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MAKIKI FIRE— AND MAINS ARE FOUND EMPTY A \$3,000 FRENCH AUTO IS BURNED

An explosion of gasoline caused a fire in Captain Parker's garage at the corner of Young and Piikoi streets this morning, as a result of which Captain Parker's valuable French Automobile was entirely destroyed, the garage was gutted and a Japanese named Moto was burned about the legs. The Japanese was engaged in replenishing the gasoline tank on the motor when the explosion occurred. After he recovered from the shock, having been knocked down, he ran out of the place and down to Mr. Walker's house at the corner of King and Piikoi, where the servants were friends of his, and had them attend to the burns he had on his legs. The unfortunate man was severely injured from the knees downward, the skin being burned off. His friends were busy plastering flour on the wounds when Chief Detective McDuffie appeared on the scene and had Moto taken to Queen's Hospital in an automobile.

No Water in Pipes.

It was very fortunate that the fire did not spread beyond the garage, for when the Makiki Fire Brigade connect-

ed the hose with the water line on Bertania and Piikoi it was found that there was no water in the pipes. Some little delay naturally followed while the hose was being connected up at King and Piikoi, and meanwhile the fire was gradually spreading to the house. By the time a flow of water was obtained the fire had actually reached the corner of the house, but the firemen promptly checked further advance and soon had the blaze under control. From the outset there was no chance of saving either the machine or the garage. The loss is a heavy one, for the machine is valued at over \$3000.

Shortly before one o'clock the fire brigade received the second call of the day, an outbreak being reported from 1020 Piikoi street, the residence of C. B. Ripley. This fire was only a trivial affair, sparks from Captain Parker's house having settled on the roof, emouldered for awhile, and then burst into flame. The brigade had the fire out quickly, but not before a hole about three feet square was burnt in the roof.

W. R. CASTLE OBJECTS TO SITE AGITATION

Editor Star: The last word on the Mahuka site matter does not appear to have been written yet. Reading the Advertiser's remarks, one cannot help calling to mind certain words of Solomon about babbling, etc., for certainly nothing can more definitely and certainly postpone our getting and building at all than keeping up the talk now making about changing location.

Petition Means Little.

The community was overwhelmingly in favor of the present selected site. Various causes have operated to induce a number to change their minds. The chief reason, apparently, is the regret and apprehension felt by many at the taking of a whole Fort street front, now one of the most important and valuable business locations in the city. But it is a question whether the "thousands of names" attached to the petitions for a change of location mean as much as might be imagined. The writer was told by one petition circulator that he was working as hard as he could, for he was to get five cents for every name signed. Still another, talking with a number of Ha-

waians, urged them to sign, largely on the ground that by doing so their names would appear in Washington and be read by a "Kuhina" of the United States. Passing the spot a few minutes later, two of the auditors were still there, and they said, "Yes, we all signed, because we wanted our friend to get the five cents." Of course signatures do not mean much. No doubt there are many others on the petition which mean no more. Conservative people will not feel so sure about that unanimous change of opinion.

Mahuka Site Central.

But there is a good deal more to be said in favor of the all but unanimous desire of this community that the Federal Building should be placed on the Mahuka site. The location is central; it is in the most convenient place for the general business interests of Honolulu. It is not likely that this business center will be changed. When the building is erected, placed back from the four streets; surrounded with lawn through which several walks will lead to the four fronts; presenting on

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MAUNAKEA MAKES DANGEROUS SLIDE OFF MARINE RAILWAY

An accident happened at the marine railway this morning when the Mauna Kea was being docked. The mishap, which was due to a fastening snapping, might have been attended with very grave results, for had a fairly large vessel been passing at the time, no power could have prevented a collision. One of the Inter-Island vessels had just passed the spot a few minutes before the breakage occurred.

The Mauna Kea a short while ago broke one of the blades of her propeller and it was with the object of replacing the damaged blade that she was put up on the railway. She was well up, and her fires had been banked, so there was not a very powerful head of steam available, when the accident occurred.

The engineer knew that there was something wrong by his engines beginning to race, so immediately he shut off power.

The Mauna Kea remained poised for a fraction of a second, and then gracefully started for the water, gathering speed as she went. She took the water with a splash around her stern, and then floated away into the stream, leaving the cradle behind her. The starboard anchor was let go, and in this way she was brought to a standstill. Shortly afterwards steam was up and she went back to her wharf again, having abandoned all idea of having the necessary repairs effected on this trip.

A Chain Broke.

An investigation disclosed the fact that one of the chains that holds the cradle to the iron framework that runs on the rails had broken, thus allowing the cradle and the ship to rush backwards. Fortunately, the noise of the snapping gear was taken immediately as a signal to the men working under the vessel. They ran to a place of safety in time.

HAWAII PROMOTION METHODS ARE ROASTED

Our San Francisco Letter Tells Of Correspondence That Made a Professor Indignant--Controversies Over The Big Fair

By ERNEST N. SMITH.

