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## HONOLULU STRONGLY ON BOTH SIDES

Now comes the new federal building site petition committee and declares that it has eight thousand names on a petition in favor of the Mahuka site, and isn't through yet. The Irwin site petitioners quit at five thousand, joyously announcing that it was an overwhelming majority of the electorate and ought to settle the whole matter. The Irwin petition was nicely bound and sent to Washington, where Delegate Kuhio awaited it with his fingers crossed. It is admitted to be the most handsomely bound petition that ever left Hawaii, but now it is to have a Broddingnagian rival.

As soon as the Irwin site petitioners got through, some prominent citizens who want to stand by the Mahuka site, prepared a petition. It was suggested that Charley Clark and his force of lieutenants who handled the Irwin petition, tote the new document round, as they had had practice and knew all the easy signers, and there wasn't any law against signing both. But the Clark cohorts got five cents per cognomen on the Irwin petition, and the Mahuka committee decided it would look better if they could send Kuhio a petition on which the names were not signed at five cents per, but which could be feelingly described as a document evidencing an outbreak of Public Opinion.

The petition circulators have been working very quietly. But they say they have eight thousand names on the list, and that eight thousand names will make a bundle too big for any available waste basket in Washington, the largest wastebasket being probably occupied just now by the Irwin petition. And the circulators are busy yet. It is claimed that at five cents per name, if the campaign were kept up long enough, petitions containing more names than there are people in the Territory could be duly obtained.

Quite a lot of names are said to be on both petitions. Many people openly, cheerfully and with humorous abandon, signed both for and against the Mahuka site. It is further alleged that some of the names are fakes. According to one of the circulators of the Mahuka petition, a number of people whose names appear on the Irwin five-cent petition have repudiated their signatures, and the claim is made that there was a lot of five-cent forgeries.

Washington will soon have both petitions. They prove conclusively in the opinions of the petition-makers that Honolulu is overwhelmingly in favor of the Irwin site, and nearly unanimous for the Mahuka site—according to which petition-maker is consulted.

## Laborers Who Left For The Coast Want To Return To Hawaii

Agent Silva of the bureau of immigration, who leaves shortly for Europe, will stop over at San Francisco to look into labor conditions there and to inquire into the circumstances of Spanish and Portuguese laborers who left Hawaii to go to the Coast.

Reports have reached the board that quite a number of Portuguese and Spanish laborers from here are unable to secure work in California and are in destitute circumstances, and would be glad to get back to these islands.

The department of immigration has no money for the purpose, but it is believed that the plantation people will be willing to pay their passage and set them on their feet again.

There is little doubt that when they relate their experiences in California to their countrymen here it will have a salutary effect on the latter, as far as remaining in the Territory is concerned.

There seem to be certain laborers, however, who are willing to play the planters for good things in the matter and who are looking for nothing better than to make trips to and fro at their expense. A careful lookout will be kept for these gentry.

Silva will make a very complete report on the subjects indicated and expects to find out just how many of Hawaii's old cane hands are anxious to return to these sunny shores.

## OUR SAN FRANCISCO LETTER

### Hearst Postpones Entering the Newspaper Game in the Northwest—Hot Controversy Over the 1915 Fair Site.

By ERNEST N. SMITH. (Special Correspondence of the Star.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—I wrote recently that Hearst was preparing to establish a paper to cover the Northwest. Latest reports are to the effect that negotiations have temporarily been dropped and his agents have in the meantime been investigating the field at Portland. There is little doubt of the fact that Hearst intends to establish a paper in the Northwest, but he is evidently playing one town against the other, and also has his eye on several papers which he might prefer purchasing instead of building a complete new plant himself.

For some time it was thought that he would purchase the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Negotiations were entered into, the physical valuation of the plant and equipment agreed upon, but the two parties split on the question of what the good will of the paper was worth. The owners of the

I considered that the good will was worth thousands of dollars, whereas Hearst didn't consider it worth a cent, claiming that if he entered the field and established his own paper he would be able to have the same good will himself within six months or a year—which goes to show that he has considerable confidence in his own ability as a newspaper man.

Negotiations ended here but his representatives were again heard from in Portland, where they were offered the plant of the defunct Inland Herald.

It has been reported in the East that these negotiations are the first step toward the establishment of Hearst publications in New Orleans, Atlanta, St. Louis, Portland, Spokane, and Seattle.

In connection with the extension of his interests an interesting story is

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## SUGAR MAKING REVOLUTIONIZED AT WAILUKU

Today the entire sugar world is seething with excitement under the surface in consequence of a tremendous discovery made in the mill of Wailuku Sugar Company.

