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BUILDINGS AND BEAUTY.

People who imagine that the Post Office or other Federal buildings will go up with the rapidity of magic are reckoning without their host. Even if we agree upon a site, which there seems every reason to feel assured of, and we give a clear title, which is a sine qua non, it will be a long time before the buildings are completed, and some of the grey beards who have been arguing upon where the buildings should or should not be placed, will be comfortably tucked up under the sod or over the buildings are in use.

The first thing is to get a free site. Hilo was fortunate in that there was government land perfectly suitable for a site, and there was no question of negotiating with private parties for an exchange. We have no suitable site without exchanging or buying. The "gor" would be an excellent site, but it is owned by several parties, some of them absentees, so that if we want a site at once the choice is narrowed down to such as we can make an exchange for, and this seems to be the Bishop Estate land opposite the newly constructed Young Building. The Custom House site can remain the same, and additional lots be added to it.

Having cleared away choice of site difficulties, and having given Mr. Eustis an abstract of clear title, we may hope for a favorable report and a vote of money for the erection of the buildings during this session of Congress. The money for this, however, would not be available till next August at the earliest. There will have to be plans made and submitted, then there will have to be worked out in detail, bids will have to be called for and the contracts will have to be let. A gentleman, well conversant with Federal work, informs the Star, that it is very unlikely that designs, specifications and so forth will be ready as soon as the money is available, so that we may look for the letting of the contracts some time after the time that the money becomes available. Then as to the completion of the work, the same authority puts it at from five to ten years. As the buildings will be erected to stand considerably over a century this is by no means an extravagant estimate. There is therefore no need of some of us worrying about the site too much. The young generation should have far more to say about it than their elders.

There is one thing, however, that we may be sure about, and that is that the buildings will be substantial to a degree and that they will last. What their style of architecture will be, whether they will adapt themselves to the country, or whether, like all our public buildings they will be a replica of buildings elsewhere, remains to be seen. We may take it for granted, however, that they will not strike out in new lines.

Out of the discussion upon the sites of the buildings has arisen a train of ideas which, it is to be hoped, will not fall into the limbo of forgetfulness. The fact that we are going to have new Federal buildings has aroused in us the esthetic sense, and we begin to talk of beautifying the city. We should have done this long ago. Our forerunners were woefully neglectful, and we have been so ourselves.

Mr. Eustis has struck the right note when urging the beautifying of the harbor front. He suggests grassy lawns and shady trees, and deprecates the coal heaps and lumber piles which now greet the eye of the voyager when he enters the harbor. Modern civilization is welded to the practical, and the wharves, though interesting are by no means esthetic. The water front of San Francisco can hardly lay claim to being a joy to the eye in an esthetic sense, whatever it may be in a practical one. If the stranger first landing on our shores could walk off his steamer into green lawns, and under shady trees, he certainly would get a very pleasant impression. But there are few places in the world which can present such advantages.

In classic times people did beautify their harbors, and had some of their most beautiful buildings on the water front. But that was in a measure because, though heathens, they were intensely and earnestly religious, and every sailor wanted to pay his devotions to the deities of the sea. Hence arose magnificent temples, and those broad, massive steps which swept from the water's edge to the fore-shore, decorated with statues and symbols, while magnificent marble or granite quays formed a barrier against the waters. Those old harbors of the Piræus, of Carthage, of Alexandria, of Tyre must have been worth seeing, but their day has gone. We can, however, have a clean water front, and we can make it tropically beautiful. By all means let us set a good example.

North Hilo seems to be having an abnormal number of cases of typhoid fever. Apparently there is a considerable sale of drugs by peddlers and others, which is doing considerable harm to the sufferers. This is a matter which the Board of Health might take up.

The cable is to be used by the stock exchange. This is the first announcement of its mere business use. Cables will form a calculable item of expense among all our main business houses. Like every new thing, it will be a wonder for a short time, and will then settle down into a regular ordinary necessity.

