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## THE MERCANTILE LICENSE.

One of the most important bills which has yet come before the Legislature is now being considered by the members of the Senate and will bear a good deal of scrutiny before passage. The act referred to is that on mercantile licenses. The Senate Committee on Ways and Means has changed the bill from the one which came from the House till it can hardly be recognized and, before the Senate is through with it, it is safe to guess that many other changes will be made. It is designed to meet a rather unusual situation.

In the past few years this city has been invaded by a number of "agencies," which sell large amounts of goods to the retail trade of the Territory but which carry no stock, handling the various lines through samples alone, and therefore pay very little in taxes to assist the Territorial treasury. They have an additional advantage over the regular wholesaler who not only must carry a large stock but also must pay, besides warehouse charges, freight to this city and then from here to such port on the other islands as it is desired to send the goods. To equalize this it is proposed to charge the legitimate wholesale firms, that is those carrying a stock of over \$15,000 in value, a license fee of \$100 per year, while those carrying less than this amount (the agencies) must pay \$250 annually.

So far as the larger firms in the agency business are concerned this is very well, in fact the fee could probably be raised without doing any great amount of harm, but there are also the small men to be considered. In this city there are many men who have the agencies of one or perhaps two mainland firms, and from their business they are able to scrape through with just about a livelihood. The demanding of an annual fee of \$250 from them would drive them out of business, which no one can argue would be right. Some amendment which will treat them with more fairness should be brought up and made to the bill before it is passed.

## TRADE OF HAWAII.

According to the monthly summary of commerce of the Bureau of Statistics, Department of Commerce and Labor, for January the total value of shipments of domestic merchandise from the United States to Hawaii for that month was \$1,547,609, against \$1,006,356 for the corresponding month last year. This makes the handsome increase of \$541,253. For the seven months ending January the importations of domestic merchandise from the States were of the value of \$9,832,703 against \$8,712,924 for the corresponding period ending in 1908, or an increase of \$1,119,779. There was an increase of \$135,327 in the shipments of foreign merchandise hither from the States for the same seven months, those of the 1908 ending period being \$242,197 and those of the 1909 ending period \$377,524.

Shipments of domestic merchandise from Hawaii to the United States for January last amounted in value to \$2,459,489, against \$1,352,804 for the corresponding month of last year. This is an increase of \$1,106,785, or more than double that of importations of domestic merchandise from the States. For the seven months ending January this year the shipments of domestic merchandise from Hawaii to the States were \$18,747,243 in value, as compared with \$17,608,718 for the corresponding period ending January 1908, an increase of \$1,138,525 or a little more than the month's increase already noted.

Hawaii imported from foreign countries in the seven months ending January merchandise to the value of \$2,199,833, against \$2,660,519 for the corresponding period ending in 1908, a decrease of \$460,686. Imports from Japan for the 1909 ending period were \$980,592, a decrease of \$169,161 (which is probably accounted for by the starting of a sake distillery here); from France, \$8,955, a decrease of \$12,840; from Germany, \$103,156, a decrease of \$103,986; from the United Kingdom, \$264,755, an increase of \$12,601; from Canada, \$10,802, a decrease of \$6,553; from Argentina nothing, a decrease of \$130,508; from Chile, \$42,369, a decrease of \$35,012; from Chinese Empire, \$3,997, a decrease of \$2,907; from East Indies, \$299,703, a decrease of \$51,945; from Hongkong, \$183,664, a decrease of \$40,865; from Australasia, etc., \$281,459, an increase of \$68,536; from other countries, trifling amounts including \$2,376 from the Philippines, an increase of \$1,576. Domestic exports to foreign countries amounted to \$46,523 in the last seven months referred to, an increase of \$9,333. Japan took \$10,094, a decrease of \$4,188; the Philippines, \$3,479, an increase of \$1,059; Canada, \$15,466, an increase of \$7,951; Australasia, etc., \$6,687, an increase of \$3,182.

Sugar shipments hence to the mainland for January last were of the value of \$2,326,522, against \$1,221,542 for the corresponding month of 1908, an increase of \$1,104,980. The quantity for the month named this year was 66,605,321 pounds, an increase of 31,563,148 pounds. For the seven-month period mentioned herein the values broke almost even as between the two years, in the matter of raw sugar, the \$16,248,165 this year being \$19,023 in excess of last year. Refined sugar in the 1909 period of \$974,686 value is \$786,926 more than in the 1908 period, making the figures for all sugars \$17,722,915 for the seven months ending January 1909, against \$16,422,904 for the corresponding period ending January 1908. Coffee shows a goodly increase for the seven months ending January last, the value of green coffee shipped being \$108,517, against \$36,092 for the 1908 ending period, an increase of \$72,425. Fruits and nuts were shipped to the value of \$810,

\$83 in the later period, an increase of \$150,120 over the seven months ending January last year. Wool at \$28,433 shows a decline of about \$10,000, and hides and skins at \$85,782 an advance of \$41,623, for the seven months ending January last. Rice shipments for the periods compared show an increase of \$59,340, the value for the later seven months being \$153,365.

Prohibition of liquor which will allow favored classes easy scope for the indulgence of the appetite is not "the straight goods." The dispensary plan, with or without medical prescriptions, has not proved a success anywhere. The prohibition of opium formerly in Hawaii, as now in China, went to the use of the drug. Until a commonwealth or a community can stand for the same stringency of liquor prohibition, the only effective check on the drink evil must be through such regulation as will leave as much liberty to the poor as to the rich. The poor are as much entitled to indulgence as the rich, and the rich as much entitled to protection from the damage of habit as the poor. This is America.

