

BY AUTHORITY.

Tenders For Hospital Building.

Tenders will be received up to 12 o'clock noon of March 3, 1897, at the Office of the Board of Health, Honolulu, for the erection and material of a Hospital Building at Hilo, Hawaii.

Plans and specifications will be on view at the Office of the Board of Health, Honolulu, and at the Sheriff's Office, Hilo, Hawaii, on and after February 25, 1897.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

C. B. REYNOLDS,
Executive Officer Board of Health.
Hilo, February 17, 1897. 541 St.

The Evening Bulletin,

DANIEL LOGAN, Editor.

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USEFUL WAR.

Importation of plants and seeds must always be attended with the risk of introducing foreign pests. It would not do to stop such importations on that account, because then the country would be prevented from diversifying its useful and ornamental vegetation. The Hawaiian Government did the right thing a little late, when it began a system of inspection of plants, and some bit later employed an entomologist to conduct war against a variety of pests that had already got a bad nip on our vegetable domain. The report of Professor Koebele, the official in question, printed in last Planters' Monthly, gives some idea of what a formidable war this is. There is a bewildering list of beetles and scales, more or less noxious, for which the entomologist has found or is finding the natural enemies. He is now able to report: "But little more can be presented in regard to the introduction of injurious scale insects. There are but very few serious species not yet represented in the islands from those ports from which plants generally arrive. We can see those, and know pretty well how to deal with them, and where to find their proper enemies." Some of the pests reached islands other than Oahu, and there is much nervousness for fear more may do so. With regard to coffee blight and sugar cane parasites, the cure went from Oahu instead of the disease. For the effective work being done by our entomologist, the sugar cane planters' organization shares in credit, as it co-operates with the Government in his employment.

THE SUGAR DUTIES.

If the sugar duties be changed from an ad valorem to a specific basis in the new American tariff, it will likely be a disadvantage to Hawaiian sugar as compared with the present position. The duties on refined grades will in that event doubtless be raised and those on raws lowered. At present our raw sugar has protection in the United States only less than refined sugar by one-eighth of a cent a pound and the cost of refining. The difference of cost of refining is very trifling, but, under specific duties, it is a chance if the duty on raw sugar will not be all but wiped out, while protection to the American manufactured article and revenue both may be secured by taxing the refined sugar of other countries. Under the Wilson tariff the sugar duty is 40 per cent ad valorem on sugars both above and below 16 Dutch standard, but with one-eighth of a cent a pound added to those above that grade. At the present market rates, our sugar under the treaty has protection of \$24.50 a ton, whereas if a specific duty on raw sugar be adopted, and put as low

as half a cent a pound, which is not unlikely, the advantage of Hawaiian over other raw sugar in the American market would be but \$10 a ton. Should, however, the reciprocity clauses of the McKinley bill be revived, and generally taken advantage of by other cane sugar countries, Hawaiian sugar would lose all the benefit of the treaty, as happened when that measure was in effect before. Here it may prove that our opponents of the beet sugar persuasion may prove, unwillingly, to be our benefactors, as they will go strongly against any extension of the reciprocity idea, while the arguments against the abrogation of our reciprocity will, it is to be hoped, be powerful enough to circumvent their efforts to that end.

There are some kinds of work on sugar plantations for which it is useless to think of ever relying upon white labor. They simply would not stay at it. Other branches of work there are, however, for which it is false economy—yes, and bad public spirit—to employ any but either white labor or well-trained, intelligent native labor. These propositions will have respect compelled for them before profit sharing, or any cognate reform of the labor system, can be inaugurated with complete success.

Japanese Competition.

The flurry over Japanese competition in this country may have completely subsided, as some free traders have been pleased to remark, but the fact that Americans are ceasing to interest themselves in the matter does not hinder operations in Japan. There is a commission of Japanese engaged in the business of inspecting the iron and steel working plants and processes in England, Germany and the United States, who will at the end of their tour decide the style of plant and process to be adopted in utilizing the \$2,500,000 voted by the Government for the purpose of establishing works near Shimonoseki. The commission will reach the United States in a few months, and the building of the new works will commence early in the autumn.—S. F. Chronicle.

Information for Tourists.

A passenger by the last Colonial steamer was met on the dock by a Milesian American friend, who resides in Honolulu. As the pair waited to have the newcomer's gripsack scrawled over with chalk marks by the Customs Inspector at the gate the stranger remarked to his friend "Do you 'ave much rain 'ere?" RAINIER me boy, gallons of it, just come up to the Anchor Saloon where they keep it always, clear and cool. We'll just be in time for lunch too and that's the only place in town where they serve it up in proper style with a glass of RAINIER BEER to equilibrialize the solids.—They went!

