SOCIAL EVENTS

What is Done and Doing Locally.

The Usual Weekly Review of Honolulu Festivities--Whirl of the Town Described.

(From Saturday's Advertiser.)

Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Humphries, after a brief visit to the States, have returned home.

Dr. H. V. Murray will soon depart for Australia, whither he goes for a much-needed vacation.

Miss Amy MacKinnon, sister of S. E. Damon, arrived on the steamship Coptic and will remain in Honolulu for several months.

Miss Juliet King left on Wednesday for Kauai, where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Charles Rice.

Wednesday evening Mr. W. H. Babbitt and Mr. R. W. Shingle gave a dinner in honor of Miss Alice Wall and Mr. Fred C. Smith.

Mrs. C. L. Ashe, mother of Mrs. Harold M. Sewall, arrived in Honolulu on the steamship Australia and will visit her daughter for several months.

Major Marshall W. Wood, who has been connected with the United States military hospital in Honolulu, left on the transport Centennial to assume charge of Jefferson Barracks.

Mrs. Alexander Young will leave for Oakland next month to visit her daughter, Mrs. Joseph L. Howard. Mr. and Mrs. Howard are planning to leave California in the early spring for an extended stay in Scotland, where Mr. Howard will continue his study of medicine.

Miss Jane Dunn, who with her mother and sister visited Honolulu during the summer, was recently married in San Francisco to Mr. Henry Dutton of that city. Owing to the sad death of Mrs. Dunn a few weeks previous, the wedding was very quiet, only the relatives and intimate friends of the family being present. After the ceremony the young couple left for Los Angeles, where they will remain a few weeks before going to Europe.

A goodly number of Honolulu society folk are planning to visit the Paris exposition, which opens in June of next year. Among the first to arrive there will be Mr. and Mrs. William G. Irwin. Mr. Irwin's duties as Commissioner from Hawaii make it necessary for him to be in early attendance at the exposition. Major George C. Potter, the secretary of the Commission, also expects to leave for Paris within a few weeks. Among others who have decided to go are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Waterhouse, Jr., who are booked to leave for the States about the middle of January, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Castle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Hosmer, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. White and Mr. and Mrs. Fred. J. Lowrey.

Tuesday night one of the largest and most fashionable audiences ever gathered together in Honolulu was present at the Opera House to witness the performance of "Faust" by the Boston Lyric Company, ably assisted by Mrs. Annis Montague Turner, the drawing-card of the evening. Among the society people present were President and Mrs. Dole, Minister and Mrs. H. E. Cooper, Minister and Mrs. E. A. Mott-Smith, Mrs. S. M. Damon, Mrs. Harold M. Sewall, Mrs. Francis M. Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. Mountford Wilson, Mrs. H. B. Chase, Mrs. S. G. Wilder, Mrs. Horace Craft, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Wilder, Mrs. F. K. C. Gibbons, Mrs. J. S. Walker, Mr. Richard Ivers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred. J. Lowrey, Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Glade, Mrs. Alexander Young, the Misses Young, Miss Juliet King, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hart, Miss Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. A. Isenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Widemann, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Woods, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCandless, Miss Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Tenney, Mr. W. O. Atwater, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Woods, the Misses Widdifield, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Campbell, Mr. Robert Mien, Mr. F. C. Alexander, Miss N. Alexander, the Misses Walker, the Misses Macfarlane, Mr. Frank Armstrong, Mr. W. H. Babbitt, Mr. R. W. Shingle, Miss Nettleton, Mr. P. Lansdale, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Castle, Mr. Lester P. Scott, Mr. H. M. Mist, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Meier and Mr. A. Mackintosh.

ANOTHER COMMISSIONER.

Colonel Little to "Rush the Passage" of Cullom Bill.

The San Francisco Call has the following interview with Colonel Little, who is enroute to Washington:

Among the distinguished passengers who arrived yesterday from the Islands is Colonel G. F. Little, now at the Palace Hotel. Colonel Little is a resident of Hilo and is on the way to Washington to look after the interests of the American party in the Hawaiian Islands during the passage through Congress of the Hawaiian bill.

When seen last evening Colonel Little said that as a resident of the Islands he had the interests of the people very much at heart, and as an attorney who understood the technicalities of legislation he had been delegated by those known as the American party, or, in other words, those opposed to the Dole Administration, to go to Washington and do his best to rush the passage of the bill through Congress.

