

**SUGAR**  
Cane, 4,987 1/2 lb., \$98.75 ton.  
Beet, 168, 2 1/2 cwt., \$109.90, per ton.

# HAWAIIAN STAR.

**WEATHER**  
Ther. min. 71.  
Bar. 8 a. m., 30.06.  
Wind, 12 m., 17 E.  
Rain, 24 h., 8 a. m., .03.

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## TWO HUNDRED WORKMEN DROWNED

### BANANA CASES CRISSCROSSING EACH OTHER

The Lucas banana case, the one framed up by the Board of Health, Lucas consenting to be used as the defendant in order to test out the force of the board's regulations, came up before Judge Cooper yesterday. Lucas, of course, pleaded not guilty. A copy of the anti-banana regulation of the Board of Health, and a copy of the Advertiser containing the publication of the regulation, were introduced as evidence. Maurice McMahon, one of the non-commissioned officers engaged in cutting bananas, was sworn and testified as to Lucas having bananas on his premises.

Then the prosecution rested its case and the matter was continued until December 13, to await the judgment in the Mills banana case. Incidentally it may be remarked that the Mills case has been postponed to January 11 to await the verdict in the Lucas case.

**The Mills Case.**  
The prosecution in the Mills banana

case is apparently still reluctant to have the case tried out and decided finally. Another postponement has been made, this time until January 11 of next year. It is thought that, if everything goes smoothly and the bananas are all down and grubbed up—except those that belong to the corporations—the case may be decided before the end of next year.

The reasons given for postponement are that next Tuesday the court is occupied with a jury case and that the Lucas case may be decided by the Supreme Court before January 11, 1912. But it is freely admitted by Deputy Attorney General Sutton that the Lucas decision, if for the Board of Health regulation, will not be decisive of the Mills injunction suit, but that if Attorney Peters is sustained in his contention of the invalidity of the ordinances prohibiting the growth of banana plants, then Mills must win his suit.

### Banana-Mosquito Theory Receives Knockdown Jolt

"I have examined banana plants at Kaimuki, on Matlock avenue, Keenamoko street, Wilder avenue, in Pāhū Valley and in Palolo Valley to ascertain whether or not any of them contain mosquito larvae, and I have never found a single larva."

The above statement was made on the witness stand this morning by Otto H. Swezey, entomologist of the Sugar Planters' experiment station. Mr. Swezey's testimony was taken in the Mills banana-cutting injunction case this morning on account of the fact that he is leaving on the Claudine this afternoon, to be gone for about two weeks.

Entomologist Swezey was very clear and explicit in his statements, giving the impression of being a scientific man who knew exactly what he was talking about and was trying to be extremely careful to make no mis-statements.

One of the most important statements that he made was that a certain species of midge that abounds in Ho-

nolulu looks so much like the mosquito as to be easily mistaken for it by a layman, though an entomologist would have no difficulty in distinguishing between the two. The larvae of the midge very strongly resembles that of the mosquito, but whereas the mosquito needs water to breed in, the midge can and does breed in places that are merely moist, such as the accumulation of dirt and trash at the base of a banana leaf. Mr. Swezey testified that he had found the midge breeding prolifically in bananas, though he had been unable to find a single specimen of the mosquito or its larvae.

Even in Palolo Valley, two miles and a half up from the Waialeale road, where it rains very frequently and where the daylight mosquito is so numerous that he had to fight them off while making his examinations of the banana plants, Mr. Swezey was unable after careful investigation to find a single mosquito larvae in a banana plant.

Replying to questions put to him by Harry T. Mills, Swezey stated that he had been invited by the Civic Sanitation Committee, along with other entomologists, to make a scientific investigation as to mosquitoes, and the committee requested the Sugar Planters' Association to permit him to do this work. This request was granted. But after he had reported at various meetings of the committee that he could not find any mosquito larvae in bananas, he received a written request from the Board of Health that he turn in his commission as an agent of that body. This he did.

Mr. Swezey testified that in many instances he found water at the base of banana leaves, this depending, however, upon how recently rain had fallen. He also expressed the opinion that the wind would so shake the banana plants as to make any water that might be in them too greatly agitated for mosquitoes to breed, the mosquito requiring quiet water in which to hatch.

### BRIDGE GOES DOWN WITH MANY LIVES

(Associated Press Cables to the Star.)  
ST. PETERSBURG, December 8.—Two hundred workmen have been drowned in the Volga by the collapse of a bridge.

### The Dynamite Testimony

LOS ANGELES, December 8.—McManigal has concluded his testimony about the nation-wide dynamite conspiracy and a railroad official has begun testifying about the means used in tracing the dynamiters.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 8.—Labor Leader Clancy and others have been subpoenaed by the Federal grand jury at Los Angeles.

### Miss Graham's Testimony

NEW YORK, December 8.—Lillian Graham, in hysterical testimony, said that Stokes, whom she shot some months ago, had lured her to a Kentucky farm.

### Tobacco War Ends

LEXINGTON, Ky., December 8.—The Burley pool has sold 8,000,000 pounds of tobacco to the American Tobacco Company, thus ending the tobacco war.

