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RECORD PRICES FOR STOCKS ON 'CHANGE

Waiialua 130 and H. C. & S. Is Nearing 40---All Strong

Waiialua sold at 130 on the Stock Exchange today, thereby setting a new record for this stock that has always been one of the popular traders. It closed with 129 bid and none on the market.

The new strength of the market was apparent all along the line. Honokaa set a new figure at 23. Oahu is selling at 35.50 and Ewa at 34.50 with predictions that Oahu will soon go to 36 and Ewa to 35.

Hawaiian Commercial has also advanced, selling today at 39.25 and a fair prospect of this stock reaching forty dollars in a few days.

The small stocks came in for their share of the general uplift. McBryde selling in a block of twenty at 7.50. Only Olan dropped, six and three-eighths being the figure at which one hundred and seventy-five shares sold for delivery in fifteen days.

Hawaiian Agricultural established a new figure of 250 on a between-boards lot of fifty shares.

Just what will happen in the sugar market is hard to say, but the records of three years just passed show that the price of raw sugar reached its lowest limit for the season during the first ten days of the present month. After that and until June and July, the price advanced. If this record is repeated this year, and there seems no reason why it should not be, we are now experiencing the lowest price for raw sugar during this season. What the highest price will be, no one likes to predict.

WHAT HILO SAYS ABOUT POLITICS

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own endorsement of both the County and the Territorial Committees.

The following day the wireless had to carry several messages in regard to the matter to Honolulu. Sheriff Pua sent a message to John C. Lane, as follows:

"Tel Desha stop knocking Buckland. PUA."

Ned Austin sent a message to J. P. Cooke, and Chairman Beers of the County Committee sent one to Secretary Castro of the executive committee of the Central Committee, both announcing the unanimous endorsement of Buckland by their respective committees.

In addition to this the following letter was sent to Castro by Secretary Alfonso of the County Committee:

Hilo, Hawaii, January 28, 1910.
Hon. A. D. Castro, Secretary, Territorial Executive Committee, Republican party, Honolulu, Oahu.

Dear Sir:—I have the honor to transmit herewith the endorsement of Mr. Chas. R. Buckland's application for the position therein named and beg to assure you that his endorsement was unanimously obtained at a full meeting of the Hawaii County and District Committee. In view of the fact that it had been reported in the Honolulu and local press that Rev. S. L. Desha was in Honolulu opposing the appointment of Mr. Buckland allow me to state that this committee is composed of a large majority of Hawaiian members and they were all agreed in supporting Mr. Buckland.

Yours for the G. O. P.,
G. F. AFFONSO,
Secretary of the Committee.

After these messages had been sent the politicians sat down and waited for results, and these came in a most unexpected form, when on Saturday morning a wireless announced that Andrews had received the appointment.

The effect on the political gentlemen was magical. The storm of a couple of days ago became a mere whisper in comparison with the roar which sounded from one end of Waiianuenu street to the other. The fact that a Hilo man had lost the position through the opposition of another Hilo man they considered enough, but that the powers that be in Honolulu, after receiving such strong testimonials by wireless should not have thought sufficient of the Hilo committees to await the mail advices from them, which were due in Honolulu on Saturday morning before taking final action, was considered in the light of an intentional slight. The committee men said that while they did not expect that their recommendations must necessarily be followed, still the Honolulu men might have waited to receive the committee letters, and not absolutely ignore them. Feeling ran very high. The Secretary of the County Committee said that there would be a meeting held that evening and a number of the members stated that they would favor resigning in a body. After further discussion it was however decided to postpone action until the Claudine mail had been received on Sunday morning.

The advices received by the Claudine somewhat reduced the tension, as it appeared from them that the Central Committee in Honolulu was waiting to hear from the Hilo committee before taking final action, and that the report of the definite appointment was erroneous.

