

NATIONAL POLITICS

Outlook as Seen by Advertiser Man At Capital.

(Mail Special to the Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 22.—The wheels of government in this city are now nearer a standstill than at any other time of the year. Officially the city is well nigh deserted. There will not be a complete return till after the November election, because of so many officials going away to participate in the struggle in their home states.

There has been a perceptible decline in the virility of the Democratic campaign, since my last letter of about a month ago on politics. But, none the less, the Republicans are active in every field. Things have improved for them materially. Chairman Cortelyou and other staunch friends of the President have succeeded in winning over to the latter's support nearly all the large financial influences in New York. Where it was supposed the great corporations would herd with Parker and contribute money for his support, the contrary is found to be true. This has given the Republicans much additional courage and when the President left here a few days ago he was in the mountain tops of jubilation over his prospects for election. Good judges agree with him over the prospects, although it is still almost three months before the election and a good many things might happen in that time.

Financially the Democrats are having hard sledding, to use an old New England expression. They will apparently have enough money to carry on their organization but they will have to economize. The Republicans will by no means have as much money as they had four years ago, but they will be bountifully supplied and will not have to count the cost too closely whenever they want to embark on any particular campaign venture. All the indications tend to show that Chairman Cortelyou has been very clever in bringing influences to bear upon the important business organizations to support his political chief in this campaign. He has said almost nothing for publication and has been quietly pecking away, while Democrats were making light of his abilities. One of the latest words is that Mr. Cortelyou has been working successfully with the great railroad corporations, which traverse the pivotal state of Indiana and persuaded them to support Roosevelt and Fairbanks, in preference to the Democratic ticket named at St. Louis, Indiana is probably Republican anyway but such an accession is important.

The first elections to be held since the Democrats came together in the St. Louis convention will be in New England early in September. One of these elections will be in Vermont, Sept. 6, about the time this letter should reach Honolulu. The other will be held in Maine a week later, September 12. The elections in both states are for local officers and members of Congress. There is no doubt whatever of the Republicans being triumphant in both states but the parties are making the hottest kinds of fights, the Republicans for large majorities, so as to encourage the rest of the country and the Democrats to keep the Republican majority down, so as to encourage the Democrats to make a fight to win in November. Heavy orators of both parties are now touring in both states. Chairman Cortelyou has directed cabinet officers to proceed to New England and to speak for the cause. The Democrats, on the other hand, have drawn their best men from Massachusetts, New York, and Indiana to tour the principal cities and towns in Maine and Vermont.

Both elections will be of great significance to the parties now struggling for the Presidency. Anything under 25,000 majority in Vermont will be reckoned as a Republican defeat. In presidential years gone by it is a coincidence that every time the Democratic majority at state elections has been less than 25,000 the country has gone Democratic in the following November. Anything below 20,000 Republican majority in Maine will be interpreted as a Democratic victory. As the population of both states has remained pretty nearly stationary for the last twenty years, the drift of sentiment is more accurately gauged in both states by these gubernatorial votes than would be the case in states where the population was shifting or recruited by immigration.

The Vermont and Maine Republicans both admit that they do not hope this year for anything like the majorities that their states gave in 1896 and 1900. That is because the Gold Democrats have returned to the fold and being generally moneyed men and men of influence in their respective communities will help get the Democratic vote to the polls. In the last two presidential campaigns the Democratic vote in both states has been left to itself and a great many stayed at home. For its significance as to the general drift of opinion and for the indications as to how generally the gold men have come back and the silver men are staying with the party, the Vermont and Maine elections will be watched very closely for signs. If the Republican majorities are comparatively small, the Democratic campaign for the Presidency will take on a great impetus. The floating vote will swerve Democratic ward and Parker's chances will improve immensely. The same will be true of the Republicans, if the majorities in Maine and Vermont come anywhere near what they were four years ago.

PARKER A DISAPPOINTMENT.

It seems to be pretty generally conceded that Parker's speech of acceptance disappointed his party friends. Of course the Republicans said from the first that it was weak and inept and the Democrats that it was strong and patriotic. But Judge Parker was unfortunate in having the entire country in suspense for his political views and expecting to be thrilled thereby, just as

many were by the telegram to the St. Louis convention. The Democratic campaign has appeared to lag from the day his speech was delivered. Thereafter J. Pierpont Morgan allowed it to be known that he should support Roosevelt and not long afterwards it became known that the Rockefeller's were of the same mind. It soon leaked out that the Democrats were having a harder time getting money for campaign purposes than they had anticipated and that "Blue Eyed Billy" Sheehan, not National Chairman Taggart, was the man who had to be seen in New York if important party matters were to be decided.

