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SUGAR.

New York, March, 29.—Raw, strong, Fair refining, 3 3/4c; Centrifugal, 96 test, 3 5/8c; Molasses Sugar, 2 7/8c; refined strong No. 13, 3 3/8c; No. 14, 3 3/8c.

THREE cheers for Captain Matson.

A BREAKWATER will come easy if it is gone after persistently and with unanimity.

THE Enterprise is the pioneer of cheap fuel in Pacific shipping and the harbinger of a new era of prosperity for the Island.

DIRECT communication with the Coast means cheaper living for the people and better profits for the retail dealers as well.

Hilo's microscopic smart Alex still continues to expose himself to contempt on the rim of that journalistic slop barrel—Gossip.

IF Philip Peck is not careful while at Washington, President Roosevelt may take a notion to appoint him Governor of the Territory of Hawaii.

THE Hilo Shipping Company, Ltd., is an undertaking that should receive the cordial cooperation of merchants at coast villages who are looking for quicker and cheaper service.

THE successful trip of the Enterprise on her initial trip to Hilo will be noted with interest by all Steamship Companies. Oil as fuel for long voyages has been demonstrated a complete success and the Enterprise example will now have many followers.

THE men who can afford to put \$100,000 into the construction of a dock of sufficient proportions to accommodate Hilo shipping cannot afford to neglect the business of prodding Congress into taking the first steps toward building a breakwater to protect that dock.

THE purchase of the Danish Islands gave rise to rumors of fraud in Congress. A reasonable commission is always legitimate in real estate transactions and the business of the investigation committee is probably only to see that the proper persons collected the fee.

THE formation of the Hilo Shipping Company, Ltd., to operate a line of small Island steamers between Hilo and the smaller ports on the Island will be welcome news to any wholesaler and country merchant. Goods and products at Hilo, eight days from San Francisco will be landed at the small ports two days later. There is emancipation and prosperity in all these enterprises.

CECIL RHODES.

The passing of Cecil Rhodes marks the exit from the stage of life of one of the Herculean figures of modern times. His career and his life afford ample range for the comment of the moralist and ejaculations from the wise who are able to see where all men neglect opportunities, except themselves. Cecil Rhodes was a man whose greatest instinct, was that of grasping opportunity. He arose to the dead level of his opportunity and that is all; and that is enough.

FOR A BREAKWATER.

At a mass meeting held last Monday night to decide upon the details of the reception to be given to the Steamer Enterprise, the subject of a breakwater for Hilo harbor was also discussed and action taken which will prove to be the entering wedge, leading to a realization of the much needed improvement. In the midst of various signs of prosperity for Hilo, present and to come, it was realized that not a line has been forwarded to

Congress, in demonstration of Hilo's greatest need. The session is well advanced but the river and harbor committee has no document or showing of any kind, that would lead its members to believe that Hilo harbor needs protection from the running seas of the Pacific.

On motion, Mr. Peck, chairman of the meeting appointed a committee to draft resolutions and collect information to be filed with the River and Harbor Committee, showing the necessity of an appropriation this session for a preliminary survey of Hilo harbor. This survey will be asked for the purpose of determining the best location and the approximate cost of a breakwater, adequate for the protection of shipping in the harbor. The committee consists of C. C. Kennedy, F. B. McStocker, J. T. Moir and J. Castle Ridgway. Their report will be taken to Washington by Mr. Peck and the claims of Hilo will be pressed by him in person and through the cooperation of friends in both houses.

Every man in Hilo, or friend of Hilo elsewhere can assist in building up Hilo by writing to friends in Congress urging them to do the right thing at the right time. Hilo now has the ships. She will soon have a magnificent dock. All she has is the fruit of individual enterprise with thanks to none outside of her narrow bounds. A dock from Seaconnet to Pepeekeo point would be of small use to shipping in rough weather. The harbor needs protection and Hilo shipping will not thrive until it comes.

GROWTH OF MATSON LINE.

