

FOOD IN HAWAII

A Letter From the U. S. Subsistence Officer Here.

IN REPLY TO ALLEN HERBERT

Situation as Capt. Lydig Observes—Tried to Obtain Native Produce—Facts—Freight.

U. S. Subsistence Department, Honolulu, H. I., U. S. A., April 21, 1899.

My Dear Sir:—Referring to your request to be informed in regard to my efforts to obtain in this market vegetables for the use of the U. S. Army, and my opinion as to the possibility of producing such vegetables on the islands, I would say:

Immediately upon assuming the duties of my office at this station in August last, being the first, and up to the present time, the only officer assigned to the duty, I made efforts which have been repeated from time to time to obtain native potatoes, onions and cabbage, in fact fresh vegetables of all kinds. In no case, however, have my efforts met with any appreciable success.

Potatoes, onions, cabbages and other small vegetables are cultivated to a limited extent on all the islands that I have visited; but owing to the fact that the sugar industry has overshadowed all others, their cultivation and production is almost wholly in the hands of Chinamen.

None of them appear to be of as good quality as are imported from the mainland, and the quantity has never been equal to the demands of local plantations, both the Army and the citizens relying principally upon the importations.

From what I have seen, however, I believe there are many localities and plenty of available space, where they might be successfully cultivated, and it is possible, too, that with better seed, the grades would be greatly improved, and that with Government encouragement a class of market gardeners might be induced to settle here and cultivate those tracts of land not otherwise employed, and suitable for the purpose.

At the same time I should note that several large land owners on islands adjacent to this, have tried the cultivation of vegetables for this market, but, owing to what they claim, are extortionate rates of transportation, by steamers plying between the islands they have been unable to make the experiment a success.

I am, my dear sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant, PHILIP M. LYDIG, Captain and Commissary of Subsistence, U. S. V. Chief Commissary.

THEY WANT KOEBELE.

A California State Board and the Island "Bug Man."

SACRAMENTO, April 20.—At a meeting of the State Board of Horticulture which was held in the rooms of the Board in the State Capitol, the following officers were elected:

President, Ellwood Cooper, Santa Barbara; Vice-President, Frank H. Buck, Vacaville; Treasurer, William B. Gester, Newcastle; Auditor, Rusa D. Stephens, Sacramento; Secretary, B. M. LeLong, Quarantine Officer, Alexander Crow; Clerk, Ella F. Hallahan.

It was decided to issue an annual report next fall, to which will be added the results of important discoveries made during the year, and in the interim to publish several bulletins, the publication of which has been delayed owing to the inability of the State Printing Office to do the work.

A State fruit growers' convention was ordered called to meet in San Jose, December 5, 6, 7, and 8, 1899.

The question of sending an expert to foreign countries to collect parasitic and predaceous insects to prey upon the pests abounding in the orchards of this State was fully considered and it was decided to offer the appointment to Albert Koebele, who is now traveling through foreign countries in the interest of the Hawaiian Government. It is contemplated that the Secretary shall visit Honolulu for the purpose of making arrangements with the Hawaiian Government and the Planters' Association, through which a joint investigation be made, which would be beneficial to the State and at the same time inexpensive.

A DESERVED PROMOTION.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—The Call says editorially of the promotion of Col. Jas. F. Smith: All Californians will feel something of gratification in the promotion of Col. Smith of the First California to the rank of brigadier general. The California men in the Philippines have had much of the severest work of the campaign to do, and have distinguished themselves for steadiness of discipline as well as for daring valor on the field of battle. The promotion of Gen. Smith is, of course, a recognition of the service of his gallant regiment, and to that extent is an honor for the State. The elevation of the former colonel

to the rank of brigade commander makes room, of course, for the advancement of other California officers in the First Regiment, so that a considerable number of our fellow citizens at the front will come home with higher rank than when they went away.

As these promotions constitute one of the very few pleasing features of this dreary war with savages in a far-off land, they will be received with the more gratification. Whatever may be the differences of opinion concerning the war itself, there will be none to feel other than a just pride in every evidence given of the military efficiency and patriotic valor of our boys at the front.

