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The Star's New Home

The Star is now in its new quarters. Though not quite settled, and though the confusion incident to moving has not all been straightened out as yet, the paper has commenced some of the improvements and enlargements for which it has only awaited the opportunity of quarters large enough for its growing needs.

The Star issues today as a seven column paper which will be its regular size hereafter. This is only the first of the enlargements and improvements it contemplates. Others will be added as soon as possible, and as occasion requires.

Its new quarters are in the McCandless Building, a cut of which is shown on the first page. The Star's mechanical department occupies the larger part of the basement of this building. This has been designed and arranged especially for the Star. It is well lighted and ventilated and affords room for the greatly increased plant of the paper, a plant that constitutes an equipment not equaled by that of any other evening paper in the Islands. Here are the three linotypes of the paper, its new Babcock Press on which the paper is printed, the half dozen other presses of various sizes, and the other machinery and equipment of the establishment.

The business and editorial rooms of the paper are on the first floor makai of the main entrance of the building on Bethel street. They are connected with the mechanical department by modern methods, of communication, and altogether, the new quarters, when everything shall once be arranged and in place will give The Star quarters unexcelled by any newspaper establishment in Hawaii.

The Star is now in the beginning of its fifteenth year. It has constantly progressed in influence as well as in material prosperity. It strives above all to be a newspaper—alert and active, giving to its readers all the news within its field, and giving it to them in a well written form and free from any bias. It strives to give the news as it is, and as it occurs, reserving to the editorial columns, the expression of its opinions, and comment on the news itself.

The Star believes that this policy is appreciated by the public. It believes that is one source of the paper's increasing influence. The Star has received many congratulations on the evidence of prosperity its new quarters afford, and hopes to merit the good will of its friends and the public of which it has many and constant proofs.

A Question Of Biology.

Apropos to a question of biology and ethnology which has been brought very strongly to public attention lately, and upon which very strong sentiments have been intimated by the public, the following from Herbert Spencer...

Baron Kaneko is exceedingly interesting, and perhaps instructive. Certainly it is doubtful if the same opinion expressed by any other man in the world would carry so much weight. What is said in reply to one of several questions asked by the Baron Kaneko of Mr. Spencer, seeking advice in regard to Japanese national policy. Mr. Spencer said:

"To your remaining question respecting the intermarriage of foreigners and Japanese, which you say is 'now very much agitated among our scholars and politicians,' and which you say is 'one of the most difficult problems,' my reply is that, as rationally answered, there is no difficulty at all. It should be positively forbidden. It is not at root a question of social philosophy. It is at root a question of biology. There is abundant proof, alike furnished by the intermarriage of human races and by the interbreeding of animals, that when the varieties mingled diverge beyond a certain slight degree, the result is inevitably a bad one in the long run. I have myself been in the habit of looking at the evidence bearing on this matter for many years past, and my conviction is based on numerous facts derived from numerous sources. The physiological basis of this experience appears to be that any one variety of creature in course of many generations acquires a certain constitutional adaption to its peculiar form of life, and every other variety similarly acquires its own adaption. The consequences is that, if you mix the constitutions of two widely divergent varieties which have severally become adapted to widely divergent modes of life, you get a constitution which is adapted to the mode of life of neither—a constitution which will not work properly, because it is not fitted for any set of conditions whatever."

The Iroquois Disaster

On December 30, 1903, the world was horrified by the Iroquois Theater disaster in Chicago in which 596 lives were lost. The other day, Will J. Davis, the manager of the theater at the time of the disaster, was acquitted by a jury, at the direction of the court, on an indictment for manslaughter. There are, of course, no technicalities which set one free from moral guilt. Even the admonition "Judge not, that ye be not judged," does not reach that far. But legal guilt, which depends upon the wording of a statute or an ordinance, is different. Judge Kimbrough's decision, by which Davis was given a directed verdict of acquittal, has demonstrated this once more.

The ordinance of the Chicago city council on which the prosecution was based did not say whose duty it should be to provide the prescribed safeguards for theater audiences. The term "large" as applied to a theater did not classify it with sufficient clearness. The ordinance did not apply to theaters in some parts of the city and the council, in the judge's opinion, lacked authority to legislate thus by districts. While deploring the fact that the state would be deprived of the privilege of securing a ruling from the Supreme Court on what he held to be vital defects in the ordinance, Judge Kimbrough declared it necessary to bring the prosecution to an end. So he instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty.