(Special Correspondence of the Star) SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—"I tell the tale as 'twas told me," but I have every reason to believe that the facts were correct, as the gentleman concerned was reliable and trustworthy. I asked that the correspondence be mailed to me, but the man, in his disgust, had torn the papers up, so I was not permitted a personal inspection to prove for myself the fairness of all the statements made.

I speak of your Promotion Bureau, and some of the tactics it has evidently been using to develop tourist trade for Hawaii. Not that I question these tactics in their entirety, for probably they are productive of much good for the islands, but it appears as though, in this case, zealotry had gone wrong, and some of the "cut and dried" publicity methods were too far out of the way to be productive.

It seems, as I got the story, that the Promotion Committee had written a letter to the heads of various colleges in the states, asking whether there was some professor open to a proposition looking toward the conducting of a party of tourists through the islands. The letter appeared to be a personal one, and was personally signed.

As it happened, a professor in one college, to whom the letter was referred, had been in Hawaii, was conducting classes which dealt with Pacific ocean and Oriental history, and who could, he thought himself, get up a party which would include several members of his class, and make a summer tour of the Hawaiian Islands. He was an experienced traveler, having been the world over, and would undoubtedly have given to the trip an interest which would never be worked up by the average professional "guide."

He was willing to get up the party, and when I first met him was enthusiastic over the prospects. As to what proposition would be made to him he didn't know, but his own de-

mands would not have been sufficient to cover the entire cost of his trip. He presumed that probably an offer would be made to provide him with free passage, and I gathered the impression that he considered that sufficient.

I took the trouble some time later to inquire as to the outcome of his correspondence with the Promotion Bureau. After having received the first personal letter of inquiry he had taken the matter up, written for details, and received in reply a printed form, merely signed with a rubber stamp, saying that the Bureau had no offer to make, but simply wished to call the professor's attention to the fact that the Hawaiian Islands were an excellent place to conduct a tourist party.

If that printed form was sent to many professors, and they were all as mad as the one I talked with, there is surely one "sore spot" in a good many seats of learning about the country. "The method used to gain our interest, and get our names, reminds me of the old-time advertisements," he said, "when you began to read about the wonderful discoveries made by a group of scientists at the tombs of the Pharaohs, and ended up by learning how good Hostetter's Bitters are for a tired stomach." He felt that his name and his interest had been secured by false pretenses, and when such advertising is addressed to men, whose ethics generally lead them to consider the manner in which a thing is done, quite as much as the thing itself, it can only be said that that is poor advertising, from one standard at least.

It may be that it worked. Possibly parties are being made up as a result of that advertising. I doubt it, though. Such advertising will probably be left in the waste basket, while the cleverer, more up-to-the-minute, we-have-your-interest-at-heart—advertising of such places as

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY ORGAN TALKS OF KUHIO FREAR RACKET AND PUTS FORWARD LINK FOR DELEGATE

A statement that Kuhio and Frear are likely to turn Democrat and a definite renouncement of Link McCandless' candidacy for Delegate in the next campaign, are features of this week's "Record," supposed to be the mouthpiece of the local Democratic party. As a considerable wing of the party, including Kinney, Watson and others, is supposed to be against "Link" the statement is of political interest.

It is predicted that there will be a lively rumour in the Democratic party when the time approaches for nominating a delegate again. "Link" is burrowing away, as before, and will run if he can, while other leaders are determined to prevent him from capturing the organization again.

The Record's article, dealing with the Kuhio-Frear controversy, quotes from the dailies and proceeds with a roast of Frear as follows:

Mr. Frear is neither a diplomat nor a politician. That he is an honest man, insofar that he doesn't run away with the cashbox is a very negative quality.

He defies the people's will and sets at naught the action of the people's representatives by the use of the pocket veto, a miserable unmanly misuse of an un-American prerogative. He never comes out in the open, but, in all his public actions, he surrounds himself with secrecy and mystery, for getting at all times, that he is the people's servant, not their preceptor,

and far less their ruler. He avoids carrying out the will of the people as expressed by the Legislature, if the measures don't agree with his own views, and he takes altogether a false view of his own position and its importance, painful to behold, and not easily apologized for, even by the Castle organ.

Kuhio shows his independent manly spirit in promising his support to McCandless for the Delegateship. The Prince, with his love of fair play and his high sense of self respect, can not be a candidate for Delegate again, and he is only acting as a good citizen, and in the interest of Hawaii by throwing his influence to McCandless in the next campaign.

He will not be the only one from his political camp, who will do so. Governor Frear will, against his will perhaps, cause the defeat of the Republican party in Hawaii, a fact for which we ought to be and, we trust, are much obliged.

