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THERE is a general impression that the King will return in the Charleston, about the 22nd inst. So far as can be ascertained, nothing definite has yet been received as to the date he was to leave San Francisco. The Mariposa, which will be due here next Monday, will probably bring definite advices.

IN connection with Col. Macfarlane's interview, published in another column, we copy the following sensible editorial remarks from the Alta:

"If we are to make no accommodation with Hawaii for the exclusion of the reciprocity treaty by the McKinley bill, it is only the simplest common sense to consider the side of the question which is most favorable to us. Sugar is a necessary of life, and the sugar tax is a necessary tax. It would not do to be blind to these facts, and to take steps of an ever proved nature. The persons prone will go so very slowly indeed to get around and say that the sugar clause of the McKinley bill is the most disagreeable feature in that bill of fancies. The sugar tariff was a necessary tariff entirely. The sugar tax went direct to the Treasury. It furnished a proper method of reciprocity with Hawaii, out of which we built a lucrative trade, that is about to be lost to us. The proper thing to do is for some California Congressman to move a restoration of the old sugar schedule. By no other means now in sight, except a participation in the sugar bounty, can reciprocity with Hawaii be maintained.

WAYSIDE SHADE TREES.

The communication in this day's issue from W. T. Brigham is one that nearly every property owner will heartily endorse. No city or town looks well without shade trees, the more the better. Without trees to ornament the streets and shade the walks our town would look barren, hot and dusty, and it would be hotter and more dusty than it would look. There are two things which attract the attention of every stranger as he enters a city—the well kept streets and sidewalks and the trees. If there are many of the latter, the atmosphere will be cooler and more evenly tempered throughout. In this climate everything should tend in that direction. We do not have such an amount of rain at any season as to warrant the cutting of trees to let in the sun. From a standpoint of beauty a great many of them have already been so disfigured by trimming as to make them unsightly. Many of them have been planted by private parties, and to be wantonly destroyed or disfigured is by no means right. If the branches interfere with the numerous telephone wires, they can be trimmed without destroying either the beauty of the trees or the shade for the sidewalk or the yard. There should be some means to prevent all unnecessary cutting, and above all no ignorant wood chopper or unresponsible person should be allowed to touch them. Mr. Brigham is right in his denunciation of the present manner of destroying both shade and beauty. The climax is certainly reached when the branches too small for firewood are pitched into one's yard, thus destroying plants and flowers that do not interfere with the wires. Something should be done to ascertain who are the responsible parties and what right they have to destroy private property and disfigure the town.

FARMS AND FARMING IN HAWAII.

Turning over the pages of "The Hawaiian Monthly" for March, 1884, an article on "Farms and Farming" in this Kingdom, read by Judge McCully before the Honolulu Social Science Association attracted our attention, and we think it quite worth while to go again through the paper and see what recommendations of the worthy Judge have been attended to, what warnings taken to heart and what progress generally has been made in the direction pointed out.

Hardly seven years have passed since the article referred to was printed and yet many changes in the supply, consumption, and price of farm produce have taken place. The first of the difficulties in the way of farming mentioned by the Judge, is the want of good stock and other needs of getting produce to market.

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What a Honolulu Public Submits To.

MR. EDITOR: While it may be that there are too many trees about the dwellings of this city, no one walking our streets in the heat of the day would admit that there is too much shade; and yet this shade is left to the mercy of ignorant kanakas by the present arrangements of the Road Supervisor. Some time ago the undersigned came home and found some fine trees on his premises had been butchered out of all shape or usefulness, because while shading the sidewalk, they might interfere with some of the innumerable wires which disfigure this city. Public utility, however, seemed some excuse for the ruin of these valuable trees, which would not have been touched had we an intelligent forester, but what right had these vandals to steal the good wood and throw the worthless branches into my yard thereby killing several plants recently set out?

