

THE BYSTANDER



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The scheme to have an apartment house feature in one of the big, new buildings is a modification of the plan that Senator Clark had eight or nine years ago when he thought of putting up a block next to the Roman Catholic cathedral, where Fred. Harrison is constructing one. The Senator proposed to have apartments all through his block; but the present scheme contemplates an experimental few.

There are a lot of people here, bachelors mainly, who want a downtown, partly furnished room with a bath, that they can fix up for themselves and live in with hotel privacy but without hotel regulation. They want the room to be really fine in its finish and decorations, the bath uncommonly good, the altitude high and the service noiseless and respectful—and for this they are willing to pay a fair price. Every city and most towns have such people; not necessarily bohemians and rouders, but men of taste and understanding. They often live in hotels but seem, on the whole, to prefer apartments. Usually they avoid boarding houses because of the gossip and the gregariousness.

If apartments are supplied for such people as these they ought to be easily filled. I am not at all sure but that apartment houses for families would prosper also, though there is less demand for these than in crowded cities. The building of them will largely depend on the state of rents and upon any complications that may arise in connection with the servant problem.

Speaking of servants prompts the thought that Honolulu is not nearly so well supplied as she used to be in that respect. Many of the old Chinese cooks have gone back home; and of the better class of Japanese cooks quite a lot have sought higher wages in California—a State where the hostility to Japanese does not interfere with their getting good jobs. Housekeepers complain of a barbarian invasion of their kitchens by plantation coolies. Certainly the condition must be bad when the Young Cafe, in the fateful days of its opening, had to put up with such shambling servants. Suppose, some day, Honolulu should wake up and find all the good servants gone. In that unhappy time mater familias might have to learn to cook.

I don't believe that Dawson, Y. T., is as bad as it makes itself out, but here is a letter-head from there which arrived in Honolulu the other day:

SOUR DOUGH HOTEL.

1333 Icicle Avenue.

BEST HOUSE NORTH OF MEXICO, FIRST-CLASS IN EVERY PARTICULAR.

Rates: One Ounce Per Day.

Crap, Chuck Luck, Stud Poker and Black Jack Games Run by the Management.

Private Entrance for Ladies by Ladder in the Rear. Special Rates for Ministers and the Gambling "Perfesh."

Every known fluid—Water Excepted—for sale at the Bar. Dogs bought and sold. Insect powder for sale at the Bar. Indians and Niggers charged double.

HOUSE RULES.

- Towels changed weekly.
- Dogs not allowed in the bunks.
- Candles and Hot Water charged extra.
- Board \$2 per square foot. Meals extra.
- Spiked Boots must be removed at night.
- Guests are requested not to speak to the Dumb Waiter.
- Any one troubled with nightmare will find a halter on the bed-post.
- If the room gets too warm, open the window and see the fire escape.
- Baseballists desiring a little practice will find a pitcher on the stand.
- Don't worry about paying your bill; the house is supported by its foundations.
- The hotel is convenient to all cemeteries. Hearse to hire at 25 cents a second.
- Guests wishing to do a little driving will find hammer and nails in the closet.
- Guests wishing to get up without being called can have self-raising flour for supper.
- If the lamp goes out take a feather out of the pillow; that's light enough for any room.
- If you are fond of athletics and like good jumping, lift the mattress and see the bed spring.
- Not responsible for diamonds, bicycles or other valuables kept under the pillows; they should be deposited in the safe.

People can not hurt Iaukea's administration by lying about its appointees, especially when the lying is framed up by so witless and shallow a paper as the one that has begun the stunt. A falsehood to succeed, even for the brief tenure given to such things, should have brains and ingenuity behind it. If one will take the trouble to look, he will see that in all the statements made about Iaukea's plans and policies, by the journal in question, there has been a deep sediment of manufactured untruth. What has been said, of a sensational nature about Taylor, is plain lie. For instance, he was ridiculed for having tried to arrest a man and for having been knocked down. In point of fact, Mr. Taylor, in his capacity of a citizen, stopped a street fight, made no attempt to arrest anybody and was neither knocked down nor struck. I speak of this, not because the matter is important of itself, but to warn the public that a policy of studied misrepresentation has begun, with a view of defeating Iaukea in case that he runs again. Of course it will have the opposite effect, especially on the native vote, and this being so patent I wonder why the scheme is being tried. Perhaps, come to think of it, the paper in question wants to sell some more of its editorial space to the Democrats so that they can defend the new Sheriff by the same means by which they helped to elect him. Three dollars a column might be a great boon.