The bill as it now stands is not, so says the Colonel, entirely satisfactory to the majority of the people in the Islands. In consequence several amendments will be asked for, and it is expected they will be granted.

The principal of these pertain to citizenship and the land laws. It will be asked that all those residing in the Hawaiian Islands at the time of the overthrow of the monarchy be considered citizens upon taking the prescribed oath; also those having established a residence of one year.

The land laws, it is claimed, give too much authority to the land agent and allow too much latitude for discrimination. These Congress will be asked to eliminate and to substitute the regular land laws of the United States instead.

Congress will also be asked to insert a clause declaring all the commissions vacant upon the passage of the law, thus giving the people an opportunity to express their wishes as to future officials. The only man they have seriously in mind at present is Harold M. Sewall, whom they wish to make Governor. There are many other amendments looking to the securing for the people of the Hawaiian Islands the same form of government enjoyed by the Territories of the United States.

Senator Cullom will introduce the bill, which will be referred to a committee, where it will be fought out.

BELL SYSTEM

Wires and Plugs Have Been Delayed.

Factories Running Night and Day - Ear Telephone Can be Locked on Lever.

"If our switchboard wires and plugs for making connections had arrived on the Australia," said Manager Cassidy, "we would have been able to give our patrons the benefit of our new telephone system during the holidays. We have increased our force on the old system for the holidays, and yet it is difficult for us to make satisfactory connections. Everybody in town is telephoning, and it just keeps us on the jump from morning till night."

Mr. Cassidy states that all the telephone and electric outfitting factories are running night and day in order to supply recent heavy demands for all sorts of material and machinery from Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines and increased wants on the Mainland. It has been next to impossible to ship the wires and plugs so far in order to complete the new system, but the manager expects them by the next steamer. There will also be a shipment of 500 bell boxes, which will be placed above the office telephones. The latter are all to be remodeled to meet the demands of the new service, which will include the removal of the old push-button arrangement.

One feature of the bell box is a patent lever which holds the ear telephone. When this is hanging on the lever, it can be locked in by a simple contrivance, and much annoyance is avoided from users who pay nothing for the privilege of using their neighbor's telephone.

Mr. Cassidy, who has the management of the present system, has had a very large experience in telephone work. Many of the older residents and the newspaper offices in particular will remember the old Bell Telephone Company, which was under his management, as probably the best-working system ever introduced into the Islands. During the lifetime of the Bell Telephone Company it had the reputation of being the best system of short distance telephone service in the world. This was largely owing to Mr. Cassidy's personal supervision of the work. With the introduction of the new methods now adopted by the Mutual Telephone Co., Manager Cassidy expects to surpass the comparative perfection of the old Bell telephone system.

BIG ORDER FOR HONOLULU.

Three Steel Factory Buildings Bought in New York.

At the office of Manning, Maxwell & Moore, manufacturers and dealers in railway supplies and machinery in Liberty street, recently, a railroad man from Copenhagen, a mining machinery dealer from Montana and a sugar and cotton planter from Honolulu strolled in, all within an hour's time. "The man from Honolulu told me the people there were delighted at being able to call themselves citizens of the United States," said Mr. Moore. "Business is booming in Honolulu, and my friend is on to get from American manufacturers three steel factory buildings 300 feet long. They will be made complete in this country and shipped to Honolulu, where they will be set up. Had it not been for annexation no such order woulll have been given, because there was an uncertainty about the future of the Islands before annexation took place. He told me that it was absolutely the most honest community in the world, because a man could not steal anything there and get out of the country with it, on account of the country being so small."—New York Tribune.

Christmas Celebration.

The Sunday school of the Methodist Episcopal Church celebrated Christmas last night by having an old-fashioned Christmas tree, Santa Claus and all. The program, consisting of songs, dialogues and recitations, was probably the best ever given by the school and was highly appreciated by the audience. The usual gifts of books, toys, candies, nuts, etc., were freely distributed to all the children. A liberal offering for Sunday school work in needy places was also given.

IN THE CABINET

Official Business of Yesterday.

Funds for Public Improvements--Hilo Road Board Approved--New Notary Public.

