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BUSINESS houses generally will close in Hilo this afternoon.

THERE will be no charge at the gate this afternoon at Hoolulu Park.

HILO feels remarkably well satisfied with herself this Fourth of July.

THE dengue will soon be at the end of its rope in Hilo. There will be none left who have not had it.

IT is expected that an air of undisturbed quiet will reign with equal solemnity at Honolulu and Lahaina tomorrow.

THE railroad ceremonial tomorrow forenoon will not be an uninteresting affair. It will be worth hustling around early to see.

THE decision of H. E. Cooper to retain the office of Superintendent of Public Works will please the people who want to see that office capably administered.

THE Hilo friends of Judge A. S. Humphreys and Frank E. Thompson will not worry until they see two gory scalp locks dangling at the belt of the Attorney-General.

IN POSTPONING the work of the Court at Honokaa until next week, and in declining the invitation to make the Fourth of July address Judge Little has disarmed his piping critics most effectually.

IT now looks like the weather would be favorable for fireworks. There are none on the program, but the TRIBUNE recommends that all that can be found in the stores be purchased and properly burned.

SOMEbody on the staff of the Star is unloading an awful lot of information just now about the Russian Empire. A few more of these terrible secrets let loose and the Czar will send a battleship into Honolulu harbor.

FOR THE success of today and tomorrow E. N. Holmes, general chairman, should come in for a full measure of credit. He has had to exercise the qualities of diplomat, judge and slave, and has done well in the role of each.

HALF the visitors in Hilo are wishing the Crescent City would live up to her reputation as a rainy town. They came loaded down with umbrellas and mackintoshes, which they have thrown away to join the residents in supplications for rain.

WHENEVER Admiral Beckley starts out to do something for Hilo he succeeds. The Admiral decided that Hilo must have the Hawaiian band for the Fourth of July. The band is here. The credit is due the plucky Admiral, who couldn't be beaten or bluffed. Hilo had given up hoping for the musicians, but Beckley brought them along with a fine flourish.

EXPERIMENTS in Honolulu have proved the dengue fever to be communicable by mosquito bite. Observation bears this theory out. There is no predisposing condition of the system necessary to render one susceptible. Old residents, tourists and people just returned from long vacations, alike fall a prey to the dengue microbe. That the mosquito is the man behind the gun in this case there can be no doubt.

THE success of Mr. Peck at this time in turning defeat into victory in the matter of a railroad connecting Hilo with Hamakua, entitles him to the front seat of honor in the celebration tomorrow. He has worked hard and wisely and doggedly. He has won out, and won out for Hilo. He took hold of a proposition discredited by the mistakes of others and has it on its feet. It is entirely fitting that the people accord to Mr. Peck a few lusty cheers.

THERE have been many complaints made against the policy followed in North Hilo of employing plantation Japanese labor upon the roads. It is claimed that the citizen population of that district is entitled to the first call in this work and protests have been forwarded to the Department of Public Works at Honolulu. From ten to twenty Japanese are given work by the Road Board which should go to citizens. The TRIBUNE believes the wiser and more just policy is for Road Boards to employ citizen labor wherever possible. It is not alone fair, put it is better politics.

Hand to Hilo. Hilo will think its day of triumph over the rapacity of Honolulu for all the good things paid for out of the Territorial treasury has come at last when the steamer Kinau enters the wide-mouthed bay dressed in flags and the Territorial band playing upon the quarter deck.

Governor Dole, at the conclusion of an audience given to Admiral Beckley of Wilder's fleet and Captain Berger, military bandmaster, yesterday afternoon (June 29) gave his consent to the departure of the band for Hilo in today's Kinau to play at the Fourth of July celebration there with its central feature of breaking ground for the Kohala-Hilo railroad.

The appropriation for trips of the band to the other islands is not yet law, but Admiral Beckley provided against this little impediment by advancing the money for expenses of this trip.

Honolulu will have to worry out the Fourth-boat races, baseball and everything—with private band music. It will give the people of the capital an opportunity of cultivating a fellow-feeling with the Hilo people in their deprivation of metropolitan luxuries most of the year. The absence of the band from Honolulu on a Fourth of July will make the glorious anniversary on this occasion the most impressive, in one way, ever here celebrated.—Advertiser.

The beebes for the barbecue are now ready for the spits.

The Puna kahuna case has gotten-in to the papers on the Mainland and is doing full column service wherever it goes.

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GOVERNOR EXCEEDED POWER.

He Could Not Legally Remove Auditor Austin.

Honolulu, June 30.—The Governor has no power to suspend or remove heads of departments, according to a decision rendered by the Supreme Court this morning in the matter of H. C. Austin's demand for his salary as Auditor for the period of his suspension. The court unanimously rules as Gear did on the mandamus, and orders Auditor Fisher to draw a warrant for salary from September 26 to November 30. The decision says: "The salary follows the title" as a rule, and no sufficient reason is shown in the case why that rule should not apply, provided the appellant had the title to the office and the right to exercise its functions during the period in question. *** The question here is whether the appellant was rightfully suspended; that is, whether the Governor had the power to suspend.

"The appellant contends that this is res adjudicata in his favor of a judgment by a circuit judge in certain mandamus proceedings brought by him. * * * It is unnecessary to consider whether the matter is adjudicata or not, for we agree with the circuit judge in that case that the Governor did not have the power to suspend."

The Court reviews the power of the President of the Republic and says: "Looking at the Organic Act alone, it is clear that the Governor was not authorized to suspend the Auditor. We may assume for the purposes of this case that the power of appointment carries the power of removal in the absence of constitutional or statutory restriction, and even that the restriction that the appointment shall be by and with the advice and consent of the Senate is not sufficient to prevent removal by the Governor alone, and yet it is clear that he could not remove alone when, as here, it is expressly provided that he may remove by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and when it is further expressly provided that the officer shall hold office for four years, etc., unless sooner removed, that is, in the manner specified. If the Governor cannot remove except by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, he cannot suspend alone."

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