Every one will be glad to hear that Bishop Gulistan has stood the voyage so well and is resting easily after the exertion of the journey. Bishop Gulistan is deservedly popular with those of other religions besides his own and it is to be hoped that he may yet rally in spite of his disease and continue long with us.

A hold up which has resulted in the tables being turned, and the holder up being landed in the police station, is a novel experience. The Chinese hack man who made so good a fight on Saturday night and bested his opponent deserves the highest of praise. It has become a common thing for a tough when hard up to hire a hack and drive to some lonely part of the city, finishing up the drive by robbing the hack man. This last attempt will make

the amusement far less popular than it has been.

It will be sometime before the Rhodes scholarships are properly adjusted. The scholarships are to be divided up amongst the various colleges of Oxford University. The rules of entrance are not the same in each college, which is a body corporate. Some scholarships will be more desirable for one class of men while others will be sought after by others. In some cases post graduate scholarships will be sought for in others under graduate scholarships will be offered. The details of preparation for entrance examinations will also have to be published. The first students under the bequest will not enter at Oxford before the winter term of 1904, after the long vacation. It will not be an easy matter to secure the scholarships, and will entail a stringent examination in all probability. Entrance will not be by nomination.

That Fanning Island was not the property of the Greig family entirely seems to have been forgotten by many people. There was, upon the death of old Captain Greig some little trouble in establishing the Bicknell claims, but they were established. Fannings used to be of importance as a guano island. The supplies of guano are pretty well worked out. Its great value now is as a telegraph station. The Bicknell share has been offered for \$40,000, and the Greig share will be bought up in all probability. It is to the interest of

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The educational test is supposed to be able to keep out the Japanese, but if one knows any thing of that ingenious and able race, one may feel satisfied that no educational test in Japanese is going to shut them out from where they wish to go. It may shut out the Russian and it will certainly shut out Czech, but the little brown men will produce a card from his sleeve and win the game hands down.

As a study of the intricacies of legal chicanery, commend the community to the Sumner case. It is well on a par with some of the very worst chancery cases which have disgraced the legal annals of England. The Sumner case probably shows mankind at its very worst. Good, straightforward highway robbery is quite refreshing besides the quibbling and the grasping which is striving to get hold of the fortune of a decrepit old man, nearing the end of his earthly pilgrimage. He is fortunate in having received so large a sum for other people to quarrel about.

TOUCHING VARIED TOPICS. It is just like President Elliot to name the scab as a good type of an American hero. The Harvard president "ain't afraid."—Boston Herald. A party of Chicago capitalists is in Galveston looking over the port and shipping facilities of that city. Annexation is supposed to be contemplated.—Indianapolis News.

How long will it be before the people will flock in droves to the great comic-opera hit, entitled "The Mad Mullah?" This idea is copyrighted.—Memphis Morning News. Still another polar expedition is projected in spite of the failure of those that have gone before. Plans for the relief party will be announced a little later on.—Baltimore American.

This Baron Muenchhausen, who went into the marriage syndicate with a view to capturing a \$1,500,000 American widow, appears to have got a new way of spelling his name.—Boston Herald. Colonel Watters's announcement for Gorman is looked upon in some quarters as another device to make the sage of Princeton break the anti-swearing commandment.—Atlanta Constitution.

Carrie Nation declined pay for a little gash in her head which she got in a railroad accident. Carrie seems to be next to the fact that her value as an article of commerce is too small to compute.—Rochester Herald. "La Vie Intense" sounds a bit mild, but now that the French have a translation of the President's book under this title they may understand what he means. Getting an eye on his record and actions will help them.—Indianapolis News.

One would think that the inclement weather and the way the authorities chuck the Doukobers into trains and ship them off would lead those enthusiastic people to suspect that perhaps they had selected the wrong time for their demonstration.—Indianapolis News

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EDITOR BARR. Robert Barr, the Canadian writer, has bought and will edit the London magazine called the Idler, which was highly successful when Mr. Barr was associated with Jerome K. Jerome in conducting it several years ago. Since those two popular writers abandoned it, the magazine has considerably fallen off in circulation and in interest.

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