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THE BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM THE LEPER SETTLEMENT.

Three More Patrons for the Government Opium Joint—Members of the Board Ask About McVeigh.

The Board of Health met yesterday afternoon at the usual hour, those present being W. O. Smith, presiding; Drs. Emerson, Day and Wood and D. Keliipio, members; Executive officer Reynolds, Clerk Wilcox and Drs. Monsarrat and Alvarez.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Monsarrat's reports from the slaughter houses for the two weeks ending August 3 were read and filed.

A report from Drs. Monsarrat and Shaw showed results of tuberculin tests at the Honolulu dairy. Of 119 cattle tagged, 98 were tested and 32 condemned and slaughtered. The other 21 were not in fit condition to be tested.

Inspector Keliipio's report showed 81,091 fish examined in the past two weeks. In connection with this report President Smith called attention to some specimens of pond mullet confiscated by the inspector. In these fish portions of the flesh about the gills appeared to be eaten away, leaving the bones bare. Mr. Keliipio said he had never seen anything like it in fish before and asked for instructions to determine future action.

The Board decided that as the number brought to the market was small they should be condemned on general principles. The inspector was ordered to keep a careful watch of these fish and report to the Board if he found any.

The usual reports from Dr. Myers under the Act to Mitigate were received and filed.

Dr. Huges, government physician at Hanalei, reported favorably on the petition of Chinese to establish a cemetery at that place and on motion it was ordered that the petition be granted upon receipt of a proper description of the land sought to be set apart.

After reading certain letters from the Leper Settlement, noticed in another column, the Board decided that Agent Reynolds and Clerk Wilcox should make another visit to the Leper Settlement, leaving on Saturday if a steamer could be had.

President Smith said the turning over of the control of the Leper Settlement to the agent and the clerk of the Board entailed a large amount of extra work without additional compensation. All that the Board could do was to pay their expenses on the trips to the Settlement for the present, and when the Legislature met the Executive would bring the matter before it and an increase of salary would probably result.

Three protests from dairymen against the killing of tuberculous cattle and claiming damages therefor were read. It was remarked that the damages claimed far exceeded the assessed value of the cattle and the Attorney-General took a note thereof.

Dr. Myers, who is at present in charge of what Dr. Wood aptly terms the "Government opium joint," reported three more Chinese added to the list of those who are receiving opium at the public expense.

Applications for the position made vacant by the suspension of J. D. McVeigh were read from Captain Tripp and Captain Bergstrom.

President Smith asked if it was the pleasure of the Board to act on them.

Dr. Emerson started the ball rolling in McVeigh's favor by stating that he was not aware of any vacancy. He thought the time was come when the Board

should determine whether McVeigh's position should be declared vacant or not.

Dr. Wood said the Board was not consulted about McVeigh's suspension and therefore he did not see why it should be over the appointment.

President Smith said that the quarantine station was under the control of the Executive Officer of the Board; probably the selection of a man to run it had better be left with him.

Dr. Day said he was chairman of the committee on quarantine and he would very much like to know who was going to be appointed and to have something to say about it.

Just as the BULLETIN scribe was getting ready to report what bid fair to be an interesting debate, the Attorney-General announced that further consideration of the matter would be had in executive session.

The report from the Kalihi receiving station showed that 23 lepers had been examined and ordered sent to Molokai.

President Smith said he had granted permission to Dr. Flavey, who came over on the ship H. F. Glade with the German immigrants, to visit the leper settlement for scientific purposes at the request of the German consul. The Board approved the action taken.

Letters from Ambrose Hutchinson and others at the Molokai Settlement reported: That the skeleton of a man was found in a cave in Waileia Valley. By the side of it was a pipe, which was identified by his son as that of a kokua who had been missing for a long time. The cave was walled up with rocks, the skeleton having been left inside. That Poi, a leper who for a long time had been insane, calling out that the Queen was sure to be restored and other such talk, had disappeared, and could not be found and that a big manufactory of swipes had been broken up.

