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NEW RUBBER SOURCE.

While the reply of Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island to the charges against him made by Senator Bristow, on the matter of the tariff on rubber, is entertaining as a sample of mordant political dialectics, it also possesses a peculiar interest to rubber producers everywhere. The Inter-Continental Rubber Company, with which Senator Aldrich is identified, is shown to be engaged in a most important experiment, the results of which may revolutionize the production of crude rubber. It takes hitherto unconsidered shrubs—known until now only as enumerators of the soil—for a source of rubber, the extraction of the substance therefrom being a much cheaper and simpler process than that of tapping the laboriously cultivated rubber trees that are the present main source of supply. Thus far the results appear to be satisfactory. If the simple resource of rubber production mentioned should yield a greater profit than the recognized species of rubber trees, there ought to be no reason why the plants should not be imported from Mexico and tried out in Hawaii. Possibly land that is classed as waste here would afford the rubber shrubs a hospitable soil.

"Liquor is killing off the Hawaiian race rapidly and they realize it," says a dispatch from Honolulu telling of the overwhelming defeat of the prohibitionists in the recent plebiscite. But most of them take the ground that they would rather die wet and happy than live long but dry. Oh, well, if they look at it that way, all right.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Funny, but not fair. Probably the dry vote contained a larger proportion of natives than of any other element. Prohibition was opposed openly by leading whites in church, political and business circles on the ground that it would be ineffective and inferior to the present stringent license law in controlling the sale of liquor. No doubt there was a large majority of native voters against prohibition, but the prevailing argument with them was that the plebiscite was an unwonted and unnecessary interference of Congress in local affairs. The verdict was as much home rule as "wet."

Cholera, which for some time has been making ravages in Russia, has appeared in Italy—the country of many woes. There is no saying where the scourge may fall next, and the health watchmen of every country should be on the alert for it. The Board of Health ought to look sharply after the sanitation of Honolulu at this time. Cholera has not great terrors for a clean town.

President Morgan's report to the Chamber of Commerce is a document of value for a concise record of Hawaii's industrial and commercial progress for a year. In a limited sense it serves the purpose of a business year book. The Territory is to be congratulated upon having passed twelve months replete with good things to report.

New York City is saving \$700,000 a year by "standardizing" its supplies. The word means the prescription of a clearly defined and satisfactory standard for each article required in considerable quantity, and getting bids at one time for whatever may be required of that article during a certain period. Honolulu is gradually working toward a like system in the purchase of material and supplies for municipal offices.

A SOLDIER'S VIEWS.

Captain William H. Monroe, U. S. army, has a serious article in the August number of The North American Review on "War and Peace: The Military Point of View." He presents in an agreeable way the familiar fact of the importance of military preparedness. In part he says:

"The idealist would have us believe that the world has gone mad in its demand for Dreadnoughts; but the idealist has just forgotten for the nonce that he is a very small party, and like any other individual he can sound only one trumpet in the grand symphony of life. The very men who fight the battles of the idealists and make their dreams possible realities incur the wrath and displeasure of these righteous ones. They flatter themselves that the contests for supremacy have been inconsequential, that right and justice would have triumphed without armed champions, and that no credit whatever is due those who laid down their lives for righteousness' sake. Pushed to its logical conclusion, this prejudice against the use of force in the maintenance of peace would do away with the policeman; but how long do you suppose the gentlefolk of our great cities would continue to live in the enjoyment of their happy homes, were there no uniformed guardians of the peace? And how long do you think peace would reign on earth today were there no armies and navies to make aggression and injustice unprofitable and unattractive?"

Haleakala is good for one more eruption, Professor Burns of Switzerland says. It is beyond human knowledge when the last one before occurred, although the visiting scientist places it well within two centuries past. To break forth at any time now the vast mountain would be apt to have a spasm that would shake the eight islands. There would be little danger from lava flows outside, however, if the break happened inside of the crater, the largest in the world. Professor Burns does not fix a date for the re-erudescence of activity in the "House of the Sun." For the present the Hawaii Promotion Committee will have to be content with Kilauea, which continues to be the champion active volcano of the world—at least among such as are comfortably and safely accessible for close observation.

Readers of The Star have been kept in close touch with the scientific war against the house fly as an agent for spreading disease. In this issue is given an account of methods of eradicating the pest which a Chicago investigator through careful experiments has discovered. It is now generally recognized that the house fly is scarcely less dangerous to the public health than the mosquitoes that carry malaria and yellow fever in their lancets.

Uncle Walt

The Poet Philosopher

The husband went home to his wife when his day's toil was through. "You're grieved," he said, "my love, my life—tell me what worries you! Something has happened, that I know, DOMESTIC to fret you and annoy; now let your husband share TRIALS your woe, as she has shared your joy." The wife replied: "I'm nervous, dear—I fear I'm all unstrung; so do not mind my vagrant tear, or my complaining tongue. The little mishaps of the day, just fill my heart with dread; I try to laugh my griefs away, but tears will come instead. Our little Johnnie went to play with others, on the street; an automobile came that way, and cut off both his feet. And then our little Sarah Jane, went out to buy a hat, and some one, from an aeroplane, fell down and mashed her flat." The husband took her in his arms, and kissed her tears away; and when he'd soothed her vague alarms, she heard him gently say: "You're over-wrought, my precious Kate, to take such things to heart; of course they sometimes aggravate, and cause a moment's smart; but we should not give way to gloom when Science gives us scars; we should be glad to help to boom airships and motor cars."

