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Diamond Head Charley

The bearer of good tidings is always welcome, as an old saying has it, and "Diamond Head Charley," long the announcer of the glad tidings that vessels more or less anxiously awaited had appeared on our horizon, had a warm place in Honolulu hearts. Up to a few years ago Honolulu only heard from the outside world by mail, and the desire for a steamer, after five or ten days of isolation, was naturally keen. It was the Diamond Head lookout's task to notify the city as soon as possible, and during long years of service Charley Peterson made few mistakes and was hardly ever tardy. He reported steamers day and night, and lived in his lonely little cottage a life of steady devotion to his duty. Year after year the people of Honolulu showed their appreciation of his constancy and of the courtesy with which he responded at all hours to inquiries about vessels, by making up a Christmas purse, and once, when he had a difference with the neighboring lighthouseman and was removed, the city showed its feeling for him so strongly that he was promptly restored to his position. There are many in Honolulu who feel that they have lost an old friend by "Diamond Head Charley's" passing away.

Schwerin's Indictment

The indictments of Schwerin and other officials of the Pacific Mail Company are very likely based upon a feature of the American laws which it is claimed, as far as it relates to Pacific commerce, cannot be forced without putting the American companies out of business. The cabled news that the indictments had been brought does not state what the charges are, except that they are violations of the interstate commerce law on rates given for shipments to the Orient, Harriman, Stubbs, and other Southern Pacific officials are said to be involved. The offense is stated by those in a position to know, to be probably in the changing of published rate schedules. The law requires that rates be published, and sets a definite time within which no change can be made. But it doesn't control the Japanese companies in any way. If the Southern Pacific and Pacific Mail make a rate from New York to the Orient and publish it, there is nothing to stop the Japanese steamship company from announcing a better rate the next day. Then, if it takes three months or so for the American companies to change their rate, they simply cannot get the business. Further details may show that some other alleged violation of law is the occasion of the indictments, but it is known that this is one which was expected to cause trouble. Probably the heads of the companies have gone forward with the expectation of testing a bit of law under which they claim it is impossible to do business.

Citizens Are Leaving

"After living in Honolulu for 28 years Mr. Blank leaves today for the coast to remain permanently," says a local item in the current papers. The gentleman in question was a good citizen, who had held good positions, but he couldn't get another. He tried for a long time to find work with which to support his family. Finally he left for the coast, to take his chances there. He goes to see if he can get a position on the recommendations he has from good sources here. Such an incident is of public importance only as a sample of hundreds. In spite of all promotion work, the fact remains that Americans are still leaving here. From month to month the drain of our citizenship keeps on,—and every departure calls for more. It is a rolling snowball of a proposition. What are we doing about it?

Uneasy lies the head of the firm is the latest version, by Schwerin et al.

Honolulu owes thanks to the Pacific Mail Company for reminding the city of the bad condition of her waterfront.

Probably if the barons at Runnymede could have seen that their plea would be used for Lionel Hart we should never have had Magna Charter.

Gans has beaten Burns now and proved his championship again. It is beginning to seem that the only way to beat Gans will be to train some first class gorilla in boxing.

President Roosevelt is preparing a very long message to Congress, and everyone is wondering who is going to get it this time, also how many new names he will invent. Mollycoddle is old now.

Many residents near the volcano have long had an idea that heavy rains brought on eruptions, the theory being that the water sunk to hot depths and aroused the fires. The idea has received another confirmation.

Work should be begun at once on whatever plan of improving the water front is decided upon. Years during which palm and other trees might have made much growth have been lost already. The water front will present a splendid scene if "faced with a park," as the governor expresses it.

In connection with the reported intention of Chinese gamblers to keep jail full until the people let them gamble freely rather than pay the jail bills, it might be remarked that Oahu jail can very easily be made a less pleasant residence than it is. The institution has a reputation as a pretty nice place of its kind.

