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## FRAZEE WARRANT IS NOW A THING OF MISTY PAST

### Blanket Warrant Controversy Was Ended for Good and All at Supervisors' Meeting.

Matters of prime importance were brought forward at the Supervisors meeting last night. The Frazee blanket warrant was killed and decently interred and with it the whole blanket warrant matter has been heard the last of.

Adams moved to reconsider the motion lost at the last meeting of the board to appropriate by blanket warrant \$26.25 for pay of certain road men, made payable to Sam Johnson and drawn as a new basis for a blanket warrant test.

The motion died a-borning for it failed to find a second. It was then moved that the Frazee warrant be withdrawn from any future test proposition. The motion was carried and the incident closes.

Sam Johnson will not have an auto to assist him in his tours of road inspection, the use of such having been found to be impracticable.

Present were: Chairman Smith, Supervisor-at-Large Adams, Supervisors Lucas, Cox, Paele, Archer and Moore, County Attorney Douthitt, Auditor Bicknell, Deputy County Attorney Milverton, Capt. Sam Johnson, Fifth Assistant Deputy County Attorney Lake, Clerks Kalaokalani and Buffandena and Stenographer Ala.

The following salary demands were approved:

Police department, \$7145.92.  
County officers, \$1670.  
County clerk's office, \$195.  
County attorney's office, \$635.  
County treasurer's clerk, \$100.  
County auditor's clerk, \$100.  
Poundmaster, \$30.  
House numbering department, \$200.  
Keepers of parks, \$200.  
Ewa road district, Moanalua, \$100.  
Hawaiian band, \$1250.  
Garbage department, \$150.  
Road department, \$1729.  
Fire department, \$3625.  
Electric light department, \$570.  
Police and fire claim system, \$100.  
Kaplanui park, \$238.50.  
Road department, \$96.95.

Supervisor Lucas stated that Sam Johnson had given up the automobile idea almost as soon as it had reached the experimental stage.

It was suggested by Moore, in order to settle who had authority over all roads, that the board grant the petition of two men to lay a water-pipe across Vineyard street.

County Attorney stated that the county had the maintenance of public streets but that the Supreme Court had in a certain measure passed upon this point to the effect that the powers of the Public Works were modified by the coming into power of the supervisors.

He thought that eventually there would be friction on road authority between the Public Works and the county. The Attorney General had rendered an opinion declaring that the Public Works was supreme. Douthitt differed with the Attorney General.

Lucas thought that the board ought not to encourage the supply of water by private parties, depriving the Territory of legitimate revenue. Theodore Richards was merely selling water to other people for a price, from his artesian well.

Moore favored the granting of the petition in order to test the county's authority in the premises. If the Public Works objected on the ground that revenue was being diverted from the Territory, the Superintendent of Public Works could bring an injunction to restrain Mr. Richards from furnishing water from his artesian well to citizens.

Moore stated that the Superintendent of Public Works had said that he would oppose the laying of the pipe if the matter were referred to him.

Douthitt suggested that in case of injunction proceedings they would be against those who wanted to lay the pipes and not against Richards.

Lucas moved that permission be granted for the laying of the pipes but that the water be not allowed to run through the pipes.

Moore's motion that permission be granted was carried, only Lucas voting against it.

Sam Johnson wanted \$15,000 for the coming month for the road department.

Lucas stated that the Board of Health had been after the road committee on account of the bad state of the street opposite the Palama depot, near the King street Chinese butcher shops. He recommended bitumen gutter and said that the work would be rushed.

The chair remarked that Beretania street needed re-macadamizing.

Adams urged the putting in of a 20-foot park stretch in the middle of the Waikiki road, to beautify the road and also to save macadamizing.

Adams put his idea in the form of a motion.

Lucas said the road would have to

be surveyed.

Adams suggested poinciana trees for the road park.

Archer weighed in with the brilliant idea that trees in the middle of the road would tempt highway robbers to lurk at night. He didn't see his dear Ewa getting any poinciana trees.

"That's your fault," replied Lucas; "why don't you ask for what you want?"

Adams' motion was carried.

The Superintendent of Public Works wrote to say that the board had not yet turned over inventories of the various defunct road boards.

Lucas has the inventories and the matter will come up at the next meeting.

When a bunch of petitions were read, calling for road improvements, Archer wanted the board to ascertain if the petitioners had paid their taxes. (Much laughter.)

Moore's cemetery regulation ordinance was read for the second time and passed.

The chair introduced the good old Frazee blanket warrant matter and asked Milverton how the board stood regarding the proposed test.

"Nothing doing," said Milverton.

Adams thought he detected a disposition not to push the case.

The chair observed that if he had personally put up \$25 for costs of court, the Frazee test case would have been in the courts.