Without doubt the Democrats will get a fresh start again later on notwithstanding that some have predicted their campaign was going to pieces and would be hardly better organized than was the Bryan campaign of 1900. Some very careful investigations show that the Gold Democrats have come back to the party in New York. Roosevelt has been getting accessions of influential men from the Democrats to a degree and the Democrats, too, have been getting accessions of influential Republicans. As far as the newspaper accounts can be depended upon these recruits are about a standoff between the two parties. The Republicans are trying to prove that the radical Bryan men will not support Parker. Thus far no convincing proof of that has been adduced. The Republicans are strenuously encouraging the Watson and Ribbles populist ticket, furnishing them with money and arranging Watson's itinerary on the stump. They regard that as good politics in the hope of drawing support from the Democratic ticket more than from their own.

The belief still prevails that New York state is very doubtful and that, if Tammany will bury the hatchet and get to work enthusiastically for the ticket, the state will vote Democratic. But as has been pointed out the state of New York can go Democratic without defeating Roosevelt. As things look now New York is about the only state in the list of debatable states, where Democrats have anything like good prospects. The trend has been against them in Indiana, while Connecticut, New Jersey, and West Virginia have been looking up for the Republicans.

ERNEST G. WALKER.

BITS OF GOSSIP FROM THE LONDONERS

COWES, Isle of Wight, Aug. 20.—Life aboard or about yachts at Cowes during regatta week has had a lasting effect upon society. Instead of returning home after the yacht races many fashionable people have gone to sea. Consuelo, Dowager Duchess of Manchester, set this fashion when she announced her intention of taking a long cruise, though she goes more for the sake of her health than for enjoyment. As she has been suffering lately from nervousness and general weakness, her physicians have ordered complete rest and change of scene. Mr. Vanderbilt's yacht was placed at her disposal, and with a select party, which includes Mrs. Jack Leslie, she is cruising about the Mediterranean.

ARMOUR'S YACHT ON CRUISE.—Mrs. John L. Mott, who was hostess on Allison V. Armour's steam yacht Utowana at Cowes, also is on a cruise. Before starting she went to London, and remained there some days replenishing her wardrobe, after which she and some friends boarded the Utowana at Portsmouth.

Great things are expected from her when she returns for the winter season. The fact that her introduction to King Edward was under the auspices of Mrs. Leslie immediately gave her a high social standing.

A. J. Drexel was the only one of the American yachting contingent at Cowes to desert his ship. He has gone to Marienbad to cement the friendship King Edward has displayed for him.

LONDON LIFE AT LOW EBB.—LONDON, Aug. 20.—Mid-August marks the lowest ebb of the London life, and the British metropolis at present is dull and eventless as it possibly could be. Whole streets of private residences are barred and shuttered, the park is deserted, Bond street, Piccadilly and Regent street are without their usual crowds, though by no means empty, for country cousins and American and continental visitors are to be found shopping there in numbers. One hears French and German spoken on every side, while what Londoners now call the "Chicago accent" is quite common. Another unmistakable sign of the dog days is the amount of street repairing in progress. One-half the Strand is in a state of upheaval, also the roadway fronting the National Gallery, Oxford and Piccadilly circuses, Constitution Hill and dozens of other well-known thoroughfares.

THEATERS ON DULL TIMES.

Only half a dozen theaters are open and, with the exception of "Veronique" at the Apollo, which is crowded nightly, none of them is doing a prosperous business. In a new musical comedy, to be produced shortly at the Comedy Theater, with Seymour Hicks in the cast, the music of H. E. Haines and Evelyn Baker will be supplemented by three American songs. Being asked what he considered the reason for the popularity of American songs in London, Mr. Hicks said:

"I can only say that American composers have a faculty of striking the public with bright melody. The American songs which I have introduced into musical companies generally have become popular, but of course it must be remembered that owing to the business arrangement I have with Charles Frohman I have the pick of practically all that are in the American market. "The Festival of Jan," a romance for the orchestra, by E. S. Converse, an American composer, was produced at a grand concert the other evening, and created a good impression. Benson, Smith & Co. Ltd. Agents for Hawaii.