BUCKLEY AGAIN.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—A somewhat startling development in what promises to be a hot campaign full of surprises comes early in the shape of a bold announcement by Christopher A. Buckley to his followers that he is now openly in politics again, and that "Democratic headquarters" will be opened in the Baldwin Annex, now being remodeled and repaired.

A TRIO OF NOTE

Joint High Commission Members Visit Here.

ARE MEN OF DISTINCTION

Have Full Authority to Act in Restoring Peace—Respects Paid to President Dole.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The members of the Samoan commission reached this port yesterday by the U. S. A. T. Badger. They are Hon. Bartlett Tripp, for the United States; C. N. E. Elliot, for England, and Baron von Sternberg, for Germany.

Judge Tripp is a native of the State of Maine, but has spent the greater portion of his time lately in South Dakota. He was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of this latter State for five years, and under Cleveland's administration was Minister to Austria. As his mission is a purely diplomatic one, of course he was incommunicative as to his intentions.

"We shall organize when we reach Samoa," he said. "I do not think that it will take long to complete our work. We are to act with absolute authority in the settlement of the various questions."

C. N. E. Elliot was formerly the second secretary of the British Legation at Washington. He has been brought up in the diplomatic service, having held positions in different countries. Though comparatively young, he is recognized as one of the brightest members of the younger generation engaged in the diplomatic service.

Baron von Sternberg is also a man of ability. At the time of his appointment he was first secretary of the German Embassy at Washington. He has been reared in diplomacy and has represented his country in various positions for years. He was decorated for bravery in the Franco-Prussian war, and during the war between Japan and China he was German Charge d'Affaires in the Orient.

"I cannot with propriety speak in regard to our mission," said he. "It is difficult to say how long we shall remain at Samoa. We are to both settle present differences and make provision for the future. I like Honolulu very much, what I have seen of it, and was surprised at its civilized aspect."

All of the commissioners called on the Executive yesterday. Judge Tripp, accompanied by his secretary, E. V. Morgan, called in the morning. The other gentlemen paid their respects early in the afternoon, accompanied by H. B. M. Consul, W. Hoare. They were shown about the different buildings and later the whole commission, with the American and British Consular Corps met at the Hawaiian hotel and drove about the city.

Flags and Salute.

The U. S. A. T. Badger is probably the first ship to display the flags of three nations at the same time and all the time. She carries the banners of the three nations party to the Berlin treaty on Samoa and now represented by the joint high commission. These flags are on a line from mast to mast. Had there been three masts on the Badger the flags would have been displayed as usual.

So soon as the members of the commission had received their appointments the question of rank and honors arose. This was settled by the State Department at Washington and the officials of the British and German legations. It was decided to designate to the commissioners the same rank as the Governor of a State. This entitles them to a salute of fifteen guns.

THREE PROPELLERS.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Rear-Admiral Melville will advise the board of construction that the new armored cruisers be fitted with three propellers. His plan is favorably regarded. The cruiser California is among the vessels to be so equipped.

SUMMER OF 1899

Circular of Summer School and Armstrong Institute.

WILL BE EXTENSIVE EXHIBIT

Plan for a Comprehensive Display—A Careful Classification—The Hilo Fair.

The following circular is out in the interest of the Hawaiian Summer School of 1899:

The Director of the Summer School, co-operating with the Armstrong Institute, wishes to make an educational exhibit a marked feature of the Summer School of 1899. He therefore requests all teachers of public and private schools in the Hawaiian Islands to contribute to such exhibit in accordance with the following plan:

- 1. Though every article exhibited will be plainly marked with name of the school or individual exhibiting it, and in case of work of pupils the name, age and grade of the pupil producing it, no school or individual shall make a separate exhibit.
2. All work of pupils exhibited shall be work prepared in the regular progress of the school and not especially for exhibition; and every teacher offering work of pupils in that very act pledges his honor that it has been thus prepared.
3. It being the purpose of this exhibition to show the schools, not as they ought to be, nor even at their best, but as they are, selected and corrected work will not be in place. The work of whole classes is wanted.
4. All exhibits shall be combined in accordance with the following classification:

Class 1. Kindergarten and Infant Education. This class shall include all exhibits pertaining to kindergarten work and similar work done in the first grade, further classified as follows:

- a. Organization, history, statistics, etc.
b. Plans, models, apparatus and fittings.
c. School furniture.
d. Curricula, time-tables, etc.
e. Results obtained—pupils' work.