Dr. Oliver presented his quarterly report on the general health of the leper settlement, showing 25 deaths for the quarter ending June 30, inclusive of two kokuas and two non-leprous children.

The petition of Kailua, a leper, to be allowed to take pictures at the settlement with a kodak he had been presented with, was denied and the assistant superintendent was expressly cautioned against allowing anyone to take pictures at the settlement without the permission of the Board.

President Smith suggested the feasibility of trying the virtues of the mineral water from the famous Kusatsu springs of Japan on leprous patients at the Kalihi station. These waters had been analysed and could be imitated here at little expense. He thought it was in line with the policy of the Board to try every possible remedy for the disease that a trial should be made. He understood the present appliances of the station were ample for the purpose and the sole expense would be the cost of the chemicals required.

Dr. Day said that although the Board had ordered the Kalihi station closed until Dr. Alvarez returned, he was very anxious to have this cure tested at once, as much valuable time could be saved. By the time Dr. Alvarez returned it could be demonstrated whether the imitation water would produce the same effect as the genuine. In reply to a question by the Attorney-General he said he was willing to take charge of the experiments until the return of Dr. Alvarez.

At this point President Smith said there were several other matters besides McVeigh's suspension to be considered in executive session, and the reporters withdrew.

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BEET FARMERS ON TOP

SCHEME TO GET FAIR PRICES FROM THE SUGAR FACTORY.

If Better Terms Are Not Given They Will All Become Dairymen.

Los Angeles, July 26.—The fact already has been announced that there is to be a creamery in China in the near future, and that the beet growers are thinking of entering quite extensively into the dairy business. It seems that back of this is a story of considerable interest. When the factory was opened, seven years ago, pledges were given by Mr. Gird to the factory that he would see that 5000 acres of beets were grown on the ranch for five years. This is the second year since the expiration of that contract and yet the factory has had almost as strong a hold on the growers as when they were obliged to grow beets, for beet culture was about the only use they could make of their lands.

Having the farmers at their mercy, the sugar factory people have paid only sufficient for the beets to allow the farmers to exist and make small payments on their farms in some cases, while in others a bare existence was all that the farmers could get by hard work. This year a larger acreage, a greater knowledge of the business of beet growing and large crops are combining to insure the farmers an uncommonly successful season. They now propose to take advantage of it and put themselves in a position where they will not be at the mercy of the sugar men hereafter.

White fall comes and brings with it the time for renewing the annual contracts with the sugar company the farmers will have a large amount of money distributed among them and a creamery will be in operation. The farmers will then demand a considerable advance in the price of beets, and failing to secure the price demanded, they will sow large bodies of moist land, on which the beets are now grown, to alfalfa and use their funds to purchase cattle. The fact that the land company is not tied down to the sugar company and that the farmers are all free from alliance with the company at the end of each season makes it possible for the farmers to act for their own welfare while the land company, having all the pulp from the factory, is offering the farmers this excellent cattle food for almost nothing.

Heretofore, as has been pointed out, the farmers felt obliged to carry on beet growing, but the tables seem to have been turned, and if, as they declare they will, the farmers should carry out their idea of turning the China ranch into a great alfalfa field in case of the refusal of better prices for beets next year, the factory will come pretty near being at their mercy and be obliged to yield up to them something like a fair portion of the immense profits which are now going into the treasury.

It Will Protest.

New York, N. Y., July 26.—The Herald's Paris special says: Figaro will tomorrow publish an inspired article saying that Marquis Ito is now in Paris to protest to European courts against Hawaii's annexation. He will inform Europe that Japan is ready to resist with all her strength to the last.

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ITEMS OF THE EXECUTIVE

CERTIFICATES GRANTED TO SEVENTY-SIX TEACHERS.

Registry of S. S. China—War on the Blight—Quarantine Case and Other Matters.

At the meeting of the Commissioners of Education this afternoon the report of the examination of teachers will be presented. Out of 120 candidates 76 certificates are granted—19 first, 30 second and 27 third classes.

