

A SUBSIDY LOOK

Officially Viewing a Railway Extension.

FROM WAIALUA TO KAHUKU

Line in Every Way Satisfactory. Bridge at Waimea—Some Historical Notes.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Everything being in readiness, Government inspection of the latest extension of the line of the Oahu Railway and Land Company was invited on Monday and the necessary official trip made yesterday.

The purpose of this inspection by the Government representatives, with railway men present is to pass upon the claim for subsidy. The subsidy, per mile, has been voted by the legislature. It was provided early in the history of the railway as encouragement to the enterprise.

A trip in a private car over any railway line is bound to be a delight to a greater or less degree. The ride of yesterday was a treat in its way.

Everything was entirely satisfactory. Easily the chief feature of the line on the extension is the splendid bridge that spans the treacherous Waimea gulch. It is a feat in engineering creditable to the men who desired it and is a strong showing of willingness on the part of the Company to expend money when safety is in question.

The scenic beauties of the Oahu railway to Waialua and even to Waialua, are well known. It was only during last year that the extension was made from Waialua to Waialua. During the final quarter of 1898 and a few days of the new year the road was completed to the present ending.

If it continues to appear that there is no other recourse, the Chinese here interested in the habous corpus decisions, will appeal to Washington. It is the plan to send A. G. M. Robertson as attorney before the Supreme Court of the United States.

...of the Island of Oahu. In an account of one of these trips he had this to say of the Waimea locality, now traversed by the railway.

"Friday, Feb. 11.—At dark arrived at Waialua and was sent for by the head chief of the place and treated with fish and poi, and was accommodated with lodging in his own house. (The accommodation will be quite different at Waialua now, with Col. Lauka in charge of a new modern tropical hotel.)

"Saturday, Feb. 11.—Pleasant and clear. After refreshments we took leave of our new friends, traveled along the sea coast and at noon arrived at Waimea, where we stopped for the remainder of the day to rest and refresh ourselves. We were here treated with a hog, some dogs and potatoes. We took lodging here, but seas were too plentiful for sleep.

"Sunday, Feb. 12.—Pleasant in the morning. Walked around the valley of Waimea and visited the most remarkable places, some of them were caves in the rocks and one place was the spot where the missionaries were killed. (This is an error, referring to Lieut. Hergest and Mr. Gooch.) At 10 a. m. we took leave of Waimea and continued our journey as far as (7) Ipirua, where we arrived before night, and found the natives very poor, but they, however, brought two roasted dogs and some potatoes and we put up for the night."

All of which is quite different now. The burial caves in Waimea gulch are still of great interest and have been diligently searched.

THE NEW POLICY

Porto Rico and Hawaii in the Future Reele.

Nothing Said of Cuba—Philippines and the Open Door—Work Out For United States.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—A prominent member of McKinley's Cabinet has outlined the policy to be adopted by the Administration towards the Philippines.

Presupposing the peace treaty between Spain and the United States is promptly ratified by the Senate, to which body it will be sent January 4th, the President and his advisers have decided:

First—While the products of Porto Rico and Hawaii are to come in free, the products of the Philippines must pay the Dingley tariff duty. We are to trade with them on the same basis as the rest of the world.

Second—the "open-door" policy will not affect customs due between the United States and the Philippine Islands. To make them self-supporting the Philippine tariff schedule will require this country to pay its share of customs duties.

Third—The United States is to take the Philippines under its care; to teach them the principles of republican institutions, and to teach them love for liberty and free institutions.

Fourth—To teach them the knowledge of self-government and, while military rule must be maintained until other laws are made, to place the island government on a self-sustaining basis.

In the Consul's Hands.

The money of the man Burke, who committed suicide by jumping from the deck of the Claudine at Kawaihae last week, has been placed in the keeping of United States Consul General Hayward. Everything that was mentioned by the demented young fellow is accounted for fully. It is now supposed that when Burke spoke of giving \$5,000 to "Mr. McDonald," an official of the San Francisco paying company was meant. Though it will be impossible to hold a regular coroner's inquest, unless the body is washed ashore on Hawaii, Marshal Brown has decided that there shall be a full inquiry with the view of having all the facts of the remarkable case made of record.

Fronts Are Shown.

A very fair idea may now be had of what will be the permanent appearance of the new block of the Judd Building Co., Ltd., at the corner of Fort and Merchant streets. All the scaffolding has been removed. The fence is down on the Fort street side and will disappear today from the Merchant street side. With the exception that the windows and doors are yet to come, the structure is practically complete and unless there are transportation disappointments, will be ready for occupancy next month, as promised. The building seems to improve on acquaintance. Daily hundreds of citizens pause to look at it and all are loud in praises of its beauty and the general plan of arrangement throughout.

TOO MUCH TRADE

Business Trouble Results From Extensive Trade.

MAKING TROUSERS AT LOSS

Medeiros & Decker—Creditors and Debtors—Patronage of First New York—The Blow.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The first Honolulu business failure of the year went on record yesterday. Strangely enough it was due directly to causes that have been of great and pronounced benefit to many tradesmen of the city—the visit of the First New York Regiment, U. S. V., which was stationed here several months. The boys have trousseurs in their possession and failed to pay the island tailor bill for the same. The trousseurs are of white duck and cannot be worn till the middle of next summer.