Austin received a letter from J. P. Cooke, acknowledging the receipt of

the wireless, and stating that a letter from Castro to Beers would fully explain the situation. This letter read as follows:

Honolulu, January 28th, 1910.
W. H. Beers, Esq., Chairman of the Hawaii County Committee, Hilo, Hawaii.

Dear Sir:—In a careful survey of the general conditions affecting the local Republican party, the Executive Committee of the Republican Central Committee, finds that action on the part of Committees at the head of the party is necessary at this time to begin to shape the party for the coming campaign. The political status of Hawaii requires today, more than ever, the most careful and assiduous attention of every citizen who believes in the preservation of our Territory's welfare. Standing at the threshold of 1910, we ask ourselves, as we read and gaze over the alarming newspaper articles based on cablegrams received from the capital of the Nation, what shall the year bring forth concerning our system of government and what new forces are to inspire and direct the Hawaiian people? Of course, the confidence we have in the Republican party does not give us occasion to fear of any change contrary to the advancement Hawaii is making in its social and political avenues, but a realization of the fact that we have to contend with opposing elements, destined not to prompt our welfare but merely to obstruct the sound policies of the dominant party and to wreck the prosperity which this homogeneous community is peacefully enjoying, warrants immediate action on our part to avert any adverse movement.

In this connection we plan to employ an assistant secretary to conduct the campaign work which will be outlined by the Central Committee. The nature of the office will be permanent.

The Committee has at this time in consideration the names of a few eligibles, but before deciding upon the selection of one we regard it proper to invite the views of the County Committees as regards the qualifications of each of the two below, to-wit: Lorrin Andrews and C. R. Buckland. Mr. Andrews is an attorney by profession, and Mr. Buckland is a journalist. One is a politician and the other a statistician. The selection should be as satisfactory to the outside committee as to the Executive Committee because a great deal of the work will involve certain relations between the headquarters and outside districts. If you will give us the views as requested we shall feel disposed to act more intelligently as to the attitude of the several county committees in this matter.

Thanking you in advance for any action you may take in this regard, I am, Respectfully yours,

A. D. CASTRO,
Secretary, Executive Committee.

In the mean time Desha had received a number of letters from politicians and his friends protesting against his opposition to the appointment of Buckland, and, in answer to these, he sent a letter in Hawaii, to Beers.

In this letter, says Beers, Desha stated that at the meeting in Honolulu last Tuesday he had given his reasons why he did not consider Buckland the best man for the position, but in spite of this the majority of those present were in favor of the Hilo candidate. The following day, continued the letter, it had been found that Andrews had failed to receive the appointment as Attorney General, and the matter was taken up again. The names of Buckland, Castro and Andrews had been considered, and it had been generally thought that the latter would be the best man.

"The leading Republicans of Honolulu, together with Achi's party, supported Andrews," says this letter. "And they stated that he would be the best man to bring back into the party those who are now opposing it, so it is no use for you people to blame me, for I alone did not do it."

From all the above, and from private advices, the situation now appears to be as follows: In the start there were but three names considered, namely those of Castro, Conness and Buckland. It is certain that Castro would not take the position. Conness' chances may be considered as negligible. Buckland was therefore a good favorite in the race. But the situation became complicated when Frear failed to appoint Andrews Attorney General, and when Sutton was appointed to the position of Deputy Attorney General formerly held by Andrews. This left Andrews available, and the candidates are now Andrews and Buckland. The former has the strong support of many Honolulu party men, having the advantage of being on the spot, and while the Achi forces, having been patted on the back nicely lately, presumably for the purpose of bringing them back into the fold, have lined up with Andrews. There remains the Hawaiian element in the capital, and this Lane and Chillingworth have always claimed to be representing. Their influence with the Hawaiians is probably not as great as they would have headquarters believe, but they have always been listened to. Chillingworth has of late years had a leaning towards the Advertiser, and Andrews is Thurston's nephew. Lane is Desha's colleague. It is plain that Buckland and his Hilo supporters have a pretty stiff thing to buck up against.

