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VOLCANIC RENAISSANCE.

Our Kilauea's resumption of grand activity, after a quiescence of so many years that even students of volcanic phenomena were almost ready to admit that its day as a live volcano was about spent, would appear to be but part of the advent of a cyclical period of volcanic turbulence the world over.

Both on April 13 and 14 ashes and stones were thrown from Mont Pelee, accompanied at times by white clouds emitted from a point south of the main crater. On these days there also was an intermittent and rather loud rumbling. The eruption was especially marked on the evening of April 14, when much matter was thrown from the crater, accompanied by abundant clouds of vapor.

Referring to the foregoing intelligence from the West Indies, Prof Robert T. Hill, former member of the United States Geological Survey, writes as follows to the New York Herald:

From the quivering of its crust, as testified by the numerous reports of earthquakes and renewed activity of volcanoes, at Mont Pelee, St. Vincent, Vesuvius and elsewhere, it appears as if we are about to have another demonstration of the fact that this globe of ours is not a dead planet, but a remarkably live and living world at work.

LEPER EXAMINATION.

The rumor that President Pinkham saved himself in the Legislature by promising a wider opening of the rules for the examination and the care of lepers is recalled by the adoption, at the late meeting of the Board of Health, of a measure of relaxation.

The especial weakness of the new ordinance is the fettered character of the Board of Examining Physicians. The Board should be independent of the Board of Health, as the Board of Medical Examiners was, and be appointed by the Governor.

All five physicians, constituting the Board, should be experienced microscopists, familiar with the bacillus leprae in all its moods and tenes, and able to examine a patient bacteriologically. Otherwise their votes will be valueless in doubtful cases, and only based on the opinion of some one else.

In the majority of the cases brought before the Board no bacteriological examination is necessary. Leprosy is written in large letters on the patient's face, hands or body. Special skill is not required to make a diagnosis.

But in the minority, the doubtful cases, the highest skill is demanded to arrive at a diagnosis, and every member of the Board should be able to, and should make, the examination personally and form his own opinion independently of the others. In doubtful cases the microscope must decide the issue.

Hitherto this labor and responsibility have rested upon the shoulders of one man, and according to his report the Board of Medical Examiners has voted like a lot of dummies. Should a person be condemned for life on such slender evidence, when more is available?

Mr. Pinkham now suggests that two men share this responsibility while the other three look on and vote as they are told.

In the olden time "when we lived under the King," before the microscope was in the ascendancy, the Medical Examiners devised a very useful class—"the suspects"—one which Pinkham is going to resuscitate, for just these cases that the microscope is supposed to pass upon.

With a Board of five experienced microscopists the suspect class, which from a purely scientific standpoint is indefensible, is unnecessary. With a suspect class in good working order the microscope is unnecessary.

Having the bacteriologist pass on all cases before they come before the Board of Examiners might easily be a means of working up a very profitable graft if some unscrupulous person were in the position. We can imagine such an individual failing, for a consideration, to find the bacillus in the preliminary examination.

PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

The time to watch for news from the hostile fleets will be when Rojstevsky nears Formosa. That island and the Pescadore group midway in the Formosa straits are Japanese strongholds, well defended and ideal as naval bases.

The Japanese have put much reliance upon torpedo boats in their recent foreign wars, the capitulation of Admiral Ting's fleet at Wei-hai-Wei having followed two desperate assaults in the dead of night. How the present war began, with a rush of destroyers into Port Arthur, is a matter of recent history.

The prospect of a test of submarines is something that the public of the whole world will watch with keen attention. Some months ago Japan bought vessels of that class and began to duplicate them, and it is now said that Togo has a flotilla at his disposal.

The advance of Oyama would seem to indicate that Japan hopes to win two great simultaneous victories, one on land and one on sea, which would leave the Czar no ground to resent the mediation of the powers. Surely if Linovitch's army and Rojstevsky's fleet could be put out of action about the same time, even the most proud and stubborn of Russians would see the futility of going on with the war.

The first appearance of graft in connection with the county act is the lobbying done by one of the commissioners to get large pay for defending the new law. When it is understood that the way is open to submit an agreed state of facts to the Supreme Court, a very simple and inexpensive process, the hardihood which demands a fund of \$5000 for expenses can be well understood.

THE WORLD'S BEVERAGES.

Some recent official data upon the per capita consumption of beer, coffee, tea and spirits in the principal countries of the world presents sharp contrasts. Thus, in the per capita consumption of tea, the United States is credited with but 1.34 pounds as against 6 pounds for the United Kingdom;

In the per capita consumption of coffee the relative rank of the countries named is: United States 11.75 pounds per head of population, Germany 6.65 pounds, France 4.29 pounds, Argentina 3.81 pounds, Austria-Hungary 2.33 pounds, Chile 1.72 pounds, Spain 1.18 pounds, Italy 1.17 pounds, the United Kingdom 0.69 pound and Russia 0.15 pound.

