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WELLMAN'S FAILURE.

It is a consolation to know that Wellman's balloon ship broke the records for endurance and for single flight distance before it had to be abandoned in air. The record of failure to conquer the winds, however, has only been lengthened by Wellman's bold adventure. Nothing greater than a news item would have been gained had Wellman gone safely across the Atlantic. Such an event would have been a mere accident of favorable circumstances.

Everybody now knows that the aeroplane and the dirigible can fly, but nobody can tell an hour in advance when it will be safe for them to make flights, long or short. Sometimes the wind blows strong enough to hurl a railway train off the track, but a much less powerful breeze will suffice to make any flying ship as helpless as a feather. There is some regularity to the winds that blow over the earth's surface—they are even given names, their tracks are charted and, frequently, their onset heralded—but little is known of the upper air currents and their maelstroms of disturbance. They blow when, where and how they list.

Mr. Curtiss, one of the ablest and carefulest of living airmen, spoke what will probably be long-lasting truth recently when he said that the art of flying would prove very valuable for certain special purposes of peace and war, but was impossible as an ordinary means of transportation. Besides serving the particular utilities he mentioned, no doubt airships will continue to be—as they have begun—a source of thrilling amusement for the hairbrained rich.

STANDARDIZE DIVIDENDS.

Investors in Hawaiian sugar stocks are treated alternately to feast and famine. When the price of sugar is high and the crop is good, the paying plantations—most of them are paying—declare dividends both regular and special to the limit. But let there be a season of low prices or of poor crops or both, there are stoppage of special and suspension of regular dividends. Then small investors, dependent to some extent on the income from their shares, and larger investors, who want best returns for their money, unload their holdings and the stock market is consequently depressed. In the case of small investors hardship is caused from the difficulty of finding other good securities to put their money into, as well as from the pinching of their resources of living through loss of income while looking for new objects of investment. Then there is the reflex injury to the community of depression in general, caused by checking of the flow of circulation that is so much enhanced at dividend periods.

It was long ago suggested that a standardizing of dividends by the sugar producing corporations should be adopted. Thereby, in years of bumper crops and of good prices, instead of extra dividends the profits over the amount needed for the standard dividends would go into a reserve fund. From this reserve dividends would continue at the set rate in years of failure or partial failure of the crop, as well as years of depression in the sugar market. Under such a system investors would know exactly the value of the stock they bought. Banks even might trade in sugar stocks with as much confidence as they do in the most adequately secured bonds.

It ought not to be difficult to fix the standard of dividends in any particular case. Conditions of the sugar industry in Hawaii are perhaps more stable than in any other sugar country in the world. No other is so far advanced in methods and equipment. Climatic disasters are nowhere more rare and, with the large irrigation systems in operation and projected, even the peril of drought in the districts of precarious rainfall is now eliminated. By organization for scientific co-operation of the sugar planters, the terror of plant blights and insect pests may also be regarded as past. In the matter of labor supply it may fairly be said, notwithstanding more or less chronic perturbation in that behalf, Hawaii is not in more dubious case than the most favored countries in that regard elsewhere.

The unprofitable periods of the sugar industry have not been so fitful, so frequent or so lasting that a trustworthy average of yearly profits over a long period can not be computed with at least approximate accuracy. Then why not standardize dividends and thus make sugar stocks as solid for investment as a government bond?

IMMIGRATION.

Some time before the election campaign started, this paper ventured a prediction that the next legislature would repeal the act providing for immigration and conservation by means of a special income tax on corporations. The Republican party has, however, taken the middle ground of modifying the measure so that it will yield some provision for other important public services as well as those stated. Perhaps this is better. At all events it is a definite alternative to the Democratic campaign policy of stopping immigration altogether. Intelligent people should have no hesitation in deciding which policy to choose.

What The Star advocated was the making of immigration a strictly public matter, taking it out of the questionable category of class legislation and placing it in line with the supreme policy of Americanizing the Territory. Immigration should be identified with land settlement. Otherwise Hawaii will be made, for desirable immigrants, but a stepping stone from which to reach California. The people to build up citizenship here must be given a stake in the soil or only a small proportion of them will remain after being brought here at great expense.