The Supervisors will probably put up the money for the court costs in order that the case come to trial at once.

Adams had paid out the \$14.25 called for by the Frazee warrant, to the men entitled thereto, from his own pocket. He wondered how he was going to get it back and awaited the test.

The board took up the resolution, lost at the last meeting, on Adams' motion to reconsider the vote, appropriating (by blanket warrant) \$26.25 for pay of certain road men, made payable to Sam Johnson, drawn as a new basis for a blanket warrant test.

Moore stated that he was opposed to the blanket warrant proposition. He did not think that he could conscientiously vote for the resolution. The county act called for payment to each individual man earning the money.

The chair said that if the board got a decision, the Territorial Auditor would be compelled to change the system, which was an abomination.

Douthitt said it was a matter of voting for a test case in order that the board might know where it stood.

The chair said the Territorial Auditor would probably never change the system until all the old blanks had been used.

Moore said it was up to the board to make its own system.

The chair said that the county act compelled the county to follow the Territorial system.

Moore said that the Territorial Auditor had spoken of changing the system on January 1.

The chair did not think the blanket warrant proposition could pass the seven members of the board.

Moore thought it might pass. If the Supreme Court decided in favor of the blanket warrant, he was prepared to see a disbursing officer of the board paying out money and practically no money passing through the hands of the County Treasurer.

A vote of reconsideration of the resolution was called for.

Adams moved to reconsider the motion and failed to find a second.

Adams then moved that the Frazee warrant be withdrawn from any future test proposition and a new warrant be drawn that he might get his money back.

The motion was carried, Smith and Moore voting "No."

Letters were read in reference to the willingness of a park expert to come here for \$500, to plan a perfect park system for Honolulu. Expert Robinson, who wrote from Rochester, N. Y., said he wanted to come here, hence his low

## ROYAL HAWAIIAN HOTEL'S NEW MANAGER IS H. BEWS

### E. M. Boyd Will Take Charge Beginning Tomorrow, as the Assistant Manager for Three Months.

Frederick C. Church retires tonight as manager of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. Tomorrow morning, E. M. Boyd, lately secretary of the Hawaii Promotion Committee, will take charge as assistant manager, to await the arrival of Mr. H. Bews of San Francisco on the Pacific Mail S. S. Mongolia, November 21. Mr. Bews has been selected as manager of the hotel, and Mr. Boyd will act with him for the next three months.

Mr. Bews for the past seven years has been in charge of the boarding department of the Lane Hospital in San Francisco, and is said to be a man well equipped for his duties as a hotel manager. He has had long experience in the hotel business.

Mr. Church has been in charge of the Hawaiian Hotel for about a year, coming in from Haleiwa, where he had managed that hostelry for a year previous. Mr. Church has brought considerable patronage to the Hawaiian Hotel, and has catered so well to army and navy visitors that the Hawaiian has become popularly known as the "Army and Navy Hotel."

Mr. Bottomley of Bishop & Co., bankers, who is a member of the management committee of the bondholders of the Hawaiian, stated yesterday that he was unaware of any proposed consolidation of the Hawaiian Hotel with the Alexander Young and Moana hotels.

"Mr. Young is now in the East," said Mr. Bottomley yesterday, "and I can say that nothing of the kind is under negotiation as far as I know. I don't know where the rumor originates."

## CHE-FA GAMBLING STILL DRAWS CROWDS TOGETHER

Che-fa was booming yesterday in Chinatown. It is a curious thing to record that most of those playing the banks are Hawaiians.

Scores of Hawaiians and Chinese, with a sprinkling of Portuguese, gathered at the usual haunts along Beretania, Maunakea, Pauahi and River streets and Achi lane about noon waiting for the winning word to be announced from the Hop Lee bank. But the announcement was delayed for nearly an hour, much to the chagrin of the waiting throngs. This was due to the appearance of an Advertiser reporter on the scene.

It is true that a "detective" wandered about but his presence did not disturb the waiters, and neither did that of a policeman in full uniform. But wherever the Advertiser man went, there was muttered cursing, and the crowds dwindled away like chaff, only to reappear in the immediate neighborhood in the hope that the reporter would leave them to their own sweet devices.

The first group encountered was at the Prost saloon, a favorite rendezvous on Beretania street. On the makai side of the street Chinese players sat on their haunches, gazing with eager eyes up and down the street. Some were old-timers at the game, and are to be seen almost any day in the same place and about the same time.

But the crowds had collected in greatest numbers in Achi lane in the shade of the tenements. Men and women, Hawaiians and Chinese were there by scores, squatted on the long steps fronting the tenements, or reclining in the shade of the fences. Other groups could be seen lounging on Kukul street. But as the reporter approached all arose and slipped away to other gathering places.

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