

KLONDIKE LETTER

Some Interesting Notes Are Sent by a Reliable Man.

ARE FROM FORT WRANGLE

Travel—Accommodations at the Military Post—Customs Wrinkles. No Horse Feed on the Road.

A friend at Seattle sends to an attaché of the Advertiser a copy of an interesting letter from a reliable man at Fort Wrangle, a station on the Klondike road. Following are extracts:

"This place has about 200 whites and 300 Indians. At present the hotel accommodations are very poor, there being sleeping accommodations for about 50 people. We have five eating houses. In six weeks our hotel (not mine), will be finished, which will accommodate about 150 people.

"At present the only way to get to the river is by scow or canoe, which costs \$3.50 for one man and outfit. The Alaskan made one trip last week, and on her return, just before anchoring, she ran on a rock. She will probably make daily trips next week. The river is seven miles from Wrangle wharf.

"For the last two weeks parties have left here every day for the river from four to 20 in a party. They all take in from one to two years' supplies. One man can easily draw 300 lbs. on a sled; a dog about the same.

"There is considerable snow on the river, but a party came out from Teslin lake last week and made a good trail. This has been kept hot with 150 and another with 20 horses, (now here) will start up the river next week, to be followed with several other parties with horses, which will make the trail first-class. The snow has made the trail comparatively level.

"United States Customs officers require parties to give bond or pay an officer to go to the boundary. The cost is about \$40. Any number can club together and pay one officer. The boundary line is about 30 miles from Wrangle. There is a bonded warehouse in Wrangle owned by Sylvester & Reed. There is a first-class trail between Telegraph creek and Teslin.

"There is absolutely no feed for horses or cattle between here and Dawson City now on account of the snow; but in the spring there is no finer or more abundant grazing on earth than between Telegraph creek and lake Teslin. Parties bringing horses, dogs, or other animals must bring feed for the entire trip, as they cannot get it here.

"The people of Wrangle do all they can for prospectors, and I have the first case of extortion to hear of. The United States Government barracks have been free for all comers so far, be they English or American. It is a large, good house.

"In conclusion I will say if you give anyone a card to me, I will assist them all in my power while here, free of charge."

(Signed) A. BURKE.

"Mr. Burke was formerly a resident of Los Angeles, Cal., in business at No. 406-8 Main street. Resided in Seattle, at Continental hotel, corner First avenue and Pine street for about three months, during which time he conducted a most searching investigation into all matters pertaining to the Klondike."

RECEPTION AT AINAHAU.

A Big Social Affair In Honor of Mr. Davies.

The Princess Kaiulani and Mr. Cleghorn gave a large reception at Aina-hau, on Saturday afternoon, to Mr. Theo. H. Davies, who sails for England on the Belgic tomorrow. Because of the heavy rains of the morning, it was necessary to abandon the idea of a garden party, and to hold the function under cover. The spacious and beautiful grounds had been specially prepared for the occasion, but the effect of the cocoon grove, the Hawaiian hut and the many other attractions of the grounds was lost in the flood of water. But the rooms within the residence are ample, and easily accommodated the many guests, who were charmed with their reception and the entertainment provided for them.

The reception was held on the front veranda of the main residence, at the left of which the Hawaiian National band was stationed. The guests were met at the foot of the steps by Mr. Cleghorn. At the top of the steps they were received by the Princess Kaiulani and Mr. Davies.

The refreshments were served in the large lanai in the old residence. On each of the little tables at which the guests were seated there was a vase of flowers. The lanai itself was a profusion of palms and ferns. There were very few special decorations in the re-

maining rooms. The wealth of tropical verdure at all times about the residence and within the different apartments makes special decorations unnecessary.

The responses to the invitations to meet Mr. Davies were very general. Fully 400 people were present Saturday afternoon. For three hours there was a constant line of carriages arriving and departing.

The guests included representatives of the foreign diplomatic and consular corps, members of the Hawaiian Legislature and Government and well known society and other prominent people of the islands. They came not only to pay their respects to Mr. Davies on the eve of his departure, but to again be the recipients of the hospitality of their hostess and host at a most delightful function.

WAS STEAM.

A Mauna Loa Passenger Corrects a Volcano Report.

It turns out that the first report regarding volumes of steam from the crater of Mokuaweoweo on Mauna Loa, is incorrect. There was not the slightest appearance of activity from that place.

A man from the district of Kau has the following story to tell: "I was a passenger on the Mauna Loa and, being a resident of Kau, could locate the place from which I saw volumes of steam arise. This was at Kahalepohaha, the scene of the flow of 1887. Columns of steam at various intervals seemed to rise steadily and from time to time, to spread out at the top, like the kahills in use during the time of the old alii. The appearance was that of a flow, but again, the steam may have come from a crack. What makes me think it was not a flow, is the fact that there were no earthquakes preceding the appearance of the steam. To those who do not know the situation of Kahalepohaha, I might say that it is two-thirds of the way down the mountain side, and closest to Kahuku."

SHERIFF CONEY.

Mr. F. W. Carter Resigns as Sheriff of Kauai.

F. W. Carter, who arrived on the W. G. Hall from Kauai yesterday morning, has resigned as sheriff of the Garden Isle.

The resignation was entirely voluntary and was made to enable Mr. Carter to go to Molokai to accept a position on the big ranch, of which his brother, A. W. Carter, is one of the owners.