Seventy globe-trotting ladies coming here in one party, and the town without defenses of any kind! Heaven protect us, for we can't do it ourselves! I have no doubt that Bert Peterson will try, but the Prince is a cosy entertainer and is disturbed by numbers. Seventy might scare him to the woods with only one suit of clothes, which is more misery than Bert deserves. Bob Shingle, having handled a great many syndicates, might turn out and see what could be done to make the lives of these seventy women one grand, sweet song and Walter Dillingham might also be drafted. But Walter's usual stunt of giving such a party a free ride on the O. R. & L. Co.'s line has been frosted by the anti-pass law. I guess Walter will go away somewhere and let the 70 keep in the shade. There is not time to telegraph Tarn McGrew and then, after Paris, who would come all the way to Honolulu to see only seventy ladies!

LITTLE TALKS

DR. MCGREW—Doing pretty well, thank you. Come and see me.

O. A. STEVEN—Three steamers were in port Friday and no "Seeing Honolulu" car in sight.

PRESIDENT PINKHAM—The Insane Asylum is really in a fine condition now, whatever the grand jury says.

JACK ATKINSON—Rents here are all out of proportion to the wage rate.

WILL E. FISHER—If I can get my brother to go in with me I shall start up a big real estate concern in San Francisco.

WILLIAM BOTH—I don't want to be called Willie any more. It makes me wroth. Billy or even "Husky Bill" will do.

FRED. L. WALDRON—Owing to the rise in lumber, to rebuild now would make my house cost \$4000 more than the one burned.

FRED. POTTER—During the storm I went out and tied some of my trees down with ropes. If I hadn't there wouldn't have been any left around the Aquarium.

A. F. JUDD—When I was in the Philippines I found out more about what was happening in Hawaii from the Sunday Advertiser's Commercial column than from any other source.

CONSUL CANAVARRO—In Portugal when a horse is tired they mix a pail of corn meal and claret for him. Nothing sets a horse up so quickly as that and the animal is very fond of it.

C. CHILLINGWORTH—If the liquor law I am working upon is accepted by the Legislature there will not be any possible excuse for the police allowing any of the groggeries to carry on their business as they have been doing.

H. F. WICHMAN—This has been a splendid year for business. I don't know just the cause, but the people seem to have more money to spend and they've been liberal. We had the best season since the year after annexation.

REV. DR. SYLVESTER—I think the Advertiser's leader on New Year Resolutions is pretty vigorous sort of preaching—doubly valuable because free from professionalism and for being ethical rather than theological. It does not fall into the common habit of exhortation; but states facts and principles with great certainty and conviction.

R. C. A. PETERSON—I've told people about those topsy-turvy waterfalls in Nuuanu valley, but when I take a party up there by auto the wind has died down or the water has ceased to fall and then the people wonder whether I've been telling fairy stories. But the topsy-turvy waterfall is really one of the sights of the trip to the Pali.

ALLAN HERBERT—When that big land sale was made over on Kauai a year or two ago, I objected because one man was to have the tract and was told that the buyer wanted it for sentiment's sake, as his father had once owned it. Well, the bidder got it and, a few days afterward, he let Wilcox have the property at \$400 advance. That is the kind of sentiment you generally find in such transactions.

TOPICS

TROPIC AND OTHERWISE.

H. M. Ayres.

A little native girl the other day spoke of having had a ride in a Rabbit Stand Sit car.

A big sign at the recent poultry show informed folks that the device immediately underneath was an incubator. The sign was made of letters pasted on the wall and somehow the letter "n" had dropped down. A hen isn't needed round an incubator, anyway, so the defection didn't really matter.

It doesn't follow that the roots of words produce flowers of speech.

Truth will out, even in the best regulated families.

When the righteous man begins to swear, the profane person hangers around and takes lessons.

There is a yearling colt on Hawaii by Indra, the imported stallion. He has been named Cuspidor and is said to be the spit of his sire.

I saw a wonderful man last week,
Who did a thing few men can:
He turned a corner into a bar,
And a cocktail into a man.

Talking about cocktails, some mixeurs seem to put everything into the concoction except the license.

A mainland editor remarks that the young man who kisses a girl in a tunnel is running the osculatory business into the ground.

"Hello, Charley; where'd you go yesterday?"
"To a dog-fight."
"Did you win?"

Lives of great men oft remind us,
As their pages o'er we turn,
We may die and leave behind us
Letters that we ought to burn.

Absence makes the heart grow fonder—so do presents.

Critics as a rule can't do it themselves.

To err is human; to tell about it is feminine.

The Poet when he can not rhyme
Never despondent whines,
But philosophically says:
"Hard lines!"

Here's a merry quip sprung the other night at the Scottish Thistle club:
"When does a Scotchman resemble a donkey? When he stands on his banks and braes."

"Go to blazes," was Fire Chief Thurston's new year message to his brave boys.

Light literature.—The Gas Company's first annual report.

A burning subject.—Cremation.

TO CLEAN A PEN.

