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THE SPIRIT OF YULE

JACK FROST'S ABSENCE FAILS TO AFFECT.

The Christmas sentiment abroad. Some compensations of the tropics. Store keepers satisfied.

Despite the lack of the outward and visible signs of Christmas as conventionally laid down in the story books, Honolulu bears upon its face within the past few days evidence of holiday festivity that is pre-eminently that of Christmas tide.

Sprigs of holly, cards with the legends "A Merry Christmas" or "Christmas Gifts," with here and there a Santa Claus or a representation of a snowy Christmas scene, are, aside from the nature of the goods offered for sale, about the only tangible evidences afforded of the merry season.

But that the Christmas feeling is paramount in the hearts of the people at large, is plain to see. To watch the crowds, young and old, fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, brothers, sisters and sweethearts going on shopping expeditions and returning home with mysterious bundles heaped high in their arms, shows conclusively that it takes more than mere differences of climate to eliminate the feeling of "Noel" from the citizens of this territory.

It is common to hear on the street, or in the car, some older man remark to his neighbor with reminiscences of the snowy landscape, frosty roads, and roaring fires of his younger days, "This doesn't seem a bit like Christmas, does it?" to which his neighbor replies "No, not a bit. But the seat beside both of them, and their own arms and laps, are filled with parcels that would half way stock a village toy shop if they were strapped, while in their inside pockets reposes some special Christmas token for her who was once their sweetheart now their wife.

All the family have different hours for their shopping. Last night an elegant child in a certain sense of the word, who was brought down last week to see the window displays so that fond parents might see what most caught their vagrant fancy.

Afternoons are devoted by the ladies to purchasing surprises for their husbands, present or future, brothers or fathers that need no secret buying. Sometimes the folks meet in the late afternoon and go home together when there is sly hiding of packages.

Hubby, when wise, bought his gift and smuggled it into the house weeks ago where he has hidden it, as he fondly imagines, safe from his wife's ken, while she, who will affect delighted surprise on Christmas morning, has long ago ferreted it out and replaced it exactly as it was. Oftener hubby leaves it until the last moment and comes home Christmas eve with a guilty look and clumsy attempts to divert his wife's attention from a palpable package in his pocket.

On the streets there are many children wide-eyed at the sights, some clinging to parental hands, others venturing on their own, in a certain sense of the word, whose pleasure in Christmas and its gifts is mostly confined to the imagination stirred by beholding them through the plate glass windows, Honolulu has but few of these home-bred, homespun scenes where some gift is not forthcoming and something extra provided for the meal. The very climate that makes it seem "not a bit like Christmas" bears to those who look beneath the heart of things a blessing in the absence of those waifs and strays of Northern Christmases, cold, hungry, ragged, freezing and starving to death, to whom the beautiful snow is too often greeted with a shudder and frost is a foretelling of misery. There are compensations in the tropics, and as a tram car was remarked, "There is ice on the sidewalks here in the early morning anyway."

Tonight will be the big night in town. Last night the jewelers, toy and book stores and dry goods emporiums were the most favored. Today comes the turn of the butcher, the grocer and baker and confectioner. There is little complaint among the shop keepers. Stringency tightened many purse strings but the spirit of Yule has loosened them again.

A LADY SAID. When she came into our store that she was surprised to see such an elegant stock of wall paper and after showing her the different designs we had her order. Best!

CONSTANT NECESSITY. A bath is in this climate a constant necessity. Taken at the Silent Barber Shop it is also a luxury.

THE LATEST FAD. Evening parties at the "Tea House" on the Heights is the latest fad.

Only a Few Left. THE ROOMS OF THE BOSTON BUILDING ARE NEARLY ALL TAKEN. THOSE DESIRING OFFICES IN A CENTRAL LOCATION WITH GOOD ELEVATOR AND JANITOR SERVICE CAN LEARN TERMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS BY APPLYING TO

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SIGHTS OF KEWALO

HONOLULU'S SUBURB VENICE IN MUD.

A Citizen Who Left Home With His Pants Under His Arm—Residents Renew Their Kicks.

A strange spectacle was witnessed this morning in Kewalo. It was a citizen of that happy suburb leaving his happy home to go to work. He held his pants under his arm and his shoes in his hand, and he waded to safety with an equanimity born of experience.

"How goes it?" shouted a passer-by in a buggy.