Deputy Sheriff John H. Coney, who has served in that capacity for several years, is now acting sheriff and, according to a statement made by Marshal Brown last night, he will undoubtedly be made sheriff. The Marshal will go to Lihue on the W. G. Hall Tuesday.

Ookala Plantation.

It is reported in financial circles that the capital stock of the company owning and operating Ookala plantation on the Island of Hawaii, is to be increased from \$200,000 to \$300,000. The matter will take definite shape this week. The understanding is now that the present stockholders will take up the new issue amongst themselves. The plantation is doing so well under new management that it is deemed advisable to add to the capital, and with this and the profits of 1898-9 wipe out the debt and add a new mill. The agency will still be with W. G. Irwin & Co. Ltd.

Sharpshooters.

The regular monthly meeting of the Sharpshooters Company was held in headquarters last evening.

Captain Oscar White was unanimously elected an active member of the company.

Another re-entry handicap match was arranged for, this to begin on April 1st and to last six months.

Jack McVeigh presented a gold medal to the company. This is to be shot for by the lowest two classes of the Sharpshooters Company, the man making the highest ten scores during six months beginning April 1st, to be the winner.

Mani Senator.

There will be held on Maui this evening a convention of the American Union party to nominate a successor to the late Senator Horner. A citizen of Lahaina writes that up to date three names are mentioned. The gentlemen who are said to be in the field are all well known. They are: A. N. Kopoikal, S. F. Chillingworth and "Gaddie" Wilder. The big fight will be in the convention.

A Rough Trip.

There was a sick crowd of passengers aboard the Mauna Loa on her trip down. It was so rough at times that the water fairly poured into the rooms. The chief engineer had a pair of shoes on the floor near his berth and when he went up from below he found that they had quietly floated away.

TO GRADE COFFEE

A New Act In the Interest of Hawaiian Product.

Commissioners to Class and Mark the Entire Crop—Penalty of Law is a Heavy Export Duty.

It was only last week that the Central Committee of the Oahu American Union Party sent to the party men in the Legislature an appeal in the interest of coffee and other young industries. It appears that the assessors on the Island of Hawaii, and in coffee districts elsewhere, have been interpreting the 1892 exemption law in a manner that seems to the planters and investors to be entirely foreign to its spirit. That law makes tax free implements, trees, crops, etc., for a period of 10 years.

There was nothing said in so many words in the act about the land, but those who have put money into the new business say they of course understand that the law was intended to make taxes light for them till their plantations were producing nicely. The assessors are putting a decidedly "stiff" valuation on the land and in justification point to the letter of the law. Another act with an extension of the exemption period will be introduced at this session.

Coffee and coffee lands will be quite prominent in legislation before the session ends. Here are the important or striking paragraphs of an act that will go into the House in a few days:

"There shall be appointed by the Minister of the Interior one or more commissioners, whose duties shall be to examine and grade all coffees submitted to them for that purpose, at such places and under such rates of compensation and conditions as may be imposed from time to time by the Minister of the Interior. After such examination and grading, the commissioner shall seal the bag or container of such coffee with an official seal in such manner that the said bag or container cannot be opened without breaking and mutilating the said seal; and shall cause said bag or container to be plainly marked with the grade and quality of the coffee as found by him to be contained therein.

"The Minister of the Interior may fix rates of compensation to be paid by applicants for the examination and grading of coffee, and such compensation shall be deposited with the commissioner at the time of making application.

"An export duty of 5 cents per pound shall be paid on all coffees exported from the Hawaiian Island not examined, graded and under seal as aforesaid."

A number of the leading planters, factors and retailers are behind this act. The only opposition they have met so far is some objection to the export duty provision. It is clear, as they maintain, that this is simply an expedient method of imposing a penalty for failure to have coffee graded so that the reputation of the superior Hawaiian product may be kept inviolate. The friends of the proposed act argue strongly that this is the best possible stipulation to insure the success of such a law. It is likely that the item of age will also be inserted for marking on the bags.

A Taxation Meeting.

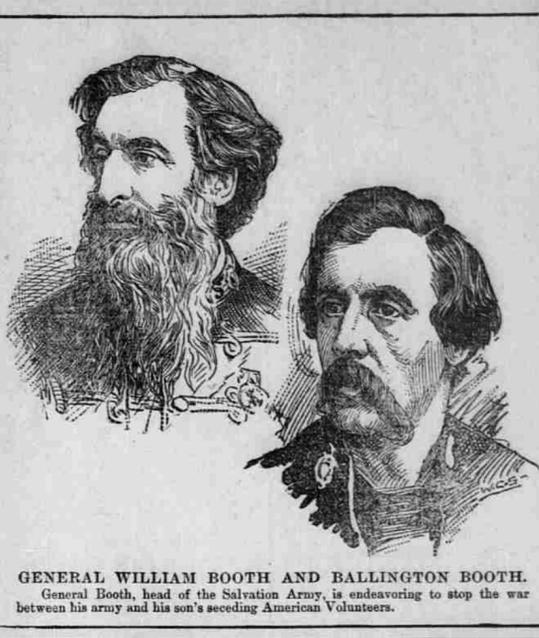
It has been decided by the Finance Committee of the House of Representatives to endeavor to secure the views of leading citizens on the proposed income tax act and other probable revenue legislation. To this end the committee has called a public meeting. All interested are invited to attend at the Chamber of Commerce hall, Campbell block, on the evening of "St. Patrick's Day in the morning." A committee of business men has already been before the committee of the House.

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