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## SWAMP RECLAMATION.

Not long ago it was said in the coast papers that Arkansas would try and get the aid of the Federal reclamation service in drying the vast tracts of swamp land which border the Mississippi River and its Arkansas affluents, and which menace health and limit agriculture. The project was deemed feasible, both as a work of engineering and as an object of the reclamation service. The thought naturally occurs that, if Arkansas has reason to think it can obtain such aid, Hawaii might have similar cause to hope for Federal reclamation of the Waikiki swamps, providing proper efforts were made.

There is plenty of money in hand for big undertakings. The reclamation service has expended to date approximately \$39,580,000, and the activities of the bureau have extended to twenty-eight projects, according to a statement just issued. In the eight years of its existence the service has built 5967 miles of canals, many of which carry whole rivers. It has excavated nineteen miles of tunnels, built 24,235 canal structures and 2193 bridges. It has completed three of the highest dams in the world. Its excavations of rock and earth amount to the enormous total of 73,666,000 cubic yards. Its roads have a total length of 570 miles; telephones, 1694 miles; levees, seventy-five miles. It has purchased 905,682 barrels of cement and manufactured 340,000 barrels.

As a result of its work water is available for 1,086,000 acres of land. The gross value of crops produced on the lands irrigated by government projects in 1910 is estimated at \$20,000,000. As a result of the work of this bureau it is estimated that land values have increased more than \$105,800,000.

Approximately 14,000 families are now residing on farms watered by government irrigation works. Not less than 25,000 people have been added to the population of the various communities as a direct result of the work of the reclamation service during the eight years of its existence.

## PSYCHOLOGY OF REVIVALS.

Revivals of religion succeed or fail according to the ability or opportunity of those in charge of them to seize the right moment to begin. As a rule our national revivals take place during hard times. One came after the panic of '57; another after the panic of '73. The Star recalls none that occurred in seasons of great national prosperity. In revivals local to any given place, a time of disaster like one of fire, or flood, or earthquake is when human nature attunes itself most naturally, at least most quickly, to religious thoughts, though in San Francisco all efforts to start a special religious movement after April, 1906, were futile, owing, perhaps, to the hardened spiritual nature of the town.

The intelligence of a community is also a factor—whether the people run most to mind or to emotion. The fervid exhorters of a somewhat earlier day found classic Boston a stumbling block but wrought with tremendous effect in the camp-meeting districts. Here in Honolulu the psychology of revivals during the past few years—the Gell, Chapman, Murphy and Gospel Tent meetings—have had their visible relation to price of sugar. If the price was well up, fewer people turned out. In no place known to modern religious history has there been a revival of religion among the unthreatened rich.

The Roman Catholics call their revivals "missions." They do not, so far as we have observed, appeal to the emotions, but try to impart a better knowledge of the arguments which explain and defend their doctrines. They want every Catholic to be able to answer a criticism of Catholic beliefs. It is a good way to make a militant and loyal church body, one which the Protestants might wisely copy. Indeed there is much need of better definitions of Protestant doctrine. It is admitted by most ministers that their congregations no longer believe some of the vital articles of their creed. They are especially in doubt about the Atonement and have put nothing in place of it. The spirit of higher criticism, descending from the pulpit, has confused and in some sense disheartened the pew. The laity isn't sure what it believes or what it may rationally believe and would like to find out. In this mood the old, emotional appeals cannot move it; it needs instruction such as the Catholics get from the mission-keeping Paulist fathers. Perhaps the leaders of the Forward Movement may disclose the path. If so, they will aid pulpit and new alike.

## THE DISADVANTAGE INCREASED.

The Advertiser's faith in a naval hydrographic map, "issued in 1900," by which the distances given by way of Honolulu are underestimated, will, we hope, extend to the naval hydrographic map of 1911 supplied to Rear Admiral Cowles by the Navy Department in which the data are correct.

This latest map makes the showing against Honolulu extend beyond that of the commercial sailing chart already quoted by the Star. The latter gave San Francisco the advantage as a way port to Yokohama of 252 miles; the new official map gives 266. From Panama to Honolulu and Hongkong is 4685 miles instead of 4665, making the published advantage of the San Francisco route 199 miles instead of 179.

The obfuscated morning enthusiast for what isn't so should next consult a clairvoyant.

Senator Clapp, one of the Populist masqueraders in a Republican toga, describes the President's veto of the statehood bills, as "an exhibition of the blackest tyranny ever witnessed in any country not ruled over by an absolute despot." Senator Clapp's mind needs repairs. It is part of the President's constitutional business to veto measures which he regards as objectionable, and in the case of the statehood bills a majority of Congress accepted his view. If this was "tyranny," the responsibility is well divided with the representatives of the people and it has expressed itself in the exact terms of the organic law. Perhaps, on second thoughts Senator Clapp will conclude to take his vengeance out of the Constitution instead of the President and the Congressional majority. It is the hitherto "immortal charter" which is to blame for the awful affront to the country, not that of men who get their power from it to swing the ax.

