

# ARMY AND NAVY

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thousand carefully selected volumes, covering an endless variety of subjects, and is being constantly added to by private donations and purchases by the Association.

### Amusements.

The reading rooms are furnished with forty odd current magazines and nearly a hundred newspapers, which come from all sections of the United States. Comfortable spaces and desks are provided for writing, and stationery is furnished free of charge.

Four regulation bowling alleys installed in the basement are most popular with visitors to the building, and crowded almost every evening with bowling enthusiasts. The team representing the McKinley Y. M. C. A. carried off first honors in the 1910-11 tournament of the Philippine Bowling Congress.

Pool and billiard tables, seven in number are also installed in another part of the building, and lovers of the cue are enabled to indulge in the favorite diversion amid clean surroundings.

### Outdoor Sports.

For outdoor sports, tennis and handball courts of concrete construction have been built. On certain days of the week these courts are reserved for the officers of the post and their families who wish to take advantage of the health by exercise.

### Gymnasium.

A magnificent concrete and steel structure, containing six thousand square feet of floor space, is the Association gymnasium. This building was a donation from Mrs. Russell Sage, whose many benefactions promise place her in a position in the esteem of soldiers and sailors of the United States second only to Miss Helen Gould, who will always be held in grateful memory by both services.

The gymnasium building was equipped throughout by a subscription taken up among the enlisted men of the post which amounted to nearly \$16,000. Nothing is lacking in the way of equipment.

The gym is under the direction of a competent physical director, who organizes classes of both officers and enlisted men and their families. It contains also a swimming pool 30x60 feet, which is one of the most popular gathering places at the post.

### Basket Ball.

A preliminary basket ball tournament will open at the Association within a short time, during which players will be selected to represent McKinley in the Manila basket ball league.

### Hand Ball.

A hand ball tournament is also scheduled for the near future, which will be open only to members of the Association.

### Physical Culture Classes.

The organization of physical culture classes is also under way. These will consist of classes for men in which will be given instruction in calisthenics, apparatus work, games, boxing and wrestling. This class will meet three times a week, two afternoons and one evening.

A class for officers will be held two afternoons each week, and will embrace the same work outlined above. The class for ladies will include calisthenics, apparatus work, games and swimming, and will meet twice a week, the same applying to the class for boys.

If it is found to be desired by a sufficient number of officers and men, a broadsword and fencing class will be organized, membership in which will cost a nominal sum over the regular dues of the Association to defray the expenses of a special instructor for this work.

### Athletic Programme.

The physical director of the Association is outlining an extensive program for the season, which will be completed within the next two or three weeks.

A most interesting feature of the work being done by the Y. M. C. A. at McKinley is the educational department. There are nine special courses given, including preparatory course, college entrance and review courses, stenography, typewriting, telegraphy and an Army business course, which is designed to fit a man for the position of non-commissioned officer.

Competent instructors are employed for the different courses, who are thorough and painstaking in their methods.

A special feature of the Association work which has proved immensely popular with the men of the post is the free lecture series arranged from time to time. Recently a series was offered in which a number of men and women prominent in professional and public life in Manila lectured to the men. These lectures are given in the gymnasium, and the attendance has been such as to se-

verely tax the seating capacity of the building.

Altogether, the life of the cultured man at Fort McKinley centers around the Y. M. C. A. It is here he goes for knowledge, for pleasure and for exercise. Several times a week moving picture shows are given, which are well attended, and occasionally a troupe, theatrical or minstrel, is drawn from Manila to entertain. Admission is charged to these entertainments, which is the only revenue of the Association except nominal dues.

### Difficult Target Practice.

Manila Cable News American.—Never have marksmanship honors appeared more difficult of attainment than under the new rules laid down by the war department for rifle practice during the year 1911.

Old soldiers who in times gone by could plug a stationary target full of holes at 1000 yards, blink and rub their eyes when disappearing targets bob up before them at unknown ranges, linger for a moment on the horizon, and disappear behind cleverly concealed butts. In a vague sort of way they realize that the "old Betsy" that they clean with such loving care each morning is supposed to bore holes in these things, but as they traverse the skirmish line and are eliminated "at the other end. It is not quite clear that the man who worked out the theoretical side of disappearing targets ever had much to do with capturing a coveted sharpshooter's or expert rifleman's badge.

Why a disappearing target, anyway? Who ever heard of a soldier, a soldier of the old school, being guyed like that? It's just like holding out a piece of candy to a child, and then switching it behind your back when he reaches for it.

