

ESTATE OF MRS. WICKE

Divided Between Her Children By Will.

(From Thursday's Advertiser.)
 F. Kiam and William Pfothenauer, executors named therein, petition for probate of the will of Johanna Wicke, deceased. The estate consists of real estate, one lot on Alakea street, Honolulu, valued at \$10,000 and personal estate, four shares of Oahu Sugar Co., valued at \$400. The will was executed on April 11, 1904, in presence of F. J. F. Ehlers, C. B. Huston and H. Segelken. After the payment of her just debts and obligations, the testatrix makes the following bequests and devises to her children:

"First. To Meta Deilex, of San Francisco, Cal., four shares of the stock of the Oahu Sugar Co., Ltd., standing in my name and being certificate Nos. 2896 and 3513, or their equivalent value on day of probate;

"Second. To Mary Hoting, of Hanau, Germany, the sum of one dollar;

"Third. To Fred Wicke, of Honolulu, H. T., the sum of one thousand dollars;

"Fourth. To Daniel Wicke, of Honolulu, H. T., the sum of five hundred dollars;

"Fifth. To my daughters Johanna Wicke, Henrietta Wicke and Lizzie Wicke, of Honolulu, H. T., all my property, real and personal, belonging to or owned by me, share and share alike.

"Said cash bequests, above mentioned, shall be payable by my said daughters Johanna, Henrietta and Lizzie Wicke, share and share alike, within three years after my death, with interest at the rate of five per cent per annum from date of probate."

RECEIVER FOR HANA.
 Complainants in the foreclosure suit of Sigmund Greenbaum and Charles Ateschul, trustees, vs. the Hana Plantation Co., M. S. Grinbaum & Co. and Union Trust Co. of San Francisco by their attorneys, Holmes & Stanley, file a motion that E. Worthington of Hana, Maui, be appointed receiver of all the property, real and personal, of the Hana Plantation Co., "with power to make such contracts as he may deem proper for obtaining money to be advanced for carrying on the business of the said respondent, including the usual and necessary outlays thereon for labor, salaries, rents and otherwise, and for the sales of the sugar to be made thereon."

THE PARKER CASE.
 Judge Gear further reserved his ruling until today on the points involved in Mrs. Elizabeth J. Knight's motion to rescind the appointment of J. S. Low as guardian pendente lite of Annie T. K. Parker, a minor.

NO PROPERTY FOUND.
 Execution out of the Supreme Court for \$277.34 in the suit of I. M. Long vs. Frank C. Bertelmann has been returned by Deputy Sheriff Chas. F. Chillingworth wholly unsatisfied, as neither real nor personal property be-

longing to the defendant could be found within the Territory.

SALE CONFIRMED.
 J. A. Thompson, commissioner in the foreclosure suit of Victoria Ward vs. Alapake Kauwe, made a return of sale, with petition for confirmation. The land consisted of one and eight-tenths acres at Kukuluanoo and was bought for the mortgagee for \$350. Judge De Bolt yesterday afternoon confirmed the sale.

NO JURISDICTION.
 Judge Robinson has dismissed, for want of jurisdiction, the petition of Melama of Kaunakakai, Molokai, to be appointed administrator of the estate of his deceased cousin, Kallilopio, who left \$100 in the postal savings bank of the Republic of Hawaii, an institution abolished when Hawaii became a Territory of the United States. According to the petitioner's own evidence Kallilopio died within the Second Judicial Circuit, being at the time of his death a resident of the island of Molokai.

TAX APPEALS.
 Sugar plantation agency cases heard by the Tax Appeal Court yesterday were the appeals of H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., Theo. H. Davies & Co., Ltd., and F. A. Schaefer & Co. H. E. Cooper appeared for the appellants in all cases; Arthur A. Wilder for the assessor. The full court—T. F. Lansing, J. F. Brown and J. R. Galt—sat throughout.

