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CLOUDY TITLES CLEARED

PRETTY HOMES NEAR PUNAHOU QUITE SAFE.

Lawyers Change Their Views After Carefully Reading the Decision Rendered in Court Yesterday.

The cloudy titles to the many pretty homes in Punahou, built on land which was originally owned by Hon. John H., has been cleared up in the decision rendered yesterday by the Supreme Court and exclusively published in The Star.

The impression at first existed among certain lawyers that the title to this land was affected, but today it is learned that such is not the case. The people who purchased parts of the H property and erected their pretty homes, are extending congratulations to each other upon the final outcome of the important suit, which involved the title to their properties.

The question which has just been unanimously decided by the Supreme Court was whether Mrs. Irene H. Brown and her children had a life interest only or whether the land of which Punahou is a part and inherited from her father, John H., belonged to her and her children in fee simple. The Court has taken the latter stand in the matter.

In consequence, the immense H land estates will come into possession of Mrs. Brown. She may do what she chooses with the land now. Before this opinion was rendered, purchasers of the H property were only certain that they had an interest in the property during the life of Mrs. Brown, and at her death they were uncertain as to whether they would be compelled to deed the property back to Mrs. Brown's children.

The Punahou land was sold by Chief Justice A. F. Judd, who is trustee of the land inherited by Mrs. Brown, to his brother, Charles F. Judd, and King Kalakaua for \$7,000. At the death of the King, his widow, Kapiolani, sold the land to satisfy his debts. It was purchased by ex-Queen Liliuokalani, who afterwards sold it to Bruce Waring & Co. for \$20,000. This sale took place two years ago, and the land has now been taken up by many people, who have erected handsome residences on the land.

PRIMARY SCHOOL CLOSED.

The primary annex to the High School has been temporarily closed, pending the action taken upon the report of City Physician Howard regarding the poor lighting facilities of the school, to be submitted to the Board of Health this afternoon. Dr. Sloggett visited this school yesterday, and made an examination of the building. He has placed his report with Minister Cooper.

A PLEASANT RECEPTION.

Rev. and Mrs. John Osborne received in the Sunday School room of St. Andrew's Cathedral last evening. There was a large gathering of Episcopalians and others to welcome the new vice-dean of St. Andrew's and his wife to Honolulu. A fine musical program was rendered. Refreshments were also served.

THE DATE IS SET.

The first concert of the Honolulu Choral Society will be given in the Opera House on Thursday evening of next week. Minister Cooper, Mrs. R. D. Wainbridge and A. St. M. Mackintosh have been entrusted with the arrangements of the concert. There were over 50 out to rehearsal last evening.

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NANIWA DROPS ANCHOR

JAPANESE WARSHIP BRINGS THE COUNCILLOR.

Akiyama Tells of His Mission to the Islands.—Japanese Press More Aggressive Than Government.

The much-talked-of Japanese cruiser Naniwa dropped anchor in the harbor shortly after 10 o'clock this morning, amid the booming of guns from the battery and from the warships already in the harbor. Her own guns answered, and there was a dipping of colors up and down the line.

A representative of The Star was received aboard with great courtesy by Capt. S. Kuro-oka, the commander, who presented him to Mr. M. Akiyama, the special agent of the Department of Foreign Affairs at Tokyo, who has been sent here to inquire into immigration matters. Both gentlemen talked very freely of their mission to Hawaii, giving expression to the most friendly feelings for the Republic and for the United States, and regret that there has been a misunderstanding.

"My mission here," said Mr. Akiyama, "is entirely of a friendly nature. The people of Japan have become very much wrought up over what they believe to be a high-handed and unjust action on the part of your Government in refusing to land emigrants who had every right to land here. The press has become very much inflamed, and advises stern measures, but I assure you, the press does not in any way reflect the sentiment of the Government. We are a peaceable nation, and all that we ask is justice. I have been sent here by my Government to ascertain the true facts in this matter. If the immigrants had no right to land, we shall have nothing more to say. If we find that they were illegally refused landing, and that the treaty was violated, we feel sure that we can get justice from the Hawaiian Government. This talk of war is all nonsense. Our mission is one of peace and not of war."

He speaks English very well, and shows a surpassing knowledge of Hawaiian affairs for one who has been abroad for so long.

Captain Kuro-oka, commander of the Naniwa, is on his first visit to Honolulu. His career as a naval officer was noted in yesterday's issue of The Star. He has twenty-nine officers on his staff in the Naniwa and 270 men in his crew.

Five newspaper correspondents accompany the Naniwa.

C. Saito, president of the Tokyo Immigration Company, and I. Segawa, manager of the Monoka Immigration Company, are also on board. They deny the report that they have brought back any of the rejected immigrants.

A MANIA FOR RINGS.

Sarah Kalanui Kalani, a young Hawaiian girl, was taken into custody yesterday by Detective Kaapa and held for investigation. Sarah was suspected of the theft of several rings belonging to Mrs. Mauiawa. When she was searched at the police station, the missing jewelry were found in her pockets.