On their part the planters must sooner or later be convinced that the future of the sugar industry as well as of Hawaii, as a self-governing American community, depends upon a citizen population as the main body of the tillers of the soil.

How soon that happy consummation will be reached hangs upon the question of whether the Territory is to have sound legislation now and henceforth. Will the voters for this trust the Democrats with their destructive policy or the Republicans with their constructive policy?

On top of this paper's advocacy of making the Kilauea volcanic region a national park comes the news that the volcano observatory at the brink of the crater is now assured of erection in the immediate future. Besides its being a great attraction of itself this enterprise of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will be an interesting adjunct of Kilauea national park.

It would be well if Hawaii could have a representative at the municipal congress in Galveston next month. Some intelligent visitor on the mainland from here might be discovered and appointed. The municipality of Honolulu has a form of government almost as simple and direct as the Galveston commission system. Yet it is open to improvement and the time may not be distant when Hilo and Kahului-Wailuku may need

city government. Therefore the latest ideas in municipal government, which will be exhaustively set forth at the Galveston congress, would be valuable to have through the medium of a personal appearance there of a delegate from Hawaii.

MOTHER RICE'S 94TH BIRTHDAY

The ninety-fourth anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Mary S. Rice, familiarly known here as "Mother Rice" the venerable mother of Hon. W. H. Rice, Mrs. C. M. Cooke and Mrs. Col. De La Vergne, was celebrated at the home of Mrs. Hans Isenberg, one of her grand-daughters, in Lihue last Tuesday, October 11, amidst a throng of her great-grandchildren, and other friends and relatives.

Her natal day found Mother Rice enjoying good health although somewhat feeble, of course, as is quite natural for one of her advanced years, but still taking a lively interest in the welfare of Kauai and the activities of the multitude of her relatives and acquaintances here.

She was at home to her friends from nine to eleven in the forenoon and from one to three o'clock after lunch. Among the visitors was a delegation of her Lihue Hawaiian friends all of whom look upon her with a great deal of love and reverence, who called soon after breakfast and greeted her with many "Alohas," and sang a number of well known hymns for her, to which she listened with the greatest interest.

On account of her age and naturally feeble condition, she was not able to greet the large number of other friends and admirers who would have liked to have come, and many of them sent flowers to express their regard, great masses of which were outspread on the large dining room table, sharing their beauty and fragrance with all who came.

All the members of her immediate family, and also several others of her close friends, called in the afternoon to pay their respects, and bring their gifts of flowers and other remembrances, and for several hours she was kept busy greeting them and receiving their good wishes. At an early hour she retired, as has been her custom of late, expressing great pleasure in the happy day she had spent, and seeming in the best of good spirits.—Garden Island.

SHIPPING NEWS

The Mau experienced fine weather throughout her last trip to Maui and Hawaii ports and arrived back this morning. She had a cargo of 34 cords of wood, 49 sacks of corn, 28 sacks of potatoes, 50 cases of honey, 23 hogs and 193 packages of sundries. From Hilo and way ports she took 15,000 feet of lumber to Kahului.

The following passengers returned by the Mau:—From Hilo: Mrs. M. Oliver, R. S. Hosmer, Kohara and Tani. From Laupahoehoe, Rev. J. M. Lydgate. From Hana, Mrs. W. A. Anderson, Mrs. Ah Chu, Master Hawaii, Mrs. Dunn and child, Mrs. M. A. Perelra and T. H. Kelly. From Kahului, Lin Sing, Miss Lou Keo, Miss Afong, Miss A. Cummings, From Lahaina, T. Muller, A. J. Spitzer, Kumagi, Katabill, Hashimoto and Mrs. Matsuki. There were also 62 on deck, including 36 Japanese.

The schooners Borealis and W. H. Marston and the steamer Virginian were at Hilo on Monday. The schooner Expansion was at Kahului on Tuesday and the schooner Honolulu arrived on the same day at Hana.