COURT NOTES.
 An order was made by Judge De Bolt, pursuant to decision of the Supreme Court, directing Clerk Kellett to deliver to T. McCants Stewart, attorney for defendant, the certificate of award of the Fire Claims Commission on deposit in claim in the suit of Hyman Bros. vs. Sing Warn, defendant, and W. A. Whiting, garnishee.

In the foreclosure of mortgage suit of H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., vs. W. K. Castle and J. M. Monsarrat, the plaintiff by its attorneys, Kinney, McClanahan & Cooper, has entered a joinder in demurrer with reference to Kapiolani Estate and filed a motion for hearing thereon forthwith.

Henry Holmes, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Elizabeth Weight, deceased, has filed an inventory. It contains real estate consisting of lots 9, 11, 13 and 14, block No. 4 of Kaimuki tract, having an aggregate area of 80,000 square feet, and the following personal property: 21 shares Oahu Sugar Co. and \$593.75 cash in Bishop & Co.'s savings bank at time of the death of testatrix.

Judge De Bolt granted the motion of Castle & Whittington to pay W. A. Wall, surveyor, his July bill for \$287.50 for services as commissioner in the partition suit of M. F. Scott vs. Pilipo et al. A stipulation has been filed by Holmes & Stanley for plaintiff and Chas. Creighton for defendant, in River Mill Co. vs. Esther Goldstein, giving defendant five days more time in which to answer.

Judge Robinson appointed M. T. Simonton, Clem K. Quinn and H. Armistage appraisers of the estate of Annerdria Amoy Hialeale, deceased.

In the suit of trespass on the case, James W. W. Brewster vs. F. J. Church, the plaintiff appears in person and requests that J. Alfred Magoon and J. Lightfoot be substituted for his former attorney.

Judge De Bolt has admitted William H. Heen to the practice of law in the district courts of the Territory and before the Circuit judges at chambers on appeal for the term of two years. An examining committee of the bar had reported favorably on the application of Mr. Heen.

JUSTICE HAD BIG HARVEST ON KAUAI

M. F. Prosser, Assistant Attorney General, returned from Kauai yesterday with his belt full of criminal scalps from Judge Hardy's term. Out of thirty-five criminal cases he obtained twenty-nine convictions. There was one acquittal, two cases were continued, nolle prosequi were given in two, and in one case a mistrial resulted.

There were fourteen convictions for illicit liquor selling. Three witnesses in one of these cases were indicted, tried and convicted of perjury, receiving sentence of one year's imprisonment each, all within forty-eight hours of the commission of the offense. One defendant was convicted of assault with intent to murder and sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor four years. Another was given three years at hard labor on conviction of manslaughter.

AH SANG WAS A SLICK ONE

Ah Sang, the Chinaman who was locked up Tuesday night in order that the police might investigate the character of some alleged crooked transactions confessed yesterday morning and he will have a chance to answer to a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. The Chinaman was arrested by Detective Arthur McDuffie and the particular swindle that caused his arrest was perpetrated on Mrs. C. H. Dickey.

The wily Ah Sang rented a house on Nuuanu Avenue some time ago for his rich father whom he represented as coming from China. In order to relieve a temporary financial embarrassment he borrowed \$20 from Mrs. Dickey giving as security a gold filled watch which had the appearance of a solid one. After the house went empty for some time Mrs. Dickey became suspicious and notified the police with the result that the rich father was found to be a myth. The police say that the man has been guilty of similar swindles before and has served time in the penitentiary.

AS USUALLY TREATED a sprain will disable the injured person for three or four weeks, but if Chamberlain's Pain Balm is freely applied a complete cure may be effected in a very few days. Pain Balm also cures rheumatism, cuts, bruises and burns. For

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

C. M. Cooke, the Retiring President, Gives an Exhaustive Report on Past Year's Operations.

E. D. Tenney, president; F. J. Lowrey, vice-president; J. G. Spencer, secretary and treasurer.

E. F. Bishop, H. A. Isenberg, C. L. Wight, E. I. Spalding, C. Heilmann, W. Lang, W. M. Giffard, F. M. Swanzy, J. F. Morgan, trustees.

