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PACIFIC OCEAN TOURS.

The people who are making a success of the Cleveland round-the-world tours ought to be urged to consider the attractiveness of round-the-Pacific excursions. To globe-trotters ours is the least known ocean, except in certain of its lanes, for as compared with the number of them who have visited the North Cape how few have seen Alaska, the American Switzerland, or New Zealand, the scenic paradise of the South Seas.

Look at possible itineraries. A steamer like the Cleveland could leave San Francisco north, running into Puget Sound and then taking the inside passage to Alaska, going far enough to visit the glaciers and learn how long the summer daylight lasts. Thence the ship could take the short route to Japan, passing through the Inland sea, then to visit Chinese and Malaysian ports, and, from Ceylon, take the spice island course to Australia and New Zealand.

Some day there will be such sea excursions and the time may come the sooner for the good work of the Pan-American Congress and the Hands-Around societies.

ONCE THOUGHT HARMLESS.

The peaceable banana seems to be an oriflammé of war. Hardly has the excitement over its general massacre died down than the poor inanimate creature becomes a casus belli at the instance of Professor Severin and those who don't want him to prove more of its latent genius for destruction. Innocent as the banana looks it has disturbed these islands since the earliest times.

LET HAWAII IN.

Let us hope that Gerrit Wilder will see that the work on American fruits, planned for issue by the Federal government, does not overlook the horticultural output of Hawaiian America. The Star learns from its Washington correspondent that such a book is pretty sure to come out, not only because some fine material for it is in hand, but because of the interest aroused in the matter by Representative Hawley of Oregon among the officials of the Bureau of Plant Industry and in the Secretary of Agriculture himself.

The department now has over 3000 colored pictures of American fruits, made from life and accurate to the minutest detail. Mr. Hawley's plan is to have these lithographed and printed in convenient book form, for the instruction of fruit growers as well as for the edification of the fruit consuming public. From a horticultural standpoint alone the book would be invaluable.

The expense of making the necessary lithographic plates is large, about \$600,000 being required for 3000, but Secretary Wilson is considering the advisability of selecting several hundred of the most common varieties and having these lithographed for issuance in book form. If the work is undertaken, as now seems likely, not less than 500 fruits will be thus illustrated and accurately described, and the edition will be a large one. Representative Hawley will introduce a special bill authorizing the necessary appropriation as soon as a favorable report is received from the Department of Agriculture.

As to the Hawaiian end of it, Mr. Wilder has done that work already and it ought to be incorporated in the official publication.

CUSTOMS CHANGES.

Sweeping changes in existing customs ports, affecting every state in the Union, are expected to result from the recent recommendations of the Secretary of the Treasury. Throughout the summer hearings on the plan have been had before the committee on expenditures in the Treasury Department, and the details of a bill agreed upon to cover the entire United States. The plan is one of consolidation, by eliminating a number of non-paying customs ports and creating new customs districts. As conditions are now there are large portions of the United States outside of any customs collection district. The proposed plan covers the entire country, and arranges for every possible contingency, even to the breaking down of a freight train in the middle of a Nevada desert.

The plan embraces the abolition of ports of delivery. Existing ports of delivery are of two kinds: First, seaports of delivery within customs collection districts to which vessels, after having entered at a port, or sub-port, of entry, may go and unload, but at which they may not make entry and from which they may not clear. Second, interior ports of delivery, to which merchandise may be sent under immediate transportation. Both these are to be abolished under the new plan. Instead, there will be ports and sub-ports of entry, at which vessels may enter and clear, and interior ports of entry.

In addition to giving greater efficiency of service, Secretary McVeagh is authority for the statement that the new plan will save approximately \$100,000 in administration.

The port of Honolulu is not affected by this proposed change, the new arrangement proposing to pay the collector the present salary of \$6000 per year.

