

THE BOARD WANTS PAY

Planters Held for Care of Porto Rican.

(From Saturday's daily.)

Responsibility for the care of the Porto Ricans brought here at the instance of the Hawaiian Planters' Association was the question which occupied the attention of the Board of Health at yesterday's postponed meeting. The case in question was that of James R. Cantarilo, a Porto Rican now in the Hospital for the Insane, and who had been taken from one of the steamers laden with laborers some six months ago. The man was committed to the asylum by Judge Wilcox and the Board of Health forwarded a bill for \$24.59 for his care since that time to the Hawaiian Planters' Association. W. O. Smith, as secretary, appeared before the board, having been invited to come, upon a receipt of a letter in which the Planters' Association disclaimed responsibility for the care of the unfortunate Porto Rican.

Both Dr. Cooper and Dr. Pratt stated that the laborer had been taken from one of the Porto Rican ships and was hopelessly insane at the time. The man was placed in charge of the Board of Health representatives, according to the statement of Dr. Cooper, who was present at the time, at the request of Mr. Gilman, who stated that the Planters' Association would be responsible for his care.

"The facts of the coming of these Porto Ricans are different," said Mr. Smith, "from the immigration under the monarchy and republic, when contract laborers were brought to Honolulu from Japan and China. These Porto Ricans come here only with the assurance that they will be given work upon their arrival at a given rate of wages. There is no contract of any kind, and they are free to work for whom they please. Is it fair to you think to hold the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association responsible for their care, or for their expenses if they become insane? There is no contract to give them work, but they can work for whom they please, and are free agents to change their employment whenever it suits them. It is hardly just to hold the Planters' Association responsible for anyone who may become insane."

"A great deal of care was taken in the selection of these Porto Ricans; physicians made a careful examination of them before they left Porto Rico, and out of 3,000 men, one becomes insane. It cost \$200.00 to bring them here, an expense borne by the Planters' Association to aid the agricultural welfare of the country. They were brought to work where they pleased, and are not under the moral control of the planters, and are not under contract to work for any one person."

Dr. Pratt replied that at the time the man was found in an insane condition he could have reported the facts to the immigration inspector, and the man would have been deported on the steamer upon which he had come. However, Mr. Gilman had given assurances that the Association of which he was then secretary would care for the man, and upon that assurance the Board of Health acted. He did not think it right that the Territory should be compelled to pay for the support of the laborers brought here to work upon the plantations.

Dr. Cooper expressed the same view, and is finally decided to defer action upon the matter until Mr. Smith had time to confer with Mr. Gilman. The Porto Rican is still in the asylum.

BOYD BEFORE THE BOARD.

James H. Boyd, Superintendent of Public Works, appeared before the board to confer upon several matters. He reported that he had information from Kona, Hawaii, that pigs were being raised in Hookama and Kilauea, and refused to be vaccinated. He did not think that the industry was conducive to the health of the people of those two villages. The matter was referred to the government physician at Kona.

Superintendent Boyd also requested permission for the department to be allowed to dump garbage upon the Sheridan street property of the Board of Health; the request being granted. He stated also that the garbage service would be extended as far as Metcalf street.

Mr. Boyd also stated that he was doing everything possible to raise money for the construction of the Kowalo drain, but Treasurer Wright had reported no funds available for the purpose, and he could do nothing. President Sloggett called his attention to the great need of the improvement, which Mr. Boyd readily admitted.

"I'd like to ask," said Dr. Moore, "if there is an appropriation made for this purpose?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Boyd, "the legislature can appropriate all it wants, but as long as it fails to provide the money, what can we do? I appreciate the great need of this drainage system, and shall try to get it through. It will always be my endeavor to work in harmony with the Board of Health."

MOLOKAI MATTERS.

The committee on petitions reported unfavorably upon two requests for permission to visit the settlement.

The request of Thomas Fitch that Mrs. Alice Metcalf be allowed to go to Molokai to confer with Mrs. Emma Metcalf regarding a lawsuit instituted recently, was granted. It was conditioned, however, on Mrs. Alice Metcalf remaining in the corral during the interview.