The foregoing is the list of officers of the Chamber of Commerce for the ensuing year. They were unanimously elected at the annual meeting of the Chamber yesterday, on the nomination of Fred W. Macfarlane, seconded by F. A. Schaefer. Mr. Lowrey had suggested the name of Joseph G. Pratt as secretary, so as to have an attorney at law in that office, but as Mr. Pratt was not a member and the trustees have power to appoint an assistant secretary the suggestion was not entertained.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

C. M. Cooke, the retiring president, submitted the following report on the operations of the Chamber for the past year:

"Gentlemen: With the close of this year, the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce enters into its majority so far as its incorporation is concerned, our charter having been granted August 25th, 1883. Having now arrived at age, greater activities may naturally be expected as well as larger powers of usefulness for the advancement of the many interests it represents, and in the carrying out of its objects, to foster and encourage commerce, manufacture, horticulture and agriculture; to promote the passing of beneficial laws; to obtain the best possible transportation facilities, both passenger and freight; to attract and interest visitors, and to generally advertise and promote the welfare of the Territory of Hawaii."

"Early in the year, revised laws were adopted, setting forth the above objects and making a number of radical changes, the most important of which is the placing of the government in the Chamber largely in the hands of a board of twelve trustees, divided into the following committees: Finance, Membership, Arbitration, Commerce, Manufacture and Agriculture, Harbor, Shipping and Transportation; Reception and Entertainment. The regular meetings of the Board of Trustees being held monthly, have been found far more satisfactory than holding full membership meetings for the transaction of business as formerly, by regular monthly meetings. Quarterly meetings of the Chamber are now held, when the secretary presents a full report of all transactions brought before the Board of Trustees during the past three months. Since the new laws require the president to present at the annual meeting, a report reviewing the action of the Chamber upon the various matters during the preceding year and making suggestions as to his judgment, the interests of the Chamber may require, it is my apology for repetition of matters that have already been reported by the secretary.

"Seven meetings of the Chamber have been held during the year, three of which were quarterly. Your Board of Trustees have been called to attend eleven monthly and two special meetings. With the committees, they have given much time and consideration to numerous measures, and have made careful investigation before acting on what they deemed best for the welfare of the community.

SUBJECTS CONSIDERED.
 "Among some of the more important subjects that have received attention, are the following:

"Territorial Bonds—Earnest recommendations were passed that Section 55 of the Organic Act be amended to have the redemption of the bonds extended five years, so that such bonds may be made redeemable in not less than ten years from date of issue, and payable in not more than twenty years from date of issue. The same was forwarded to Honorable J. Kalaniana'ole, Territorial Delegate to Congress, for presentation, which course has been pursued with other petitions and resolutions when not forwarded direct to the various heads of departments, or to William Hayward, our commissioner at Washington.

"Lighthouses and Buoys—This vital and important subject has been constantly before your board. The lack of properly lighting the various points on our coast is a menace to navigation. Liberal appropriations are needed not only for the maintenance, but for the establishment of new lighthouses, sites for which have recently been located in various parts of the islands. Continued efforts and assistance should be rendered until the final accomplishment of this measure.

"Extension of the Weather Bureau—Since the construction of the Pacific Cable, it would seem but reasonable that the extension of the United States Signal Service should be brought to these islands. Efforts to this end have been made, and hopes are entertained that this service may be inaugurated in the near future.

"Transportation Service—Persistent endeavors have been made with some degree of success, that Honolulu be maintained as a port of call, and that our merchants participate in the benefits of partially subsidizing the supply of steamers in this service.

"Mail Deliveries—Since our recent negotiations for more frequent mail

service between the mainland and these islands, there has been marked improvement. The subject of the assorting of mails by clerks on regular steamers from San Francisco is at present under consideration. Such action will facilitate prompt delivery of mail on its arrival for Honolulu, and for ports of the other islands.

"Pearl Harbor—Since the completion of the entrance of Pearl Harbor, earnest efforts are being made to obtain further appropriations for developments within the harbor by widening and straightening the channel, such being of the utmost importance to admit steamers for commerce, as well as for naval purposes.