In the eighties a 200-ton vessel was considered big enough for the Hilo trade. In 1887, when Captain Matson built the brig Lurline, the question in the minds of the skeptics was, where will she find freight enough to fill her. The figures show that the Lurline was not long able to take care of the freight that sought passage to Hawaii's coming city. Captain Matson therefore added the bark Annie Johnson. Hilo trade continued to grow and Captain Matson continued to add to the strength of his fleet. The bark Santiago was bought. Then the ship Rhoderick Dhu, which was changed to the bark Roderick Dhu. Then came the ship Falls of Clyde which was changed to the four masted bark. The next to join the fleet was the Marion Chilcott bought by Captain Matson from Puget Sound parties. The flag ship of the Matson squadron the steamer Enterprise, now lies in the harbor, having demonstrated her good qualities and character by making the best days run of her life, on her last day out from San Francisco off Hilo harbor.

The building up of this splendid line of sailing vessels, now supplemented with a good steamer, demonstrates what may be done by men who have faith in Hilo and the big Island of Hawaii. The growth of the Matson line has been the certain realization of commercial independence of Hilo. This realization is now in sight and brings with it benefit for every resident of the Island. Direct steam communication with San Francisco, with quick connection established between Hilo and all other landings on this Island will bring a change over the business situation here most gratifying to all engaged in trade. The delay and inequities of the past will no longer stand in the way of the development of trade along natural lines. Not only will Hilo reap benefits from the new order of things, but every village on the Island, dependent on the outside world for supplies will share in the good fortune.

SUGAR BATTLE.

The battle between cane and beet is likely to be severe. The leaders are divided and already it is no longer a party issue except so far as the administration is committed to give adequate trade relief to Cuba. Much is to be said on both sides of the question, but Boards of Trade unless they thoroughly canvass and intelligently study these questions in the light of the widest knowledge, can do little except re-

fect sentiment and opinion coming from they know not where and influenced by they know not what. It is indicated that the majority of the Maine delegation in Congress stands out against Cuban reciprocity as at present outlined. Congress may be trusted to fulfill its moral obligation to Cuba. President Roosevelt will not falter in this. Neither will the people. But the method of its fulfillment must be discussed in every relation before it is settled in town meeting.—Exchange.

CENSUS FIGURES.

This Island leads in Live Stock Products.

Washington, March 14.—The Census Bureau has completed its statistics of live stock, and the following figures are given, representing the number of sheep, and the quantity of wool obtained for Hawaii for the census year:

Hawaii, 37,585 fleeces shorn; 187,825 pounds of wool (unwashed). Kanae, 1827 fleeces shorn, 5481 pounds of wool (unwashed). Lanai, 20,000 fleeces shorn; 75,000 pounds of wool (unwashed). Maui, 38 fleeces shorn, 152 pounds of wool (unwashed). Molokai, 19,135 fleeces shorn, 80,000 pounds of wool (unwashed). Niihau, 14,680 fleeces shorn, 73,400 pounds of wool (unwashed). Oahu, 454 fleeces shorn, 2270 pounds of wool (unwashed). The total number of sheep according to the Census Bureau in Hawaii, therefore, in the census year was 93,719, and the number of pounds of wool, 424,228. The poultry figures for Hawaii are as follows:

Farms reporting, 967; chickens, including guinea fowl, 31,888; turkeys, 4672; geese, 75; ducks, 21,508; value of poultry raised during census year, \$62,516; dozens of eggs produced, 155,710; value of all eggs produced, \$45,257.

The figures for the United States in full and the States and Territories show that poultry and its products is one of the most valuable of the outputs of the farm.

Pratt to Washington.

J. G. Pratt, the real estate man at Honolulu, has been chosen by the committees of the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchant's Association to go to Washington for the purpose of trying to secure legislation in the matter of the payment of fire claims and to try to do something in the way of securing the cable.

Mr. Pratt is a good choice and, as a member of the Fire Claims Commission, there is no one who understands better what is wanted in the matter of legislation.

Mr. Pratt has had occasion to meet some of the most prominent members of the Senate and House of Representatives with some of whom he is intimately acquainted. He seems to be the very best man that could be chosen to proceed to Washington.—Bulletin.

Pension Commissioner to Resign.

Washington, March 28.—Commissioner of Pensions Henry Clay Evans has placed his resignation in the hands of the President. It will not take effect until some important position in the diplomatic service is found for him. The pension committee appointed at the last national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to investigate the affairs of the Pension Bureau has made its report to the President. It has not yet been decided as to when the report will be made public, if at all. It is stated that the policy of Commissioner Evans will be continued by his successor.