Hyman Bros., the Queen street wholesalers and rice factors, have petitioned to have the tailoring and furnishing goods firm of Medeiros & Decker, Lincoln Block, King street, thrown into involuntary bankruptcy. Judge Stanley signed an order yesterday and there will be a hearing in ten days or so. The business is the property of Mr. Decker, he having purchased the Medeiros interest in November last.

On Monday of this week Mr. Decker, feeling that he was in deep water in a business way, called a meeting of his creditors. The session was held at the law offices of Humphreys & Gear. A full statement was made and there was an examination of accounts. On consultation of the creditors a committee consisting of Messrs. Schmidt, Schweitzer and Cohn was appointed to look over the store and to investigate the book assets. Adjournment was then taken to yesterday morning, with it is said, the general feeling that Mr. Decker would be able to go ahead regardless of nice white trousseurs for New Yorkers if he was given some leeway.

At the second convention of the creditors it was reported that the liabilities were \$2,900 and the assets \$5,200. Some of the merchants were inclined to favor the plea of Mr. Decker that he be given time and be allowed to secure a better business location and try and work his way out. He says his present place is very much out of the way since the soldiers departed. However, the suit was instituted for \$860, the balance due Hyman Bros., and the matter acted upon at once. Soon there was a policeman in charge and the place will be in the custody of Marshal Brown till a settlement is effected to the satisfaction of all claimants so far as the assets are capable of giving satisfaction. Mr. Decker says that at least three of his creditors were willing to permit him to try to avoid the bankruptcy.

Mr. Decker, in an interview yesterday, told an interesting story of his undoing by the gallant First from the Empire State. He made for the command altogether 2,000 pairs of trousseurs, using for the purpose 6,000 yards of ducking and the necessary buckles, muslin and buttons. The price was \$1 a pair. Pay was received for 1,200 pairs of the requisites. "I had a guarantee," says Mr. Decker, "that was good enough for the average business man. The men individually owe me nothing. My claims all run to the commanding officers of the companies. Each captain, or where there was no captain in charge, a first or second lieutenant, engaged to see that I was paid in full. Captains Sague of K and Pickett of E, were able to get my money for me. None of the others did what they said they would, though I have nothing to say against their honesty or intent. The men incurred many debts about town and by the time my turn came their pay was all gone in a good many cases. Then it was a matter of 'till next pay day.' Well, five of the companies went away without having any 'next pay day.' They left on the 10th of the month and pay day was a week or so off. I am firmly of the belief that I will get all of this money, or rather that my creditors will get it, for the very last thing each commanding officer of a company said to me was that he would make the collections as he had promised and that the money would be forwarded by New York draft. I shall expect the drafts soon after the regiment is mustered out. I was fooled in one thing. I had it on the authority of the Colonel himself that the Regiment would be here till May next. That would have been a great thing for me. I was in line for making money out of the command. Col. Barber spoke with sympathy for me when he was leaving and said he had really expected to be here till spring, explaining that it had been thought it would be dangerous to take the men from this warm climate to the winter weather of New York. But he and the rest of them wanted to get away and that's none of my business. I'm sorry this thing has happened, but I will settle up all right and if any more soldiers come along I will be on hand to make clothes for them. The trousseurs I made for the New York boys will be worn there this coming summer and will set the style. That's what they told me."

Mr. Decker is very well known in Honolulu and all over the Islands for that matter. He has been a resident of the country for twenty-three years and this is his first experience of the sort. He has the reputation of being a keen business man and one of first class "hustling" abilities. He has a large family and cheerily remarks that he will doubtless be able to support its members. Mr. Decker has many old and firm friends who will be sorry to learn that he is in business trouble and who will assist him in tiding over the difficulty, with confidence that he will do the correct thing in this affair and get on his feet again.



JOSEPH HODGES CHOATE. Mr. Choate, who has been prominently mentioned as the next ambassador to England, is the leader of the New York bar and an orator and wit of national reputation. He is in his 67th year and is a native of Salem, Mass.

Assessment and Taxes. It is during this month that assessment returns must be made by property holders. The law requires that all valuations be listed during January. The owner who fails to fill out and send in the blanks distributed here by Mr. Shaw will have his property listed in the discretion of the assessor and can have no appeal to the valuation tribunals.

In January, February and March, the personal taxes must be paid. The total is \$5. If this is not turned in by the last day of March, a penalty of 10 per cent is imposed and must be collected. Assessor Shaw is making special effort this time to inform citizens on the regulations and prompt response to his work will avoid much trouble that otherwise might arise in the future.

Liked the Landlord. In writing from the Volcano House to a Brooklyn, N. Y., paper, Ralph H. Slesinger, on behalf of the two First New York companies that had a trip to Hawaii, speaks in the highest terms of the manner in which the boys and all other guests as well, were treated by Mr. and Mrs. F. Waldron at the Volcano House. It is stated that Mr. Waldron readily made every necessary provision for the comfort and entertainment of all and that he gave them volumes of information on old Kilauea and presented them with pictures of the volcano and of the hotel. Slesinger sends a good account to the Brooklyn paper, with not an error in the entire column. It was agreed by the New York boys that the trip to the volcano was the pleasantest incident in their travels during their absence from home.

A Loss and a Find. L. L. La Pierre, the Board of Health agent, was badly "rattled" for a few hours yesterday. L. L. is a member of several secret and fraternal orders, but probably places his G. A. R. enlistment at the head of the roster. He was unfortunate enough to lose his G. A. R. brooch yesterday. He entered on a vigorous search at once and in time was rewarded. The pin was picked up on Fort street, where it had been dropped while the owner was handling his bicycle.

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