### Subpoena Beet Farmers

WASHINGTON, December 8.—Subpoenas have been issued to beet farmers to refute the testimony that the refiners were unfair in dealing with them.

### Blown up From Outside

WASHINGTON, December 8.—The investigators report that the Maine was blown up from the outside, thus exploding the magazines.

### Federal Clerk Indicted

SEATTLE, December 8.—Robert Hopkins, formerly clerk of the federal court here has been indicted for embezzling \$18,000 in fees.

### Reyes to the Mountains

SAN ANTONIO, December 8.—General Reyes, who has disappeared, is believed to be fleeing to the mountains of Mexico.

### Reichstag Adjourns

BERLIN, December 8.—The session of the Reichstag has been dissolved.

### Edouard de Reszke Dying

PARIS, December 8.—Edouard de Reszke, the singer, is dying.

### LEILEHUA MURDER TRIAL APPROACHING ITS FINISH

The McMahon murder case will not be argued or go to the jury until next Monday, according to present arrangements. It was thought that the arguments might be made today and the case placed in the hands of the twelve good men and true, but the rebuttal testimony of the prosecution today is taking more time than was anticipated.

The jury will be excused this afternoon until Monday morning, but tomorrow the attorneys for prosecution and defense will appear in court and go over with Judge Clemens the instructions that are to be given to the jury.

Several witnesses were examined in rebuttal this morning, all of them being army officers and members of the special board detailed to investigate the shooting of Cederlof last September.

The officers all testified to the same effect, that they went to the McMahon house the morning following the shooting and found Mrs. McMahon there. They questioned her, as briefly as possible, and she told them of the trouble that had occurred between McMahon and Mrs. Cederlof the previous afternoon; of her going home and finding herself locked out; of her husband later admitting her but a few minutes later again ejecting her from their home; of her going to the Cederlof house and being invited to stay to dinner.

Then she told how McMahon, late in the evening, came to the gate and inquired for her; how Cederlof got up and walked to the gate, asking McMahon why he had insulted Mrs. Cederlof; of McMahon denying that he had done so; then of a tussle in the dark, of shots fired, which she thought were fired at her; of how she sprang up and ran through the house, followed by some one; of stumbling out of the bathroom door and falling down, to be picked up by McMahon; of her desperate struggle with him for possession of the revolver, in the course of which she received certain bruises on the wrist which she showed to the officers.

On direct examination yesterday Mrs. McMahon denied having ever made these statements to an investigating board, or of having appeared at all before any such board. The officers, however, all agreed this morning.

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### HILO WHARF SETTLEMENT

A settlement on the proposed agreement of the Hilo Railroad Company with the government in relation to the Hilo wharf was practically completed at the meeting of the Board of Harbor Commissioners this afternoon, when a majority of the board, composed of Messrs. Wakefield, McCarthy and Berndt, stated that in their opinion the document was limited by law to the simplest possible form. This will mean simply an agreement on the part of the government to build the wharf at a stated location and on the part of the railroad to run its tracks thereto and operate for ten years as a common carrier.

It is likely that a form of agreement similar to that suggested by the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Co. will be adopted, in which all preference rights are left without mention. Chairman Campbell stated that Mr. Thurston would be satisfied as long as the ocean-going steamers on schedule were allowed berths. This met with the approval of the board, but not as part of the agreement, it being held that this should be taken up at a later date under the head of the harbor regulations to be enforced by the harbor master.

### POLICE OFFICER BADLY BEATEN

Sheriff Jarrett has two of his force laid up for repairs. Mounted Patrolman Gomes who was knocked off his horse during the fracas with the marines on Monday night, is still unable to get about, having been pretty badly injured.

The other officer temporarily disabled is J. W. Homeku of the foot police and an officer of over four years' service.

On Saturday night, previous to reporting for duty at 11 o'clock, Homeku was passing along Hotel street and when opposite the Criterion saloon, saw a soldier, whom he declares was from Fort Ruger, pitching into a native man, while several of his comrades stood by and watched the row.

A crowd gathered and Homeku, who was in plain clothes, displayed his badge and tried to put a stop to the disturbance. He was immediately smashed at the base of the brain by one of the soldiers standing nearby and falling to the ground was kicked over the head by a blue-jacket.

Homeku has been treated by Dr. Moore ever since. He enjoys a fine reputation as an officer.

Henry Espinda, an ex-police officer, who came to Homeku's assistance, received a black eye and a broken nose for his pains.

### SERVICE OFFICERS HAVE AUTO OUTING

Yesterday there was a fine excursion made around Oahu, with Governor Frear acting as personal conductor. Six automobiles, loaded with Army and Navy officers, made the trip, the start being at nine o'clock in the morning.

Haleiwa was reached in time for lunch and twenty-six people sat down to one of Manager Kimball's fine meals. One long table was arranged and everything was of the best. The return trip to Honolulu was accomplished in good time, the party reaching town at about four o'clock.