CAFE PRICES.

High prices for cafe meals, of which a correspondent complains, is the premium on exclusiveness. When old Senator Cockrell went to John Chamberlain's in Washington one evening and asked for some corn-pone like the kind he used to have in Missouri, the draftee was served, but the check called for seventy-five cents.

"Say, Mr. Chamberlain, why do you charge me seventy-five cents for three cents' worth of corn-pone?" "Well, I'll tell you, Senator, it's because I want to keep out the corn-pone crowd. You come to my cafe to enjoy yourself with other statesmen, but if I put prices on the Missouri level every Missouri tramp in town would come here to eat and probably borrow the money from you to pay the check.

Yes, the man who wants to dine exclusively must pay for it, but as it would not go to assess him directly for the silver he uses and the quartette he hears and for the society he sits with, the proprietor simply adds a dollar or so to the natural price of the "domestique duck" and lets it go at that.

THE LATE JOHN MAGOON.

The late John Magoon is remembered as a strong advocate of the American idea in Hawaii. While not an active politician, his earnestness for the American cause twelve years ago was like that of the late John Thomas Waterhouse. Nothing that he was called upon to do, which was within his power to achieve or provide, lessened his zeal for the public welfare.

"Public-spirited" lawyers who agree to work for the Government without pay and then lobby in the Legislature to get seven times more than their services are worth, may be expected to squeal when the graft is cut off.

The Republican demand for high standards in the schools is one that all divisions of the party can unite upon. The basis of civilization is the good school; and there is none too good for this Territory.

The mention of Laukea becoming a Republican was a misprint that every body believed.

GLIMPSES OF THE ASIATIC CONFLICT

The Inkao correspondent of the Jiji states that an Englishman there has received a letter from the captain of the Gromoboi, a part of which runs as follows:

The over-sea communications of Vladivostok are about to be cut off. We issue from the harbor at times, but the Japanese squadron is nowhere to be observed. We do not care to proceed too far, as this would only subject our vessels to attacks from the submarine boats belonging to the daring enemy. We shall await the coming of the enemy, whose advent will decide our fate. I may probably write you the next letter from Matsuyama, in Japan.

WAR AND RICE.

From telegraphic information received at Yokohama within the last few days, and from the last arrival from Rangoon direct, it is evident, states the Japan Mail, that the appearance of the Baltic fleet in Eastern Asiatic waters has caused a flutter in the shipping dovecots at Burmah ports.

A rumor is current, which the Attorney General does not verify, that the U. S. Government is about to extradite Wm. H. Wright.

the go-downs of the shippers full of the second crop which were being emptied with all available speed, are now closed, awaiting future developments. It was the intention of the shippers to get as much across as possible before the new tariff comes into force, and it is now stated that for a while at least their hopes are to some extent shattered.

JAPANESE WAR VESSELS. The Japanese torpedo-boat destroyer Arare (380 tons), which was successfully launched at the Kure naval dockyard on the 5th inst., will be completely equipped toward the end of this month.

AS TO A COVENANT. Frank Lucweiko and Minna Lucweiko his wife have brought an action on covenant directly in the Supreme Court against the Territory of Hawaii, claiming fifteen hundred dollars. The claim is based upon a covenant in a conveyance made by petitioners to the Territory of land at the junction of King and Beretania streets required for street extension.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

(From Saturday's Advertiser.)

L. A. Thurston and George Ewart returned yesterday on the Helewa from Hawaii.

The engagement of Miss Mae Lycett to Mr. Fred Wright has been announced.

The Supreme Court has given the plaintiff in the case of Harry Johnston vs. Lea Toma & Co. ten days in which to accept a reduction of \$200 in the verdict for \$3575 on account of broker's commission in a custom house contest of cigar duties.

Makalo, his sentence of two years at hard labor commuted 72 days by good behavior, was released from Oahu prison yesterday. He belongs to the district of Puna, Hawaii, where he practiced as a kahuna. Makalo was called to attend a man suffering of fever. Being a fanatical believer in the healing virtue of the scriptures he mauled the patient over the head with a copy of the Holy Bible. The patient died and Makalo was found guilty of his death. W. T. Rawlins prosecuted the case.

(From Sunday's Advertiser)

Attorney E. A. Mott-Smith returned in the Kinau from a visit to Hawaii.

C. C. Kennedy, manager of Waiaken plantation, Hilo, arrived in the Kinau. Frank B. McStocker wishes it to be published that he is not a candidate for any political office.

(From Monday's Advertiser)

Judge Hardy of the Kauai Circuit Court arrived in the steamer W. G. Hall.

