from a correspondent at Maui as follows: "Harold M. Sewell, late Honolulu consul, and a guest of the Islands at present, has assumed the duty of lecturing the natives on the wretched condition they will be in when annexation comes. When in Maui last week he went to J. W. Kuluha, the ardent annexationist of Waikuku, and labored with him for a long time trying to convince him of the ill effects of annexation. Sewell said that the planters would be ruined, as they could have no contract labor; Mr. Kuluha replied that good, stable government was the first thing the people needed, and after that the question of contract labor could be considered and attended to. Sewell went away with a large-sized blazer in his eye."

It is also reported on good authority that Mr. Sewell has been in the habit of wearing royalist colors.

A STAR reporter who went yesterday to look for the ex-Consul-General and get his side of these stories, learned that he was out of town as a guest of Hon. H. A. Widemann, but would be back some time this week, when, no doubt, he would be glad to give his statement to the press.

One explanation of Mr. Sewell's course is that he is here as the correspondent of a New York paper and is maneuvering for royalist colors.

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

Co. A drills this evening.

Government band tonight.

Four of the clerks of the Pacific Hardware Company have resigned.

Augusta is preparing to "hand up the flag" for ex-Minister Stevens on his return to Maine.

There will be a table and a musical entertainment given May 25, in aid of the public library.

Silk annexation buttons can be had at the rooms of the Annexation Club. They bear the American colors.

Yesterday two cases of German measles, a light malady like the chicken pox, occurred at the barracks.

Dr. N. B. Emerson will read his paper on "The Long Voyages of the Ancient Hawaiians" at Y. M. C. A. Hall this evening, at 7:30.

The boys of Company A, regulars on duty at the Government building, were fitted out to day with new caps and American eagle buttons.

H. F. Wichman has met the Annexationist sentiment by producing a gold badge with the American colors, which sells at a low price and is a tasteful lapel ornament. He is about to try his artistic hand at Annexationist scarf pins.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions will be held on Friday morning, at 10 o'clock, in the vestry of the Central Union Church. The meeting will last all day. A cordial invitation is extended to all ladies interested in mission work—those from abroad as well as residents.

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BUSH HELD FOR TRIAL.

Other Matters in Police Court Before Judge Foster.

J. E. Bush was up on a preliminary examination before Judge Foster this morning (14th) in the first degree on the Provisional Government. When the Judge got through with "Holy Ned," the entry on his docket read, "The Court finds that there is probable cause to believe that conviction would take place before a jury," and so committed him for trial at the Circuit Court.

The charge against S. Monaki for murder was withdrawn and he waived examination on a new charge of manslaughter, and was committed to trial before the Circuit Court, with bail fixed at \$500.

Mrs. Albina Buck was yesterday committed to the Insane asylum. Ah Mun was arrested for doing hit this morning, and last night Ah Kin and Ah Man were taken in for the same offense.

ANOTHER OPIUM SEIZURE.

Eighty-four Tins of the Drug Found on the Australia.

Port Surveyor Sanders had hardly got through kicking this morning, over an alleged exaggeration of yesterday, concerning the extent of the opium seizure, than his regards brought word of 84 tins more of the dope being found in the steward's cabin. The amount discovered yesterday was about 190 tins (instead of 350 as the first reports said). A more minute search than ever has been instituted since this second lot was found and developments are looked for with every look that is lifted up. Immale that is "over hauled," this lot has been found in the steward's trunk amongst his wearing apparel.

Miss Susie Nelson, the stewardess of the Australia, was presented this afternoon for the unlawful possession of opium.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

The Herring Murder Case Comes Before Judge Cooper.

Sonora, the Carwright burglar, was sentenced to prison for three years by Judge Cooper this morning.

The entire day was taken up by the Herring murder trial. No jury was secured until about 4 o'clock when the Court adjourned till to-morrow.

Attorney General Smith is personally conducting the prosecution and C. W. Ashton appears for the defense. The wife of the prisoner Herring acts as his right hand as a sympathetic supporter.

IMPORTS AND CONSIGNEES.

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FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

THE SCHOONER LYMAN D. FOSTER ARRIVES.

The Home leaves with a Full Cargo—A Big Fleet on the Way—Other Wharf Jottings.

The American four masted schooner Lyman D. Foster, Captain Dryer, 51 days from Newcastle, N. S. W., anchored in the stream in the naval yard at ten o'clock this morning. The Captain reports an uneventful voyage with fair weather all the way.

The Inter-Island Steamship Company has purchased the coal from the consignees of the Lyman D. Foster. Doubts are expressed as to the safety of the Lamarna now long overdue from Newcastle to this port.

The bark Kithet and ship Greta moved over to the O. R. & I. Co's wharf to-day.

The Mary E. Foster takes 90 tons of coal to Kekaha Plantation, Kauai, to-morrow.

The Wm. K. Home with a big cargo of sugar got away at 12 o'clock.

The steamer Kilauea Hou is tied up in the stream.

The Boston is taking on 200 tons coal.

A busy day at the Oceanic wharf.

THURSDAY, MAY 18. TEMPERATURE, 71 to 81 P. M.—Weather, b. w. Wind light E.

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NAVY VESSELS. U. S. S. Boston, Day, Hilo. U. S. S. Adams, Nelson, San Francisco. U. S. S. Hycante, Maui, Honolulu.

FOREIGN VESSELS EXPECTED. Rk. Lamarna, Newcastle, O. Oceania. Am bk Albert, San Fran. Due Am bgr W. G. Irwin, San Fran. Due Am bk M. L. Matilda, Departure