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THE ISLAND CABLE.

The Elele is very much exercised over the Government subsidy which, under certain conditions the law prescribes, shall be paid for the laying of a cable between certain points on these islands.

Whether the cable is rotten or no, we do not profess to know. There is no electrical expert at present attached to the staff of the Advertiser.

It is asking a little too much to make the Government responsible for the conduct of private parties. The Cabinet is not laying the cable. The Minister of the Interior is not as the Elele would seem to suppose, Superintendent of the Cable Company.

THE BASEBALL SCHEME.

The plan now on foot to organize our baseball interests here in the form of a joint stock company, is an excellent one, and lovers of the game will rejoice that there is every prospect that the scheme will be speedily carried into execution.

All that will be wanted in addition to make Honolulu a little baseball heaven, is the Sunday legislation for which Mr. McCarthy's soul so passionately yearns.

If the baseball league cease to use the present grounds let them be turned into a park. It would be a thousand pities if the piece should be cut up into house lots.

The Keegan Property.

On Monday at noon, Mr. James F. Morgan sold the property belonging to the estate of the late Margaret Keegan, by order of the administrator.

The premises situated on Nuuanu street, adjoining the Eagle House on the makai side, consisting of a lot with a frontage of 48 feet and a depth of 146 feet, on which stands a six room cottage, was sold to Mr. John Thomas Waterhouse for \$2,750.

The premises adjoining the "Keegan property," and having a frontage of thirty feet on Nuuanu street and a depth of 133 feet, with a four room cottage, was sold to Clare Cunningham for \$1,600.

HAWAIIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION.

Meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Room—The New Grounds Secured and to be put in Order—A Charter to be Presented.

An adjourned meeting of baseball enthusiasts was held at the Chamber of Commerce room Tuesday afternoon. Hon. W. F. Allen presided, with Mr. J. G. Spencer, secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mr. J. H. Paty of the committee on lease of the new grounds, reported that an agreement to lease the same had been signed by H. R. H. Prince Poomakelani and six months' rent paid in advance.

On motion the report was adopted. Mr. H. M. Whitney, Jr., from the committee on subscription to stock reported progress, and that 407 shares had been subscribed.

By request Mr. G. K. Wilder presented a ground plan of the proposed grounds which was discussed at length.

It was moved, seconded and carried that a ten foot fence be placed around the grounds.

The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

After it had adjourned, a grand rush was made for the balance of the stock, which is now in demand.

OLD UNITED STATES COINS.

The Chicago Times has recently investigated the subject of the value of old United States coins, and its statements will serve to correct many misapprehensions, and to enable amateur collectors and others to determine when they have captured a wandering prize.

The value of a coin to collectors does not depend on the age of the piece, but upon its rarity. A silver dollar of 1798 can be had for a small premium, while one of 1851 will sell readily for \$50.

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The first half-dollar was issued in 1794, and good specimens are worth \$2. Those of 1796 are worth \$20. The half-dollars of 1801 and 1802 are worth \$2 apiece, while those of 1804 and 1815 are worth five times as much.

The quarter of 1796 is very rare, and that of the next year has disappeared altogether, although the Mint reported that 252 were coined.

The quarter of 1804 commands a small premium, and there is no scarcity of any other dates till 1823. In that year 17,800 were coined, and the few that are now in circulation are each valued at \$20.

The 20-cent pieces of 1877 and 1888 are worth \$2 if in good condition.

The dimes from 1796 up to and including 1807 are worth about ten times their face value. There are no other dimes that command much of a premium.

The half-dimes of 1794 are very rare, and few collectors have one. In 1802 there were 13,010 coined; yet they are rare, and sell for four hundred times their face value.

Some of the copper coins command fancy prices, but not on account of age. The cents of 1793, in good condition, are worth \$2 apiece. Those of 1794 five cents apiece, and those of 1799 are quoted at \$5.

The half-cent, says the Times, is as important to the numismatist as its more valuable brethren. Those bearing the dates of 1793, 4 and 5 are quoted at 50 cents, and those of 1796 at \$5.

The first \$20 gold piece, or double eagle, was coined in 1849, and one of that date can be sold for \$50. This is the only double eagle that is at a premium.

A few of the eagles, or \$10 gold pieces, coined in the last century, are a little above par. The issue of 1802 has totally disappeared, and none can be found.

