

TABLE OF TAXES

Assessed and Collected in Each District of the Hawaiian Kingdom, With the Commissions Paid, for the Year 1887.

Table with 5 columns: Districts, Assessment, Collections, Assessors' Commission (4 per cent), Collectors' Commission (4 per cent). Lists districts like Honolulu, Ewa & Waianae, Koolau, etc.

ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES, 1887.—Continued.

Table with 5 columns: Islands, Assessment, Collections, Assessors' Commission (4 per cent), Collectors' Commission (4 per cent). Lists islands like Lihue, Kawaihau, etc.

RECAPITULATION.

Summary table for 1887 taxes with 5 columns: Islands, Assessment, Collections, Assessors' Commission, Collectors' Commission.

ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SCHOOL TAX, 1887.

Table with 5 columns: Districts, Assessments, Collections, Assessors' Commissions (4 per cent), Collectors' Commissions (4 per cent). Lists districts like Honolulu, Ewa & Waianae, etc.

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ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SCHOOL TAX, 1887.—Continued.

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The above collections of \$58,492 40 are the returns made to the Treasury by the Governors. The Board of Education report \$59,022 as being collected, showing a difference of \$529 60.

TAXES COLLECTED SINCE CLOSING TAX COLLECTORS' BOOKS AND PLACED TO ACCOUNT "GOVERNMENT REALIZATIONS."

Table with 2 columns: Districts, Amount. Lists districts like Honolulu, Koolau, etc.

LOSSES OF FREIGHT.

CLAIMS THAT ARE MADE AGAINST A RAILROAD COMPANY.

A Chat in the Odds and Ends Department—Ways of the Professional Swindler—Various Fraudulent Methods—Lost Freight Sold at Auction.

"We have, all the time, a large amount of stuff which accumulates on our hands," said the "lost baggage" agent of one of the railroads to a reporter; "but most of the property left on our cars by accident is sure to be quickly called for if it has any particular value."

"Any trouble in identifying applicants as proper owners of the baggage claimed?" "Not particularly. Our most frequent trouble is the adjustment of false claims. We can tell by a person's manner whether the claim is a just one or not. Take the professional swindler, for instance. Besides having a brusque manner, his claim is made in an indefinite way as to number of check, style of package and the contents thereof. The true claimant—the person who has really lost something—has a respectful and anxious bearing. He invariably gives an accurate description of the lost parcel, and is very slow with threats of suit to recover damages."

"I suppose that overcoats and umbrellas are the articles most frequently left in cars?" "No more frequent than small parcels of clothing, shawls and small valises, but, as I say, these are always quickly claimed. It is with fraudulent claims for lost baggage that we have the most experience."

FRAUDULENT CLAIMS.

"What are the fraudulent methods?" "Most numerous, and some of them, most ridiculous. Now here's an old claim which, while not fraudulent, is worthless and most bull-headed. Several weeks since a barrel of whisky and a case of canned goods were shipped to a grocer in the interior of the state. About the time of the shipment the grocer died. Immediately his entire stock was taken by a wholesale grocer who had a chattel mortgage thereon, and so without leaving a family or any property, he was buried. There was no estate and accordingly no executor. Meanwhile the goods shipped over our road lay in the freight house, there being no one to deliver them. I notified the shipper of the situation and he replied by saying that our company must keep the goods and that he will hold us responsible therefor."

"I had a traveling man try to get \$85 out of us for damage done to a pair of very rare and fine window curtains. Damage done, as he claimed, by snow melting through his sample case, which had been carelessly dumped in a snow bank by one of our baggage-men, and so staining the curtains." "Had the sample case been so dumped?" "Possibly. At least we didn't dispute that feature of the claim. All we asked was that he present a receipt from his employers showing that he had paid them, as he claimed, the \$85 for damage done, and which he had to make good to his firm. He failed to produce the receipt, and so, of his own volition, the case was dropped."

"Another case came from a man who put in a claim for \$3 for new castings and freight thereon, and \$2.50 for labor in putting them into a stove shipped over our road and broken while in transit. I investigated the case and found that a leg had been broken out of the stove and that the man had, instead of getting new castings, paid a village blacksmith \$1.50 for riveting the old leg back in its place. No new casting had been bought, no freight had been paid, and the entire cost to him had been less than \$2. Yet he claimed \$7.50 from us."

"We had another case where one of our agents delivered some freight with an expense bill calling for eleven cases of goods. But ten cases 'showed up,' and the parties to whom the goods were delivered, while they seemed surprised at the deficiency, at once explained that the missing case contained 'books, a silk dress and more books.' That was their very indefinite inventory, and they stuck to it quite firmly. Investigation showed that but ten cases had been shipped, that our agent had made a mistake on his way bill and so on the expense bill, and finally that the people at last confessed that they hadn't lost so much as a tin spoon of their household goods shipped."

SOLD AT AUCTION.

"What becomes of 'lost freight' never claimed?" "We sell it at auction. It seldom has any value except to the rag and junk dealers. Of course we sell packages according to the way in which they are billed. We cannot tell as to their value. Once in a while a purchaser gets a lucky take in. I recollect at one of our sales we got \$13 for a large crate billed 'crochery.' A well known physician was the purchaser, and when the crate was opened it was found to contain a lot of plaster of paris images, such as Italians peddle about the streets."

"Worth \$5, perhaps, to one of those peddlers?" "Possibly, but not worth five cents to the doctor. Once in a while, however, a good deal may be made. I recollect we sold a consignment billed 'two boxes and one barrel of dust.' It brought \$1.50, and when opened the barrel contained Paris green and the boxes held two dozen packages of a patent insect powder. I understood that the purchaser sold the lot to a wholesale druggist for \$6. Another box billed as 'one box of sundries' sold for \$2, and when opened by an expressman who bought them the 'sundries' were found to consist of a very complete outfit of cutlery samples—fifteen or twenty pocket knives, a dozen razors, several pairs of shears and scissors, two or three carving sets and a variety of case knives. The name of the manufacturer was, of course, found on the goods and the expressman, by correspondence, returned the goods to the manufacturer and received therefor a \$25 check."

"Does the income from the sale of unclaimed property come near meeting the cost of tracing up lost freight?" "No, but in the avoidance of well based claims by the exercise of greater care in handling freight and in the exposure of fraudulent claims, the system itself more than pays. Now look here."

Just then a brakeman from a train which had just arrived entered the "lost freight" office bearing in his arms an old umbrella, worth perhaps fifty cents, and a good willow basket, in which was a badly mangled lunch, a button hook and a pair of solid cuffs.

"That's the way it goes," said the agent. "Now it is probable that somebody will call for this basket to-morrow or next day, but the umbrella is a fixture until sold at auction."—Detroit Free Press.

The market value of Alaska's products in 1887 almost equaled the purchase price paid by the United States for the territory, \$6,900,000. There were sent to market from Alaska last year furs to the value of \$2,500,000; gold, \$1,550,000; fish, \$3,000,000; lumber, etc., \$100,000.—Boston Budget.

A correspondent writing from Monte Carlo says that the croqueters of that famous gaming resort vouch for the truth of the story that Labouchere won \$25,000 there by means of his "system."

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