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GEORGE F. HENSHALL.....MANAGER

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### THE SALOON AS A LOCAL ISSUE.

"Gentlemen:—After today's issue of The Star, the enclosed advertisement will no longer appear in The Star, being of a class of advertising which we have decided not to publish hereafter."

Last month, as the above letter sent to various advertisers indicates, saw the last of retail liquor advertisements in the columns of The Star. For some time they have been gradually stricken out. The management has declined the breweries' advertising business and, as old time contracts have expired, it has declined to continue publishing paid notices which are in any way an advertisement of a retail saloon, or of the saloon as an institution. This is a step taken within recent years by most of the largest and highest class newspapers of the country, and by practically all the better class weeklies and magazines. As far as The Star is concerned, it is carrying out a profound conviction that the saloon as an institution is so harmful in the community that no newspaper of standing should consent to lend it the slightest countenance.

It is quite impossible to follow the local records of crime and tragedy without reaching the conclusion that, no matter how the larger problem of liquor is viewed, there are too many saloons in Honolulu, and some of them in unfit hands. It is the duty of the license commission, we believe, under the present law, to take the aggressive against these places, and further, it is the duty of all the political parties to take up the liquor issue being pressed upon them, with a view to strengthening the liquor law so that the saloon evil may be destroyed. Honolulu's possible great future, as a residence town whose climate attracts all peoples, will be greatly hastened by a successful campaign to eliminate the saloon.

The issue is probably going to be the most prominent one in the political campaign a year from now. As a newspaper standing for Republican principle we believe it is the duty of the Republican party to take the lead in improving the liquor law now in force and for which it can justly claim credit. Without going into the difficult moot question of Prohibition, most citizens will agree that saloons are an evil and, those who are well informed on the subject, that some Honolulu saloons are a curse to the community. The facts in support of this view can be shown as occasion arises. We think that the voters will render a verdict that way if given a chance,—and we shall urge that the Republican party give them that chance. National political issues do not count very much here, and our politicians always fight largely on local issues. The most important of all local issues is the harm the retail saloon is doing to our population.

### SHEBA TEACHES US A LESSON.

Editor Sheba is the author of a most worthy literary effort to educate his countrymen, by means of a romance, in the knowledge of the laws of this land. The book will doubtless be of much benefit and it shows, what has been shown before, Mr. Sheba's most conscientious and broadminded realization of his duties as an editor,—editor being, as a recent decision held, a synonym for teacher. The book recounts the adventures of a Japanese youth who came to Hawaii 18 years ago and began a career of crime. He started with misdemeanors and gradually rose, so to speak, to the higher grades of felonies. Weaving into the thrilling story of his adventures some clear explanations of the laws he violated, the author has produced a work which must certainly produce a very good effect.

The work is for Japanese and is in the Japanese language. However, it contains at least one thing that should be educative of Americans. Says a description published in The Star yesterday and, be it explained, written by a Japanese: "He (the hero) escapes the punishment on technicalities of law, but in course of time he meets with Colonel Lovejoy of the Salvation Army, repents his innumerable crimes, and becomes a respectable citizen."

Could there be a more naive slap at our system of criminal prosecutions than this? The hero, be it observed, pursues an expanding career of crime for eighteen years and though he naturally learns law from the inside, being in a constant tussle with it, he comes out on top every time, through "technicalities." Evidently Editor Sheba has not watched our courts for nothing. The hopeless contest is finally ended by the Salvation Army. "Innumerable crimes" failed to land the doughty hero in jail, but finally the Army landed him as a convert and, it may be presumed, he lived happily ever afterwards, like the married heroes of days preceding the problem novel and the sad ending.

Mr. Sheba wrote for the purpose of educating Japanese. But he has produced something that ought to educate Americans.

The National Geographical Society has decided that Peary is entitled to a medal for discovering the North Pole. Now let the University of Copenhagen decide that Cook did it first and the library of Cook and Peary literature will grow like an international banyan tree, while a bewildered public will wander hopelessly lost amid the jungle of arguments.

## Commercial News

Banking  
Stocks  
Bonds

Trade  
Shipping  
Travel

BY L. D. TIMMONS

The stock market was stronger by considerable odds today than in months past. Stocks already on the upgrade were forced farther ahead than had been calculated for them, while stocks hitherto dormant assumed vigor hardly expected of them just yet. All down the line the bulls had the best of the day's frolic, and seemed to be in almost undisputed possession of large parts of the situation this afternoon.