"O, maikai," said the citizen, who was a white man. "We are used to this."

When the citizen reached the Sanitary laundry building he laid his pants and shoes on a door way. Then he proceeded to wash his legs and feet at a faucet. This done he produced a towel from the back pocket of his pants, and used it on his legs and feet. The pants were then donned, the shoes put on, and the cheerful citizen proudly continued his way, looking with scorn upon other citizens too modest to adopt his methods of getting out of Kewalo.

"Why, there are fish that big in the streets of Kewalo," said one resident this morning, making a sign that indicated about 9 inches. "You can see the children fishing for them with lines. It may be great sport, but we would rather the fish were elsewhere. It may help the mother out if her children can drop a fish line and amuse themselves from the window, but the mothers would just as soon have more to do looking after the children, if they could live in a place less like a Venice with year's accumulations of mud and filth to make the water pleasant."

"I believe there are fish in Kewalo streets," said J. H. Boyd, Superintendent of Public Works, when told of the remarkable happenings in the bright little village. "But I wouldn't advise anyone to eat any of the fish. The fish at the sewer outlet are possibly not dangerous, but those that enjoy life in the thoroughfare of Kewalo must be. I took a drive there this morning."

"My buggy is a very high one, but it almost floated several times. If an ordinary express wagon were driven through the district, water would fill the body of the wagon and it would float. My buggy went into one hole in which I thought for a moment it was going to sink. The horse dragged it out, and I shall never forget the stretch that rose from the stirring depths. It was the limit. If earth holds a worse smell than that was, I hope I shall never encounter it."

The floods of Kewalo are permanent, but the present rain has added to them. People there now are confined to their homes. Some have moved away and rented rooms elsewhere, preferring to pay rent until they can get to their own homes without tackling the floods. Lanawai street, Ward avenue, Queen street and Cook street are all flooded. In some places the water is three or four feet deep, in others the depth is less, but the mud is not less objectionable.

Kewalo citizens have made many howls, and this morning they began a new one. As a result, the meeting of the Executive council this morning was largely devoted to Kewalo, and the district will probably be drained and improved at once.

AN EARLY CAR. A car on the Rapid Transit line will leave Alexander street tomorrow Christmas morning at 5 o'clock, for the accommodation of those who wish to attend the early morning service of the Second Congregation of St. Andrew's at 5:20 o'clock.

BIG FAMILY SAVED HIM. Ah Leong was before Judge Wilcox this morning to answer to a charge of larceny in the second degree. The defendant had been employed at the Hawaiian Hotel from where it was alleged, he had stolen about 25 cents worth of sugar. It was stated that Leong had a large family to support so, out of consideration for the family, a note pros. was entered.

CHISHOLM ESTATE. The final accounts of the Hawaiian Trust Company as executor of the estate of the late Alex Chisholm have been filed, with a petition for discharge. The accounts show all debts paid and no assets in the hands of the administrator.

GRAND SHOW OF XMAS GOODS. L. B. Kerr & Co., Ltd., Queen Street are showing a big variety of Xmas presents for old and young. For toys or useful articles for presents go to Queen street.

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Waes Hael! Drink Hael!

Filling both cups and saying in the Saxon fashion, "WAES HÆL, Sir Sluggish Knight!" he snatched his own at a draught.

"DINK HÆL, Holy Clerk of Copmanbairst!" answered the warrior, and did his best reason in a similar brimner.

The happy Christmas tide is here, WAES HÆL! With merriment and goodly cheer, DRINK HÆL!

Gaily sounds the joyous song, Old and young the strain prolong, Rich and poor in mingled throng, As, year by year, the yule tides glide, In merry vein these words have cried, WAES HÆL! DRINK HÆL!

This chorus of the Saxon's sturdy strain Reechoes down the eddying stream of time, His voice resounds o'er continent and main And mingles with our merry Christmas chime.

List to the bells, dear hallowed bells, that ring And gently tell their joyous message bright, List to the bells, list to the old waits sing, List to the merry round of Christmas night.

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If few bells ring upon Hawaii's shores, Hawaii's heart rings true to Christmas mirth, Hawaii loves, she fervently adores The yearly homage to the Savior's birth.

Dear Christmas tide! when heart strings are released, Dear Christmas tide! that cheers the world worn brain, Dear Christmas tide! 'tis not your joyous feast, 'Tis merriment makes me sing, your glad refrain—

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Honolulu, Christmas, 1901. —ALATAU T. ATKINSON.