So all this harbor talk is a "campaign of education" is it, to get a million or so out of the Legislature to expand a port which, as John Hughes says, does not need so much room as it did ten years ago. The morning paper confesses the fact and seems to think it conclusive. Well, we'll see! The time when one commission or bureau can airily decide for \$16,000 per mile country roads, and another for million dollar harbor additions which aren't needed and another for a two million dollar fund to enlarge a million dollar sewer system must come to its reckoning day; and the Star conceives it to be a public duty to have the reckoning ahead of the expense. Along these lines it is quite willing to run a campaign of education of its own.

This morning the Advertiser repeated its fake, under a Peking date line, about Yuan Shih Kai "consenting to accept the post of premier in succession to Prince Ching." As there is no "post of premier," the duties of such office being vested in a board of four officials, the only conclusion can be that the Advertiser accepts its obligation to its readers as a joke. Its original story about Sun Yet Sen being "elected president of the republic," may be taken as further evidence that our news-tampering contemporary is at its old tricks.

The Italians forgot their Abyssinian lesson and went out in small force to scout among the Turks. They came back in a flurry, with a loss of 100 killed. It is quite possible that they will meet a greater disaster if they venture the conquest of the Tripolitan Desert for the Turks

# Uncle Walt The Poet Philosopher

Beneath the figtree's boughs he sat, and dreamed of some fair place, where never heartless plutocrat can grind the poor man's face, his vision placed before his eyes a region fair and good, and while his spirit roamed the skies, his wife was DREAMER splitting wood. The dreamer gets some fine bouquets from poets and their kind, who picture him as one who lays up treasures in his mind. But when it comes to old brass tacks, I like that pilgrim best who sheds his coat and takes the axe, and gives his wife a rest. I like the man who's wide awake until he goes to bed, who hustles in the mart to make the price of prunes and bread. That man is hardly worth his cheese who loafs the hours away, and basks on downy beds of ease while others hafe their hay; and if he lets the hauffraun sweat in soap and suds and steam, while he proceeds to pirouette in cloudland, on a dream, he is so punk that some one near should give the knock-out punch; for men like that are mighty dear at one kopeck the bunch.

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arc among the foremost land fighters on earth, while the Italians are among the least formidable.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

JOHN A. HUGHES—The Star is much room as it did ten years ago.

COLLECTOR COTTRILL—The dengue fever seems to be going the rounds. I have had a touch of it, and I know a dozen fellows who are feeling the effect of the sickness.

BERT HELBRON—Those trails on windward Kauni are the limit. At one time, when I was making the Koolau trip, I felt that if I got dizzy at all I would drop over a thousand feet or so.

S. T. STARRETT—I have not dozens of requests made me for vegetable seeds, and I am sending out as many

## MUNICIPAL FINANCES.

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| Nuuanu quarry   | 103.89      |
| Sprinkling streets  | 513.01      |
| Cleaning streets, sewers and gutters  | 1,509.60    |
| Harness repairs   | 77.74       |
| Repairs to carts and wagons   | 193.45      |
| Tools and implements  | 182.54      |
| Machine shop  | 234.43      |
| General repairs (26 items, from \$2.10 on Alapai street to \$169.32 on King street) | 784.79      |
| General repairs, bridges  | 23.62       |
| Concrete pipe works   | 561.25      |
| Sanding crossings   | 9.94        |
| Nuuanu street widening  | 248.25      |
| King street widening  | 338.25      |
| General expense   | 34.85       |
| Ditch cleaning  | 67.50       |
| Cantoverling  | 183.62      |
| Fayroll shortage authorized   | 127.30      |
| Material and supplies   | 1,508.67    |
| Total   | \$11,813.60 |

## Police Report.

Sheriff Jarrett's report for September showed 329 arrested, 162 discharged, 265 convicted and 45 held to answer; \$1802.70 receipts from fines and costs. Of these Honolulu district had 316 of the arrests, 95 of the discharges, 190 of the convictions, 11 of those held and \$1322.30 of the receipts. Nationalities of those convicted were Hawaiian, 47; Chinese, 62; Japanese, 69; Portuguese, 16, and others, 71.

There were 184 arrests for gambling, the highest number for any one offense. Forty-four were arrested for drunkenness, thirty-nine for assault and battery seventeen for larceny in the second degree, twelve for violating ordinance No. 11 (automobile) and five for violating ordinance No. 12 (carrying of passengers).

## The Fire Record.

C. H. Thurston, chief engineer of the fire department, reported for August nine alarms, a property loss of \$53,315.72, covered by insurance for \$126,200, and liability of underwriters the same as the loss.

In September there were seven alarms, a property loss of \$1563, with no liability of insurance companies, but property at risk covered by \$8000 insurance.