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HOLDS THE CROWD

The number of items and the class of the artists stamps the present offering at the New Orpheum the best and largest of its kind ever seen in Honolulu. Eight high class vaudeville numbers and a farce comedy afterpiece is almost too large a bill for a city the size of Honolulu to support, it would seem, yet the popular Hotel street theater is comfortably filled each night. The best argument in favor of the present popularity of the New Orpheum is, that if a first class show is given the theatergoers will respond liberally. High class artists are hard to get in this part of the world and it is so seldom that an aggregation like the present one at the New Orpheum is seen here, it is little wonder that the amusement-loving public are willing to and do patronize good attractions. In Bun-yea and Gideon the New Orpheum presents a vaudeville team that is hard to beat and is only found on the big circuits on the mainland. This pair has made a distinct hit and their act is of the most pleasing variety. Gideon's own songs being used in the skit makes the number doubly attractive. No one can gainsay the fact that Miss Maude Rockwell is justly entitled to be billed as "the California nightingale." She has sung herself into the hearts of local theatergoers, and when she poses her Orpheum engagement one week from Saturday night she will leave here taking with her the regrets of many who have seen and heard her. Comedians like Harry Garrity and Harris Stuart are seldom seen in this neck of the woods. Carlton Chase always pleases. Olga Stech is as dainty a soubrette as can be found on any stage. Laurel Atkins is regarded as the funniest woman vaudeville performer on the stage today, and this is exemplified by her big hit this week which she calls "imitations of the great Harry Lauder." Harris McQuire, Rita Abbot, Vilma Stech, Gladys Clifton and Ethel Haines are doing their share to maintain the high standard of the New Orpheum players.

ANOTHER EXTRA FOR H. C. & S. CO.

Mail advices received this morning gave the information that Hawaiian Commercial would pay another extra dividend of fifty cents a share on September 5. Of the matter the San Francisco Call says:

There is not another stock on the regular list of the Stock and Bond Exchange which treats its stockholders so liberally at the Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company. In addition to the regular monthly dividend which this company has been paying for several years, the directors yesterday surprised the stockholders with an extra dividend, payable on September 5. This is the second extra dividend which this company has declared within the past year. This extra dividend represents a disbursement of \$200,000 which will be distributed among those so fortunate as to be stockholders.

NO SLIGHT INTENDED.

The Japanese Consul has received information concerning the alleged refusal of the commander of the Japanese cruiser to assist the Mongolia. He states that the captain of the Mongolia was informed by the commander of the cruiser, a small 2300-ton affair, that his vessel could not move the big steamer and that it would be necessary to lighten the latter. When this was done the Mongolia floated, as he said she would. Meantime the cruiser remained until the floating was accomplished. If these are the facts

—and there seems no disposition to deny that they are—another opportunity to dilate upon the existence of alleged bad feeling between Japanese and Americans has been knocked out.—S. F. Chronicle.

LAST OF THE WRECKED HELGA

Only a few timbers remain on the British barkentine Helga which went ashore at Waikiki a week ago today. The wreckers who have been working under the direction of Captain Miller Th wreckers who have been working everything worth saving on the doomed vessel. The mizzen mast, which was the only mast remaining yesterday, will probably go by the board some time today, as the shrouds and backstays which have been holding her up are almost ready to part with the constant strain. Her coal is scattered on the bottom as the result of the ship breaking in half yesterday.

No word has been received from Captain Wall about the money he sent for the other day and unless something is heard at once the crew will be obliged to ship on some other vessel as they are entirely without money. British Consul Forster could not be found this afternoon to give his idea of the chances of the crew obtaining money from Captain Wall.

There were eight deaths from contagious diseases in the district in the district of Honolulu during the sixteen days ended August 16, being seven from tuberculosis and one death from typhoid fever.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, TERRITORY OF HAWAII.—AT CHAMBERS—IN DIVORCE.

Francisco Do Rego, Libellant; vs. John Do Rego, Libellee.

NOTICE.

The Territory of Hawaii to John Do Rego, greeting:

Notice is hereby given that there is pending in the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit, Territory of Hawaii, a libel for divorce from the bonds of matrimony wherein Francisco Do Rego is libellant and John Do Rego is the libellee, being numbered in said Court of Divorce, No. 3884, and that said libel will be heard by the Honorable W. J. Robinson, Third Judge of said Court, in his Court Room, in the Judiciary Building, in Honolulu, City and County of Honolulu, on Friday, the 28th day of October, A. D. 1910, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit, T. H., this 13th day of August, A. D., 1910.

(Seal) M. T. SIMONTON,

Clerk Circuit Court, First Judicial Circuit, Territory of Hawaii.

Douthitt & Coke,

Attorneys for Libellant.

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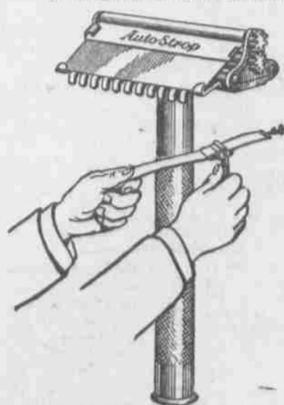
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