THE INTER-ISLAND steamer Maui from Kauai ports was an arrival at the port this morning. The vessel brought about seven thousand tons of sugar from Eleele. The Maui went alongside the American ship Erskine M. Phelps to discharge.

MURDERER TELLS OF HIS CRIME

Grace Admits He Was Slayer Of Mahu At Watertown

Through a complete confession made yesterday afternoon by Anderson Grace, the mystery of the murder at Watertown of Watchman Mahu has been solved and the first step made by the gully man toward the gallows.

Grace broke down before United States District Attorney Breckons, Marshal Hendry and High Sheriff Henry, and admitted that all the stories he told before, were false and that he was the slayer of Mahu. From the details of his confession it was a cold-blooded murder, brought on by a fixed belief that his victim was too familiar with Mrs. Grace, and that Mahu was pursuing a systematic course that would result in Grace losing his place.

Grace confessed that he waylaid Mahu, shot him once and, when his victim fell to the ground, struck him three times over the head with an iron bar and then fired two more shots into the body.

Kahunaism also plays a part in the tragedy, Grace telling the officers yesterday that he believed that a kahuna in the pay of Mahu was casting an evil spell over him and that he paid another person with kahuna power to do likewise for Mahu, but the efforts were not successful, and Grace then says he resolved upon Mahu's death.

When Grace decided to commit the murder he resolved to call upon his wife for aid. Mahu's beat was a mile away from that of Grace, and to prevent his absence from his own beat being known on the fatal night, Grace had his wife turn the key in his time clock while he went off to commit the murder.

The confession of Grace clears up what promised to be a baffling murder mystery and reflects particular credit on the work of United States District Attorney Breckons and United States Marshal Hendry, who early became convinced that Grace was the murderer, and left no stone unturned to connect him with the crime. The two officials received assistance from Chief of Detectives McDuffie and Sheriff Jarrett, but because the murder occurred on a United States reservation, Breckons and Hendry had charge of the case.

When the net of circumstantial evidence began to tighten about Grace, he tried to shift the crime to a young Hawaiian named Keau, who was placed under arrest, but released yesterday before Grace confessed.

When Grace had confessed, his wife was brought before Breckons, and on learning that her husband had told everything, corroborated his statements. When she was excused, Mrs. Grace passed her husband without a word and hurriedly left the Judiciary building.

U. S. District Attorney Breckons stated this morning that but a small part of the credit for the running down of the murderer of David Mahu was due to him, U. S. Marshal Hendry, Sheriff Jarrett, and Chief of Detectives McDuffie collected facts that show clearly Grace was the murderer. "In the matter of the confession," said Breckons, "William Henry was of very material assistance. As a matter of fact, the five of us worked together and did all we could in our power to solve the mystery. That success attended our efforts is due to no one particular individual, but to that which always accomplishes results, harmonious, strenuous effort on the part of all persons engaged in ferreting out crime."

MRS. DREIER'S INTEREST IS NOW FIXED AT \$20,639.63

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ever, that search of the records is now being made by the trustees and that if title is determined the following property should be appraised for dower interest: Halekauwili street and Punchbowl street, known as the Holt property.

It is further stated that the personal property amounts to cash in the sum of \$10,813.30, received from the August Dreier Company, Limited. The largest single item under the head of personal property included in the report of the commissioners is the note and mortgage of Wong Wat for \$33,000, on which there is accrued interest of \$864.40.

KOOLAUPOKO HAS A KICK.

Those wrathful residents of Koolaupoko district who have lifted up the voice of protest over the condition of certain portions of their roads will be referred to City and County Engineer Gere. Residents of Waihee and Kalaea ask for needed repairs on the highway between those villages.

HAWAII SUGAR awaiting shipment at Oahu and Kau ports, according to the steamer Mauna Loa report included 6200 sacks at Kukuihaele, 7100 sacks at Paauhau and 4800 sacks at Paaulo.

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