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Aloha To The Buhlers

The Buhler company which is about to leave has completed by far the longest dramatic engagement on record here, and Honolulu will witness the company's departure with regrets. The experience of the company has gone far to disprove the statement often made, that Honolulu cannot or will not support a theater, for during a long period of consecutive performances Buhler has almost always been greeted by large audiences, six nights in the week. It is to be hoped that the company has prospered financially as a result, and to such an extent that its absence will not be permanent. Theatrical entertainment is one of the things Honolulu has long lacked and it is a serious lack, for both as amusement and instruction, the stage is of much value. The crowds, of all races, who have watched the long succession of plays, mostly wholesome ones, presented by the Buhler company, have been much benefitted thereby. The not distant future will probably see at least one theater here running continuously. In fact there appears to be no reason why one should not run now, for the enterprise has been carried long enough to show that it might run on indefinitely. A good stock company, well supplied with plays of the right kind and with the proper accessories, could probably maintain itself here profitably the year round, and with great good to the community. In the past a plan to subsidize a theater has been a good deal discussed, so keenly has Honolulu realized her loss in not having at least one such place of amusement.

Richard Buhler and his able supporters leave with the "Aloha" of the community, to express it in true Hawaiian style, and we hope they will return. The uniformly high standard of excellence they have kept up through a long series of productions of varying character bears testimony not only to native talent, but to hard work as well. If they return they will find Honolulu ready to welcome them again and, we believe, to support them. The audiences to which they have so long played here are very different from the ones they are going to entertain in America, but among our whites, Hawaiians, Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese and combinations of them all, the players have found that there are the same human hearts to be touched. When it comes to hissing the villain and cheering the hero and heroine when they finally reach the point from which they are happy ever afterward, Hawaiians do not take second place to any other people. So we are all of us always ready for a good play and shall miss the players who are to leave us.

The Benefit Of Vaccination

The prevalence of small-pox in Hongkong and the fact that two steamers within a fortnight have arrived here small-pox infected, calls attention anew to the need of vigilance in the matter of vaccination. As to the efficacy of vaccination, the following from the Bulletin of the Health Department of the City of Chicago for the week ending March 3, is both pertinent and seemingly convincing.

One case of small-pox was sent to the Isolation Hospital on the 26th ult. This is the third small-pox case found in Chicago since January 1st. The unvaccinated victim was a colored porter on a Pullman car who came to Chicago from Lincoln, Neb., after he had been exposed to the disease at a small station on the Chicago and Northwestern R.R. near that city. One year ago eighty-three persons sick with small-pox were in the Isolation Hospital against one there at the present time!

The Chief Medical Inspector comments: "The certain efficacy of vaccination in preventing small-pox accounts for Chicago's immunity from small-pox this winter. This is apparent, for the disease is all about us in neighboring towns and cities, as it was in each of the past seven years when the disease found lodgment here, but it has gained no foothold in Chicago. Continuous efforts to secure the vaccination of everybody in Chicago have been made by the Department and with gratifying success. Chicago is now one of the best vaccinated cities in the United States.

"There are still enough unvaccinated, however, to make it necessary to be aggressive and vigilant in enforcing the vaccination ordinance, lest the unprotected increase in numbers. There should be no abatement in vaccination because small-pox is not killing by the hundreds. Laxity in the matter of vaccination is sure to reap its harvest, as it has many times in the past. To continue free from small-pox, Chicago must be kept vaccinated."

Progress In Education

Criticism of the new pedagogy abounds. The disposition to praise past times is always present, and is stimulated no doubt by the vagaries of indiscreet followers of the heuristic method and unintelligent interpreters of Hebart. But that the "frills and fancies" introduced into the public schools, rudimentary manual training, singing, nature studies and the like, have not hindered, but rather helped the teaching of the traditional three R's is most interestingly brought out in the just published report of Superintendent Maxwell, of New York. By a rare chance there was discovered recently a set of examination questions used in the Springfield High School in 1846, with the answers to them of eighty-five pupils, apparently the entire class. These questions were submitted to 245 pupils in the ninth year of the present elementary schools of Springfield, that is, to children who had had less hours of schooling and were younger than those of 1846. Afterward the same questions were submitted to the ninety-four children of the eighth year of a Brooklyn school, to pupils much younger than those of 1846. The subjects were spelling and arithmetic. Brooklyn in 1905 did rather better than Springfield in the same year, but both did vastly better than did the pupils of 1846. The difference was most marked in spelling, where there is a tradition, based we know not on what, that our ancestors were our superiors. Of those who spelt 14 out of 20 words correctly, there were twice as many in Brooklyn in 1905, as in Springfield in 1846. More than a quarter of the Springfield pupils missed 17 words out of 20; of the Brooklyn pupils there was in this class but one. The conclusions, says Dr. Maxwell, are very positive. "Spelling and arithmetic, instead of suffering in a course of study which trains a child to use all of his powers of expression, are actually far better—in fact, at least twice as good as they were under a curriculum with endless, brain tiring, uninteresting drill, and nothing else, on the 'Three R's.'"

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It is now said that Senator Reed Smoot has three wives. He is more to be pitied than we thought he was.

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw has directed the Board of General Appraisers that in all reappraisement cases the hearing shall be open whenever in the judgment of the board the public interests will not be prejudiced thereby.

Secretary Shaw is certainly an ultramontane stand-patter.

And so it seems the virus of graft has inoculated even our Molokan friends who were pictured as a twentieth century edition of the Pilgrim Fathers. It looks as though their first steps in the direction of Americanism had been patterned after the example set in some particulars by those prominent Americans, Chauncey M. Depew, Paul Morton, Richard McCurdy and others in the same class.

Perhaps if the same inducements in the shape of lands and cane growing contracts were offered to Americans, that are being offered to Molokans, we might get a citizen population at least one generation sooner. Thousands of Americans are going into Mexico to take up and till lands. Why might not some of them be induced to come to Hawaii?

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Wisdom is better than rubies, and copper stocks are not always pure water.

As an ox goeth to the slaughter, so a lamb to Wall street.

A wise son maketh a glad father, unless he bucks him from the other side of the market.

The borrower is the servant of the lender, but this doesn't affect the quotations on "call loans."

He that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent, and usually remains poor.

Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein; similar is the fate of him who constructs a "corner."

Put not your trust in (merchant) princes until you have carefully studied their commercial rating.—Puck.

DISREPUTABLE, ANYHOW.

Congressman Grosvenor says that the phrase, "stand pat," was derived from a disreputable source. It was applied principally to the maintenance of the high protective tariff, and a great many very respectable people think there is not much morality in such a proposition anyhow.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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