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THE ignorance of the Land Office of specific cases of hardship in their administration of the law is sublime, when we recall the vast amount of evidence on file with the Commissioner of Public Lands.

EVERY citizen interested in the welfare of Hilo should be present at the public meeting next Thursday night and be not afraid to hear or to express an opinion regarding the question of a High School site.

AS a factor for good and the education of the masses, no better institution could be devised than the public library. Hilo has a Free Public Library and Reading Room of which the city may well be proud, and its equipment with works of reference, the best magazines and current literature of the day, makes it a valuable adjunct to the schools of the community.

THE Hilo Boarding School is now in its sixty-ninth year and the present handsome edifice is an evidence of the work and painstaking endeavor of those who manage it. The popular response of the public to the call for assistance, received a practical turn in the line of liberal patronage of the Thanksgiving Day entertainment given in the new building.

ECHOES OF THE PRESS.

The intricacies of the Hawaiian land laws furnish some abysmal depths for many to fathom, but there are self-evident truths in American land administration which appeal to all men.

The object of all land laws is, or should be to give the settlers a square deal—a little more than this perhaps, if it be obvious that he is acting in good faith.

Take the homesteader who has taken up land in a section that promises well. He invests his all, builds his house, starts to make a home. Reversal of circumstances over which he has no control make it impossible for him to carry out in absolute exactness the residence clause.

Public land policies should not be framed with an idea of taking advantage of anyone. Home builders, industry promoters, whether they be individuals, associations or corporations, should be fostered.

Occasionally men and governments are fooled. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the honest man and the honest motive can be located amid a crowd of shams. The administrative officer should do everything in his power to aid the honest man and thereby lend great

er power to his impelling motive, and its far-reaching influence.—Evening Bulletin.

In the wilds of Puna, Hawaii, eight years ago there was better roads than are now on any part of Maui today. Hilo has persistently fought for whatever she wanted and while the charges made against officials in Honolulu were not always just, she usually got what she wanted. What Maui needs is a united effort on the part of all her people to secure her just rights and see that we are not bled for the benefit of some favored section with a pull.—Maui News.

PROGRESS OF LIBRARY.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers of Hilo Library.

The annual meeting of the Hilo Free Reading Room and Library Association was held in the Library parlors on Saturday evening.

Mrs. L. Severance, President of the Library Association, made a brief address, reviewing the work of the past year. Her remarks in part are as follows: "There has not been much to record of change in our Library during the past year, except as regards Librarians. Mrs. N. A. Tracy, alert, experienced and methodical in business matters called Miss Esther Pomeroy to her assistance for a couple of months while stress of duties in other lines absorbed her time. In July she left to make her home in the States and Miss Amy Hill received the appointment of Librarian.

"The trustees decided to keep the Library open two extra hours each day except Sunday and increased the Librarian's salary to thirty-five dollars per month. The comfort, cheeriness and 'homey' atmosphere of our Library room is often commented upon by visitors and it has proved a God-send to many tourists who have been at the hotel next door without a parlor or reading room. One tourist made the remark in Honolulu after her return that the books were well selected and the reading room a boon on a rainy day.

"Our library is truly an intellectual center of moral and educational value greater than we realize. The number and quality of its books has been favorably criticized by those who were in a position to compare it with other libraries of its size and to judge of its merits. We have to thank those who have contributed to its support.

"In October last we sent for 'Poole's Periodical Index,' a most valuable addition to our library for all seekers of magazine articles. In reference to this index I will quote from a printed pamphlet: 'While a student or professor at Yale College in the early fifties Ben Perely Poole had charge of the library and became impressed with the fact that a great wealth of magazine literature was of no practical use to the student because of the lack of an index.

"He decided to make one of all the magazines then available, and it at once met a popular need. Then he continued and extended his work for the benefit of all libraries and scholars.

"As a result we have Poole's Periodical Index of inestimable value. A new edition to date is issued at least every ten years. The manuscript copy of the first crude Index is now exhibited in the British Museum, London. Mr. Poole later became Librarian of one of Chicago's great libraries, and died a few years ago. When we consider the importance of the magazine of today in its reviews of current events and discussion of all that the past has revealed and of all the vital topics which affect human life, we can realize the value of Mr. Poole's great work. No library, however small, is complete without his Index.

"There are many things we would like to do, to send for more reference books, to card catalogue our library, and to repaint our building. We greatly appreciate the support of the press, always a potent factor for education. An occasional item in our local newspapers and frequent visits of reporters to gather items that interest the public are of great benefit to the library. Let us be encouraged for we have certainly made advancement during the past year.

"That the value of the Hilo Library and Reading Room may be more widely recognized by our citizens in town and in outlying country (for all are privileged to use it), is the earnest hope of its officers and trustees."

Miss Amy P. Hill, the librarian, read a brief report of the work accomplished during her incumbency of the position of librarian since last July. The library was then found to contain 2,490 volumes. Twenty-two volumes have been presented by various friends of the library, fifty-four have been purchased, making a total of seventy-six additional volumes. The annual subscribers number 66, monthly subscribers 45, making a total of 111.

During the past six months, there have been withdrawn from time to time, 1,960 books, of which 311 have been sent to outlying districts, without charge, through the courtesy of the Volcano Stables. The average daily attendance in the reading room was shown to be 39 persons, in the ratio of 9 in the morning, 13 in the afternoon and 17 during the evening.

The result of the election of the new officers is as follows: President, Mrs. L. Severance; Vice-President, C. C. Kennedy; Secretary, A. Lindsay; Treasurer, E. E. Richards; Trustees, E. N. Holmes, Rev. C. E. Shields, A. S. LeBaron Gurney, Dr. Frances Wetmore and Mrs. L. C. Lyman.

Card of Thanks.

The trustees and those in charge of the luau and fair held at the Hilo Boarding School on Thanksgiving Day desire to express their thanks for the able assistance of all who took part in the concert and other features of the day, and to the public generally for their liberal patronage, which made the occasion so great a financial success.

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