It ain't like the old days when the Army was an Army. No newfangled fuddubs like that were ever heard of, and the blankety-blank idiot who invented it just ought to be out here on the range trying to drive a hole in a target that's there when you look and ain't when you pull the trigger. He would learn something about shooting then, and would forget some of these ding-busted theories.

That is about the train of thought of the three thousand men who have been engaged in preliminary target practice at McKinley for the past six weeks.

The rules this year are particularly trying, and one officer expressed the opinion that the entire post would not produce more than a dozen sharpshooters on account of innovations with which the men are not familiar. The disappearing target seems to be the stumbling block, and few of any of the men make perfect scores firing at it.

Target practice will be continued until all troops at the post have completed the practice.

### Major Bell Received.

Manila, March 24.—A brilliant reception tendered Major General and Mrs. J. Franklin Bell in Schofield Hall at Fort William McKinley last night by the officers and ladies of the garrison was attended by hundreds of guests.

In the receiving line were: Major Erickson, Philippine Scouts secretary of the club; Major General and Mrs. Bell, Colonel and Mrs. Bowen, Twelfth Infantry; Major and Mrs. Purviance, Medical Corps; Colonel and Mrs. Hunter, Seventh Cavalry; Colonel and Mrs. Getty, Seventh Infantry; Major and Mrs. Barth, Twelfth Infantry.

Magnificent and artistic illuminations featured the occasion. An incandescent horseshoe blazed over the entrance of the hall, and red, white and blue lights hung over the grounds in lines.

Two great electric stars over the band stand paid a silent but glittering tribute to the high rank of the guest of honor. Blue and white lights shone in profusion in the dancing room.

The Seventh Cavalry band played a splendid program of dance music, while the Seventh Infantry was posted in the garden.

Dancing following the reception lasted several hours, and a buffet supper was served on the terrace.

### Vestal Relieved.

MANILA, March 25.—Captain Samuel C. Vestal, who for the past two years has been on duty in the military information division at Fort Santiago, was relieved yesterday by cable from duty with general staff by reason of the expiration of his four years detail and goes back to the Coast Artillery Corps. It is not known as yet to what battery Captain Vestal will be assigned, but it is quite probable that he will return to the United States on the transport scheduled to sail for the United States April 14.

Captain Vestal is one of the most efficient officers now serving in this division. During part of the time that he has been on duty in military information division he has been in charge. His work has always been of the very highest order and has won commendation from his superior officers at division headquarters.

The commanding General of the military District of Hawaii gave a

dinner party to the members of his official family, his staff, and their wives, at the Pacific Club house last evening. Members of the party included the Chief of staff, Captain Clifton C. Carter; The Adjutant General of the District Major Archibald Campbell the aid-de-camp Lieutenant Frank M. Andrews the Paymaster for Commissary emf shr emf shr emf shr this station Capt in E. H. Cook, Constructing Quartermaster Captain F. B. Edwards, Commissary, Major Alex M. Davis, Captain Moor M. Falls and others, with the ladies of their household, General Macomb and Mrs. Macomb are winning quiet battles on friendship's line every day.

# INTER-ISLAND

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and the influences mentioned will correct themselves and there is no place in Hawaii that promises so well to its residents as this town of ours.

### Big Lumber.

HILO, April 20.—The Pahoa Mill Company has landed the best and most encouraging contract which has yet come its way in making arrangements for supplying a quarter of a million feet of ohia lumber for the drydock work being done at Pearl Harbor. While the price which was made and agreed to was very satisfactory to the lumber people, the best feature of the matter is that in the tests made in Washington the ohia wood showed up better than any of the American or foreign woods, a number of which were named as standards for strength.

The lumber mentioned will be used for the keel blocks for the big dock and in other places where the greatest strain will come and for this reason the highest quality was demanded by the Washington officials. The price was a matter which had small consideration in comparison to quality and in the tests which were made the ohia ran ahead of almost every variety of lumber which was furnished for the experiments of the government experts. The contract is not only a good one in itself but the fact that ohia has been selected for such important work, and after a series of exhaustive tests, is one of the best advertisements that the local company could have.

Gradually the quality and wonderful strength of ohia is becoming known and now very few railroad ties are being shipped out, the wood being considered so valuable for other purposes that it is a waste to use it for such work. It will only be a short time before the tie business is given up altogether and the wood used only for higher class work.

