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INTER-ISLAND

(Continued from page nine.)

Board of Health, Mott-Smith, who will come to Hilo on a general inspection tour in July. This is the urgent necessity for reclamation work in the swampy country mauka of Front street from Ponehawai street towards Wafolama.

Roast for the Schools.

Hilo Tribune: We hear that Judge Matthewman from the bench deprecates the inefficiency of a school system which turns out graduates who cannot speak enough English to qualify as jurymen. A young man, presumably of normal intelligence and a normal product of our schools, is turned out of Annapolis (or was it West Point) because he is not sufficiently well founded in English. One of the star pupils of the Hilo High School who entered Punahou was "conditioned" on account of his defective English.

And on top of this we find that the very defenders of the normal school system, the backers of the home educational system, have to turn to a teachers' agency in San Francisco to get five teachers for the Hilo High School. Can it be that among the hundreds of teachers who grace the pay roll of the Hawaiian public schools, there are none sufficiently educated to qualify for such comparatively simple positions as those at the high school? That is surely a very scathing commentary on the teaching body—and the saddest part about it is that it emanates from the department itself.

We do not intend to dwell on the morale of the teaching force. Such affairs as those which have taken place recently will happen in the best regulated departments, and it would be fair to place undue blame in this connection on the department. Still, in view of the results of some of the investigations which have been conducted by school officials (not necessarily in regard to matters of morals alone) it is not a matter of great wonder that the teachers regard the investigations of the department as a rather negligible quantity.

It is hard to say where the blame for these conditions lies, whether it is with the executive officers of the department, with the board, with the laws under which the department is governed, or with that rather intangible factor called system. On one hand one hears of instances where the high officials have chosen to overlook gross neglect of duty. On the other one hears how the commissioners have seriously hampered the administration of the department by insisting on the making of appointments against which the superintendent advised. That the laws are ridiculous is surely demonstrated by the one statute which compels Japanese and Chinese to attend our schools, at a cost of over \$25 a year a head, the plea being that thus will we qualify them for citizenship. Leaving aside the well known fact that a Japanese will, speaking nationally, remain a Japanese even though you may educate him morning, noon and night, it seems rather amusing to be told that the purpose is to qualify them for citizenship, when, as a matter of fact, the graduates of many of our schools do not know enough English to qualify as jurors, and thus exercise one of the most important functions of American citizenship.

It is gratifying to hear that the commissioners insist on having cur down the frills and fancies which self-advertising pedagogues glory in, presumably in the hope that they will thereby catch the eye of those in authority, and incidentally rise higher in honors and on the salary list. Still, we hear at the same time of school time being wasted on a great singing festival in Kona, and the schools where valuable time is being frittered away every day in "school city government" foolishness are increasing in number.

Would it not be nice if less attention were paid to the teachers' ideas and more were paid to the pupils and knowledge which would be useful to them? Then we might get some practical results.

Meeting of Piano Club.

HILO, June 20.—Mrs. John A. Scott entertained the Piano Club Wednesday afternoon, June 14, at her Wai-naka residence. The program was as follows:

- Piano duet, "Pastoral"..... Jensen
- Mrs. A. Drahms and Miss Potter.
- Vocal solo, "One Long Thought of You".....Laudon
- Mrs. Clifton Tracy.
- Mrs. Horace Sisson at the piano.
- "Polonaise," Op. 46, No. 42.....MacDowell
- Miss Margaret Scott.
- Vocal solo, "At Even-Tide".....Hoewe
- Mrs. C. C. Kennedy.
- Mrs. R. T. Moses, violin obligato.
- Miss Potter at the piano.
- Vocal solo, "Theme Varel" Op. 16, No. 3.....Paderewski
- Miss Jean Chalmers.

Vocal solo, "Spring," "Summer," from "The Perfect Year".....Mathews
- Mrs. Jarrett T. Lewis at the piano.
- Piano solo, "Berceuse".....Chopin
- Miss Potter.

Vocal trio, "The Gipsies".....Schumann
- Mrs. Paul Bartels, Miss Lilinos Hapal, Miss Harriet Hapal.
- Mrs. Jarrett T. Lewis at the piano.
- "Love Me and the World is Mine".....Ball
- Whistled by Mrs. Horace Sisson, accompanied by himself.

Java Sugar Experts.

HILO, June 20.—The plantations on this side of the island, as far as Hakalan, were last week inspected by a party of sugar experts from Java, who are visiting the island to study local methods. The party included Dr. Ramner, honorary member of the General Syndicate of Cane Sugar Manufacturers in Java; J. E. van der Stok, director of the Java Experiment Station, agricultural division, and F. W. Holt, director of the Java Experiment Station, technical division.

Protest Against Saloon.

HILO, June 20.—During the past week the board of liquor license commissioners has received one more protest. It comes from Kona and is directed against the application of John de Mello for a license at Keokea. The wording of the protest is as follows: Honolulu, June 13, 1911.