CONTRACTS WERE LET.

Contracts were awarded yesterday for furnishing supplies to the asylum and settlement for the next six months. The Board of Health set a good example in letting contracts when bids were nearly equal, to the firm which specified home-manufactured goods. In one case where the two lowest bidders were tied, the contract was decided by a flip of a coin.

The following were the successful bidders, and the nature of the supply for which they were awarded contracts:

Allen & Robinson, lumber, t. & g. N. W. 1x3 doors, 2x6 by 6x14 inches; nails, galvanized 3d. basis, boiled oil, coal. H. Hackfeld & Co., nails, galvanized 2d. turpentine, baking powder, condensed milk, best grade salmon, coarse salt, tomatoes.

VOLCANO MARSHALL LEAVES ON HANCOCK FOR MANILA

"Volcano" Marshall is now speeding across the ocean to Manila as a passenger on the transport Hancock. The erstwhile journalist, whose chequered career has kept him before the public almost continuously since his arrival in Honolulu about three years ago, has departed for new fields of conquest. It is presumed that upon arrival in the capital of the Philippines he will be taken in hand by his friend C. O. Zeigensuss, formerly of Honolulu, and editor of the Manila American, and given a berth on that paper.

Mr. Marshall went away on the transport Hancock on Wednesday. He had no intention of going away so suddenly, but as an opportunity was offered him for passage on the army transport, Marshall was quick to take the initiative. He went aboard some time before the transport was ready to sail, and there bade farewell to a few friends who came to see him off. The former editor of the Volcano seemed in high spirits over the prospects of entering the field of newspaperdom in Manila, although he expressed regrets at leaving Honolulu.

Mrs. Marshall was asked yesterday concerning her husband's new venture. "Mr. Marshall had not intended going away so suddenly," she said, "but he was given a fine opportunity to go to Manila on the Hancock. He didn't have much time to think over, and so went aboard bag and baggage. I do not know that he has any definite plans for the future. I know that he has had no position offered him on the Manila papers, but he has an old friend there, Mr. Zeigensuss, the editor of the Manila American, and doubtless he will give him an opportunity to write an article occasionally. Mr. Marshall can write, you know, and I think the change from Honolulu to Manila will be good for him. I know that he has ability to write, and feel that he will not be long without something to do."

A few days ago, when the news of California's Feed Company, lime and ham, wheat.

W. L. Hopper, iron piping, rice.

Lewers & Cooke, lumber, N. W. rough 2x4 up and below 2x7, lumber redwood surfaced, battens 2x3 redwood.

Lewis & Co., coffee, green Kona, roasted coffee, charcoal, Milkmaid condensed milk, sugar, raw, soap, bayo beans, baking powder, flour, pork, tea, Eagle condensed milk.

Love's Bakery, medium bread.

May & Co., flour, matches, kerosene oil, salmon.

Metropolitan Meat Co., corn beef, fresh Pacific Hardware Co., sd. nails, mill brooms.

Wilder & Co., shingles, window sash 12 x12 and 20x14.

Every member of the board but Wm. Auld was in attendance yesterday. F. G. Smith attended the first meeting since his return from the coast. Others present were Dr. Sloggett, E. A. Mott-Smith, Dr. James Dr. Cooper, E. C. Dole, Executive Officer Pratt and Secretary Charlack.

NEW MILLS FOR TWO PLANTATIONS

New sugar mills are in the course of construction at the Honolulu Iron Works for the Kohala and Hana plantations companies, and the machinery it is expected will be ready to be set in place by the middle of next summer. The contracts have been let within the past week, and the work upon the series of rolls is at present under way. The usual time consumed in the building of a mill such as those contemplated is five months.

The contracts were let at this time owing to the fact that the shafts for the rolls, which are made of steel, and have to be secured from some mill at least as far East as Chicago, were on hand at the Iron Works. This meant a saving of two or three months in the getting together of the mill, and the result has been that the two pieces of work are now going forward. The machine shop at the works is now working on the turning down of the shafts, and the rolls, which are cast here. The usual time consumed in the building of a mill such as those contemplated is five months.