A raw potato makes the best sort of pen cleaner, though one that must be changed every little while, for obvious reasons. In some mysterious way it cleans the most scratchy, soiled pen and makes it as near like new as the wearing down of the nib allows—far more than one would dream possible.

Major Potter is married, Cabby Brown ditto, though not ostentatiously so at present; naval officers are scarce and there seems to be no show to ally enough of the Old Guard to care for seven of the ladies, let alone seventy. There seems to be nothing to do but to leave the whole subject to the Promotion Committee.

GRATE CLEANING.

If newspapers are spread on the floor before the stove when ashes are to be removed much work will be saved, for the papers can be gathered up and burned, and there will be no necessity for sweeping. The ashes should be sprinkled with water before the pan is overturned.

MR. DREIER TAKEN ILL

August Dreier, one of Hawaii's best known and esteemed citizens, was taken ill at his residence, "Ululani," Beretania avenue, yesterday afternoon. As he had previously had three strokes of paralysis—the last time about two years ago—his family were naturally alarmed at his illness. Late last night, however, it was learned from a friend of the family that as yet nothing worse than what were feared to be premonitory symptoms of a fresh stroke had appeared.

Dr. Hoffmann had been called to see Mr. Dreier, but the doctor was not at home when the Advertiser endeavored to ascertain from him the condition of the patient. Mr. Dreier was kept in absolute quiet from the moment that he was discovered to be ailing.

An Advertiser reporter went to see Mr. Dreier about 2 p. m. to interview him upon an interesting rumor as to his intentions with regard to the Union street property he bought on Saturday. His son told the reporter that his father was sleeping and made an appointment for an interview with him in the evening. It was when the reporter went to the house to keep the appointment that he found the family in an anxious state about the condition of Mr. Dreier.

The rumor to which reference has been made was that Mr. Dreier intended to provide a clubhouse for the St. Louis College Alumni Association on the Union street premises of which he had just become possessed.

JAPAN GAINING PACIFIC CONTROL

When M. Shiraiishi, general manager of the Toyo Kaisen Kaisha, passed through this city a few days ago en route to New York, the rumor current a year ago that the Japanese Steamship Company was seeking to absorb the Pacific Mail was revived. Shiraiishi had a long conference with R. P. Schwerin, vice president and general manager of the Pacific Mail, the subject of which, according to Schwerin, was the fitting out of three sister ships to the Korea and Siberia now under course of construction in Japan, and not the sale of the Pacific Mail to the Toyo Kaisen Kaisha.

Questioned as to the probability of the sale being effected Schwerin did not deny or affirm that negotiations were under way and remarked that he was unable to state whether the Pacific Mail Company was willing to sell its line to the Japanese.

"As it is," said Schwerin, "we are unable to compete with the Japanese. Of course we control the rates and the rates of the Toyo Kaisen Kaisha are the same as ours, but the Japanese can give rebates and not be amenable to any law. This, coupled with the extraordinary bounty of the Japanese Government to its shipping and the low wages paid to Japanese mariners renders us incompetent in a traffic battle with them."

"I am confident that it is only a matter of time when the Japanese will control the commerce of the Pacific ocean. In fact this condition may be reached within a year and a half, when three sister ships to the Korea and Siberia now being built in Japan will be in the trade."

"The immense subsidies allowed their ships by the Japanese Government are responsible for the activity of the Japanese lines. As an example of the generosity of the Japanese Government I may say if the Manchuria, Korea and Siberia were built in Japan and carried its flag in transpacific trade the ship owners would receive 2,000,000 yen a year from the Government. In our colliage this would amount to \$1,000,000. The owners of the three ships now building will receive 1,500,000 yen a year when they enter the Pacific trade."

"We are afforded no privileges and in fact are hampered by the Government instead of receiving assistance. Following the publication of several magazine articles concerning the emigrant steamers touching at New York a law was passed compelling American ship companies to build bunks six feet long, and to erect tables and benches for the accommodation of steerage passengers. That is a law to obviate Eastern troubles made effective in the West where they did not exist."

"We complied with the law immediately, and thereby lost 20 per cent. of accommodation space. There never was a Japanese six feet tall, and they refuse to eat their meals seated at a table. The Chinese also are not tall men and want to eat their meals in a squatting posture. That is only one example of the adverse condition we are laboring under."

"The Japanese lines have every kind of assistance. They have financial aid, Government aid and patriotic aid. For an American vessel none of these is accorded. In fact it would seem that our own Government objects to the American flag operating on the high seas."

"Japan is not alone in its extraordinary advantages. England, France and Germany give assistance to their shipping which American ship owners do not enjoy."