SUGAR BEET INDUSTRY.

POMONA, Cal., April 16.—Chino sugar beet growers rejoice in the fact that this is by far the best season they have ever had for growing beets. The area of beet lands will be over 8000 acres, and it is believed that the great factory at Chino will open about the middle of July and will run to its full capacity until the middle of November. The factory is being put in readiness for producing over 27,000,000 pounds of sugar this year. It will handle this year from 1600 to 1800 tons of beets every twenty-four hours.

HEAVY FREIGHT TRAFFIC.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 16.—The Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamer Tenchin Maru arrived from Japan today, making the trip in eighteen days. She brought a full cargo of over 2500 tons and had to leave 200 tons of freight at Kobe for the next steamer, the Matsuyama Maru, due next week. The line now has more freight at both ends than it can handle, and the big new steamers are awaited with impatience. There is enough freight now here for this steamer's return cargo and enough more for the next one.

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PLANTERS PROVE SINCERE

MR. FITZGERALD RECEIVES ASSURANCES.

American Labor to be Employed on All the Plantations to the Exclusion of the Asiatic Hordes.

Labor Commissioner Fitzgerald will leave for San Francisco on the Australia today with every assurance that a market for American labor will surely be opened here in the very near future, and will be fostered and supported by the Government. He had his final conference with the planters yesterday afternoon, and they practically bound themselves to employ American labor in preference to either European or Asiatic labor whenever the opportunity offers. It was understood that as fast as the contracts of the Asiatics now employed on the various plantations expire, they will be sent home and their places filled with American laborers.

During his brief stay in the islands Commissioner Fitzgerald has succeeded practically in completely routing Asiatic labor. He has demonstrated to the planter that cheap labor in the end is more expensive and less satisfactory than white labor, and to the politician that the only hope for the annexation of the islands to the United States lies in the employment of American labor to the discouragement of the Asiatic serf. He has brought the labor question home to the people of Hawaii in such a manner that it must be made the issue of the day, and, as the champion of American labor, he has given the planters and Government to understand that unless American labor is employed on the plantations, he will raise a hue and cry among the laboring classes of the United States against annexation.

"From the assurances I have received today from the planters and from the Government," said the Commissioner last night, "I am now certain that they are sincere and earnest in this matter. I fully recognize the fact that the planters must be protected at all times, so that I cannot ask for any radical change in the employment of labor on the plantations. I know that it must be gradual, and I am willing that it should be so, so long as it is steady and continuous."

"A very large majority of the planters have pledged me their word, no later than this afternoon, that they will employ American laborers as fast as room can be made for them on the several plantations. They agree, first of all, to secure the 10 per cent of white laborers required by law from America, and to fill up with American laborers the places left vacant by Japanese whose contracts have expired."

"Some of the planters have frankly admitted to me that what they principally fear from the American workman is the strike. For that reason I say that they cannot be too careful in selecting Americans for the plantation work. They insist that I take the matter of supplying men from the American market in hand personally. To start the movement I am willing to do all in my power to this special end. Just now I am not in a position to make any promises, but if I can get my California work properly in hand, I may yet decide to act as the planters' San Francisco agent. This I will do because I feel that the Hawaiian Government is sincere and that it will in the future become a champion of American labor."

"I propose now, seeing the turn matters have taken, to defer making any report on my investigations for the present. Just as soon as the gates of Hawaii are really opened wide to the American laborer, I will make my report, and in it suggest that laborers all over the country fall in line and make a strong pull for annexation. This will become a great field for American labor, if opened; but it will become a threat and menace to American labor if it longer remains closed. The labor conditions here now are such that the American Government has stationed a warship here to protect the planter against his own laborer."

"I hope that the Hawaiian Government will never recede from the position it has taken on Japanese immigration, even though the Japanese government has sent a special Commissioner on a warship to demand an explanation. This Government can put an end to Japanese immigration now for all time, and it ought to strike while the iron is hot."

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THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

ENTRY BOOK OPENED TODAY AT THRUM'S.

Members of Five Clubs Will Take Part in the Struggle for the Championship—A Chance for Amateurs.

The entry book for the second tennis tournament given under the auspices of the Hawaiian Tennis Association, was opened today at Thrum's place on Fort street. A number of the Pacific Tennis Club members have already signed and a strong effort will be made to get as many members as possible of the Beretania, Valley, Punahou and Kamehameha Tennis Clubs to enter, in order that the interest throughout the tournament week will at no time be lagging.

The tournament will open one week from today. The entries will close at 4 o'clock next Monday afternoon. The 1896 rules will guide the players. It was the desire of the committee to play under the '97 rules, but it is impossible for them to arrive in time now. The matches will come off on the courts of the Pacific, Beretania and Valley Clubs. They will be played in the afternoons, commencing on Wednesday and continuing throughout the week.