"Harbor Improvements—The Board of Trustees have continually before them, the urgent needs for the improvement of Honolulu Harbor. The appropriations by the Territorial Legislature are inadequate to meet the present demands for dredging and for the construction of new wharves, to accommodate the large steamers now plying between the Pacific coast and the Orient. Still greater harbor facilities will be required in the near future to meet the increasing commerce of the Pacific Ocean. Hilo harbor is in great need of improvement, the construction of a break water being the most essential. Federal government aid by liberal appropriations is of the utmost importance in the development of our harbors.

"Federal Buildings—We have earnestly expressed ourselves, favoring appropriations by Congress, for one or more Federal buildings in the city of Honolulu, commensurate with its importance as a Port of entry for the United States and consistent with its business interests. The same applies to Hilo, for there is a great need of a building for the postoffice, collector of customs and other Federal offices. The Chamber fully endorses the report on this subject made by Hon. W. H. Eustis to the Secretary of the Treasury.

RESOLUTIONS.
 "Your Chamber placed on record a resolution of its appreciation of the services of Honorable Sanford B. Dole, as chief executive of the Government of Hawaii for a period of more than ten years, and of the conviction that his career in the high judicial position to which he has been appointed, will be no less distinguished.

"A resolution was passed, asking Congress, for the modification of the existing Navigation Laws with reference to passenger travel between this port and the Pacific coast.

"Since the number of American ships is inadequate to carry the products of the newly acquired Territories to the Mainland ports, a resolution was adopted requesting Congress to offer protection through a bounty for a reasonable period, to encourage American ship-builders, and also to enact laws to secure American marines protection in foreign countries.

"A resolution approving the Lodge Bill, the object being to recognize the Consular service of the United States, strictly on the lines of the 'Merit System', for the specific purpose of making that department of our government a powerful aid to manufacture and commercial interests.

"Resolutions with regard to Forest Reserves, upon government lands, pertaining to their management, and fully endorsing the policy proposed by Giffard Pinchot, chief of the U. S. Bureau of Forestry, were favorably acted upon.

"The report of the Committee on Commerce, Manufacture and Agriculture regarding the importation of pests into the Territory, received considerable attention and was finally submitted to the Territorial Board of Agriculture and Forestry.

ENTERTAINMENT.
 "Your Entertainment Committee joining with a committee from the Merchants' Association, organized a series of sports for Admiral Evans's fleet, while in Honolulu. The same committee also arranged and provided entertainment for the Honorary Board of Commissioners to the World's Fair, at St. Louis, from the Philippines, by a number of excursions, also a lunch and an evening reception. The members of the Commission seemed to highly appreciate what was done during their stay, as was indicated by a letter received from their executive secretary.

PROMOTION, ETC.
 "Hawaii Promotion Committee.—The attention of your Trustees has been given to the various reports of this important work. The Hawaii Promotion Committee is composed of joint committees of the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association, two members from each organization, the four appointing a fifth member. An appropriation by the legislature for advertising the islands, amount to twenty thousand dollars was secured, and over one-half of this amount has already been at the disposal of the committee for this purpose. Subscriptions have also been secured from corporations and business houses for the encouragement of tourist travel to these islands, and \$12,500 has been provided by the Chamber for the same purpose. The work has been well planned and energetically carried out, but the results have been somewhat disappointing. Some hopes however are entertained that the extended advertising of Hawaii will soon attract not only tourists, but a public action, and result in, to these islands.

"Panama Canal.—The action of the United States Government in commencing the construction of the Panama Canal, will be of very great importance to Hawaii, commercially. The fact of there not being sufficient U. S. tonnage to carry our sugar crops via Cape Horn to New York, has given us much concern, but the opening of the canal means ample service, as well as increased trade.

"The Board has devoted time and thought to matters pertaining to government, such as to its financial condition, county bill, and the advisability of an extra session of the legislature. The Committee on Legislation and Public Improvements has had frequent conferences as well as extended correspondence with the Governor, calling attention to, and asking his assistance in advancing any measures of vital importance, not only to our commercial interests, but for promoting public health and other benefits.