Again, this afternoon I heard a crash of branches, and found a kanaka had entered my premises and was cutting off branches from a large tree, although the branches did not come within thirty feet of the wires. On further investigation, I found one of the "Cantonniers" was cutting up firewood and had a cart loaded with perhaps half a cord of wood stolen from my premises. The intelligent native in charge, declared he was acting under the orders of his "boss," who was not to be found, and refused to return the stolen property. I then telephoned to the Station House and was told they had no power to prevent the theft; it was in the Road Department. Then I telephoned to the Road Supervisor's office, but in his absence, the locum tenens could only tell me to telephone to the Supervisor's house. He was not at home, and so this highway robbery proceeded and the Hawaiian Government was powerless to prevent it even in broad daylight!

Now, individually, this may be of little importance, but will the people of Honolulu tolerate a system which allows any kanaka who wants a load of firewood to forage on private premises, when the coveted article is $15 a cord? Emma street has been disgraced beyond help, and School street is going the same way, by this system of irresponsible and ignorant tree-cutting. It is certainly fortunate that the fine old trees which began to shade the sidewalk before the telephone was invented, were not entirely converted into firewood, to supply some unknown person. I believe that in the present case the wires were only an excuse to cover the firewood. Is not this community sufficiently civilized to stop it and to punish such thefts?

W. T. BRIGHAM.

Prudentials, Week Wednesday.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the statements made, or opinions expressed by our correspondents.

Fiat Justitia, ruat Coelum.

MR. EDITOR: Allow me again to use a space in your columns to make some remarks in regard to "those Crown lands," in response to the ebullitions of the inspiring spirit of the Bulletin of the 7th inst. In regard to its futile attempt to defend the actions of the Crown commissioners, I can only say, that misrepresentations will not alter facts. The statement that no offer of $2,500 a year was made for the lease of Waiohuli and Keokea, is absolutely false. The present manager and part owner of the ranch on those lands, Mr. Henry Roberts, a gentleman equally responsible as Noble Cornwell, made the offer, both $5k. The Bulletin may think the amount offered more than the lands are worth, but the people on Maui have not yet asked the Bulletin, or its house to teach them the value of lands. [illegible]

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The Athletic Girl.

She boxes, rows, rides and swims,
And leaps her hood in winter,
While other women, alas, their whims
And will be man's devotion.
She's never known to have the blues,
To wheedle she's a stranger,
You may be sure that she'll refuse
To faint at sight of danger.

A perfect woman, full of health
And life, all men adore her.
To her they'd gladly bring their wealth
And lay it down before her.
But she, Diana-like, is cold,
And hates their lovesick sighing,
And so she stops their wooing bold,
And sets her lovers flying.

She's cold; but there will come some day
A man who's fit to woo her,
And then, the more she says him nay,
The closer he'll pursue her.
To love she'll yield—some happy day
She'll give herself in marriage,
Later her strength will come in play
Behind a baby carriage.

Somerville (Mass.) Journal.

Hilo's New Port Physician.

Dr. Williams, of Hilo, has been appointed Government and Port Physician for Hilo District, Dr. F. M. Whitmore resigned. This appointment by the Board of Health is a well chosen one. Prior to locating on the islands, Dr. Williams was a physician on board a man-of-war for some time, also a vessel of one of the largest steamship lines on the Pacific Ocean. His efficiency as a physician is unquestioned, and by his popularity in his district, the action of the Board is approved by all concerned.

Y. M. C. A. Meeting.

The meeting of the Y. M. C. A. did not last very long Thursday evening, the members present being anxious to see the entertainment given upstairs. The minutes of the previous monthly meeting and of the report of the Board of Directors were read by Recording Secretary Forbes. A vote was passed directing Secretary Forbes to convey the regrets of the meeting to Secretary S. D. Fuller, who was detained at home by ill health. After taking up a collection of $7.20, President T. R. Walker pronounced the meeting anjourned till next month.

Steam Yacht for Ewa.

The naphtha launch Jane, lately bought from Dr. Trousseau by the Kapu Brothers of Pearl City, has just gone through extensive reformations. The naphtha arrangements have been removed, and a thirteen horse-power boiler, made by the Union Iron Works, has taken their stead. This improvement is expected to give the boat a velocity of about twelve knots an hour in smooth waters. The new owners hope to do a brisk business at Pearl Harbor making excursion trips around the bay. The workings of the new engines will be tried to-morrow.

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