The most sweeping advance was in Onomea. Yesterday as high as \$52.25 was bid for this stock. It was generally felt that even better figures were imminent, but few there were who expected what happened. From that point there was a wild sweep upward to \$56.00, at which 60 shares changed hands. This deal was followed by a sale of 75 shares at \$57. At the close of the session there was an offer of another block of 50 shares at \$57, and an offer of \$57 for ten shares.

Another lively center was Qahu. First there were sales of 100 and 10 shares at \$32.50, followed, however, by 115 shares at \$33. There the quotations stuck, \$32.875 being offered and \$33 still asked when the session closed.

From \$119.50 at the close yesterday, Waiialua swept up to \$120, sales of 20, 25 and 35 shares being made at that figure. On the boards this morning \$121 was offered, but holders were demanding \$122—an advance of approximately \$4 a share this week.

Ewa also experienced a little of the boom effects. Between boards 20 and 5 shares sold at \$30.875, which was yesterday's top market. On the boards, however, 100, 100, 40, 10 and 10 shares changed hands at \$31. At the close of the session \$30.875 was offered, but holders were still demanding \$31.

Ten shares Pioneer sold on the boards at \$182.50. For the stock \$183 was offered and \$185 asked.

Olaa also fluttered a little, 10 shares selling at \$5.75, followed by 25 at \$5.825. A sale of \$500 Olaa bonds was made at \$100.25.

Between boards 100, 65 and 100 McBryde changed hands at \$4.50 and 10 on the board at the same. At the close \$4.50 was bid and \$4.625 offered for the stock.

Side sales were 20 shares Walluku at \$280 and \$1,000 Hilo Railway sixes at \$100.25.

### TRENT GOING EAST.

Richard H. Trent of the Trent Trust Company, and treasurer of the City and County of Honolulu, will sail in the Manchuria next Saturday for a business and pleasure visit to various points in the States. His first important stop will be at Cincinnati, the home village of Brother Bill Taft, and from there the county treasurer will go to Memphis, his former home. Mr. Trent will be away less than two

months, returning here in the Mongolia on December 27.

### BANK MEETING CALLED.

The directors of the First National Bank have issued a call for a meeting of stockholders to be held on December 6 for the purpose of acting upon the proposal to absorb the Bank of Hawaii. The date is set more than a month ahead on account of the fact that some of the stockholders reside on the mainland, and must, under the regulations, be given the chance of representation personally or by proxy at the meeting.

This meeting, it is probably safe to say, is merely a matter of form, made necessary by the rules, inasmuch as the business to come before it is already "cut and dried," so to speak. There is no longer any question but that the deal with the Bank of Hawaii will be put through without opposition at any hand.

### COTTON AT KUNIA.

A. W. von Valkenberg spent all of yesterday on the cotton plantation of his company at Kunia, and returned in a most cheerful mood concerning the prospects of the baby industry launched by himself and his co-experimenters. About twenty-five acres are now in cotton, and a part of it is starting to bear. The gin recently purchased will soon have all the work it can handle for a while, preparing the lint for market.

The cotton company is going ahead with the work of preparing other land for planting. A steam plow has been moved over from Waiialua and this is used to break the hard ground.

In respect to the cotton which will shortly be ready for shipment Mr. Van Valkenberg said this morning: "This first lot of cotton will be offered in the world's markets as superior grade, and will be sold as such. Whether we will sell it in Europe, America, Japan or elsewhere I do not know; but I do know that we will take our time about it and so place the cotton that it will do us good as an advertisement. We are not forced to sell it at any particular time, and will wait for the highest figures obtainable."

### ALAMEDA SATURDAY.

The following wireless has been received by the Agents of the S. S. Alameda.

"Alameda, November 3, 8 p. m.—Fine weather, light breeze and smooth sea, 921 miles. Will arrive about 7 a. m. Saturday."

### PROMOTION COMMITTEE.

After attending to routine business this afternoon, the Promotion Committee will adjourn to the old foundry of the Catton, Neill Company in Queen street where Mr. Renear has established

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PHONE 297.

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