It seems clear at last that nobody ever will be convicted and punished by law for this monstrous crime. Yet the recklessness of those who took chances by crowding an unfinished building with human beings, the levity of public officials who were easily satisfied that no accident would result, and the horrible risks taken by those in charge of lights and scenery constituted a desperate gamble with death. The stakes were a multitude of human lives and death swept the stakes from the table. The whole combination of circumstances is a lasting reproach to this city. The dead were killed in haste and yet the law

Mexican War Vet Dies In Waiatua

JOHN ANDERSON, 86 YEARS OF AGE PASSES AWAY AT HOME OF SUPERVISOR COX.

John Frederick Anderson, a veteran of the war between the United States and Mexico and a friend of the father of Supervisor Andrew E. Cox, died Friday night last at the Waiatua residence of Mr. Cox, about 9:30 o'clock.

Anderson was born in New Jersey 36 years ago. He arrived in these islands August 27, 1850. He worked with Lowers & Dickens, lumber dealers, for a few years. He was a carpenter by trade and constructed the woodwork of the first sugar mill on the island of Kauai, at Lihue.

From Kauai he came to Oahu and put up some houses for Mr. Moffat at Kahuku ranch. Some of these buildings are still standing. He then made his home in Waiatua, residing there for over 45 years. For over forty years he was an officer of the government. He was school agent and was also an agent for granting marriage licenses. For the last few years he had been feeble and had no occupation. He lived alone until about 8 years ago when he went to live with Andrew Cox. He was an officer in the cavalry in the Mexican war and leaves his sword and belt to Mr. Cox.

Two New Boats For Pacific Run

CANADIAN PACIFIC WILL PUT BIG ATLANTIC LINERS IN THIS OCEAN WITHIN THE YEAR.

SEATTLE, March 21.—Local officials of the Canadian Pacific Railroad company today confirmed the report that the company would, within the coming year, transfer its handsome ocean liners, the Empress of Britain and the Empress of Ireland, to the Pacific run. The steamers are now on the Montreal-Liverpool run. The addition of these steamers will make the Pacific service the best it has ever been.

The supply the place of these two liners the company is making arrangements to build two new vessels for the Atlantic run. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the company, has gone to London to see about letting the contracts for the boats, which will be constructed in Liverpool.

The Empress of Britain and the Empress of Ireland cost \$2,000,000 each and are of 8,024 net tons. They were put on the Atlantic service last May. The vessels will each accommodate 350 first cabin passengers, 350 second cabin passengers and 1,000 third class. They are 570 feet long and have 18,000-horsepower.

New A. H. Boat Launched Saturday

S. S. COLUMBIA, 11,000 TONS CAPACITY, WILL BE AT HONOLULU IN SIX WEEKS.

The launching of the American-Hawaiian freighter Columbia at San Francisco was fixed for Saturday, March 30. The vessel has a carrying capacity of 11,000 tons and will make 12 1/2 knots an hour. Her sister ship, the Mexican, was launched last December and a smaller vessel for the same line will be launched in May. All three are building at the Union Iron Works. The Columbia will reach Honolulu in about six weeks.

WOMAN'S BOARD. The Woman's Board of Missions will meet in Central Union Church on Tuesday afternoon, April 2, at 2:30 o'clock. The "Dark Continent" topic will be "A Study of Mohammedanism," under the leadership of Mrs. William Forbes. Reports will be given by the Lima Kokua and the Pauahi Society. Strangers as well as friends are cordially invited.

DEPARTING. Monday, April 1. Am. bkt. Klukitai, Cutler, for Port Townsend, 10 a. m. From Hilo: Am. sc. H. C. Wright, for San Francisco with sugar. From Makaweli: Am. bk. W. B. Flint, for San Francisco with sugar.

brought back to life the victims of the ghastly crime, as his lawyers and the court that freed him took occasion to remark. If, however his escape on a technicality should tend in any degree to relax the care and watchfulness of those responsible for the lives of persons in theaters and similar places of assembly it would indeed have a deplorable result. On the other hand, the lesson that municipal ordinances must be explicit in their terms and based on authority actually delegated to the city should be valuable.

The case, aside from being one of world-wide interest is of especial interest in Honolulu. Among its victims were two who had been resident here for some time. It touched the community in a personal and an intimate manner.

The lessons of the disaster ought not to be lost on us. There is first the lesson of appropriate safeguards and protection in buildings where large gatherings congregate. Then there is the lesson of carelessness in drafting legislation, so as to hold to responsibility those whom it is intended and attempted to so hold.

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whiskers. By the size of the libel suits he has brought against the Chicago Tribune, Hearst must think he has been damaged considerably.

Berlin is the latest city to want an exposition. She is to have one in 1913. Those last two figures do not seem to scare Berlin at all. Apparently the Germans have come to the belief that Paris is not the only place for holding a World's Fair.

WING SHOTS. Mill City highway men appear to have quit night work, finding it just as safe and more profitable to transact all their business by day.

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