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HILO MAY "TUG" WITH HONOLULU

Hilo is in the throes of a tug-of-war tournament and there is talk of the winning team sending a challenge to Honolulu.

The pulls have been taking place at the armory and the affair has been well supported.

The teams are as follows: Olan, captained by Al Dorion; Roads pull the Kauais for the championship, and Bridges, captained by John Ke-alo; Waiakaeas, captained by Dick Polymann; S. S. Kauais, captained by R. Boyd.

Olan, captained by Al Dorion; Roads pull tonight and the winning team will pull the Kauais for the championship. It is a long time since Honolulu had a tug-of-war and a local sports promoter might do worse than get one up. A pull for the championship of the islands between the strongest teams that Hilo and Honolulu can put on the cleats would result in a struggle worth going a long way to witness.

SOUTHERN PAPER OBJECTS TO HAWAII COTTON CLAIMS

Every now then then we hear of the successful cultivation of cotton in some region of the earth other than the Southern States. We know, of course, that cotton may be and is grown in other parts of the world—as in India, Egypt, China, Peru; but the announcement that it can be grown in some remote corner of earth with greater profit and success than it is grown in this country has been made so often that it is becoming little stale and tiresome. The experiments in various portions of Africa, for instance, have been exploited and described and countless prophecies as to the revolution of the cotton trade of the world have been made upon the slender basis of the production at ruinous cost of a few pounds of the staple. So with the other experiments in other parts of the globe.

Now it is Hawaii. Hawaii is to be the true rival of the South. Hawaii is to produce so much cotton and of such fine quality that it will make the Southern product seem second-rate or tenth-rate. "Cotton may yet be king in the Hawaiian Islands," chants the Pacific Commercial Advertiser of Honolulu, "and all the world may come to this territory for its best supply of the staple." According to this authority, Hawaii holds in its brown hands the key to the whole situation. "We have no need," it says, "to go to the Southern States for our seed."

It doesn't need to go to the Southern States it seems, for anything. Hawaii is sufficient unto itself. There is no necessity for the Hawaiians to come over here in order to learn how to cultivate cotton. Either they know it all or the climate makes it unnecessary for them to bother with details. "Hawaii can raise as good cotton as can be grown anywhere in the world." It seems that the islands are peculiarly safeguarded from all the perils that beset the planter of the Southern States:

"Cotton grown in Hawaii is not subject to the pests that make cotton growing in the Southern States a

steadily less profitable venture. The boll weevil, the insect that has devastated thousands of acres in the South, is not found in Hawaii, and cotton wilt is a disease fortunately unknown here."

Dr. Wilcox, the director of the Hawaiian Experiment Station, seems to have been trying to stir the islands into a fierce rivalry with the South. According to the report of one of his lectures in the Pacific Commercial Advertiser the Doctor's views as to the future of cotton in the South are, to say the least, peculiar. Here, we take it, is a summary of them:

"The falling off in the amount of cotton produced in the United States is due largely to the boll weevil, which is worse now than it has ever been before. And there appears to be absolutely no possibility of checking its spread. The only thing that had any appreciable effect on it this year was the high temperature experienced in some parts of the country. For instance, it was pretty well killed out in Texas, but this was because the thermometer went as high as 114 degrees and the weevils were literally cooked. But such temperatures are not to be expected regularly, in a few years the boll weevil will be in the sea-island cotton district along the coast of the Carolinas and Georgia, and will mean a diminution of the crop in that section."

Clearly, the United States needs a better-informed man for director of its experiment station in Hawaii, or the Pacific Commercial Advertiser a more painstaking reporter. It is a far cry from Honolulu to the Southern States, but the general facts about cotton-growing and the steady development of the business of cotton-growing are too well known to be maltreated. The time is visible when the South will produce some million more bales of cotton than it now produces, in order that it may supply the steady increasing demand of the world's consumers. Some good cotton may be produced in every continent of the world, but we

PLUMBING ORDINANCE

SANITATION COMMITTEE APPROVES AMENDMENTS—AYLETT'S MILK ORDINANCE DEFERRED.

The proposed amendments to the plumbing ordinance were approved by the sanitation committee of the Board of Supervisors last night. They are mostly to correct defects found by Plumbing Inspector Mischelstein in the performance of his duties. Some of the changes will reduce the cost of plumbing in dwellings. The flat rate of \$2 for a permit covering a whole building or a single fixture, as the case may be (is changed to fifty cents a fixture. There is no charge for slight repairs, such as stopping leaks, etc.

Nothing was done with Supervisor Aylett's milk ordinance owing to the late hour when the plumbing measure was completed. Not only members of the Board of Agriculture but leading dairymen consider the Aylett measure as submitted to be radically defective, and it will probably fall to secure the support of a majority of the Board of Supervisors unless its defects are cured. Since the Mayor's vetoes of the milk and dairy ordinances, was sustained, no move has been made toward introducing a new dairy ordinance. The Board was legally advised that separate ordinances for guarding the milk supply and for regulating dairies were necessary, as a single act of legislation can embrace but one subject.

SPORTDRIFT

The Athletic Park was nearly dry this morning and unless there is more rain the program of sports scheduled for New Year's Day will be pulled off.

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