### Dead Rats in Mails.

Hawaii Herald: The Hilo Tribune in its issue of this week prints a long article from the Oregon Journal in which a tourist who spent several months in Hawaii gives Hilo and the islands in general as severe a roasting as can be imagined. As the Tribune remarks, it would be amusing if it did not harm the islands. Unfortunately the Herald must acknowledge that in at least one particular the article is correct and this particular should be attended to without delay. The following paragraph is referred to:

"We discovered one peculiar thing out of the ordinary in Hilo, that every mail stage leaving Hilo takes its rat boxes the same as mail. These are distributed at every plantation or town. Each returning mail brings its locked rat boxes with dead rats in them to Hilo to be examined by the board of health to see if any district has bubonic infection; if so, it is soon quarantined. One very obnoxious feature about the system is that you can smell the dead rats for a block away as the mail wagon or stage passes by. The same thing occurs in Honolulu, where they had bubonic plague in 1907."

Such a tale would seem ridiculous except for the knowledge that the same thing is going on at present. The mail stage leaving Laupahoehoe on Saturday last contained one of the boxes of rats mentioned, the odor from which was disgusting to say the least. The occupants of the stage received the full benefit from this all the way in and when the train was reached the box, containing the rodent specimens was placed at the head of the coach and distributed its perfume directly through the entire train. Evidently some one is at fault, and if the shippers of rats do not take sufficient precautions, it is to be hoped that their packages will be refused shipment by the mail stages.

### Would Rival Company F.

HILO, April 20.—Captain Fetter of the local company of the National Guard, spurred ahead by the complimentary remarks which have been made by the U. S. Army officers who have been here of late, is doing his best to have the local company take the position once held by the Honolulu company which was commanded by

# ANCHORS TO WINDWARD AGAINST BELT ROAD BILL CONTINGENCY; KILAUEA PARK PLAN REVISED

In the House yesterday afternoon. House bill to prevent deficiencies in the general revenues passed third reading 24 to 3, the opposing members being Kellinof, Moanau and Yatef.

House bill to authorize advances of moneys for certain public improvements out of general revenue to be reimbursed out of loan funds passed third reading unanimously.

Chairman Rice of the finance committee, informed the House, with regard to each of the foregoing bills, that its necessity would be emphasized in the event of the Senate's overriding the Governor's veto of the belt road bill.

### For Irrigation Companies.

Senate bill to confer powers of eminent domain on incorporated irrigation companies passed third reading 22 to 6, upon the following vote: Ayes—Affonso, Archer, Castle, Cockett, Coney, Cooke, Holstein, Hudd, Kanekoa, Kawewehi, Long, Makekai, Marcellino, Moanau, Rice, Rickard, Sheldon, Towse, Waihalo, Watkins, Williamson Yates—22.

Noes—Correa, Fernandez, Kamanoulu, Kawaakoa, Kellinof, Mahoe—6.

### Kau Ditch Franchise.

Hale at considerable length discussed the concurrent resolution to request Congress to grant a franchise for construction of a ditch in Kau. He was anxious about the rights of homesteaders. Coney replied, saying, among other things, that the proposed franchise would mean the expenditure of six or eight million dollars in Kau and an increase almost right away of \$60,000 a year in taxes collected there. Kellinof moved an amendment leaving out the surrender value and providing instead that the price should be one agreed on between the land commissioner and the company with the approval of the Governor, which drew from Towse the ironical remark that the member from Maui was placing too much power in the hands of the Governor. The amendment died and the resolution passed third reading.

### Kilauea National Park.

A report of the public land committee was adopted, which submitted amended metes and bounds for the proposed Kilauea National Park. The report says in part:

"Your committee held considerable hearing, at which various and diverse persons and interests were represented. Your committee has had a new survey arranged under which some pasture land of approximately one thousand acres is let off the proposed Kilauea National Park. Your committee found from the arguments adduced during these hearings that the land is very valuable for ranch fattening purposes and does not contain anything which really should be included in the reservation area."

### To Refund License Fees.

Coney introduced a bill with a preamble showing the payment by Frank B. Craig and Henry K. Ogowa, of an immigrant agent's license fee to the Treasurer of Hawaii, who had no legal right to issue the licenses. The bill authorizes the Treasurer to repay to Henry K. Ogowa and Frank B. Craig each the sum of \$166.66.