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The Missing Seladon.

The underwriters have paid the insurance on the missing bark Seladon, as all hope of ever hearing of her has been given up. Her cargo of coal was consigned to Wilder & Co. but that firm loses nothing, as payment was to have been made on delivery only. It is barely possible that the vessel is ashore on some of the numerous islands which dot the Southern seas, in which case something may yet be heard of the captain and his family and the crew of the ill-fated vessel.

RAISED HIS SALARY.

A Story of the Managing Editor and the Office Boy.

When John C. Reid was managing editor of the Times he had an office-boy whose nerve and cheek were colossal, says the New York Press. Greatness never embarrassed him, for he was no respecter of persons. One day he entertained in the reception room a waiting visitor whose patronizing way nettled him. All kinds of questions concerning his life and occupation were fired at him and finally he was asked how much he earned a week. His reply was, "Fifty dollars," which caused the interrogator to whistle. At that moment the visitor was summoned by Reid, to whom he related his experience with an office boy who said he made \$50 a week.

Reid rang bell; enter boy "Did you tell this gentleman you made \$50 a week here?" "I did not tell him any such thing."

"What?" exclaimed the gentleman. "You mean to say you didn't tell me a moment or two ago that you made \$50 a week?"

"Never said any such thing." "Why, you little liar! You—"

"What did you tell the gentleman?" put in Reid.

"I told him I earned \$50 a week, but you pay me only \$3."

The visitor was so excited that he forgot his business with the managing editor. When he had taken leave of the office Reid raised the boy's salary to \$6.

An Immense Waterfall.

A recent letter from Santa Catalina, Venezuela, states that during the exploration of the concession of the Orinoco Company headed by Donald Grant and other Minnesota men, a trail was cut to the Inataca mountains. Pushing on beyond the point reached by the party, a sound was heard from the top of a mountain which was at first thought to be thunder, but afterward decided must come from a waterfall of considerable magnitude. Working in the general direction of the sound over a difficult trail, a large river and what must rank as one of the greatest waterfalls in the world was discovered. The river bursts diagonally through an almost perpendicular cliff, estimated to be 1600 feet in height, breaks into half a dozen separate streams, which divide and subdivide, spread out into broad fan-like expansions, and twist about in such a curious, corkscrew fashion, that the water at the bottom of the falls flows in exactly the opposite direction from the course it holds where it first comes into view. By clinging to bushes and going up the giant creepers hand over hand, the men climbed up the cliff until the anemoid indicated an elevation of more than five hundred feet, but it was found impossible to reach the top and learn how much higher the falls are.—Railway Review.

Citizens Attention.

These are days of considerable anxiety and perplexity to all who have possessions or other interests in the Republic of Hawaii, and it is time that our citizens came to a mutual understanding on several important issues. The prospects for Annexation appear at present vague and indistinct, and our destiny cannot be foretold with certainty. There are those, also, who still fondly cling to the hope of a return to the old order of things, and who cannot be persuaded otherwise, yet this outlook appears far more hazy than that of Annexation even to the most hopeful disciples of the Monarchy. But, fortunately, in the midst of all this uncertainty there is solace in the fact that Buffalo Beer has come to stay and that patrons of all sorts and opinions may equally share the benefits of its invigorating and sustaining properties. We are moreover assured that this favorite brew will continue to be dispensed as heretofore at the Royal, Pacific and Cosmopolitan Saloons.

SPANIARDS HIGHLY EXCITED.

The London cable item today has the following: "The Cuban resolutions in the United States Senate would be regarded here as a little more than a useful safety valve for the jingo sentiment did not the Madrid telegrams show the highly inflammable state of the Spanish populace. It suggests that they drink Rainier Beer and keep cool. On tap or in bottles at the Criterion."

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K. KEKUENE, Poundmaster. Honolulu, Feb. 23, 1897. 541-3t

Meeting Notice.

Annual Meeting of American Relief Society will be held at 10 a. m., on Friday, February 26, 1897, at the Rooms of the Hawaiian Safe Deposit Co. W. O. ATWATER, Secretary. 541 St.

Notice.

Until further notice, the Wilder steamer "Kilauea" will leave Hilo on Mondays and Thursdays at 8 p. m., instead of 8 a. m., as heretofore, leaving Mahukona the next morning at eight o'clock. 539 1w

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