Filipino Noriel Surrenders.

Manila, March 26.—Noriel, the only insurgent general, with the exception of Malver, still in the field, has been captured by Lieutenant Frank E. Bamford of the Twenty-eighth Infantry. A Major, a Captain, a Lieutenant and five men, who were acting as a body-guard to Noriel, were captured with him. They have all been held as prisoners of war. There is some reason to believe that one member of this bodyguard is General Malver in disguise. Lieutenant

Bamford is certain that if this General is not one of the captured party he is in the immediate neighborhood of the scene of Noriel's capture.

Noriel has been one of the recognized leaders of the insurrection since 1899. He was captured on his way to the coast while endeavoring to escape. He admits that the insurrection, as much, is over, and says that the few remaining leaders are fleeing as they do not command enough men to warrant surrenders commensurate with their rank.

EXPOSITION DELAY.

Official Announcement Expected About April First.

Washington, March 24.—The postponement of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition to 1904 will probably be officially announced about April 1st. The announcement will be made at St. Louis. Just at present the officials of the exposition are trying to induce either the national board or Secretary of State to assume the responsibility of proclaiming the postponement, but without avail. The Secretary of State holds that it is not his business to say anything whatever as to when the exposition shall be opened. If he were to take any action whatever, it would be only upon the request of the national commissioners. But the members of the national commission declare that it is not within their province either. Personally they agree that postponement is not only advisable; but absolutely necessary. But the initiative should be taken by the St. Louis managers and sponsors of the enterprise. If the national commission were to assume the initiative, they would at once be criticised as wishing by postponement to prolong their own official life, and this is a responsibility which they do not care to incur.

Mrs. J. T. Lewis and Miss Lewis, accompanied by Mr. Clarence Robinson of Long Island, came to Hilo by the Kinau this week.

Band Concert.

The Hilo Band, Joaquin Carvalho leader, will give a concert at the Hilo Hotel tonight at 7:30 in compliment to the passengers and officers of the S. S. Enterprise. The following program will be presented:

- PART I. 1. March—"He's a Porter on the Empire State".....Merritt 2. Overture—"Brilliant".....Chambers 3. Overture—"The Red Gnome".....Chambers 4. Aria for Baritone.....Chambers Solo by Prof. Carvalho. PART II. 5. Overture—"Viviane".....Bennet 6. Waltz—"Moonlight Fancies".....Rollinson 7. Overture—"Mosaic".....Rollinson 8. Schottische—"Early Morning".....Rollinson Aloha Oe and Star Spangled Banner.

Civil Service Examinations.

The United States Civil Service examinations scheduled for April 22nd and April 26th, have been postponed two weeks and will be held May 10th, at the Union School Building, Hilo. Candidates are requested to be present punctually at 9:00 o'clock A. M. and are required to furnish their own pencils, penholders, ink, eraser and memorandum pads. Further information regarding the scope and character of examinations can be had upon application to Secretary J. Castle Ridgway, of the local Board of Examiners.

Dick Davis vice, Admiral Beckly was purser on the Kinau this trip. Mr. Beckley remained in Honolulu to attend a banquet given by Sam Parker. He was slated to respond to one of the important toasts of the evening.

SEALED TENDERS

SEALED BIDS, WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE

Hilo Road Board UP to Twelve O'clock M. Saturday, Apr. 19

For the construction of the following work, contractor to furnish all material: Building of Stone Gutters on each side of Waiannuue street from culvert above Hospital to the water front.

STATE PRICE PER SQUARE FOOT

For the building of Abutments on each side of the Pukihue stream. For the building of Abutments on each side of the Kukuau stream on Volcano street.

For the Completion of the Road on the east side of Hakalau gulch.

Plans and specifications for each of the above jobs can be seen at THE TELEPHONE OFFICE, HILO.

Bids subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Public Works.

JOHN A. SCOTT, Chairman Hilo Road Board.

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A consignment of One Hundred Singer Sewing Machines have arrived at the Hilo Agency of the Singer Manufacturing Company, and must be sold within thirty days.

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