At lunch Admiral Thomas made a few remarks. He declared that Honolulu was a beautiful place and that he was enjoying his visit. The Governor also said a few words and welcomed the visitors to Hawaii. Among those who made the trip were Admiral Cowles, Admiral Southland, Admiral Thomas and Mrs. Thomas, General McComb, Major Timberlake and a number of naval officers from the warships now in port.

### MORE SCIENTIFIC PROOF THAT THE BANANA DOES NOT BREED MOSQUITOES

Dr. Henshaw, the noted ornithologist and scientist, who visited Hawaii and was here for an extended time a few years ago, made a careful, thorough and scientific search for and investigation of the breeding places of the yellow fever mosquito, and stated as his conclusion that although this pest does breed in other kinds of vegetation, including the traveler's palm, it does not breed at all in the banana. In fact, stated Dr. Henshaw, the mosquito appears carefully to avoid the banana as a breeding place, there being apparently something about the plant that is obnoxious to it.

A statement to the above effect was made this morning by one of the leading scientists and entomologists of Honolulu, who says, however, that he is so sick and tired of the obstinate and foolish attitude of the Civic Sanitation Committee and its flat refusal to listen to reason or adopt a reasonable policy that he does not desire to be quoted by name any more. His name, however, is a sufficient guarantee of the value of his statements,

and furthermore, he has the correspondence with Dr. Henshaw to substantiate his assertions.

The same scientist also stated that he knows that individual members of the Sanitation Committee have asserted privately, though they would probably deny it if quoted publicly, that they realize that the banana crusade has been a costly and useless farce; that they fully realize that the banana does not harbor the mosquito larvae, but that, having started the campaign, they feel that they must go through it to avoid being placed in a ridiculous light in the eyes of the public.

"There are not two people in Honolulu today," added the scientist, "who honestly believe that there ever was a case of yellow fever in Honolulu. In fact, I happen to know that a certain doctor last night made the statement in the presence of Dr. Ramus and one of the other physicians of the Marine Hospital Service that he was absolutely sure that there never had been any yellow fever

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### WHERE HAS THE MONEY GONE?

Up to the present time the board of supervisors has received from the Territory this year \$518,000. During the whole of the year 1910 the previous board received \$504,000, or \$12,000 less than this one. In 1909 and 1910 together the previous board received from the Territory \$1,022,000, or an average of \$511,000 a year, which is \$7000 less than the present board has so far received from the Territory this year. Besides, the increase in revenues of the county collected by itself has been many thousands of dollars this year.

At the corresponding time of year to the present in 1910, the previous board had a large surplus accumulated, after provision was made for the payment of every obligation up to the end of the year. On the closing of accounts this surplus proved to amount to \$10,000. This was after belt road and street paving contracts, amounting to about \$35,000 largely drawn from that year's funds, had been carried out and an even expenditure of about \$20,000 a month on roads had been maintained throughout the year.

Why the present board should be hard up and in dread of having to register warrants, when it has had more money to spend than its predecessor, is a question that only the supervisors can answer.

### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL BOYS MAY CONSTRUCT THE NEW BUILDING

It is expected that within one month from now the excavation work at the Boys' Industrial School, Waialeale, will be all completed. The work has been going on well, and the good weather has helped out a lot. Many large boulders are being put through the crusher.

The portable track and small cars were of great assistance to the boys, the work being lightened a lot by these appliances. It is said that the progress made by the boys, under competent overseers, is amazing and that there is a strong probability of the lads doing the whole of the construction work on the new building.

A washing machine for the new laundry will be set up in temporary quarters where power is available. Later the machine will be put in the new building, where an up-to-date laundry is to be located.

Excellent foundation stone is being

### NATIVE YOUTHS WERE PROVOKED BY BEHAVIOR OF SOME SOLDIERS

In the police court this morning the Kakaako gang, so-called, were charged under the vagrancy section of the revised laws of Hawaii, with being disorderly persons, disturbers of the peace and committers of acts of violence.

The young men charged were as follows:  
Alexander Robinson, John Robinson, George Waioloa, Willie Keala, Anton Mattis, George Kaui, John Galbraith, David Maki, James Luka, Tom Ikaka, Willie Kabele, Henry Kukaiki, Kalpo Makeni and Kekaha.

These fourteen young men are alleged to have been concerned in the recent fracas near Palace Square in which a number of marines and several police officers were mixed up, the marines claiming that they were attacked by the Hawaiians while proceeding peacefully on their way uptown.

Defendants as a whole are an average looking lot of boys, and have the appearance of being anything but the toughs and vagrants that they are alleged to be.

Attorney Straus appeared for Alexander Robinson and John Robinson, said to be the leaders of the gang, and had their cases continued till Wednesday next, bail being set at \$50 in each case.

George Waioloa, Anton Mattis and Henry Kukaiki, who have turned state's evidence in the case, pleaded guilty and sentence in their cases was deferred.

The cases of the balance were continued till next week.

**Provocation Offered.**  
While the youths above mentioned may have been guilty of taking the law into their own hands, there is a growing opinion that they were provoked peaceably on their way uptown.

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