"It is Japan's aim to become to the Orient what England is to the Occident, and in time, unless the United States becomes more generous, it will attain its ambition. 'Whether the Pacific Mail will be sold to the Toyo Kaisen Kaisha or whether the company is willing to sell to the Japanese I can not say, but it is certain the Japanese are making strides which under the present shipping laws we are unable to check.'—S. F. Chronicle, Dec. 23.

J. M. Dowsett, trustee, has brought a suit to foreclose a mortgage against A. and M. Fernandez for \$6000 on King street and Kalihii properties.

BIG DITCH EXTENSION

John McCrosson, the well-known hydraulic expert, returned on the steamer Saturday from an inspection of the big Hamakua ditch, of which he is managing director.

Water was turned into the ditch from the intake pool on Kawainui stream, in the Kohala mountains, on New Year's Day, and is now running in the fifteen-mile stretch of completed ditch and tunnels furnishing water for Honokaa Sugar Company's plantation and the Pacific Sugar Mill.

By March 1 the ditch will have been completed to Paauhau plantation, and this dividend-paying property will have a permanent supply of water for irrigation and fluming. The terminus of the present completed ditch is at Purdy gulch, just above Honokaa, and the homesteaders there will also take advantage of the plentiful supply which is running through their lands. The remaining eight miles to Paauhau is being rapidly advanced under a force of experienced ditchmen, under J. Jorgenson, the ditch engineer.

The entire construction of the ditch has been under the agency of the firm of Lewis & Company, who are the Honolulu representatives of the Hamakua Ditch Company, Limited.

LET THEM TELL ABOUT IT

The Public Utterances of Honolulu Citizens Are What Count, Publicity Is What the People Want.

Let them tell it. Let the public speak on the subject. It means better understanding. Means less misery in Honolulu. Means confidence in a good thing. Home endorsement counts. Easier to believe your neighbors than strangers in a far-away town. Every box of Doan's Kidney Pills is backed by home testimony. Kidney disorders—urinary troubles—Are on the decrease here. Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are Relieving backs and curing citizens. It is their daily work. Here's a case in point.

Cyrus S. Edison of Kapiolani Park, this city, says: "I am at present a teamster and came to the Islands fifteen years ago. Previous to that I drove a stage coach in the United States. These occupations necessitating my being out at all seasons were no doubt the cause of my kidney disorder. I had the ordinary symptoms of this complaint, and resorted to a host of things to cure it. All of them failed to do so, however, and when I had almost given up hope I heard about Doan's Backache Kidney Pills and got some at the Hollister Drug Co.'s store. They did indeed relieve me and I am quite satisfied with the benefit they have been to me."

Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are for sale by all dealers; price 50 cents per box (six boxes \$2.50). Mailed by the Hollister Drug Co., Honolulu, wholesale agents for the Hawaiian Islands.

RAILROAD WASHED OUT.

During the recent storm on Kauai, especially on December 29, the wharf railroad at Koloa suffered great damage, being completely washed out for several hundred feet. The wharf at Makawala was badly damaged.

The Nilmas, which arrived yesterday morning from Koloa, had a trying experience. From Honolulu, on the outward trip to Keanu point, Purser Hart reports encountering a heavy swell, and in crossing the channel rain and lightning held sway, and the vessel labored heavily. On account of rough weather the mail could not be landed at Waimea and the vessel was compelled to go to Ahukini.

WHY SIMPSON WENT BACK TO MANILA

The Manila Times of December 4 says: Lieutenant William F. L. Simpson, 6th Infantry, who arrived in Manila yesterday on the Logan, has been ordered to Zamboanga for trial for conduct unbecoming an officer, etc. Lieutenant Simpson is alleged to have been associated with Lieutenant Leo P. Quinn, 26th Field Battery, in a particularly lurid evening in Zamboanga just before the 6th Infantry sailed from there for Manila on its way to the United States. Lieutenant Quinn was tried and sentenced to three months' confinement to his post limits and to pay a fine of \$50.

Lieutenant Simpson, who is a son of Colonel Simpson, Military Secretary, formerly Military Secretary of this Division, was ordered to return to the Philippines, after he had sailed with his regiment. The dispatch containing the order reached him at Honolulu and he left the transport there, catching the Logan on the return trip.

BRIG GALLIE ON LONG VOYAGE.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., December 21.—The brig Gallie, which is making a magnetic survey of the globe for the Carnegie Institute, leaves tomorrow on her fourth trip. The voyage will consume nine or ten months, and will include a visit to the South Pacific, around the Horn to Baltimore, thence across the Atlantic, through the Mediterranean, the Suez Canal and the Red Sea to the Indian Ocean, across that sea and the Pacific to San Diego. For more than a week Commander Peter has been making test observations in order to get his instruments in proper adjustment.

F. M. Swansy last week recovered his collie dog. It was found at Olaa. The report that the animal had been butchered to grace a holiday luau was a false alarm.