There need be no doubt in anyone's mind as to Russia's intentions in Mongolia. The orderly sequence of her encroaching moves, already made familiar to the readers of this column, has been prolonged by the Czar's recognition of the independence of China's most northern province. A student of Russian policy in Asia since the time of Peter the Great can hold no reasonable doubt of its relation to Mongolian affairs. In due time that province or the northern half of it will be annexed to the Czar's empire, and this circumstance may easily imply that Great Britain will meet the move by taking Tibet. For the Chinese republican politicians to talk of resisting such maneuvers is mere chaff. They have nothing of any account to resist with.

Mr. Gompers is almost as bitter against injunctions as he is against detectives. That an elaborate scheme to terrorize a city by a strike, which paralyzes all business and stops the mails should be interrupted by the mandate of a court, strikes him as a nuisance of power in the interest of slavery. Gompers' idea of proper legislation is to exempt the outrages of labor from the sphere of the injunction and leave it free to visit penalties on capital alone. One never reads a Gompers speech on

Uncle Walt The Poet Philosopher

It is vain to weep like thunder over some bad break or blunder, for the past, my friend, is written, and we cannot change the tale, and I always have the willies when I see some silly Billys REMORSE putting up their lamentations at the place where people wail. It is morbid, it is ghoulish, to be brooding o'er the foolish, idiotic stunts you've pulled off in the days that are no more; better look ahead and ponder on the bright days over yonder where the country of the future waits with sirens on its shore. Many wayward paths I've journeyed; I have tilted, I have toyed with the ogres and the monsters, I have wasted golden years; but you never see me sitting all forgetful of my knitting, resurrecting ancient blunders and bedewing them with tears. Foolish are the tears that blind us for the time that lies behind us, wasted are the sighs we're heaving for the phantoms of dead days; for the sun is shining o'er us and the time that lies before us is the time we ought to think of—so get busy, fifty ways!

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LITTLE INTERVIEWS

PURSER GRASSETT (Nippon Maru)—Everything was quiet in Shanghai when I was up there lately.

WALTER KENDALL—The stock market is still strong, but there are very few buying orders in today.

BYRON O. CLARK—Professor Severin sounded very differently on the platform than he did in the published report.

JUDGE KINGSBURY—I tell all my friends that Maui is the place to cool off when they get too well warmed up in Honolulu.

ADJUTANT KLUGE—It is wonderful how some people can make one statement to a man's face and another one to other people, behind his back.

A SAILOR—I calculate that about half a million dollars are spent in Honolulu each month by the boys of the fleet, including stores and everything else.

DR. CLARK (S. S. Sierra)—Beyond the announcement that the Australian service is to be resumed by the Oceanic Company, nothing seems to be known.

LLOYD CONKLING—Floral parade day this year will be the best ever. There should be more decorated cars than before, and the tourists will see a Great show.

HANAWAKI KRUGER—The supervisors have only a year left to make good in. I know that the board hasn't made good yet, and I think it's up to us to get busy.

JUDGE COOPER—I intend to make the trip to Palmyra Island just as soon as possible. It is chiefly a question of being able to charter a vessel of some kind to take me down.

DR. PRATT—When the inspectors on my staff have passed the examination that will be given them, they will have more standing with the householders. The inspectors then will be able to tell the people the why and

wherefore of things that are done to improve the sanitary condition of their homes.

PROFESSOR BLACKMAN—I have just been notified by mail that a friend of the Honolulu School for Boys has presented the school with a year's subscription to The Star. I am very grateful for this, and would like this means of expressing my appreciation.

C. H. SAMUELS—This hanging around the street all day on February 22 to see a morning parade and then an afternoon parade will make us all weary. The military will march at 9 a. m. Why can't the floral parade start at 10 a. m. and have the whole thing over so as to leave the afternoon free?

REV. ELMER SMITH—Our Bishop Fowler prolonged his life for fifteen years by strict adherence to the diet his disease required. Wherever he went in the performance of his duties he sent a copy of his dietary ahead of him, so that his hosts would serve him nothing but what he could safely eat.