To the Board of License Commissioners, County of Hawaii.

Gentlemen—The Kona Tobacco Company, Limited, and W. R. Castle strongly protest against the issuance of any license for the sale of intoxicating liquors to John de Mello at Keokea, South Kona. We do this on the ground that such sale is highly injurious and demoralizing to the employees of the Kona Tobacco Company, Limited, whose plantation is near the proposed location, and strongly urge your honorable board in the interest of these people that the license be not granted. Very truly yours,

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Jurors Selected.

HILO, June 20.—The following panels of jurors to serve during the coming term of the circuit court have been drawn, the grand jurors to appear on June 26 and the trial jurors on July 6: Trial Jury—W. H. Makuakane, A. J. Chaves, John Fraser, W. G. Kittle, E. H. Lyman, Ezekiel Vierra, John Tavares Ferreira, Manuel Lopes, John Bohnenberg, F. W. Walker, A. J. Soares, C. G. Badenfeld, H. K. Kellner, Geo. H. Akau, G. L. Desha, Jr., W.

J. Hall, S. Bonde, W. M. Johnson, John Williams, Henry Bischoff, Christian Andrews, David Kalani, R. T. Richard, L. V. Canario, Sam Hall, Harry Joseph.

Grand Jury—F. J. Sullivan, David Kahalo, John Ross, Frank Vierra, R. T. S. Rickard, Samuel Kaiua, W. Kellini, Paul Bartels, Sam Hailohe, A. Kaptenberg, J. M. Jordan, P. V. Knudsen, J. T. Lewis, J. G. Serrao, John T. Moir, J. K. White, E. F. Patten, W. K. Kellihoomalu, C. B. Miles, Sam Moses, James Han, Ella Nalhe, J. O. Peterson.

FAKED ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES.

There is so much public interest in the extraordinary reports of golden antiquities found by the British diggers in the tombs of the kings and Solomon's Temple and in the Moslem riots in Jerusalem that it is well to give the latest trustworthy news received from Professor Relander, who has been excavating in Samaria, and from Professor C. H. Brown, who is now in charge of the American School of Archaeology in Jerusalem. It would be curious to read just now the Arabic and Hebrew journals published in Syria and Palestine, for they would be full of most ridiculous stories. There is no doubt that the Turkish Governor of Jerusalem was heavily bribed to give his consent to the profanation of the Omar Mosque by the excavation of the English party, and the custodian of the Mosque was also bribed. Over what is called the Sacred Rock there is a marble slab that sounded hollow and was thought to cover an old cistern. This was removed and search was made for passages under it. The English excavators, who had been working at Ophel, moved the stone and did what they could, but they were seen and a fuss was made, and the Englishmen took carriage to Jaffa and boarded their yacht and escaped, but their Italian lawyer was arrested, the sheiks of the Mosque are in prison, and the head man is in irons and barely escaped lynching. Nothing could have proved the unfitness of these gentlemen for the archaeological research better than the fact that they thought to find valuable objects in such a place and were willing to take the risk involved in entering it. They have steadily refused permission to competent scholars to visit their work, and an expedition of this sort is merely destructive to historical material. Captain

Parker reports from London that nothing valuable was found, and all we know of to thank them for is that they cleaned out the Siloam tunnel so that a visitor can walk through it upright. They raised a riot which endangered the lives of all Christians in Jerusalem and found no gold.—Tas Independent.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIRST Circuit, Territory of Hawaii. In Probate—At Chambers. No. 2900.

In the Matter of the Estate of JOSEPH ROBERTS, Deceased.

On reading and filing the petition and accounts of Bruce Cartwright, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of JOSEPH ROBERTS, deceased, wherein petitioner asks that the same be examined and approved, and that a final order be made of distribution of the remaining property to the persons thereto entitled and discharging petitioner and sureties from all further responsibility herein:

IT IS ORDERED, that MONDAY, the 24th day of JULY, A. D. 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m., before the Judge presiding at Chambers of said Court at his court-room in the Judiciary Building, in Honolulu, City and County of Honolulu, be and the same hereby is appointed the time and place for hearing said petition and accounts, and that all persons interested may then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be granted, and may present evidence as to who are entitled to the said property.

Dated, at Honolulu, this 15th day of June, 1911.

By the Court:

J. A. THOMPSON,

Clerk Circuit Court, First Circuit.
Messrs. Kinney, Prosser, Anderson & Marx, attorneys for the administrator.

4t—June 16, 23, 30, July 7.

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

All bills against the Department of Public Instruction of the Territory of Hawaii incurred during the present biennial period ending June 30, 1911, must be presented at the office of the Department of Public Instruction not later than July 1st to insure payment of same. WILLIS T. POPE, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

4t—June 20, 23, 27, 30.

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