BY AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF SALE OF GENERAL LEASES OF AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL LAND IN KAU, HAWAII.

At 12 o'clock noon, Monday, September 30, 1907, at the front entrance of the Judiciary Building, Honolulu, there will be sold at public auction under provisions of Part V, Land Act 1895, (Section 278-285 inclusive, Revised Laws of Hawaii) General Leases of the following described lands:

(1) 344.0 acres more or less of the land of Waialua, Kau, Hawaii, to be used for pastoral purposes. Term of lease, twenty-one years from July 1, 1908. Upset rental, \$70.00 per annum, payable semi-annually in advance.

(2) 72,850.0 acres, more or less, of the land of Kapapala, Kau, Hawaii, to be used for pastoral purposes. Term of lease, twenty-one years from July 1, 1908. Upset rental, \$3500.00 per annum, payable semi-annually in advance. All of the above lease will contain provisions regarding fencing of boundaries and protection of abutting forest reserves.

The government reserves the right to resume possession at any time of such portion or portions of the above described lands as may be required for public purposes or for settlement purposes, under Sections 4 and 7, Land Act 1895.

(3) 635.0 acres, more or less, of agricultural land, together with 108.5 acres, more or less, of the pastoral land of Kapapala, Kau, Hawaii. Term of lease, five years from July 1, 1908. Upset rental \$1950.00 per annum, payable semi-annually in advance.

(4) 575.0 acres, more or less, agricultural land, together with 325.0 acres more or less, of the pastoral land of Mokena, Kau, Hawaii. Term of lease, five years from June 4, 1908. Upset rental, \$2050.00 per annum, payable semi-annually in advance.

The latter two leases will contain provisions regarding fencing of boundaries and protection of abutting forest reserves, and will also reserve to the government, the right to resume possession at any time of such portion or portions as may be required for public purposes or for settlement purposes, under Sections 4 and 7, Land Act 1895.

For plans and full particulars regarding reservation, fencing, etc., apply at the office of the undersigned at the Judiciary Building, Honolulu.

JAS. W. PRATT,
Commissioner of Public Lands.
Honolulu, August 9, 1907.

Sts—Aug 10, 17, 24, 31, Sep. 7, 14, 21, 28.

NOTICE OF SALE OF GENERAL LEASES OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS AT WAIAE AND EWA, OAHU.

At 12 o'clock noon, Monday, September 30, 1907, at the front entrance of the Judiciary Building, Honolulu, there will be sold at public auction under the provisions of Part V, Land Act 1895, (Sections 278-285 inclusive, Revised Laws of Hawaii), General Leases of the following described lands:

(1) 157.43 acres of agricultural land and 862.0 acres a little more or less of waste and pastoral lands at Waiaie, Oahu.

Terms of lease, five years from July 1, 1908.

Upset rental, \$1,500.00 per annum, payable semi-annually in advance.

(2) 2.63 acres of agricultural land at Ewa, Oahu.

Term of lease, five years from January 5, 1908.

Upset rental, \$41.00 per annum, payable semi-annually in advance.

The Government reserves the right to resume possession at any time of such portion or portions of the above described lands as may be required for public purposes or for settlement purposes, under Sections 4 or 7, Land Act 1895.

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"THE TENDER MERCIES."
Bishop Joseph F. Berry, during the Methodist conference's recent session in New York told a story in illustration of the tender mercies of the wicked.

"It is said," he began "that when the great Spanish marshal, Narvaez, lay dying his confessor asked him if he had any enemies.

"No," whispered the marshal; "I have none."

"But the priest, reflecting on the stormy life of the dying man, repeated: "Think, sir! Have you no enemies? None whatever?"

"No," said the marshal, "none."

"And he added tranquilly: "I have shot them all."

The report of the acting judge advocate general of the army repeats the familiar story of the evil effects of abolishing the canteen. It is high time Congress yielded to common sense.—Buffalo Express.

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