NO POLO TO-MORROW OAKS FROM ACORNS

MYRTLE BENEFIT GAME HAS BEEN POSTPONED. The Grounds are too Wet to Make it Safe to Play The Game—New Years Day.

There will be no polo tomorrow, rain or shine. The low lying nature of the grounds at Kapiolani Park entirely prohibit the game being played in rainy weather and even were the rain to cease, the ground would be too slippery for any degree of either safety, interest or enjoyment. There was some little talk of postponing the match until Saturday but today's rain has caused that idea to be abandoned also, as it takes more than three or four days for the ground to dry up sufficiently.

The field had been changed for tomorrow's match owing to the presence of two big puddles in front of the goals which made scoring a difficult matter. The match has now been definitely put off until New Year's Day when it will be played unless the present rain continues steadily for the next three or four days, which will mean further postponement. The ground at Moanalua is now almost levelled and next season will see a perfect field that will readily drain away and be good to play on the day following a rain storm.

The wet weather, in a minor degree, will interfere with the baseball scheduled for tomorrow afternoon at Makiki between the nine of the visiting Fifteenth Cavalry, champions of the San Francisco Presidio and the police team. If Jupiter and Pluvius shows signs of any respect for the sports of the day the game will be played however at 3 o'clock. The local team has Joy for pitcher and Leslie for catcher.

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GAVE HIM SOME WORK. Juan Rivara a Porto Rican boy was given six months in the reform school this morning by Judge Wilcox. Juan came here originally with one of the detachments of Porto Rican laborers, and was given work on one of the plantations at \$7 a month. This work did not suit Juan, so he moved to Honolulu. Since his arrival here, he has been doing nothing apparently but hang about the water front.

THE TALK OF THE TOWN. Gruenhagens fine candies, none better to be had at the Fountain Ice Cream and Confectionery Department of Wall, Nichols Co., Ltd.

THE SEARCHLIGHT. Look out for the searchlight on the Heights.

A COMPLEX PROBLEM SAY HE JOBBED THEM

THE BISHOP ESTATE UNIVERSAL PLAYGROUND. FLYING JORDAN TROUPE WAS DISBANDED.

No Suitable Locations Present Themselves—Question of Cosmopolitan Character of Children a Grave One. Mile. Atlantis Says That Jordan Did Them Out of Their Salaries—She Had Benefit at Yokohama.

The discussion on the question of a public playground as provided for under the Bishop Estate trust and arranged by C. R. Bishop several years ago, has again come up among the trustees, but seems likely to fall of immediate fruition from the complex problems of location and utility which present themselves in the arrangement of the scheme.

Under the terms of the trust a sum, not exceeding twenty thousand dollars was to be applied for the purposes of a playground for the benefit of the youth of the community in general with the preferential spirit that is an essential of the trust, that the Hawaiians in particular are to reap to the fullest extent all of the benefits of the proposition.

The particular difficulties that present themselves against the immediate carrying out of the plan are headed by the lack of a central or suitable location. Several localities have been suggested, one being the ground lately flooded in by the harbor dredgings on the other side of the Nuuanu stream bridge. This was objected to by J. O. Carter and others as being unsuitable in many ways, both by reason of its lack of centrality and the decidedly stum character of its neighborhood.

It is felt by the trustees that the environs of such a playground would play almost as important a role for the good or evil of the children frequenting it as the ground itself, also that such a location would prohibit many parents from allowing their children to go there and thus defeat the very purposes for which the ground is designed.

Another suggestion has been made to place the playground at the head of Vineyard street, adjoining the ground leased by the Boys' Brigade for a similar purpose. The available property is not however large enough for practical purposes, and the playground would be subject to the same criticism as the other for its position which would rather help one section than benefit the whole community.

Available ground in the heart of the city or in a central position there is none. Ground selected beyond Diamond Head or in any of the outskirts while perhaps ideal in many respects would necessitate car fares for the children and thus bar many of the class which it is intended to benefit.

The playground was intended, and is intended, not for the children of those who can afford them private pleasures of books and the pleasant solitude and comfort of home life but rather for the children of the laboring classes alone. This idea is made terribly complex by the varied nationalities and their characteristics that go to make up the younger generation of the laboring class of Honolulu.