Class 2. Elementary Education. This class shall include all exhibits pertaining to the work of the first eight grades, further classified as follows:

- a. Organization, history, statistics, etc.
b. Plans, models, apparatus and fittings.
c. School house furniture, models and appliances for teaching.
d. Curricula, time tables, etc.
e. Results obtained—compositions, letters, written work, examination papers, maps, models, drawings, paintings, plans of grounds improved and gardens cultivated, articles made, photographs of articles made, etc.

Class 3. Secondary Education. This class shall include all exhibits pertaining to work between the ninth and twelfth grades, inclusive, further classified as follows:

- a. Organization, history, statistics, etc.
b. Plans, models, home-made apparatus, etc.
c. School house furniture, models and appliances for teaching.
d. Curricula, time tables, etc.
e. Results obtained—as in Class 2. Any and every thing that will indicate the progress, present condition, methods, or results of education in the Hawaiian Islands will find its place in this classification, and is wanted. Anyone able to contribute to the exhibition in any class or sub-class is invited to do so.

Dr. Philip Rice, Hilo, Hawaii, will take charge of any of these exhibits loaned to the Hilo Chamber of Commerce for their fair to be held the last week in June, and will forward them to Honolulu in time for the general exhibition in connection with the Summer School. Teachers on the island of Hawaii are requested to write him and co-operate with him.

All exhibits should be brought or sent to Mr. H. H. Gibson, Honolulu. HENRY S. TOWNSEND, Director Summer School. EDGAR WOOD, President of Armstrong Institute.

CLIFF HOUSE FOR SALE.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—It is probable that the Cliff House will soon cease to be a portion of the estate of the late Adolph Sutro. The executors of the dead millionaire's estate have been ordered to dispose of his famous seaside possessions, and already local and Eastern capitalists are competing for the resort that caters to the fancy and palates of people from all over the civilized world. The Cliff House is perhaps the best marketable section of the late Adolph Sutro's vast estate, and when it became known that the property was to be sold many handsome offers were received from local and outside capitalists.

THE MISSOURI RIVER.

OMAHA, April 21.—The Missouri river is now within less than a foot of the danger point here and is steadily rising at the rate of about eight inches in twenty-four hours. Weather bureau reports hold out no encouragement for an immediate improvement, and the rise will probably continue until Sunday, if not longer. This will take the water above the danger line and will cause some loss of property on the bottoms.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

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Hana, sales April 27, \$17.75.

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Oahu plantation will start grinding Monday.

Panauhau, sales April 27, \$42.87 1/2; \$43.25 asked.

H. C. \$110.25; sales April 27, \$111 asked, \$110 bid.

Certificates were issued to Nahiku stockholders yesterday.

The police department intends to start a crusade against dice gambling.

A notice to the stockholders of the Honokaa Sugar Co. appears in this issue.

The Artillery will be paid off this morning and the boys are happy accordingly.

It is understood that the effort to organize the veteran firemen has "gone by the board."

President Dole will meet the planters again next Monday to discuss the labor question.

The steamer Gaelic is detained by quarantine at Nagasaki and will be six days late in arrival.

One of the Sixth Artillery soldiers on a furlough of a month has secured profitable employment at the Honolulu Iron Works.

The son of Col. Mills, the new garrison commandant here, entered Oahu college yesterday. The new student is 17 years of age.

The sewerage bonds, together with the block refused by F. P. Jones of San Francisco, were disposed of yesterday at one per cent premium.

It is contemplated to start a sugar plantation on land owned by Sam'l. Parker and situated about ten miles from Kawaihae, Hawaii.