The half-eagle of 1801, of which 26,000 were coined, is rare. In 1815 but 655 of these coins were issued and these are now worth \$50.

The \$3 piece bearing the date of 1875 is worth \$4. The quarter-eagles coined in 1796 7-8 and 1800-1-2-3-4 5-6-7-8 are worth about \$4.

The objection to the gold dollar on account of its small size has so far prevailed that its coinage has virtually been suspended since 1880. A Western bank president is the authority for the assertion that nearly all that were coined before that year are now being carried around in the form of "bangles" on the arms of girls and women.

It is not at all improbable that some of the rare pieces that have been described are drifting about in out-of-the-way places and serving the purpose of ordinary coins; and it may be as well for the readers of the Sunday News to keep a sharp look-out for them.

Y. M. C. A. COMMITTEES.

Following are the committees of the Y. M. C. A. for the ensuing association year:

Devotional—H. W. Peck, chairman, Walter Wheeler, Theo. Richards, Dr. J. M. Whitney, W. A. Bowen, J. E. Bidwell, Edwin Benner, Henry Waterhouse, C. L. Carter.

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HILLO NEWS LETTER.

The Quickstep brought for Waiala Mill a steam launch which will be used to tow the scows to and from vessels, so that vessels can be loaded in much less time than formerly.

The new hats for the police attract some attention; they are about as handsome as log cabins, and look as clumsy; no protection for rain on the nose. Wonder if they were gotten up in Alaska.

The Catholic Mission Band serenaded His Majesty the King at the house of Hon. J. T. Baker, on 25th inst., in the evening.

The canal connecting the Waiala and the Waiala seems now in a fair way to be completed as the cane on the land made delay necessary, is now being cut. There is a good force of men at work.

The Minstrel Troupe of H. B. M. Ship Champion gave a performance at the Court House Hall, on the 26th inst., under the patronage of His Majesty the King, for the benefit of Hooulu Lahui and Maternity Home. The house was crowded from pit to dome. There were 160 reserved seats, all of which were disposed of. The receipts were about \$175.

Opening chorus—Ohio States. The Troupe Song—Dutch Foot Sue. J. Garney Song—Fifty Cents. J. Barrett Song—Flora Bell. J. Leary Song—Cigar Divan. G. Bennett Song—The Old Man of 60. W. Waters Song—Tobogganning. R. Knibbs Song—I can't get at it. F. Humphries

Song—Nightingale Song of Love. G. Simpkins Clog Dance. J. Leonard Stump Speech. J. Barrett Song—Mary McGinnis. J. Mooney Recitation—The Life Boat. A. Spendlow Irish Comedian. J. Boese Banjo Solo. T. E. Flight God Save the Queen. Hawaii Ponoi.

The last literary and musical club entertainment occurred at the house of L. Severance, Esq., on the 19th inst. Every two weeks we have a genuine treat to enjoy, and we do enjoy and appreciate the efforts of those who get them up. This last entertainment lasted two hours but no one tired. Mrs. W. E. Scott has our many thanks as a poor compensation for her noble efforts to please as she had to do with the literary part, and Mrs. H. C. Austin the musical part of the programme.

The first selection was a piano duet, Mrs. Severance and Mrs. H. C. Austin.

2d, reading, Mrs. W. E. Scott.

3d, recitation, Miss Helen Severance.

4th, vocal solo, Miss Dora Simpson.

5th, dialogue, Mrs. H. C. Austin, Mr. H. C. Austin and Mr. A. W. Burt.

6th, recitation, Miss Simpson.

7th, solo, (guitar) Mr. Nape.

8th, reading essay on Shakspeare, Rev. Thos. Gulick.

9th, duet, (zither and guitar) Miss Rose and Mr. Nape.

10th, reading, Mrs. W. S. Terry.

11th, vocal solo, Mrs. Gulick.

12th, recitation, Mr. W. E. Scott.

13th, solo, (bagpipes) Mr. James Hunter.

We were delighted to welcome at our entertainments Mrs. Willard S. Terry (formerly Miss Reamer). Her selection was greatly enjoyed for it was admirably read. We are highly favored in having so many who have the pleasing faculty of entertaining.

Miss Simpson's imitation of a bird was very pleasing in her recitation and must have required considerable practice to acquire such a perfect imitation. Every one on leaving expressed their opinion of the entertainment. The general verdict was a grand, grand treat.

Hilo, April 27th.

NOTICE.

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