The Cabinet met yesterday morning. There were present President Dole and Ministers Mott-Smith, Young, Damon and Cooper. The minutes of the meeting of December 20th were read and approved.

Voted that the Executive Council advise the President to re-commission Zero Kakina, Esq., district magistrate of Kawaihau, Kauai, for two years from the 14th day of December.

It was voted that the Executive Council suggest to the Minister of Finance, under the circumstances of the large surplus in the Treasury, that he use current funds for the public improvements provided for in the Loan Act and not call for the bonds at present, but that subscribers will not lose their right of precedence whenever the bonds are called for. The foregoing is authorized under section 1 of Act 63, approved on the 7th day of July, 1898.

Voted that a strip of land 60 by 110 feet on the site where the old kerosene warehouse stood be set aside for the purpose of making a tuberculin test of cattle imported from foreign ports.

In the matter of the recommendation of the Survey Department under date of December 13th, that a portion of a piece of land at Kaluaopalena, containing an area of about twenty acres, formerly leased to Allan Herbert and now occupied by him as tenant at will, be used for animal quarantine paddocks, it was voted that the matter be left to the discretion of the Minister of the Interior and he be granted authority to take so much of this lot as may be necessary for the purpose.

Voted that the Executive Council approve of the recommendation of the Hilo Road Board, under date of December 1st, as to the payment of Charles Macfarlan for his expenses in building the road from his lot Ponohawai to Kaumana road, and that as the only fund out of which this can be paid at present is the Hilo Road Board fund, the suggestion is made that the Road Board pay this claim if it can afford from the funds at its disposal the money for such road; otherwise, Mr. McFarlan will have to wait until an appropriation can be made by the Legislature.

Voted that the application of Ng Yuen for a light wine and beer license at Koloa, Kauai, be refused.

Voted that a light wine and beer license be granted to T. I. Blackstad at Hanapepe, Kauai.

Voted that the application of Ng Hing for a light wine and beer license at Hanapepe be refused.

Voted that the Executive Council advise the Minister of the Interior to issue a commission as notary public for the First Judicial Circuit to Mr. Lorrin Andrews.

WEARING JAP WIGS.

Chinese Who Ape Their Kitchen Rivals.

A fad among Chinese house servants, which has not yet struck Honolulu, is thus described in the Examiner:

WANTED—Japanese boy for light housework; must be neat and intelligent. Apply in person Monday morning, — Clay street.

Monday morning found a noisy tribute to the value of "want ads." perched upon the front door steps. A chattering swarm of dusky-skinned boys fought for preference in line and jostled each other about for hours before the door was opened for their reception. Lad after lad was admitted for inspection, only to be turned away for some defect in appearance or deportment. The applicants were well thinned out before "Nugata" bowed himself into the hallway. His vocabulary was limited but his shoes were shined and his hands clean. He was set aside as a possibility and finally engaged. Before a week had passed Nugata's mistress found that she had acquired a domestic treasure. No corners escaped his energetic duster, the front steps were polished like glass and the window panes shone as they never had before. He could brew a palatable cup of coffee, broil a dainty chop and handle a chafing-dish with the skill of a trained chef. But Nugata never spoke of his native land and apparently knew nothing of patriotism. He disappeared mysteriously every evening after his work was done and materialized at the basement door punctually on the following morning. When his training had sufficiently progressed Nugata's mistress decided to give a dinner and show her friends what a jewel she had found. Course after course was served with faultless excellence, and Nugata's triumph was almost complete, when he happened to venture too near the cage of the family parrot. Polly stretched out a hungry claw and scalped the faithful before the entire company. A tightly plaited queue dropped down Nugata's back as he fled from the room. The guests appreciated the joke in a moment and the unfortunate Chinaman was captured and brought back for cross-examination. He pleaded for forgiveness. Was he not a faithful servant? Quite so, but how about the wig and the queue? The queue, he explained, had always stood between him and work. Nobody wanted to employ a Chinaman. He discarded his native garment for an American costume, covered his queue with a wig and found employment within twenty-four hours after adopting the new garb. His explanation was so plausible that his employer accepted it without hesitation and retained him in his position. Investigation discloses the fact that Nugata's example is being followed by hundreds of his countrymen.