The general work, which includes, as well, the turning down of the gears and various parts of the mills, is now well under way, and it is likely that it will be necessary to increase the already large force of the Iron Works to meet the demands upon it. The work is all of the heaviest kind, as the rolls for the mills weigh about ten tons each, including the steel shaft and the cast iron jacket. Of these there are nine in each mill. In the Hana mill the rolls are 32 x 60 inches, while in the case of the Kohala mill, the rolls are 32 x 65 inches, the former dimension being the diameter and the latter the length of the roll proper. In the case of the Kohala mill there will be constructed an engine to run the new machinery, but in the Hana mill there is power for the service at the present time. The total weight of each mill is above 200 tons.

A STARTLING TRAGEDY.

How Thomas McCabe Vanished From Mortal View.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The body of Thomas McCabe of Hibernia, was found on Middle Mount, N. J., 200 feet beneath the surface of the earth, at the bottom of a mine hole. McCabe had been missing for more than a week. John Downs was the last man to see McCabe alive. After going to the Rockaway the two men started for Hibernia, deciding to go over the top of Middle Mount. Downs says that when about half-way over he turned around to speak to McCabe, but could see nothing of him, although it was bright moonlight. He started back to find McCabe, but although he wandered around until daylight no trace of the missing man was found. Downs then gave the alarm in the village. Searching parties were organized. Andrew McCabe, teller in a Brooklyn bank, and brother of the missing man, was notified. Andrew McCabe went over the road last traveled by his brother. When near the top of Middle Mount he saw a small hole in the earth. It was not twelve inches across. Where the hole led to no one knew, as the mountain was honeycombed with workings of the old Wharton mine. Some miners as-



the sale of the Volcano was published, it was stated that Mr. Marshall intended going back to Sacramento to join the staff of the Sacramento Bee. There was considerable surprise in town yesterday when it was learned that he had begun his journey thither by getting several thousands of miles further away from the California capital than before.

isting in the search went into the main shaft of the mine, a mile away, and worked a day exploring different passages. At last McCabe called for a rope. He was let down 200 feet. He saw a hand sticking up out of the dirt not far away. He dug the dirt away and soon had disclosed his brother's face. From the position of the body and the character of the hole it is evident that the dead man stepped on a crust of thin earth, which gave way with him.

LATEST HILO RACING NEWS

(Special to the Advertiser.)

HILO, Dec. 26.—On January 1st the greatest mile race ever run in the Hawaiian Islands will take place at the Hoolulu Park track. The starters will be Weller, Carter H. Harrison Jr. and Socialist. There may be some other starters, but they don't count alongside of the three mentioned. They will be closed.

I am of the opinion that Weller will about win, but the other two will give him a race. Frank S. is looking well, and Fierro the same; in fact, all the horses trained by Bob Burns are in fine condition.

Molly Connors will win her genial owner, Bob Ballentyne, a few dollars. Royal Fan is in fine shape, and will be a winner. Acrobat is lame, and I do not think that he will start. It is too bad, for McManus, who had the luck to bring him from Honolulu and will have to go back without a race.

Princess Leotis is in fine shape, and should win a race for that popular racing man, Mr. Arthur Horner. Harness horses are scarce, and there will only be 2:38 and free-for-all races. DR. W. H. JONES.

SPORT IN HILO

Maul Nine to Play Baseball With Locals on New Year's Day

L. W. Haworth, president of the Hilo baseball league, has received notification of the acceptance by the Maul ball tossers of the proposition made by Manager McKenzie to play ball here on New Year's day. The local team will comprise the best men picked from the local players and should be a good one. It will be at Hoolulu on New Year's day at 1 p. m.

The race horses are doing remarkably well and the track is in excellent condition. The recent rains having improved it very much. Socialist and Weller are doing a little work every day and are being put in fine condition. Prince Cupid will take the place of his cousin, Prince David, in the judges' stand. He will come up on Tuesday next with the band and the baseball players from Maul.—Herald.

MAUI NINE.

Names of Valley Island Ball Tossers Who Will Play in Rainy City

The baseball team of the Maui Athletic Association goes to Hilo by the next Kinau to cross bats with the Hilo team on New Year's Day.