H. Espinda, who has been a member of the police force for five years, has resigned his position and will live in Hilo.

At the meeting to be held next week, the \$70 shares of Makaweli are to be declared paid up. For several years the corporation property has been sufficient to warrant this step.

Among the passengers yesterday by the Kinau was F. H. Macdonald, who will assume the position of chief engineer at Kihel. He was formerly foreman of the Honolulu Iron Works.

Rev. Dr. Tubbs, for many years a city missionary in San Francisco, is visiting in Honolulu. Rev. Mr. Tubbs

has been chaplain to half a dozen of the public institutions of "the city."

The British residents will meet soon to discuss plans for celebrating the Queen's birthday.

The field day and debate between Berkeley and Stanford were won by the former. The tennis went to Stanford.

The most notable recent death reported from Manila is that of Col. Stoenburg, First Nebraska, killed in action April 23.

Fourteen of the seventeen Kahuku Japanese charged with rioting, were committed yesterday afternoon. The remaining three were discharged.

C. A. Brown paid quite a fancy price this week for an old Island 5-cent stamp. Mr. Brown has one of the best of the numerous Hawaiian collections.

The F. W. Glades have removed from Kaula and located in Honolulu permanently. They are at present the guests of Rev. Alex. and Mrs. Mackintosh.

The "Oudekirk Green Horse" at the track is creating a sensation every day. The latest starting performance of the animal is a quarter of a mile at a two-minute gait.

The local Quartermaster Department expects that all the transports, with the exception of the Hancock, will stop at this port when returning from Manila with the soldiers.

Gold, in whose case the jury returned a verdict of guilty on Tuesday, was sentenced yesterday to imprisonment at hard labor for life and to pay a fine of \$5. An appeal was noted by counsel for defense.

Candidates for Myrtle and Healan shells and barge crews are being tried every evening now. The captains and members of the boat clubs are taking a great interest already in preparation for the racing.

The Bureau of Agriculture has for distribution packages of seeds of the Ironwood and two varieties of Eucalyptus. These seeds are fresh, having been gathered here this week. One of the varieties of the Eucalyptus, the Robusta, is the best known.

Rev. G. L. Pearson delivered a scholarly and entertaining lecture to the students of Oahu college yesterday morning. The subject was "Literary Attractions of the Bible." All who heard the lecture were much pleased with it.

Rev. T. H. Rouse, who was for several years pastor of the Foreign Church, Makawao, Maui, died March 30, at Belleview, Florida, where he had been pastor for fourteen years, preaching his last sermon on the fiftieth anniversary of his ministry.

HONOLULU STOCK EXCHANGE.

Honolulu, H. I., May 4, 1899.

Table with columns: NAME OF STOCK, Capital Paid, Par, Bid, Ask, and Ed. Lists various stocks like American Assessable, Hawaiian Sugar Co., etc.

Session Sales—\$4000 O. R. & L. bonds, \$103; \$1000 Hawaiian Government 6's, \$101.75.

Outside Sales Reported—Twenty-seven Oahu, \$270; 65 Hawaiian Sugar, \$220.

Quotation Changes—Twenty-seven.

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Returning, will sail from Hilo every Friday at 6 o'clock p. m., touching at Laupahoehoe, Mahukona, Kawaihae, Makena, Maui Bay and Lahaina, arriving at Honolulu Saturday night.

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The Company will not be liable for loss of, nor injury to, nor delay in, the delivery of baggage or personal effects of the passenger beyond the amount of \$100.00, unless the value of the same be declared, at or before the issue of the ticket, and freight is paid thereon. All employees of the Company are forbidden to receive freight without delivering a shipping receipt therefor in the form prescribed by the Company and which may be seen by shippers upon application to the pursers of the Company's steamers.

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FOR JAPAN AND CHINA: FOR SAN FRANCISCO:

Table with columns: COPTIC, AMERICAN MARU, CITY OF PEKING, GAELEIC, HONGKONG MARU, CHINA, DORIC, NIPPON MARU, RIO DE JANEIRO, COPTIC, GAELEIC. Lists dates for various ships.

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