Attorneys Kinney, Lightfoot and Ashford returned in the Hall from Kauai.

Fred Baldwin, manager of Haku and Grove ranches, Maui, is visiting Parker ranch, Hawaii.

Puunene mill (H. C. & S. Co.) has ground about 32,000 tons of sugar thus far this season.

C. D. Lufkin, cashier of the First National Bank, Wailuku, came to town in the Claudine.

Maui plantations are having abundance of water, heavy rains having fallen at the ditch water heads.

F. Klamp of H. Hackfeld & Co. and E. K. Bull, manager of Oahu plantation, returned from Maui yesterday.

Any one desiring Ceara rubber seeds or other seeds can obtain them from W. L. Vredenburg at Lalamilo, Hawaii.

Brother Bertram, principal of St. Louis College, is visiting Brother Frank, principal of St. Anthony's school, Wailuku.

Miss Gladys Fisher, daughter of Col. Will E. Fisher, and Mr. Kellogg Harndon, were married on Saturday evening at St. Clement's church by Rev. John Usborne.

The Democratic county convention will consist of the delegates to the district conventions of the general election, according to the decision of the joint district committee.

Chaplain J. B. Frazier, U. S. N., will be detached from the Pensacola Naval Training station, San Francisco, Cal., May 16, and will proceed to the naval station, Tutuila, Samoa.

Con. Shaen, who was taken from a passing transport several weeks ago suffering from consumption, died at the Home of the Incurables on Saturday and was buried at Pearl City yesterday. Fred. Kiley made all the arrangements for the funeral.

The man who abjured Democracy and signed the Precinct Club roll in the Fifth precinct of the Fourth District was not Colonel Curtis P. Laukea, late candidate for Delegate to Congress, but I. Nauha, who was a candidate for Representative in the Legislature.

There is an epidemic of chickenpox in town. Judge Highton has been invited to make the Memorial Day address.

The grand jury of the First Circuit Court began its sessions yesterday.

Robert W. Shingle is mentioned for Republican candidate for Oahu county treasurer.

Mrs. J. M. Riggs may leave soon for a trip to Philadelphia and New York. She will visit Mr. Riggs' relatives in the former city.

Mr. and Mrs. Bierman wish to announce the marriage of their daughter Marie Dorothy to Mr. F. S. Fadelle at San Francisco, April 14, 1905.

H. M. Hobbs, American vice-consul at Hongkong, was a through passenger on the Siberia for the coast. He will return shortly, it is said, by a bride.

James Pinkerton of the Rapid Transit Company's car service and Miss Emille Lima were married yesterday at the Methodist Parsonage by Rev. J. W. Wadman.

Mrs. W. T. Rawlins contemplates leaving shortly for her former home in Bridgeport, Conn., to make an extended visit with her parents, and may not return until late next fall.

The new central building at Lahainaluna Seminary will be called "Atkinson Hall" in honor of A. T. Atkinson, under whose direction as Superintendent of Public Instruction the edifice was planned.

Chairman Robertson of the Republican Central Committee rules that choice of county officers cannot be made on primary ballots under the regulations, but that the voter may indicate his favorites upon a separate slip of paper.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY GIVES SATISFACTION EVERYWHERE.

"I have been selling Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my retail shop of this place for six years," says Adolph Abrahamson of Durbanville, Cape Colony. "I find it to give satisfaction with the people who use it and it is the best seller of any cough remedy I handle." For sale by all Dealers and Druggists. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

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SALES BETWEEN BOARDS.

50 Olan, 5.37 1-2; 300 Haw. Sugar Co., 33.12 1-2.

UNITED STATES WEATHER BU-REAU.

Alexander Young Building, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, Monday, May 8.

Table with columns: Year, Mean Barom., Thermo., Rainfall, Humidity, Average Cloudiness, Wind Direction, Velocity.

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METEOROLOGICAL RECORD.

Issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau Office Every Sunday Morning.

Table with columns: Day, Mean Barom., Thermo., Rainfall, Humidity, Average Cloudiness, Wind Direction, Velocity.

Note:—Barometer readings are corrected for temperature, instrumental errors, and local gravity, and reduced to sea level. Average cloudiness stated in scale from 0 to 10. Direction of wind is prevailing direction during 24 hours ending at 8 p. m. Velocity of wind is average velocity in miles per hour.

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TIDES, SUN AND MOON.

Table with columns: Day, High Tide, Low Tide, Sun sets, Moon sets.

First quarter of the moon May 11. Times of the tide are taken from the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey tables.

The Siberia is carrying a large portion of the new season's tea from Japan. J. Kaelemakule and his fishermen are reported to have made a haul of 14,000 akule in Kailua bay, Hawaii, one day last week.