SEPTEMBER TERM OPENS

Disqualification Leaves Yesterday's Attendance Too Few Jurors to Charge.

(From Wednesday's Advertiser.)

The case of the Territory vs. E. Vivian Richardson, charged with embezzlement of funds of the Water Works department, has, by consent of counsel, been continued until next January's term of court.

The trial of E. S. Boyd, charged with embezzlement of the funds of the Land Commission, is set for Friday, September 23.

Besides these defendants others in court when Judge Gear opened the September term of the Circuit Court yesterday morning, were Stephen Mahaulu, chief clerk for E. S. Boyd, former Land Commissioner, charged with the same offense as his superior; Enoch Johnson, alleged gross cheat; F. J. Testa, charged with libel; Solomon Meheula, former clerk of the House of Representatives, alleged gross cheat; Daniel Kamal Kahill, manslaughter; Kansiro Hayashida and Liu Lock, charged with murder. Forty-seven cases in all constituted the criminal calendar and the court room was crowded with attorneys, officials, jurymen, spectators and prisoners.

After disqualification and excuse only eleven of the twenty-seven on the panel remained for the grand jury with nine on the petit jury. Enough names to raise the original number to fifty were placed in the jury box by order of the judge, eleven being drawn to serve with the original eleven. These will report this morning and it is thought the grand jurors will be charged. Among those excused yesterday was William Prostige, stage carpenter at the Orpheum, who claims to be a British subject but is a National Guardsman, and may be asked to account for the inconsistency which the Attorney General thinks exists. Several were excused for lack of familiarity with the English language.

The case of the Territory vs. P. O'Sullivan, liquor selling on Sunday, comes up this morning at ten o'clock.

After the calling of the criminal calendar Judge Gear proceeded with the jury trials. That of Solomon Meheula has been set for Monday the 26th inst. The case against Enoch Johnson has been passed for the present, argument is to come upon a motion of Attorney Ashford to withdraw his client's plea of not guilty and plead a former conviction. Deputy Attorney General Prosser will oppose.

The case of the Territory vs. F. J. Testa, libel, comes up today. The case of Stephen Mahaulu is set for October 17, his attorney, W. T. Rawlins, being a member of the Registration Board. Araki assault and battery, is for like reason set for the same date.

Cheo Lee, inebriate, forfeited his bail. Chang Chung, malicious injury, October 2. Hayashida, murder first degree, September 12. Kansiro, murder first degree, passed for present. Dengiro, same charge, October 5. Franca, liquor selling without license, September 12.

PROPERTY PARTIIONED.

A decision in a suit for partition brought by Mrs. Francis Keating on the division of property belonging to her deceased husband was yesterday handed down by Judge De Bolt. Under his ruling three-fourths of the property go to the plaintiff and one-fourth to Francis Keating. M. D. Monsarrat is appointed by the court as administrator to see the court's decision carried out. The property in partition lies in Nuuanu Valley.

SEATTLE EVIDENCE.

An order was yesterday issued in the Parker Ranch case for a commission to issue for the examination of Mrs. T. W. Carter, now in Seattle. Attorney E. Ward Kemp is to take the evidence which will bear on the alleged infidelity and addition to strong liquors of her husband.

EWA CHEMISTS NOW MANAGERS ABROAD

EWA PLANTATION, Sept. 5.—Dr. Philman, who was chemist at Ewa in the late nineties, is now manager of a plantation in Porto Rico. His successor at Ewa, Richard Putnam, died of consumption at Denver, Col., last February. J. C. Penny, who succeeded Mr. Putnam and resigned from Ewa last year, is now manager of a large plantation in Mackay, Queensland.

Up to date Ewa has made 29,000 tons of sugar this year. Ewa has about one month's grinding yet with a single mill, as most of the men are now planting cane.

BILIOUS COLIC PREVENTED.

Take a double dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as soon as the first indication of the disease appears and a threatened attack may be warded off. Hundreds of people who are subject to attacks of bilious colic use the remedy in this way with perfect success. For sale by all Dealers and Druggists. Benson, Smith & Co. Ltd. Agents for Hawaii.