FACTS OF PROGRESS.
 "It is well to record the development and extension of lines of the Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land Company, that have been made during the past twelve months, and the able service this company renders. The importance and convenience of rapid transit about the city is certainly a great help to its commercial interest. The service and the well equipped cars are a source of surprise to those visiting our shores.

"Since the establishment of the Pacific cable, its importance not only to the business community, but to the general public, has grown daily. Too much praise can hardly be given to Mr. Clarence M. Mackay and associates for what they have done in thus advancing Hawaii's best interests.

MINOR INDUSTRIES.
 "Business, Crops and Minor Industries.—The lack of prosperity in so many branches of trade during the past year, is recorded with deep regret. Efforts have been made to devise ways and means for the improvement of business generally, but without the hope for results. Although there has been a shrinkage in the sugar crop of 1904, this shortage is likely to be made up in part, by the late advances in the world's prices. The valuation of stocks of all kinds, as well as prices for real estate, have been in sympathy with such depression.

"The cultivation of coffee has of late years been so discouraging that in the early part of the year, a memorial to Congress was forwarded with the earnest request that a duty be placed on coffee imported into the United States, or that assistance be rendered by payment of a bounty on all coffee grown on the United States island possessions, for a period of ten years, as recommended by the Sub-Committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico.

"Increased attention is being given to a number of small industries. The raising of fruits and canning of pineapples for shipment, is meeting with success.

"Sisal may be said to have passed the experimental stage and is likely to become one of importance in our list of exports. The recent establishment of a tannery is hoped to be a forerunner of other new industries.

"We have lost by death during the year our esteemed fellow citizen and member, Hon. Henry Waterhouse.

"In closing, I would call the attention of the members of the Chamber of Commerce, to the importance of individual responsibility in bringing to the Board of Trustees, any matters concerning the public welfare, and especially those in connection with our commercial interests. I beg here to express my personal thanks to the various committees for the able manner they have served the Chamber and for their hearty co-operation and support, and also to those of the press who have assisted us by their support in advancing measures undertaken by the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce."

REPORT OF TREASURER.
 The secretary's report showed that the Chamber of Commerce had 67 members at the close of the year just ended. In his capacity of treasurer, Mr. Spencer reported:

Receipts—Balance on hand August 1, 1903, \$2,025.65; received for dues and entrance fees, \$2,836; received from Honolulu shipping agents, \$12,000; total, \$14,861.65. Disbursements: Telephone, \$18; postage, messengers and hacks, \$22.94; attorney's retainer, \$200; cablegrams, \$24.46; typewriting and engraving, \$79.93; printing and stationery, \$98.10; advertising, \$31.00; photographs and albums, \$69.75; entertainment, \$213.60; paid Hawaii Promotion Committee, \$12,000; total, \$12,968.88. Balance on hand, \$3,892.77.

U. S. PRESIDENTIAL TERM.

The committee on the Chicago circular with reference to the Presidential term reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu places itself on record as endorsing the plan of extending the Presidential term to six years, with no re-election, upon the grounds that Presidential campaigns are now too frequent, putting the country in a state of turmoil and uncertainty and entailing enormous expense to business interests to the detriment of both labor and capital, and further that the President having no re-election to look forward to will enjoy a greater independence in performing the duties of his high position, and

"Resolved, That this Chamber of Commerce favors an amendment to Section 1 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the United States to effectuate the above plan."

Some time ago Dr. Gott, now Bishop of Tuvalu, was travelling on the Under-ground Railway in London, according to "The Outlook." One of his fellow passengers was a religious man of the aggressive type, always anxious for the soul of others, but wearing nothing in the way of a white tie to make known the fact to the world at large. Quoth the enthusiast, "Where are you going to?" Dr. Gott, with his gentle manner, answered, "To Victoria," to which his companion replied, "To go to heaven?" "No, I hope, sir," said the future bishop, "but I'm going to the Victoria."