There are the Hawaiians, the aggressive Portuguese from whose ranks much of the hoodlumism of the city is recruited, the more amenable Chinese and the just as orderly Japanese. Young America would not at present, it is expected, be largely represented.

To control all these elements and make the ground a pleasure unalloyed by the petty annoyances of all these classes is a problem the solution of which is a demonstration of which would be the expense of a high fence and the continual maintenance of a guardian on the premises who would have to be possessed of rare tact and discretion to prevent the cinder track, the merry-go-round, the swings and other paraphernalia being entirely monopolized by the more aggressive and rough among the children which would mean the utter surrender of the grounds to them by the absence of the other races.

The dominant race it is imagined by the trustees, would prove to be the Portuguese in the end. From a philologist standpoint the Latin races having outgrown their original civilization of their parent stock and also that of their own particular branch of the world's race have not like either the Hawaiian, Chinese or Japanese a remembrance to look forward to and are in consequence harder to teach, more incorrigible and less amenable to discipline than the other races mentioned. Neither is the motto "Honor thy father and mother" as prevalent among them as in the Oriental races as the result of their home training or rather lack of it.

Weighting these two problems of universal utility and location the trustees are reluctantly holding the matter in abeyance, fearing to start a playground that may in a short time be abandoned by the few to the disuse and disension of the many. The trustees are not bound by the terms of the trust as to whether the playground should be presented, intact or whether part of the money should be appropriated to the maintenance for a certain time or perpetually; but they do not wish to create an institution that will not be permanently of benefit to the community at large, the particular classes it was meant to reach in accordance with the general spirit of the trust.

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SAVING JORDAN TROUPE WAS DISBANDED

Mile. Atlantis Says That Jordan Did Them Out of Their Salaries—She Had Benefit at Yokohama.

According to reports brought here by the America Maru last week, the Flying Jordan troupe disbanded in Vladivostok a couple of months ago. The Jordan family joined forces with a little circus company at that place, while most of the troupe were left high and dry so they claim, to make their way back to their homes as best they could. Mile. Atlantis, the fire dancer, is authority for this statement, regarding the Jordans as she says she was one of the victims of Jordan. She was returning on the America Maru to San Francisco and when she reaches home, something unpleasant about Manager Jordan will probably be told by her.

"The company did fairly well in Japan," she said, "but everything is on a cheap basis there and while the attendance might be big enough, it means only half the amount of money that the same sized house in America would bring Jordan's troupe. His company, shamefully. He got in arrears several thousand dollars for salaries and finally in order to escape paying us, he disbanded. The company in Vladivostok, Sabary, the Lucifer and the American cruiser Brooklyn joined in giving me a big benefit. It was one of the largest benefits ever given in Yokohama. As to Jordan, it is safe to say that he has kept plenty of money out for himself."

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BURGLARS AT WORK

DR. WOOD'S OFFICE ROBBED OF CASH.

Burglars Broke Through Front Shutters and Secured About \$20 in Cash. Believed to be Professionals.

Burglars were abroad in the land last night and made another haul. Dr. C. B. Wood was the victim of that raid. His office on Beretania street was broken open.

Entrance was secured by breaking in the front shutters. Inside, the robbers wasted no time apparently in searching about the suites of offices but went directly to Dr. Wood's desk and forced open the roller top. About \$20 in cash was secured.

Apparently the offices of Dr. Day who occupies the same offices with Dr. Wood, were not entered for nothing appears to have been taken from that part of the building. Many valuable instruments might have been secured but the thieves did not bother themselves with that sort of plunder. It is thought from this incident, that the burglars now operating here are professionals from the States, who find the local field quite profitable to "turn a trick." In fact, practically every one of the recent robberies has been characterized by the thieves seeking only cash.

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AN OPPORTUNITY. The 20 per cent reduction sale of books at the Golden Rule Bazaar will last only a few days longer. A large shipment of the latest books was received by the "sierra," and they will all be sold at the above reduced price. This is an opportunity of a life-time and should be taken advantage of by all intending book-buyers.

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Soft little slippers for soft little feet. Slippers for evening wear and slippers for comfort about the house. Slippers that are stylish and slippers that make hot weather bearable to the feet. Will make a most appreciated Christmas gift. We have them at prices from \$1.50 to \$7.50. Always pleased to show them.

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