The W. G. Hall arrived from Kauai ports this morning, with the following on board:—T. V. King, O. Muller, Rev. H. Abye, E. H. Weed, Miss Weed, Lou Lim, Pim Kav, U. Ozaki, and Yokomoto. There were 16 on deck including 12 Japanese.

The Mary E. Foster left this morning for Puget Sound.

The W. G. Hall will leave at five o'clock tomorrow for Kauai ports. The following passengers have booked:—H. F. Sanborn, R. Smith, Dr. Sefton, Rev. J. M. Lydgate, F. Gay and Olef Thomas.

WELL-KNOWN TEACHER DEAD

The sudden death of Miss Eva Shaw which occurred recently came as a shock to her many friends. Miss Shaw was a teacher in the Waimea school. She was well known on Kauai, as she had previously held a position as teacher at Kilauea. Miss Shaw's mother was about to leave California to make her home with her daughter, when news of the death reached her. The funeral was held in the Waimea church, Rev. Milliken officiating. The church was beautifully decorated as a last tribute from those who knew her best. Her quiet influence was felt by all with whom she came in contact, and her sunny presence will be missed by her many friends.—Garden Island.

DAN RENEAR COMING BACK TO THE HEALANIS

The swimming and rowing members of the Healanis Boat Club are awaiting the return of Dan Renear, one time champion swimmer of Honolulu, and a leading oarsman. Cable advices have been received from Goldfield, Nevada, stating that Dan will be returning in the near future, and will arrive here probably within the next three weeks. There are very few sportsmen in Honolulu who are as well-known as Dan Renear, and the Healanis are looking forward to a successful year when Renear again takes up with his old club.

When Renear was an active participant in sport here, particularly aquatics, the Healanis lead the way, since his departure they have fallen from the position of honor, but with his assistance they hope to regain their lost position. Renear as a swimmer does best at one hundred yards, as is witnessed by the splendid fight he put up against C. M. Daniels in the 100 yards' championship of New York a few years ago, finishing second to the world's champion in 58 seconds, Daniels being two seconds faster.

As a fancy diver Dan is also brilliant. Four or five years it must be, since he finished second to Dr. G. H. Sheldon in the amateur fancy diving championship of the States, and he has kept close up to the form he then displayed.

In rowing Dan held a high place in the Healanis Club and he stroked many crews to victory, as may be seen by a glance at the photographs which grace the walls of the clubhouse. When he does return to Honolulu Dan will be assured of a hearty welcome, not only from his club mates, but from the many friends he has in the Territory. With Dan to assist Skipper Bill Kinslea and Ho'sun Johnson in keeping matters moving, the Healanis' stock should rise far above the present level.

NOT ENOUGH JURORS.

Edward Bance and Walter White, cavalry men, were before Judge Cooper again this morning in connection with the charge of having stolen a bracelet valued at \$50 from a woman in the Iwilei district.

The juryman summoned to attend were so reduced by challenges and excuses that it was necessary to issue a venire for another twelve. This was done, and at eleven o'clock eleven of them had been obtained. The number left after examination was again too small, so another venire for six men was issued. As it was then eleven forty-five, the venire was made returnable at 8:30 tomorrow morning.

WAGNER-YOUNG.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Lydia Margaret Wagner, daughter of Mrs. Annie Wagner, and Richard Stoddard Young. The wedding will take place on Tuesday afternoon next week, at Central Union church, at five o'clock.

THE FULLER ESTATE.

Clarence H. Cooke, F. B. Damon and M. T. Simonton, who were appointed to appraise the value of the estate left by the late Andrew Fuller, have submitted their report. They value the estate at \$47,416.57, which comprises bonds worth \$5,087.50, stocks worth \$50,230.63, cash in savings bank, \$1,138.57, and a note of G. G. Fuller's for \$1,000. Twenty per cent has been deducted from the value of the stocks, which reduces their value by \$10,046.13.

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