JUDICIARY BUILDING

An Account of Some Patchwork Done Therein.

(From Thursday's Advertiser.)
 Judge Gear had a talk with Chief Justice Frear yesterday regarding a place to hold the criminal division sessions of the September term in, owing to the unsafe condition of his courtroom. The Supreme Court chamber, the floor of which was lately repaired, may be given for the purpose, but nothing is decided. The Chief Justice facetiously suggested that Judge Gear have his chair suspended with chain cables to the ceiling and thereby relieve the floor of a few hundredweight.

The condition of the Judiciary Building is an old story. Eighteen or twenty years ago the late C. T. Gulick, as Minister of the Interior, begged the Legislature for means of repairing the structure where it was developing weakness. He spoke of its foundations as having been laid in a black sand deposit.

When the Provisional Government forces were using the rear of the old legislative chamber, where the U. S. District Attorney's office is now located, for barracks in 1893, two soldiers enjoying a siesta had a narrow escape from being pulverized in bed with the fall of half a ton of plaster. On the floor above was then the law library containing many tons of books. A hurried examination showed that the joists beneath that great weight were thoroughly honeycombed with the ravages of insects and the library was removed to the quarters of the old Government library at the opposite end of the building, where it became permanently established.

Within the past year an examination was made of the floor of the main courtroom upstairs, now occupied by the Supreme Court and it being found in an extremely unsafe condition was repaired. Attention had been called to the weakness of that floor years previously, yet an awful disaster was deferred until after term of the Circuit Court, when several hundred people would be assembled upon it, until acute symptoms of impending collapse were observed in the ceiling of the Federal courtroom beneath.

Another piece of patching was done in the building several years ago when the wooden balcony on the Queen street side was replaced with concrete on iron joists. Also, within a few months past, a fireproof vault for probate records was built in the space previously occupied by a side corridor leading to the rear balcony and to the chief clerk's office. All sorts of alterations in rooms for civil and judiciary offices, on both floors, have been made from time to time, doorways sometimes having to be hacked through concrete walls.

One stairway affords the only communication between the first and second floors. Lately, while a safe was being hoisted up the stairs on skids the stairway was blocked for about two hours, Chief Justice Frear, on that occasion, was one of a few who accepted the risk of going downstairs in front of the safe while it was stuck balancing on a plank at the landing, with smooth planks covering the stairs at the sides. A break or slip of the tackle would have brought the ponderous article crashing to the bottom with sure death to anybody in the way.

There are signs of structural weakness to be seen on the exterior near the front entrance of the building. The age and the history of the Judiciary building would suggest having it thoroughly examined by a board of experts before any large amount of money is expended upon repairs other than temporary ones to make it safe for its present purposes, until the whole subject of Territorial buildings at the capital can be settled.

Should it be decided that the walls are good for fastening a remodeled interior to, the repairs ought to be made on a modernized plan. This would include an electric elevator in the tower, besides an ample stairway at each end, the clock to be raised to the highest floor of the tower and passengers landed there with only one flight of stairs to climb. There is a superb view from the top of the tower, which could be made one of the first attractions to tourists simply by making it easily accessible.

LOCAL STATESMEN IN CONFERENCE

(From Wednesday's Advertiser.)
 An important conference was held in the executive chamber of the Capitol yesterday afternoon between Governor Carter, Secretary Atkinson and a number of citizens, which had for its purpose the campaign policy of the Republican party during the coming campaign.

At the meeting were Chairman Crabbe of the Central Committee, National Committeeman A. G. M. Robertson, Attorney-General Andrews, chairman of the Fourth District Committee; District Chairman Vida of the Fifth District, J. A. Gilman, E. Faxon Bishop, W. R. Farrington, T. McCants Stewart and others.

Among matters discussed were the Republican platform, the length of the campaign, methods to be pursued, features in some before the convention to be held at Hilo on September 1, and not, but not least, the harmonizing of the party.

Dr. C. B. Reynolds is building a cottage on his Mauna Kea property, opposite Mr. Montano's place.