SCHOOLS ALL OPEN WELL

Yesterday's Attendance Shows An Educational Boom.

(From Wednesday's Advertiser.)

A feeling of general satisfaction reigned in the Board of Education yesterday not only with the officials in charge but shared by the principals of the various schools who came in to report.

Miss Rose Davison, Superintendent Atkinson's efficient aide, beamed as she said: "Not one single complaint this time. Every child was seated though the attendance is on the increase. Both parents and children are contented and such a state of affairs is practically an educational millennium for Hawaii." Much of this happy condition has been brought about by the hard work of Miss Davison during vacation in providing seats and opening up rooms, while at one school an extra teacher had to be provided.

The schools were well attended at their opening yesterday. Parents were prompt about sending their children, and the general value of education seems to be more and more fully appreciated this year than ever, though evidence of increased interest has been shown the last two years, culminating in a wave of desire to acquire merit by learning that bore down yesterday morning on the schools of Hawaii.

The increase of scholars has been universally large, parents having in many cases booked their children beforehand and on the other islands of the group conditions are believed to be the same. Kaahumanu school had 540 pupils, Kalulani 509 and Punaluani, to be moved into the New Royal school in some four weeks 139. At the High school every seat was taken and every child accommodated.

Professor Woods of the Practice and Normal schools has only optimistic reports to make. Two hundred and fifty were in the Practice school from 40 to 45 in a grade, with 110 in the Normal school. What proved most encouraging was the fact that the higher classes usually more sparsely attended than the lower, had yesterday the larger proportion, a reversal of the usual order of things that shows that the pupils are coming to these schools more fully prepared than before and that school work generally is improving with the growing desire for education.

This last condition is marked among the Portuguese, hitherto somewhat delinquent as to the advantage of learning. The Royal school opened yesterday with a full attendance. Mr. True, of Pearl City, who has had a wide experience in the schools of San Francisco and Miss Birt, an island teacher, have been added to the staff. Mrs. Alice Brown, well known in musical circles here, will have charge of the music.

Mr. Low, who has charge of the school in the absence of Mr. Mackintosh, has added an aplary to the manual department where the boys will be taught the culture of bees. The teachers speak highly of the excellent work which is being done by the contractor on the new building. The Royal school will have an attendance of about a thousand pupils by the first of next year.

DEIVIDED COUNSEL

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GRAND JURY CHARGED.

As a result of the second draft on the jury list the following grand jurors appeared yesterday morning and, being briefly charged as to their functions by Judge Gear, proceeded to the discharge of their duties:

- A. A. Dunn, R. H. Worrell, John Coffee, Albert Trask, Henry Cook, J. J. Egan, A. S. Robertson, John Andrews, E. L. Dortch, J. D. Tucker, E. O. K. East, H. R. MacFarlane, Jr., Fred. Turritt, E. R. Bivens, Alexander Lyle, D. H. Davis and William Dunbar.

INTERPRETER WANTED.

Just as Judge Gear was ordering the noon recess, Deputy Attorney General Peters came in and asked for the appointment of a Japanese interpreter for the grand jury. Chester Doyle had helped to obtain the evidence in Japanese cases and was therefore not available. Judge Gear did not know where to get a good man. He was sorry to be deprived of Doyle's services. Miki was suggested, but the court would not accept anyone connected with the police. Doyle mentioned Ono, but when he said he was more or less connected with law offices Judge Gear would not have him. It would not do. Some Porto Ricans had been let off after conviction on account of misunderstanding about evidence.

Mr. Peters obtained the temporary services of Editor Shiozawa in the afternoon, that gentleman having consented to see the Government through a pinch, for the case then under consideration only.

At 5 o'clock, for want of a Chinese interpreter, the grand jury adjourned until to-morrow morning.

DISCHARGED BY DEATH.

A discharged member in the first degree was stricken from the calendar by order

of Judge Gear, on motion of Assistant Attorney General Prosser, because of the defendant's death. The man was Liu Lock, indicted for killing Lam Tshung Chin, an insurance clerk in the office of W. G. Irwin & Co. He died of heart and lung trouble while awaiting trial from the June term.