Many cases of illness would be avoided and lives be lengthened in Honolulu if those in charge of places of assembly intelligently managed the ventilation. The manipulation of doors and windows in churches, theaters and halls is often such as to appear designed to throw a deadly blast in the backs of people or drafts upon the tops of their heads. There have been instances, too, where doorkeepers have ignored requests to close doors even after seeing a stampede of folks from exposed seats. Often women in assemblies are compelled to resume their outdoor wraps to protect themselves, when circumstances forbid a change of seats.

That strange elation you see pictured in all faces along the street is caused by the knowledge that the legislators have been unable to find any fault with the Nuuanu dam.

## THE ELLEFORD COMPANY'S OPENING



SCENE FROM "PALS."

The after-Lenten season offers many attractions to theater-goers but none will prove of greater interest than the engagement of the Elleford Company at the Orpheum, which begins Monday, April 12, in that delightful comedy-melodrama, "Pals," from the pen of Edmond Day, a rising young author who has "The Roundup" and several other big metropolitan successes to his credit. For a type of college play it holds the record in all the Eastern cities where it has been pleasing large audiences the last three seasons. In the story as well as the atmospheric effects and the brilliant acting of the company the Ellefords have scored one of their biggest hits. To most theater-goers this play is like a familiar and well-loved friend, so familiar are the different characters in the play. The heart interest is uppermost, but there is plenty of good clean comedy, witty lines and droll situations that keep one constantly amused and entertained. Pietro Sossio and Lawrence Underwood, as the college chums who are in love with the same girl, are exceedingly clever in the part. "The girl" is delightful Miss Luze and she has no difficulty in giving just the right touch to the character. George Hernandez is one of the big laughing hits of the show, in the role of a country "rube" who tries to play valet and waiter both in one. Miss Due is piquant and charming as the wronged girl, and the little city wail who goes to the country to be reformed is capably taken by Margaret Marriot who gets all the laughs there are in it. Lloyd Edwards has never appeared to better advantage than in the part of the "hunchback" and loyal friend, and in one of the metropolitan papers his work was highly commended by the critics who likened his character work to that of Mansfield. The rest of the characters are all portrayed in a way that preserves the atmosphere of the piece and with the aid of artistic stage settings and appropriate costumes makes this one of the notable productions of the Elleford engagement. Appearing between acts is the famous Osborn duo, two of the cleverest youngsters on the stage today. Great things have been predicted for these little artists, and their many Honolulu friends are delighted to hear of their return.

## WOMAN'S NATIONAL RIVERS AND HARBORS CONGRESS

A large and representative company of women gathered on Wednesday afternoon on the roomy lanai of the Pleasanton to attend a meeting of the Hawaiian branch of the Woman's National Rivers and Harbors Congress, and of all interested in the work of conservation. Mrs. Augustus Knudsen, vice president for Hawaii, presided, and reported on the growing interest in the movement as evidenced by the growing membership in the organization. It is but four weeks since the first conservation meeting was held, and since then 93 individuals and two clubs have joined the Woman's National Rivers and Harbors Congress, bringing the total membership in Honolulu up to 232. Large Committees on Publicity and Education have been formed, with chairmen on each of the large islands. Mrs. W. W. Hall, regent of the Aloha Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, read a paper from the text—"No man liveth to himself," and by apt stories illustrated the need of preserving for future generations the diminishing resources of our once richly wooded and watered land. She spoke of the interest the Daughters of the American Revolution are taking in the work and of their decision to offer a prize to the students of Oahu College and the McKinley High School for the best essay on conservation. The first club to join the Woman's National Rivers and Harbors Congress was the Kumuwela Club, a club of teachers organized last summer for summer camping and outings. The idea originated with Mr. Augustus Knudsen, who made possible the first camping trip to the little forest basin Kumuwela far up in the beautiful Waimea Canyon of Kaula. Miss Minnie Reed read a vivid description of the camp and its surroundings and offered some "suggestions" on behalf of the club, notably the establishment of public camping places and the organization of summer camping schools and the introduction of insectivorous, perching song birds, as recommended by Mr. Van Dine, the federal entomologist. Miss Lulu Law, president of the Normal School Conservation Club, told of the interest its members are taking in the subject and of their efforts to fit themselves to educate the children of the schools in Conservation. Mrs. F. M. Swanzy read an interesting paper on "The Value of the Hawaiian Forest," noting the sad destruction of valuable timber, and the steps already taken by the Hawaiian Legislature for the preservation and extension of the forests, and the importance of awakening such public sentiment as shall carry the project still further. The closing paper was read by Mrs. W. F. Frear on "The Spirit of Conservation in the Home." She emphasized the opportunities of the mother of a family in "the practice of domestic and therapeutic economy" and in creating in those whom she could influence the right attitude of mind toward the conservation of all natural resources, and in reinforcing public opinion which is back of all great movements and reforms.

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northeast winds, which came from the other islands yesterday and this morning, the departure of the excursion was held in some doubt this morning. A wireless was sent to Mokolai, however, to find out just what the situation was off Kalaupapa. An answer came about 10 o'clock. It was of such a satisfactory character that the trip was decided upon as above outlined.

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