As a BULLETIN man was having a chat with Jos. Marsden, Commissioner of Agriculture, this afternoon a Japanese entered the office with a box containing acacia tree branches spangled with the cottony cushiony scale. They came from mauka Nuanuu. Mr. Marsden said this blight was always present in places on this island, but he had thus far been able to keep it from spreading anew by hunting up ladybird bugs to attack it.

He had just sent up a colony of the useful soldiery to Kaawaloa in Kealahou bay, Hawaii, where the pest has just been reported, and would send a reinforcement first opportunity. Two years ago the scale appeared at Waimea, Hawaii, but an expedition of bugs routed it within three or four months. It also struck Kukuihaele, and was there effectually suppressed by the same agency. The scale had been similarly cleaned out at Kahuku on this island.

Mr. Marsden had been interrupted on this occasion while typewriting directions to the Lahainauna seminary people regarding the proper cultivation of young seedlings for reforesting the uplands of that classic locality. The Commissioner has learned by experience the necessity of insisting upon all who get plants in any considerable quantity from the public nursery that his directions must be implicitly obeyed. Those who knew it all have only met failure, with waste of good plants, while those amenable to instruction have had complete satisfaction in tree culture.

Nothing will be known definitely as to whether the steamship China has been given a Hawaiian provisional or any other registry by Consul General Wilder at San Francisco until that noble ship arrives at Honolulu the 12th inst. A statement first appearing in the BULLETIN among local papers, to the effect that the China had been provisionally placed under the Hawaiian instead of the British flag, has doubt cast upon it by inconsistent reports made at different times by the Hawaiian Consul General at San Francisco. If Mr. Wilder has con-summated the act it has been contrary to the express instructions of the Hawaiian Government, which are that no Hawaiian registry shall be conferred on a foreign vessel without reference to this Government.

The Board of Health in executive session yesterday dealt with a certain troublesome matter of detail at the Kalihi experimental station for lepers. A decisive edict was made in the matter. Regarding the suspension of J. D. McVeigh from the position of agent in charge of quarantine, it would appear that no decision was reached. Information from different sources would indicate a locking of horns by different members of the Board on the subject.

W. A. Kinney, the returned special annexation commissioner from Washington, was closeted with the Executive Council for some time, giving the President and Ministers his view of the progress made by the cause in the United States and the prospects of glorious fruition in December.

NOTED VISITORS COMING

THREE UNITED STATES SENATORS COMING TO HONOLULU.

Are Ostensibly Bound for China and Japan to Investigate Oriental Currency and Banking.

Senators Cannon of Utah, Pettigrew of South Dakota and Dubois of Idaho are expected to arrive on the China next Monday en route to China and Japan. It is not known whether they will stop over on the way or wait until their return to see the sights of Honolulu.

It was given out in Washington on July 23, the night of their departure, that the ostensible object of their trip was to make a careful investigation of the monetary situation in both countries as affected by the free use of silver, with the idea of gaining information for use in the debates on currency matters in the next Congress.

All three of these Senators will undoubtedly stop over in Honolulu long enough to inform themselves of conditions here relative to the annexation question. Senators Cannon and Dubois are pronounced advocates of annexation while Senator Pettigrew is opposed to it tooth and toenail. It is said, however, that he is the only man in South Dakota who holds similar views. It will be hard if his travelling companions do not win him over to annexation on the trip. If not he will have to be turned over to the tender mercies of United States Minister Sewall, who is reported to have said, "Let me have any Senator or Congressman in Honolulu for just six hours and I will make an annexationist of him."

Katie Putnam as Fanchon.

"Fanchon the Cricket," is a dramatization of George Sands' charming novel, Petite Fadet La, and has probably been played throughout the United States more and with better results than any other play ever written. The strong heart interest holds an audience spell bound. Who can witness the sorrows of the poor, despised Cricket and not feel for her. The comedy too is rich and pure, and Katie Putnam is at her best. She sings and chirps and dances to her shadow, introduces the pretty Maypole dance, and an evening of intense enjoyment is promised all who attend the Opera House tonight.

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