The crime was committed on June 22. Liu Lock went to Chin's house in the evening and, the owner being out, waited for him under a tree in the yard. When Lam T. Chin returned the two had a conversation outside for a few minutes and then Liu Lock was invited into the house. He was asking Chin to endorse a note for him which Chin refused to do. As Lam T. Chin went to the middle of the room to push the center lamp up, Liu Lock fired into his body and another bullet on reaching the veranda, running into Ach's lane he was again shot and fell to the ground. As the shooter then retreated he fell into the hands of Henry Mossman, deputy high sheriff's clerk, who arrested him. Before the shooting Liu Lock told Lam T. Chin, in presence of the latter's wife, that he intended to kill both him and Lee Chew, president of the Oahu Lumber & Building Co., if they would not endorse his note. There were five eye-witnesses of the shooting. The indictment charged Liu Lock with wounding his victim in the right side of the chest, in the stomach and in the abdomen, averring that the wounds in the chest and abdomen were mortal and caused Lam Tshung Chin to die at Honolulu on the 22nd day of June, 1904.

CIVIL CALENDAR.

At 10 o'clock this morning Judge Robinson will call the even-numbered cases on the September term calendar, from No. 152 to No. 360 both inclusive. Causes will be called for having them set down as ready for trial or for other proper disposition.

ESTATE HAS GROWN.

M. T. Simonton filed a master's report on the account of Cecil Brown, guardian of the person and estate of Mary Alice Porter, a minor. The income account showed \$3006.07 received and \$2230.94 disbursed. From income account \$1900 was transferred to principal account for investment and with \$400 received in payment of a note made \$1500, which was invested. Mr. Simonton shows from the records that since Mr. Brown was appointed guardian of the minor on April 30, 1900, the principal of the estate has increased \$4576.26 net. "This clearly shows," the master says, "that the guardian has exercised great care in the investment of the funds of his ward." The principal is now \$16,911.73. Judge Robinson has approved the report.

JAMES KING'S ESTATE.

W. C. Crook Jr., administrator of the estate of James King deceased, has filed an inventory of assets. There is real estate consisting of one-sixth of two-thirds interest in property left by the late Hon. J. A. King, father of deceased, \$852.78 being the total of such one-sixth interest, and personal property consisting of cash from court \$221.99 and cash from J. Lightfoot \$901.73, a total of \$1123.72, making the aggregate value of assets \$1976.50.

COURT NOTES.

Judge De Bolt granted a divorce to Lilia Akina against John Akina on the ground of non-support, ordering libelnee to pay costs and a counsel fee of \$50. W. L. Whitney appeared for libellant. Libelnee made no appearance.

C. W. Ashford has entered a demurrer for defendant in the suit of H. G. Middlethick, trustee in bankruptcy of Chas. F. Herrick Carriage Co., vs. David Kawanakoa.

Moriwaki Ichijiro vs. Fred. Harrison has been discontinued by J. M. Vivas, plaintiff's attorney. It was an appeal from judgment for plaintiff for \$29.05 in the Honolulu District Court.

Frank Andrade has entered appearance as attorney for libelnee in the divorce suit of Laura Elizabeth Warren vs. Henry Robert Warren.

William A. Kinney has entered a joinder in demurrer in his libel suit against Samuel Parker. His attorneys are Henry E. Cooper, S. H. Derby and Robertson & Wilder.

ASYLUM BUILDINGS AND OTHER BIDS

Tenders for Insane Asylum buildings were opened at the Public Works office as follows:

- American-Hawaiian Engineering & Construction Co., section 5, \$3068; section 6, \$1575; section 7, \$47816; section 8, \$55,000.
- Concrete Construction Co., section 6, \$2545; section 7, \$59,080.
- John Neill, section 6, \$2,100.
- Honolulu Wire Bed Co., for mosquito screens and crimped wire guards, \$2,400.

Following are the bids for bridge and abutments, respectively, at Kalaialu, Koolauoko:

- J. Mansfield \$ 691 \$ 850
- Lord & Belser 799 895
- John C. Pleanco 924 503
- Silva & Correa 1535
- A. A. Wilson 1835 935

Hustace-Peck Co. Ltd. was the only bidder for hauling cast iron water pipe and specials, viz.: \$1.80 a ton for 18-inch and 95 cents for 8-inch and 6-inch pipe.