A prominent Chinese merchant, the proprietor of large stores on Powell and Taylor streets, where goods of American manufacture are sold, states in an interview:

"I wore a wig for years, partly for convenience and partly for business reasons. I found that people treated me with more respect. The only drawback was that they continually mistook me for a Japanese, which was embarrassing at times. I think the time is coming when all Chinese in America will discard their queues altogether or cover them with wigs. It will open many doors and opportunities to them that are now closed. A Chinaman does not lose cast in his own country by removing his queue. He might in the far interior, but not in the open ports."

"We make wigs by the hundred for Chinese customers," said Mr. Goldstein of Goldstein & Cohen. "They are not hard to fit, but difficult to please. I never inquired their reason for wearing wigs, but I understand it protects them from insult and annoyance. A Chinaman in American costume and with a wig on his head will attract no attention on the street where one with a queue and native garbs will. I suppose we take it as an effort on their part to adopt our dress and customs and so feel disposed to aid them. In South America queues are barred entirely."

M. Duval, the wigmaker, has also turned out many hundred samples of his handiwork for Chinese patrons.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE

The Statement of Some One in New York Quicker Than That of Someone in Honolulu.

Supposing you had a bad back; that is one that was weak, lame or caused you hours of suffering? Sometimes you had headache, and you would feel worn out, listless and played out generally. In such condition what would you most desire? Relief and cure. So would we all and so you can if you will listen to the advice of your neighbors. You may have tried many things without success; perhaps you read of some one in New York who was cured of a similar affection and tried his remedy; The failure may have made you skeptical. What you want in way of proof is the statement of a citizen of your own town, someone you can inquire of how he found relief. Now, that's just the kind of proof we are going to give you here.

Mrs. N. Joseph lives at the corner of Liliha and King streets, this city. She states as follows: "I was troubled for seven months with a lame back, and also suffered from occasional attacks of chills. These various complaints made my condition by no means a happy one, so that I much desired some remedy which would bring relief. This I found in Doan's Backache Kidney Pills, some of which I obtained at the Hollister Drug Co.'s store. I am pleased to say that they gave me not merely temporary but permanent relief and I have not the least hesitancy therefore in recommending Doan's Backache Kidney Pills. They are a good kidney medicine."

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NOW FOR A ROW

Lyrics and Orpheums Fall Out.

Manager Cohen Stops Thompson's Passports and There is Great Pilikia.

(From Saturday's Advertiser.)

There is blood on the theatrical moon. A few days ago Mr. Cohen of the Orpheum and Colonel Thompson of the Lyrics got together and made some sort of an arrangement by which the Lyrics were to play at the Orpheum for a time at popular prices. Then a change came over the spirit of their dreams, for Thompson booked his company for the next Australia. What happened then is best told in the language of the belligerent managers:

"Well," said Colonel Thompson, "it's this way: I had a talk with Cohen about playing at the Orpheum. Negotiations had gone but a little way when I found that the contract was not taking shape to suit me. Then I declined to go further and booked for San Francisco. Mr. Cohen hired lawyers to prosecute and stopped the passports of the Lyric Company. I refused to deal with either the lawyers or their client. Mr. Cohen then presented a certified check of $4,400 to guarantee the Lyrics against loss in case the alleged Orpheum arrangement was carried out. I refused the check, saying the sum wouldn't buy cigarettes for my company. The lawyers then notified me that they would attach my paraphernalia, and I replied by saying that they could take them without process of law. The best lawyers in town tell me the Orpheum has no claim on me that would stand the test of courts."

Mr. Cohen of the Orpheum Theater stated his side of the case as follows:

"Colonel Thompson is going to show at the Orpheum, as I have a contract with him. He feels that his expenses will be greater than what he will get out of it, and he wants to back down. I intend to hold him here if I have to stop his passports and attach his wardrobes and baggage."

It was learned that the contract between the managers was not a written one, but merely a verbal agreement with a memorandum of Colonel Thompson's figures thereon in his own handwriting. Mr. Cohen says the agreement was made in good faith, and that he has had his scene painter prepare new scenes for the expected opera productions, and he himself would be "out" considerable money if the matter fell through. Mr. Cohen says the negotiations have been going on for a week.

It is stated that if the Lyrics occupy Cohen's stage, the Orpheum troupe will play meanwhile in Hilo.

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