Our little dicky-bird tells us, that Frear's kick at Kuhio is the preliminary step to his joining the Democratic ranks in case of the presidential election coming our way, and thereby secure "harmony." He has never been much of a Republican—perhaps he will do better as a Democrat. We also welcome Kuhio to the folds of our party, and trust, that he and Frear will arrange a modus vivendi, when they meet each other in the next Democratic convention.

MADERO IS ARRESTED BY HIS OWN MEN

(Associated Press Cablegram to The Star.)

JUAREZ, May 13.—Gen. Orozco, at the head of a body of rebels, has demanded that Madero pay and feed the soldiers. He placed Madero under arrest and forced the resignation of his cabinet. Madero was released on promising to supply the immediate needs of the troops.

Cananea Surrenders.

CANANEA, May 13.—This city has surrendered, the Federals evacuating with the honors of war.

Navarro Goes Free.

JUAREZ, May 13.—General Navarro, the Federal commander, has been freed and has crossed to the American side.

Mazatlan Defences Strengthened.

MAZATLAN, May 13.—Thirty thousand shells have been received by the garrison, which has been re-enforced.

LANG BESTS LESTER.

SYDNEY, Aus., May 13.—Lang defeated Lester in the sixth and got the decision.

JAPANESE RELIEF FUND.

TOKIO, May 13.—Katsura is leading a movement to raise a fund of \$10,000,000 for the relief of the poor.

Health Work Neglected

A responsible business man who does not want his name mentioned said to this paper yesterday:

"I went down and looked into the matter of cleaning up that stagnant stream on the block adjoining Aala Park, but there was not a thing doing there. Coming back I looked on the break in the water pipe on Hotel street, also mentioned in the report. There were two men there repairing it. One of the Board of Health officers in uniform was there bossing the two men who were fixing the pipe. Then again, while I was on the way back I wondered whether the Board of Health had satisfied itself as to the capacity of the law department of the government to handle the compilation or codification of the laws, or whether it had found out that the law department was absolutely averse to doing such work for the Board of Health and allowing the President of the board to attend to work outside that would tend to the good health of the community at large. But I am digressing. I just wanted

to add that there is nothing doing either about that sinkhole at Moiliili where a dead dog was found the other day—the one over which a Japanese shack is built. President Mott-Smith said the other day that the board had been 'trying to get at that nuisance for three years.' Will there be another three in which to plan and deliberate?"

Mott-Smith Ferreted Out.

Advertiser—Secretary of the Territory E. A. Mott-Smith, who is also president of the board of health, took a day off yesterday to properly celebrate his birthday. He retired from the busy city and went out to his country place in Waialae, where he hoped to be away from business. However, he was ferreted out by Doctor Pratt, who had important business to transact on account of the notification of the raising of the cholera quarantine on Monday.

New Excuse For Delay.

Editor Star:—Will you kindly publish

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MUST KEEP BOTH FEET ON FLOOR

Attorneys practicing in the federal court are required to maintain their understandings in decorous position. In other words, while addressing the court, they must keep their feet on the floor.

Mr. Olson ran against this rule while arguing on the steamship Makura libel this morning. He was quoting an authority and, as to utilize his knee for a reading desk, planted one foot upon the rung of a chair. Judge Clemons took judicial notice of the elevation of sole, promulgating the rule that counsel in forensic action shall establish their standing by flatfooted engagement of the floor with both the feet of them the said counsel.

Davis Got it Next.

George A. Davis was not present when the rule was pronounced, and he got his soon after arrival later. As the one-footed posture has been rather a habit of his, the impact of the judicial cull-down of the offending foot almost floored him.

Another rule making for dignity in Uncle Sam's local temple of justice was propounded by Judge Clemons the other day. This was that, during a trial on hearing, counsel, as well as all officers of the court, must refrain from reading newspapers in court.

ANDRADE BETTER.

Judge Frank Andrade, who met with an accident in Manoa Valley yesterday morning, was resting easily this morning and showing some slight improvement. It is considered that he is now out of danger but as he was badly shaken up by his accident it will be some little time before he is about town again.

NO SEA BATHING ON THIS SUNDAY

A meeting of the Board of Health will be held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. President Mott-Smith states that its purpose is to consider what should be done, in view of the lifting of coastwise quarantine by the federal authorities, with regard to the local restrictions. There will also be a partial report presented on sanitary and reclamation plans.

So tomorrow will be one more Sunday on which sea bathing upon the Honolulu frontage will be tabu.

DECIDE CRAIG CASE MONDAY

Chief Justice Robertson had counsel in the habeas corpus case of Frank B. Craig, the emigration agent, notified just before noon today that a decision would be rendered at ten o'clock Monday morning.

As this case involves the constitutionality of some, if not all, of the legislation of last session to check the soliciting of labor in this Territory for employment outside, the decision is awaited with great concern by the sugar planters especially.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

Superintendent Willis T. Pope is working on the plans for the Summer school, to open about July 5. Only a few instructors have as yet tendered their services and replies from some asked to assist are awaited.

Fine Job Printing, Star Office.