More properly speaking, there are two discoveries. One is an improvement in the process of raw sugar manufacture, whereby the sucrose content is increased thirty-three per cent. The second discovery, incidentally made while pursuing the first, is a process whereby a refined sugar equal to best white granulated is produced in the plantation factory.

It is estimated that the value of the output of Wailuku plantation, on present crop basis, will be increased between \$150,000 and \$200,000 a year by the adoption of these discoveries.

The Discoverers, E. E. Battelle, chemist of the Wailuku Sugar Company, has the distinction of being the chief discoverer of these revolutionizing processes. Brother Frank, principal of St. Anthony's School for Boys, Wailuku, collaborated with Mr. Battelle. For two years these scientists have worked hard in secret. Mr. Battelle was enthusiastic in the pursuit for the commercial benefit foreseen from success, while Brother Frank plodded steadfastly by his side purely for the gratification of his scientific bent.

When the processes were broached to the experts of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association's experiment sta-

tion the information was received with great scepticism. What was claimed as feasible had before been accounted as the impossible. Yet these scientific men made an investigation, and a report of the committee, which awaits approval, is said to be favorable. The discoveries were also submitted to the Department of Agriculture in Washington, and it is said that its experts were convinced beyond question that the greatest single advance ever made in the manufacture of sugar was within accomplishment. Not only were they convinced, but the federal people entered enthusiastically into the promotion of the discoveries, giving their assistance to Mr. Battelle to have his processes secured by patent in every sugar country in the world. This has been done.

Such is the story as revealed to a Star reporter today. That there is a fortune for Mr. Battelle as reward for his scientific industry is a minor matter, although the whole Territory should congratulate him from a grateful sense of the fact that through him Hawaii will be famous. Congratulations are equally owing to Brother Frank, the earnest and unselfish student, for his part in the momentous achievement.

It is pleasing to record that Mr. Battelle has presented Brother Frank with a stack of scientific books, worth \$600 or \$700, which they had used together in their investigations.

## ARMY AND NAVY, BRITISH AND AMERICAN, JOIN IN LAST HONORS TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL FOSTER

The remains of the late Colonel Foster were taken on board the transport Sherman this morning for interment on the mainland. In addition to his brother officers, the officers and men of H. M. S. Challenger joined in paying their last respects to the dead soldier.

Shortly after nine o'clock this morning the cortege started from the undertaking parlors of M. E. Silva. The Fifth Cavalry, headed by the band, playing a funeral dirge and a number of officers of the U. S. Army Challenger formed the procession. The coffin was wrapped in the Stars and Stripes, and following it was the late colonel's charger with black clothing, and the late rider's military boots with the heels pointing towards the animal's head, in the stirrup leathers.

On arrival at the dock the band and the cavalry drew up along the sidewalk and the men with their sabers at present sat their horses as the coffin was borne on to the dock. This was an impressive time indeed. The band played a funeral march, the men of the transport lined the sides of the vessel with their hats in their hands, a detachment of marines from the Challenger stood at the present, and every sailor on the cruiser stood to attention, while

every man and boy on the dock uncovered his head. The charger of the late colonel was restive, and it took the orderly all his time to keep the animal in hand.

As the coffin entered the dock the Stars and Stripes that hung over the stern of the transport was lowered to half-mast, while the Union Jack at the bow of the cruiser and the ensign at her stern were also lowered. The Star Spangled Banner at the bow of the transport was not half-masted.

The procession of United States naval and military officers was headed by Admiral Cowles and Brigadier General Macomb, while the officers of the British ship were led by Consul General Ralph Forster and the chaplain. Among the local officers were Major Davis, Major Campbell, Captain Carter, Captain Wallace, Lieutenant Andrews, Captain Marx of the Marine Corps and Captain Cooke. Captain Moor N. Falls was also present on the dock in muff. Captain Gaunt of the Challenger was absent through illness, but his place was taken by Commander Jefferson. The British officers wore black bands on their arms.

The Sheridan will sail for the coast at four o'clock this afternoon. Mrs. Foster will not leave Honolulu for awhile.

## TEN MINUTE SERVICE FROM LEHI UP NUUANU

Governor Frear is in receipt of a request from the Rapid Transit & Land Company for permission to lay a track and operate cars on Nuuanu streets between Hotel and Beretania streets.

The company has been petitioned to do this by the majority of the property owners. The intention is

to connect the Hotel street and Nuuanu avenue lines and to operate them as one line on a ten-minute all-day schedule from the Waialae terminus to the Nuuanu terminus near the Oahu Country Club.