### To Include Honolulu.

The city fathers of Honolulu will be able to condemn property for public use if a bill introduced by Representative Towse yesterday become law. It is to amend the law of 1907 providing for the exercise of the power of eminent domain by the counties so that it shall be construed to include the city and county of Honolulu.

### Improvement Measure.

Senate bill to provide for local improvements upon streets, etc., in the city of Honolulu unanimously passed third reading.

### County Money Deposits.

Senate bill to amend the law relating to the deposit of money in the Treasury of the United States by the counties of Hawaii, Maui, Oahu, Molokai and Kauai, passed third reading.

A special prize has been offered for the next six months to the squad which shows the best average attendance at drills. The prize is one of \$25.00 in cash and in addition to this the non-commissioned officer in command of the winning squad will receive a gold medal. The result has been splendid and for the past two weeks, that is, since this prize was announced, the full company has turned out and the drills have been exceptionally good.

ing to deposits of Territorial moneys in banks, so as to include county funds, passed second reading on a report of the finance committee.

### Disputes End Well.

A conference committee report on House bill to amend the law relating to the acquisition of property for public purposes was adopted, whereby the Senate receded from its amendment striking out the approval of the Land Board and the conferees put in place of that provision the approval of the Governor.

A conference report was adopted confirming the Senate amendment to House bill to pay certain claims against the Territory.

### New Department Created.

Notice was received that the Governor had signed Act 123 to create a department of immigration, labor and statistics. This act provides for a market superintendent.

### To Satisfy Homesteaders.

A report of the public lands committee was adopted, recommending "that the Attorney General be requested to expedite the issuance of all the titles of such homesteaders as have fully complied with the law." This was on a petition from complaining homesteaders in Hakalau presented by Affonso.

### Bill Killed.

To the cold slab, on the public lands committee's trolley line, yesterday afternoon went Kanekoa's bill directing the Superintendent of Public Works and all boards of supervisors to begin work on all roads, bridges, wharves, landings and other improvements immediately after the passage of the appropriations bill.

### Sorry But Can't Help It.

Helpless sympathy is tendered to the petitioners for the dismissal of J. V. Marciel from the position of district magistrate of North Hilo by the House judiciary committee, which finds that the fact of his being a school teacher interferes with his duties as district judge. "In the opinion of your committee," the report concludes, "he should resign one position or the other, though, in the absence of malfeasance in office, there is no way to force him to resign."

### It Means Money.

The public lands committee was of opinion that the opening of a road from Ophikao to Kaneleau petitioned for would be of great benefit to the public, but as it would require a considerable appropriation to carry it out recommended that the petition be referred to the finance committee. Adopted.

### Ten Per Cent Goes.

Kellinof's amendment to the tax bill reducing the interest on delinquent taxes from ten to six per cent did not pass as reported. Speaker Holstein announced it so but corrected himself before the bill was put on its passage.

Rice had explained that ten per cent was necessary as a lower rate would enable large delinquent taxpayers to obtain money at a less rate from the banks whereby to carry their tax delinquency.

### A TALE OF A FOOLISH WHALE.

A whale there lived in the deep green sea. A terrible scurvy whale was he: But a dashing, slashing whaler he had. Of striking things up when he once got mad.

Sing ho! for the wrath of the timid whale. When he breasted the tide in a sou'west gale. With a lurid eye and gory. If you only angered him through and through. Why here are a few of the things he'd do—

But let us proceed with our story. One day the whale as he swam along. When the wind was weak and the tide was strong. Observed, with a panic of pained surprise, A darkish fish with two bright, red eyes.

He viewed the creature with vast concern. And he shook and shivered from stem to stern. And fearing that haply the thing might bite. He took his fins in disordered flight.

Sing ho! for the fright of the pained whale. When he scullied the sea with a flying tail. Till the dogfish barked aghast. But what of his rage, and what of his huff. As soon he came to get mad enough? Ah! Let us not go too fast.

The whale cruised off at a nor'e' shoot. But the fish gave chase with a hot pursuit. With its eyes emitting a baleful gleam. And it labbed the whale in its loathward beam.

Then the whale he turned in his frantic flight. And put up a tense, tremendous fight. And he got a hold on the bluge beneath. And crunched its sides with his scurried teeth. Sing ho! for the fate of the angered whale. Who only remains to adorn a tale. Of the sea so dark and green. On many a reef the breakers moan. Where the poor leviathan's hide was blown.

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