

PEARL HARBOR CONTRACT COMBINE

DILLINGHAMS' STRONG ALLY

THE SAN FRANCISCO BRIDGE COMPANY IN WITH THE HAWAIIAN DREDGING COMPANY ON PEARL HARBOR CONTRACT—IT WILL FURNISH A PORTION OF THE PLANT—COAST FIRM WILL BID ON DRY DOCK.

The contract for the dredging of this part of the affair will be handled by W. F. Dillingham and George Denison before they leave the East on their return to this city.

The new combination is one which should work out very well, for the local concern has a large part of the equipment which will be needed for the work and the San Francisco Bridge Company, which also has handled big contracts of this description, has a large plant in San Francisco, which will be able to supply most of the other apparatus needed without waiting for it to be built.

TIMBER LAND DEAL PENDING

J. B. CASTLE SEEKS STUMPAGE PRIVILEGES FOR A LARGE TRACT OF OHIA FOREST IN PUNA—OFFER WAS MADE TO GOVERNOR FREAR—THE DETAILS ARE AS YET WITHHELD FROM PUBLICATION.

Territorial Forester Hosmer returned yesterday morning from a trip to Puna, where he has been investigating certain timber lands on which stumpage privileges have been asked by J. B. Castle, for use by the Hawaiian Mahogany Lumber Company.

It is by no means certain that the stumpage privileges on the land can be sold to Castle, if the land has been turned over to the Board of Agriculture and Forestry, and it is also a doubtful question if it will pay the Government to get rid of the ohia at any price.

SPRECKELS PROPERTY IS ALL FOR SALE

Referring to the elsewhere contradicted story of the Cooke syndicate purchase of property, A. N. Campbell of the Waterhouse Trust Co. said this afternoon: "Mr. Spreckels wants to sell the entire property. Yes, including the Spreckels building. "But nothing has been concluded. Any deal is a mile from settlement."

MAHUKA SITE FINAL

Castle & Withington today received a cablegram from Britton & Gray, the well-known financial attorneys, saying: "Mahuka site final."

RECOUNT PROBABLE

DEMOCRATS ASK FOR JUDICIAL SCRUTINY OF ALL THE MAYORALTY BALLOTS CAST.

The answer of the respondent in the election contest between Lane and Fern for the position of mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, was filed yesterday afternoon and consists of a general denial of all the facts alleged by the petitioner.

The proceedings will be opened on Monday when the petitioner will be given a chance to show the reason why they thought that fraud existed.

ALLEGED KNIFER LANDS IN CELL

Chief Kalakolela has Hung Pow, Chinese, in custody, on suspicion of his having been the assailant of Wa Hung King, watchman in a Chinese camp on King street, last night.

A petition has been received asking the Governor to issue a pardon to Tatsugoro Funakoshi, who was sentenced to thirty years in prison on a charge of murder some years ago.

Best cups of coffee in the city at New England Bakery.

The release of the mortgage on the Parker ranch and of the note for \$26,700 from Col. Sam Parker to the late Mrs. Abigail Campbell-Parker, has been ordered by Judge De Bolt in response to the petition of the Hawaiian Trust Company.

JOHN K. SUMNER IN COURT AGAIN

A document was filed with the Registrar of Conveyances this afternoon in which John K. Sumner, whose troubles have been before the public many times, notably in the wholesale disbursement case, asks for a complete reconveyance of all his property from Carlos A. Long, with whom it was placed in trust.

Irwin Buys Building And Bank Of Spreckels

William G. Irwin has bought the Spreckels building on Fort street, which contains the offices of W. G. Irwin & Co., Spreckels' Bank and the Oceanic Steamship Co.'s local agency, together with many rented offices on the second floor.

HOSPITAL PATIENT STEALS AWAY TO BE BOLD, BAD BURGLAR

SLEUTH MAHOE NABS SICK "RAV'LES" WHO BUNGLES PUNCHBOWL WINDOW ENTRY JOB AT CARPENTER TOM BIRCH'S HOME. ACCUSED SPRINGS WINE AND WOMAN AS TWIN CAUSE—SAFE IN CELL TILL HE THINKS AGAIN.

So serious has become the petty burglary epidemic in Honolulu that even bandaged patients are breaking out of the hospital to turn an occasional trick at forcing windows, scaring night-robed femininity and alarming the town, to say nothing of getting the police moving more than they have moved for a long time.

Safe in a cell at the police station, there to remain until he can think up a story less fishy, is one Keohokii, a young Hawaiian, about twenty-five, who about a month ago went to the Queen's hospital for treatment for an affection of the ear, and other wounds.

Last night he moved to the extent of trying to force the window of the house of Carpenter Tom Birch on Punchbowl street, near King street, and it may also be he who about the same time unfastened the doors of the house of Mrs. Elisa Bolton who keeps a boarding house on Punchbowl street.

It was about 9 o'clock and Mrs. Birch observed that the window of her bedroom had been raised, after suspicious noises. She drew the attention of her husband and the household was on guard.

After hunting round the yard and securing a hatchet from back of the kitchen to force the window, the would-be burglar became alarmed, left the hatchet on the front steps and made away, going mauka.

Special Officer Mahoe was coming down Punchbowl and met the man, with head bandaged, and saw him enter the hospital grounds. Mahoe had no idea what the fellow had been up to, but thought he would bear watching. Just then along comes Birch in a hack, following the man whom he had seen leave his yard.

ROOSEVELT WILL ANSWER THE HOUSE

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.) WASHINGTON, D. C., December 18.—President Roosevelt is preparing a message in reply to the resolution yesterday passed in the House of Representatives requesting evidence that members of the Secret Service are needed to investigate Congressmen.

FOR JUSTICE OF PHILIPPINES

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 18.—Sherman Moreland of Elmira, New York, will be nominated to succeed Tracy as Supreme Justice of the Philippines.

KNOX SILENT ON SECRETARYSHIP

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 18.—Former Attorney General Knox remains silent in regard to the report that he is to be Secretary of State.

POISON DRINK KILLS SOLDIERS

MANILA, December 18.—Eleven men of the Eighteenth Infantry have died as the result of drinking poisonous spirits.

GUARDS WITHDRAWN

PEKING, December 18.—Half of the Japanese guard at the Chili legation will be withdrawn.

TAFT AT AUGUSTA

AUGUSTA, December 18.—President-elect W. H. Taft arrived here today.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 18.—It is reliably reported that George Wickersham of New York will be appointed Attorney General.

DECORATED XMAS TREE. Beautifully decorated Christmas trees selling at the Alexander Young Cafe at \$1.25 each. Open evenings till 11.

IT HAS COME. We have received that large shipment of Tengu Japan rice and we are selling it fast, as the demand is very great. It supersedes all others in favor and quality. K. Yamamoto, sole agent, Hotel near Nuuanu.

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