Governor Frear stated this morning

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## TWO HUNDRED HEAT DEATHS IN CHICAGO ALONE

(Associated Press Cablegrams to the Star.)  
CHICAGO, July 6.—There have been 200 deaths in this city, including those of 125 infants, during the hot spell.

### AFTER ANOTHER COMBINE.

PHILADELPHIA, July 6.—The Federal government has sued the Lehigh Valley railroad to disassociate it from the Lehigh Valley Coal company, a combine which is in violation of the Interstate Commerce law. It is a test case.

### STANDS BY HIS FAITH.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Senator Works of California in opposing the bill to provide for a national department of health, eulogized Christian science.

### INTERNATIONAL STEEL TRUST.

BRUSSELS, July 6.—Manufacturers of nine countries today effected the preliminary organization of an International Steel Association. Judge Gary is chairman of the committee to perfect the plans.

### CITY OF MEXICO RIOTS.

CITY OF MEXICO, July 6.—There have been serious riots here, caused by street car strikers, several of whom were killed.

### MANCHESTER MILLS CLOSED.

MANCHESTER, July 6.—The carters' strike has caused the mills to close for want of supplies. Thousands of people are idle.

## MONITORS MONADNOCK AND MONTEREY TRANSFERRED HERE

MANILA, June 8.—The United States Asiatic fleet is to be further depleted by the transfer of the monitors Monterey and Monadnock to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. These two vessels, which played prominent parts in the naval activities following the battle of Manila Bay, have recently been completely overhauled, the work on the Monadnock extending over a period of two years. The Monterey has been recently docked at Olongapo, and the Monadnock leaves Cavite for Olongapo today to take her turn in the big Dewey.

Both vessels are expected to leave for Honolulu as soon as all minor repairs have been completed. Their complements of officers and men are not full, and neither vessel has a com-

manding officer. Lieutenant Commander Harrison A. Bispham, who has been acting as commanding officer of both vessels, has been detached and will leave shortly for the north to join the flagship Saratoga, of which vessel he will be executive officer. His relief has not yet been named.

The departure of the two monitors will leave the Asiatic fleet without a vessel carrying guns of a larger caliber than eight-inch, and while their withdrawal does not affect the cruising efficiency of the fleet, they being slow and not designed for service other than harbor defense, it will reduce the theoretical strength of three small cruisers and a number of gunboats which are cruising in southern waters and in China.

## NO INDICATION OF RESIGNATION

Acting superintendent of Public Instruction Gibson is in receipt of a letter from Superintendent Pope in which the latter states that he is well and enjoying a good rest.

He had a pleasant trip and expressed a hope that the work of the department was going along satisfactorily in his absence.

There was not a word in his letter to indicate that he has any intention of resigning his position and returning to the mainland to reside permanently.

### BIG FEDERAL COLLECTIONS.

Collector of Internal Revenue Cottrill stated this morning that the fiscal year ending June 30 was the largest in the history of the department in point of collections. Last month was the biggest month of the biggest year as far as collections in this district are concerned.

### H. P. BALDWIN'S CONDITION.

Reports regarding the health of Mr. H. P. Baldwin are even less reassuring now than they have been since Mr. Baldwin left the Coast for his home on Maui. A wireless message received by Alexander & Baldwin today reported that Mr. Baldwin was slightly worse. Other messages are expected if the patient's condition varies for the worse or for the better.

Visitors to Honolulu will find the Colonial, on Emma street above Vineyard, the most elegantly furnished and convenient stopping place in the city. The service and cuisine are elegant. Miss Johnson, prop.

## APPOINTMENTS ARE ANNOUNCED

Sanitary and mosquito inspectors of the Board of Health have been appointed as follows:

Sanitary Inspectors—H. W. G. Foster, R. C. Lane, Joe Santos, A. K. Arnold, G. W. Cooper, W. Harbottle, James Veary, Bruce Hopkins, Frank Mahuka, W. Menn.

Of the above the last three are new men.

Mosquito Inspectors—James K. Kuke, Sam Nakapahu, William Luther, Sam Leialoha, J. J. McGuire, C. Dio, J. F. Durao, P. F. Hurley, J. Rocks, J. K. Malkai, K. Jensen, F. S. Marques.

The new men are Luther, Rocks, Malkai, Jensen and Marques.

## AN IMPORTANT TAX DECISION

In the Wailuku tax cases the Supreme Court has decided that an action in assumpsit for taxes due and payable may be maintained though the tax has not become delinquent.

The Spaniard who knifed a co-patriot at Waialua a couple of days ago, will probably be brought in to town tomorrow or on Saturday to face the preliminary police court hearing. The man in custody sustained a severe cut on the head during the row, but was treated by Dr. Wood and is now almost well again.

Fine Job Printing, Star Office.