The personnel of the Maui nine will be as follows: L. R. Crook, Dr. Boots, W. H. Cornwell Jr., J. Garcia, A. Garcia, J. Gates, T. Kruger, J. Jackson, Geo. Cummings, T. Pickard, J. Pahlia, F. P. Rosecrans, S. Kehinoh.

The names of the members of the team were brought down by Commodore Beckley on the Kinau last night.

Perils of the Rail.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 15.—The Union Pacific, the Colorado and Southern north, and the Burlington east are practically at a standstill as a result of the recent storm in Wyoming and Nebraska. All trains on the Union Pacific are compelled to spend hours in snow drifts waiting for the rotary plows to make openings so they can pass through. To make matters worse, a Union Pacific rotary snow plow pushed by two big combined engines, slashed its way into the rear of a train of deadhead tourist sleepers, near Sherman. The wreckage caught fire and a caboose and nine tourist cars were completely destroyed. The work of clearing the track is slow and the blockade may last for an indefinite period.

SUGAR

WILLIAMS, DIMOND & CO'S ADVICES.

Under date of December 19th, Williams Dimond & Co., of San Francisco, write to their correspondents here as follows:

We had had this pleasure the 14th instant, per Alameda.

Sugar—No changes have since occurred in the local market or for export to Honolulu, prices established 2d instant still being in force.

London Beets—Dec. 16, 78; Dec. 17, 78 3/4; Dec. 18, 78.

London Cable December 15th quotes Java No. 15 D. S. 8 1/2 1901; fair refining, 78 1901; same date last year, 12s 3d, and 11s 3d, respectively. December beets, 78 1/2d, against 8s 4 1/2d corresponding period last year. January beets, 78 1/2d, against 8s 5 1/2d same date last year.

Eastern and Foreign Markets—Sales aggregating 22,500 tons of European beets have lately been made for American account, and the market abroad for a time was favorably influenced in consequence. The advance proved to be of short duration, however, American refiners having since withdrawn from the market, and an easier tone now prevails. The chances of any pronounced improvement in prices in this country are necessarily diminished by the transactions above outlined, since it is apparent that refiners can freely enter the European market when de-

stitute of so doing, and replenish stocks as well as other end, the prospects of legislation to admit Cuban sugar at a lower rate of duty, while not likely to pass before the end of January, or some time in February, according to present indications, are nevertheless so favorable as to give producers there a strong inducement to hold back their sugars until a preferable market opens up. The limited offering resulting therefrom tends to keep prices steady, and the market for raws, according to latest mail advices from New York under date of 15th instant, is quiet and strong at current quotations. Refined is in moderate demand, buyers showing no inclination to make purchases in advance of current requirements.

Duty on Philippine Sugar—The tariff bill presented by the ways and means committee of the House of Representatives, covering trade between the Philippine Islands and the United States, framed in accordance with the desires of the administration, passed the house the 15th instant by a vote of 163 to 128. By the provisions of this bill the Dingley rates on goods entering the United States from the Philippines are imposed, as well as the rates established by the Philippine commission on goods entering the Philippines from the United States. It also provides for collection of tonnage taxes on vessels plying between the United States and the Philippines, and that foreign vessels may ply between these ports until January 1, 1905. The duties and taxes collected under the provisions of the bill shall go into the Philippine treasury to be expended for the use and benefit of the Islands.

Latest Statistical Position—Willett & Gray report December 12th, United States four ports, in all hands, estimated December 11th, 127,550 tons, against 10th, 28,500 tons, against 899 tons corresponding period last year. Total stock in all principal countries, by cable December 12th, at latest uneven dates, 1,937,550 tons, against 1,500,041 tons; increase over last year, 437,509 tons.

Lee Toma & Co., a local tobacco company, saved \$27,000 on three consignments of Manila cigars by the recent decision, which allows the cigars to come in free of duty. They left the cigars in bond, and now have the privilege of removing them without the payment of duty. It is estimated that their consignments aggregated about 450,000 cigars. The company was giving away cigars yesterday to its friends.

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