The Association officers will have the finals take place on Saturday afternoon, so if the preliminaries are not finished by Saturday of next week, the finals will be continued over until the following Saturday. A toss-up will decide on which court the concluding games will be played.

There is but one hitch among the tennis players now and it will be necessary to call a meeting of the Association to decide the point. Several of the tennis men who will participate in the matches insist that Walter Dillingham, the champion of last year's tournament, should be compelled to take his chances in the preliminaries. To this the Pacific Tennis Club, of which Dillingham is a member, objects strenuously. This club says that Dillingham has already demonstrated his ability and that he should only meet the most expert player of the preliminaries in the finals. Some one has said that those who are afraid of Dillingham are well aware of the fact that he is not feeling well and if he is compelled to enter the contest next week my be forced to lose by default.

There were more new men entered in last year's tournament from the Pacific Tennis Club than any other club in the city. The result of this was that in the finals the Pacific Tennis Club players were compelled to pay among themselves. Every effort will be made this time to avoid a repetition this year. There were twenty-six participants in the first tournament. It is stated that there will be twice as many entries this time.

It is whispered in tennis circles that this year's championship lies between Dillingham of the Pacific, Shanks of the Beretania, Eugene Horner of the Punahou and B. L. Marx of the Valley Club. Other clever racket wielders who will try conclusions next week are: C. K. Hyde, S. G. Wilder, G. P. Wilder, W. H. Coney, W. B. Godfrey, D. Howard Hitchcock, C. H. W. Norton, C. W. Diekey of the Pacific Club; Eugene Horner and S. T. French of Punahou; Dr. A. E. Nichols, H. W. Mist, A. St. Martin Macintosh, Dr. H. W. Howard and S. M. Ballou of the Valley; C. H. Atherton, E. A. Mott Smith, E. H. Wodehouse, Ernest Ross, Sam Woods, and W. G. Singlehurst of the Beretania Club, and several from the Kamehameha Club.

Young Charles Hartwell, formerly a junior of the Pacific Club, but now of the Valley Club, promises to make an excellent showing.

Harold Dillingham, Wilder Wright and Willie Roth, juniors of the Pacific Club, will try for pairs.

George R. Carter and E. R. Adams may decide to enter the tournament.

J. G. Wood will officiate as general referee throughout the affair.

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THE INDIANA'S CLOSE CALL

AUGER HOLE FOUND IN THE BIG SHIP'S BOTTOM.

Dastardly Crime of Disgruntled Sailors.—The Leak Was Discovered in the Nick of Time.

Captain Lyle returned from Hilo this morning with the startling news that the leak in the big ship Indiana proved to be an auger hole, bored by some miscreant with the evident purpose of scuttling the ship. Fortunately Captain Colly discovered the leak in time, and had stopped it temporarily before the appearance of Captain Lyle on the scene, otherwise, the chances are that the big ship would have been on the bottom before the shipbuilder could have reached Hilo. Three of the crew suspected of having done the job, deserted after the discovery was made. One has since been captured, just before the Kinau left, but his fellows are at large.

The big ship had 1,800 tons of sugar in her hold when it was discovered that she was leaking. The water gained rapidly, although all of the ship's pumps were kept working day and night. It became necessary to secure a steam pump from the shore, at a cost of \$500 per day, and even then the hold could not be pumped dry.

On search being made, a clean-cut auger hole through the bottom of his ship, about 16 feet from the stem, and 3 feet from the keel was found. An inch-and-a-half bit had been used, making a clean hole through the planking, but only the worm penetrating the copper bottom. The hole was just forward of the sugar, within a few feet of it. A piece of the planking had been torn up and the hole bored between the ribs, where the thickness was only about four inches.

With considerable difficulty Captain Colly succeeded in plugging up the hole securely. Captain Lyle, when he arrived, finished off the job nicely, making the hull so tight that there was not a cupful of water in it when he left.

CLEVER SCORING ARRANGEMENT.

Gerrit Wilder has just completed a pair of tennis scorers, which he has placed on the Pacific Tennis courts to be in use next week. The scorer is a unique affair, and consists of a platform for the referee's chair. A pole runs up the back of the stand, with two cross bars appended at the top. On these bars will be suspended red and blue balls, which indicate the number of games won by each player. White balls will tell the number of sets won by the players. The new device will be a great benefit to those who watch the games.

COELHO TO BE SENTENCED.

Sentence will be passed on William J. Coelho, the ex-clerk of the Police Court tomorrow morning. It is presumed that Coelho, through his attorney, Charles Creighton, will make an appeal of his case to the Supreme Court. The vote of the jury was 9 to 3 for conviction.

A CORRECTION.

A morning paper credits The Star with having stated that the lands to be taken up by the Oahu Sugar Company would be affected by the decision in the Brown case. This paper stated just to the contrary, which is absolutely correct.

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