Wished to Die.

Considerable excitement was created on the transport Sherman yesterday afternoon by an insane soldier who tried to commit suicide. The man was confined in the hospital and had his hands tied. In some manner he escaped the guard and dashing to the rail jumped into the water thirty-five feet below. Some native men working on a row saw the man jump and called to the guards. While they were going after him the man repeatedly stuck his head under the surface that he was dragged out before he had a chance to drown.

SHRINERS PLEASED

Potentate Keese is Charmed With Hawaii.

(From Wednesday's Advertiser.)

Dr. P. H. Keese, Potentate of Al Koran Temple of Cleveland, Ohio, who is in charge of the party of Shriners who are visiting the islands, says that the visitors have had a royal time in Hawaii. The party arrived on the Ventura, August 24, and after touring the islands will leave on the Alameda this morning. Dr. Keese gave the following impressions of his visit to an Advertiser reporter yesterday:

"I think that I can bespeak the sentiments of the entire party when I say that the visit has been perfect in every respect and that words cannot express the many beauties and charms of these islands. Certainly you have everything that could be desired to make the Paradise of the Pacific perfect—ladies and gentlemen and a land of poetry and flowers. Our stay at the Hawaiian Hotel has been eminently satisfactory. We have been entertained right royally. Our visit to Kilauea was delightful. "The frank open-hearted hospitality of the people of Honolulu has made a deep impression on the hearts of the members of our party. We leave your fair land with hearts full of love and gratitude for everything Hawaiian. I have traveled over a good part of the world, but I think that this is the most beautiful country that I ever visited. I had great expectations and had heard of great things but I don't think that the half has been told of the beauties of these islands. One of the greatest charms of the country is the hospitality of its people. I don't believe that any of our party will feel satisfied until they make another visit to the islands.

"Hawaii is an ideal spot for the tourist. The pretty costumes and happy faces of its cosmopolitan people are full of interest. With a little work it seems to me that a goodly number of excursions such as ours might be brought this way. We would have had a hundred in our party if it had not been for the dull times in the East. The Promotion Committee did all in its power to assist us. One thing is sure, every person who visits you is a living advertisement for Hawaii.

"There has not been a single unpleasant incident since we landed. There seems to be no tendency on the part of the people to rob the tourist. I consider the hotel accommodations of the island simply elegant and very reasonable. The only drawback is the high steamer rates. You can make a trip of twice the duration to Europe for the same money. Not only are the regular rates high but the companies do not make any such reductions for parties and excursions as the railroads do. For instance, the regular rate from Cleveland to San Francisco is something like \$122.35, but for the Templar conclave the railroads made a rate of \$60. On the mainland railroads give a rate of 1-1/3 for the round trip for parties of fifteen or more but the steamer companies make very slight reductions. If this obstacle was removed and with good advertising you ought to get many of the people who now spend their time in Florida and Southern California. This class of people would not stay here a few weeks merely but would spend several months and be a big source of revenue.

"Another thing, I believe that the United States government should turn all the revenue received from this territory for the next five years at least back into the islands by using it to build docks, breakwaters and other needed government works."

In the "impression book" at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel Dr. Keese inscribed the following tribute to Hawaii: "Hawaii—the one place on earth where one could live, love and laugh always."

HERE'S WHAT'S WANTED

A Citizen of Honolulu Supplies the Information.

Over half the complaints of mankind originate with the kidneys. A slight touch of bacchaie at first. Twinges and shooting pains in the loins follow. They must be checked, they lead to graver complications. The sufferer seeks relief. So-called kidney cures which do not do the back. Plasters are tried and liniments for cure. The long looked for result seems unattainable. If you suffer, do you want relief? Follow the plan adopted by this gentleman.

Mr. S. Hanoland, of this city, is a Custom House guard. He writes: "Having been afflicted with an aching back for some time, I procured a supply of Doan's Backache Kidney Pills at Hollister & Co.'s store, and used them. The results were most satisfactory and I know that the pills are a valuable medicine for kidney complaints and especially for a lame back."

Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists and storekeepers at 25 cents per box (six boxes \$2.50) or will be mailed on receipt of price by the Hollister Drug Co., Ltd., Honolulu, wholesale agents for the Hawaiian Islands. Remember the name Doan's and take no substitutes.