H. P. WOOD—Unless Mason Mitchell has been sent back to China very recently, it was not he who rendered assistance to the American mission family at Chungking, as reported in this morning's Advertiser. Mr. Mitchell was formerly American consul at Chungking, but he has not been there for at least five years. He is now stationed at Apia, Samoa.

J. H. SCHNACK—The flags which the Chinese are flying in Honolulu no longer represent the revolutionary cause. They are antiquated and were long ago given up. The flag now used by the revolutionaries at home consists of five horizontal stripes, the upper red and the rest in order below, yellow, blue, white and black, representing the great geographical divisions of China. I have a badge showing just how the flag of the Chinese republic looks.

WHARF CONTRACT

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vague and uncertain, giving opportunity for dispute as to their exact meaning, and he thinks they should be revised.

He suggests that, on account of the distance from Hilo, it will take more time to remove freight from the wharf than it does in Honolulu, so he asks that more time be given by the rules. He asks that one day extra be granted. He suggests further:

"That the time limit for removal of freight be limited to freight destined for the town of Hilo, and freight that does not show on its face that it is to be transhipped.

"That all freight which is to claim exemption from demurrage by reason of its being destined to a point beyond Hilo be so consigned as to show that it is for through shipment.

"That no difference be made as between freights based upon points of origin.

"The railroad company requests that, whatever action may be taken by the board concerning the above suggestions, the rules be so amended that there shall be no discrimination against freight forwarded by railroad.

A further request is that Rule 4 be so amended as to permit free storage to sugar in process of accumulation at the wharf for transshipment, as is permitted on government wharves in Honolulu.

It is requested that Rule 9 be amended so as to provide that, until the separate sugar warehouse is provided, sugar stored in the merchandise warehouse shall be stored only in the rear portion and in such manner as to interfere as little as possible with the handling and storage of incoming freight and so as to leave access for properly handling freight to and from cars located on tracks in

the rear of the merchandise shed, and to and from drays on the wharf.

Several other changes in the rules, of a minor nature, are suggested by Mr. Thurston. The letter will probably come up before the commissioners for discussion next Wednesday.

TRIAL HELD THIRTY-SIX YEARS AFTER MURDER.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., January 1.—White-haired and bent, Donaclo Espalin, eighty years old, was today, on the instructions of the court, adjudged innocent of a murder which, it was alleged, he committed thirty-six years ago.

Espalin was on trial in the district court of Dona Ana county, at Los Cruces. Two eye-witnesses of the alleged killing, then boys, were among those who testified.

Espalin, after the killing, went to Old Mexico. He remained until a few months ago, when he went to Ysleta, Tex., and was arrested. The evidence, as the court declared, was at this late date, too incomplete and vague to incriminate Espalin.

WILSON CONGRATULATES PRESIDENT MADERO.

MEXICO CITY, January 1.—In the name of the diplomatic corps, all of whom attended President Madero's New Year's reception in the National Palace today, Henry Lane Wilson, the United States ambassador, congratulated the President on the manner in which he was administering the country's affairs, notwithstanding numerous difficulties.

DEAD CHINAMAN'S ESTATE IN BAD WAY

It is reported that the estate of Yee Chin, who died supposedly wealthy on December 30, is in a bad condition. Against money resources of \$10,000 there are said to be notes discounted amounting to \$30,000, while it is further stated that funds entrusted to the dead man by other Chinese cannot be traced up. Worst of all, the pur-

ported signatures of promissors and endorsers in some instances are alleged to be forgeries. Chu Gem was an endorser for \$8000. It is believed that the leading members of the Chinese business community will divide the deficit of the estate among themselves and thus prevent heavy individual losses.

WOOTEN TO RULE FORT DE RUSSY

SHERIDAN ARRIVAL NOT TILL SUNDAY — BAYONET EXERCISES AT LEILEHUA.

WASHINGTON, January 12.—Major Wooten, now in charge of the engineering work in and around Honolulu has been designated by the War Department as the first commandant of Fort de Russy.