H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., informed a special appropriation bill for sundries amounting to \$4054.64, which includes \$594.64 for Nuuanu avenue work, passed third reading.

The food screening ordinance also went through its final stage.

Various Matters. Henry Smith, chief judiciary clerk, notified the board of additions to the pay roll being J. Almoku Domains, assistant in circuit court clerk's office salary \$100 a month; S. W. Kaleikini, grand jury bailiff, messenger and janitor, \$40 a month, and Joseph Rose, Spanish interpreter, \$35 a month.

It was resolved that the auditor detail his deputy, James Lloyd, to revise the system of accounts in the road department.

sacks as I can. The White Bermuda ones will do well in certain localities in these islands.

PRESIDENT SPALDING (Chamber of Commerce)—The federal building site question should now be up to the United States government to say where it wants the building. The matter, it seems to me, has been very thoroughly threshed out here and it would be unfortunate to have it opened up again. The Chamber of Commerce will not take it up unless forced to. Of course, if the members should demand a meeting on the subject I would call it, but I should consider it unfortunate to have to do so.

Treasurer Shingie was allowed \$162.69 extra for incidentals, as it had cost that sum to print licenses.

H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., informed the board, in reply to a question bearing on the Queen street paving, that they would not require any additional pipe-laying of any kind in connection with their building. The superintendent of public works, on the same question, wrote that the government was giving the matter consideration.

Major E. J. Timberlake informed the board that the street through Fort Ruger military reservation might be widened to 80 feet provided the present street or road formed a part of it. Charles S. Judd, commissioner of agriculture, by letter advised the board "that the only satisfactory method of destroying infected fruit completely would be by burning it in the county incinerator with an oil-burning apparatus." Supervisor McClellan said everything that went into the incinerator was reduced to ashes. He thought the commissioner was not posted on the work being done by the county in destroying garbage.

It was voted to allow the Kaimuli improvement club to handle the \$498 appropriated for opening Fifth avenue.

It was reported by the ways and means committee that the engineer had been instructed to make repairs to the sanitary fixtures of Manoa school.

On the same committee's advice \$200 was voted for fitting up Mrs. Foster's building at Kaimuki as a temporary schoolhouse. Sundry amounts to \$197.80 were also voted for expenses of courts, street auditor and registration. All of the supervisors excepting Dean I. Low were present.

## SENATOR GORE WRITES.

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yard. I may say first that I feel very friendly toward Governor Wilson. My opinion is that he ought to be nominated. The last four campaigns demonstrated pretty conclusively that there are more Republicans in the United States than Democrats. It is certain, therefore, that we must have other than Democratic votes in order to succeed. The independent and the progressive vote will support Wilson more generously than any other Democrat. Of course, our candidate ought first to be satisfactory to the Democracy of the South, and after that should be acceptable to all other elements of the party. Ten months ago Harmon had the call on the nomination. Today Wilson would win easily. Of course, we cannot tell or foretell what the situation will be ten months hence when the convention assembles. I see no reason, however, why Wilson should not hold his own and gain strength. I shall be pleased to hear anything which you might feel disposed to say concerning conditions in your islands.

"With best wishes for a splendid

Democratic triumph and for yourself personally, I remain,  
"Your fellow-Mississippiian,  
"T. P. GORE."

In the case of M. A. De Fries vs. S. M. Kanakani for summary possession of a piece of land at Waikiki, on account of alleged breach of covenant to pay certain taxes, Judge Whitney this morning rendered a decision for the plaintiff.

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIRST Circuit, Territory of Hawaii, In Probate—At Chambers, No. 4301.

In the Matter of the Estate of Manuel Gonsalves Simoes, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition and accounts of Sebastiana Simoes, Administratrix of the Estate of Manuel Gonsalves Simoes, deceased, wherein petitioner asks to be allowed \$463.65 and charged with \$1012.25, and 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 27th day of November, 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, 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 the 18th day of October, 1911.

By the Court: (Seal) M. T. SIMONTON, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

WADE WARREN THAYER, 603 Stangenwald Building, Attorney for Administratrix. Oct. 18, 25; Nov. 1 and 8.

## HOUSES FOR RENT.

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Waikiki, 2 B R. 35.00  
Kinuau St., 3 B R. 50.00  
Vineyard St., 4-BR. 60.00

## Unfurnished.

Kinuu St., 2 B R. \$ 30.00  
Rose & Kam. IV Rd., 3 25.00  
Waipio, 3 B R. 12.00  
Karratti Lane 3 B R. 35.00  
King St., 3 B R. 35.00  
Wilder Avenue, 6 B R. 50.00  
Wilder Ave., 4 B R. 25.00  
Elsie & Young avs., 4 B R. 40.00  
Lunalilo St., 4 B R. 40.00  
Kaimuki 8th ave. 3 B R. 30.00  
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