SHERIDAN ON SUNDAY.

The transport Sheridan will not be in until Sunday morning, according to news received at the depot quarter-master's office this morning. Although the wireless at the naval station is out of order, the operator was able to make out that much from the Sheridan's signals.

BAYONET PRACTICE.

The companies of the two battalions Second Infantry, stationed at Schofield Barracks, are engaged just now in learning and practicing the art of bayonet fencing. Each company commander has charge of his company during this military exercise. The men are gathered on the parade ground just opposite their mess halls, where the manly art is practiced.

Cornel Francis W. Mansfield, Second Infantry, commandant of the Leilehua reservation, was present witnessing these bayonet maneuvers this morning.

FORT SHAFTER DENTAL OFFICE.

Dr. George D. Graham, dental surgeon, U. S. A., who has been stationed at the Leilehua reservation for the past year, has been directed to the Kahuku reservation for duty. Dr. Graham is establishing his dental office in the administration building at Fort Shafter.

BOS'N SHEPLEY HOME.

Chief Boatswain H. M. Shepley, who was captain of the yard here for two years, has arrived home and will do duty at Mare Island. He reports all well and sends his compliments to all old-time friends. Shepley was relieved here by Chief Boatswain Kenney.

DR. HUMPHRIS BOOSTS HAWAII

Dr. F. H. Humphris, formerly of Honolulu, is boosting these islands in a way that is sure to help them a whole lot. He is giving lectures on them before church gatherings, members of charitable institutions and high school scholars.

Dr. Humphris' idea is to educate the Englishmen who are ignorant of these islands. He wishes to disseminate some correct information about the beauty spots, the location, products, and such like. He illustrates his remarks with about 120 lantern slides. Some of the views that he has are poor in character, and he would like some new ones as well as a more extended set. Mr. Wood has promised to supply a lot of new slides. These will include many of the flowering shrubs, which were specially asked for by Dr. Humphris. Mr. Wood is pleased at the excellent work done by Dr. Humphris.

Dr. Humphris mentioned that he met the Princess Kawanakoa in London, and she suggested that the Promotion Committee would be glad to help the good work.

BANANAS WELL TAKEN CARE OF

The value of supervision of bananas was shown in a striking manner on the last outward trip of the Sierra.

A big shipment of bananas was sent by the Sierra, and Entomologist Ehrhorn, Dr. Wilcox and S. T. Starrett looked at the bunches as they went aboard. On the way up Chief Officer Trask looked after the bananas himself, and when he found the storage place getting a little too hot, he opened it up so that it would be cooled off immediately. He was rewarded by finding that only eighty-two bunches were affected. This would look like a record. Anyway, it shows the value of a little time and forethought bestowed on the matter. The trouble is that shippers will persist in sending their fruit down to the wharf too long before the boat is ready to take it. If they would

leave such perishable goods as late as possible they would be rewarded with increased returns. The heat of the wharf unduly ripens the bananas, and then they are overripe by the time they reach San Francisco.

Entomologist Ehrhorn said that this is all that is necessary to bring bigger returns for the bananas. He thinks that Captain Trask, the popular chief officer of the Sierra, deserves great credit for the time that he devotes to these bananas in order that they will be landed in good condition.

NEW INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL MOOTED

Tomorrow morning when the school commissioners meet, a very important matter may come up before them. It is proposed to build an industrial school at Kahuku, at which the boys sent there will learn the rudiments of plantation work, so that after they leave they will be able to secure good jobs on the sugar estates.

The matter will be considered by the commissioners and, as it is said that a definite offer has been made by the plantations interested, to provide the building and furnishing, the new industrial school may soon become an accomplished fact.

It is not the idea to have only delinquent youths sent to the proposed school, but boys from any common school in the country will be admitted.

The school commissioners are all, with the exception of Mrs. Wilcox, expected to be on hand at nine-thirty tomorrow morning, in the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

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