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DYED MELON AT THE FISHMARKET

Honorable H. M. Kaniho, the cannon ball of Kohala, shot into the police station and exploded as soon as he hit Friday afternoon like a twelve-struck the Deputy Sheriff's office. There was fire in his eye and what looked suspiciously like gore on his whiskers. From one ear to the other, and from nose tip to chin, was a beautiful deep red smudge and the fingers he waved in his eloquence as he told his story were henna stained to the second knuckle. The tale he told was that he had purchased two slices of luscious melon from a fruit dealer at the fishmarket. Into one of these he had plunged his face, giving the other to Mrs. Kaniho. The fruit did not taste as good as it looked and he was about to remark so to his wife when he was cut short by a scream. His wife had seen his face. The melon had been artistically dyed and the pigment which had been injected into the fruit had spread itself around on his features. The worst of it was that it would not wash off and Mr. Kaniho is booked to sing some hulas at an approaching entertainment. There was reason, therefore, for the wrath of the statesman, but he was informed that the police had no jurisdiction over either dyed melons or rouged faces. He was referred to the Federal authorities, under whose watchfulness the Pure Food act is being enforced.

A GOOD CHANCE FOR FARMERS

The Government has decided to put upon the market some of the finest lands in the Hilo district, known as Kaiwika III. This property is on the line of the proposed Hilo-Kohala Railway and within easy distance of the town of Hilo. In one portion of Kaiwika nearly all of the vegetables, including potatoes, consumed in Hilo were grown and many acres are now cultivated by truck farmers. Pineapples grow well there and the new pineapple company will get much of its supply from the Kaiwika district. As will be seen by the advertisement in this paper today some of the land to be sold has been planted to cane. It is near to the mills, two of them, and is good for the cultivation of that dependable product for many years to come. One good thing in the announcement is the promise of the Government to spend fifty per cent of the proceeds of the sale in road building to the various homesteads. That is the one thing needed but as they are easy to build, much of the material being near at hand, there will be little delay in the completion of the thoroughfares. To persons who would become farmers to the extent of growing pineapples or cane here is a splendid opportunity to acquire good land at reasonable prices.

KANIHO GETS HIS REVENGE IN COURT

Ning Pee, a Chinaman carrying on a general fruit, vegetable and ice cream business near the Fishmarket, found out that the dyeing of the face of the Hon. H. M. Kaniho, through using aniline dyes on watermelon, was a costly proposition yesterday. He refused to plead either guilty or not guilty in court when brought up before Judge Whitney, insisting that the judge could tell whether he had transgressed the laws or not and that it was not for him, unworthy to sit at the feet of so learned a jurist, to usurp this prerogative. He testified that he had colored the face of watermelon of which Kaniho had taken for his own use and that dyed eating poison greatly, but not think of serving anything kind to a Representative unless by invitation. The fact that the melon had been treated with aniline was testified to by Food Com. Danon, and the Chinaman was fined and costs for violation of the Pure Food law.

Commercial News By Daniel Logan.

With this article is presented a diagram showing the position of the so-called Mahuka site for the Federal building in Honolulu, also the lines of the proposed extension of Bishop street to the waterfront section. This presentation will be of interest now since, in the last two days, the Mahuka site has resumed a seemingly commanding status among all rivals for selection. For a few days before the indications had been strengthening that the Irwin site on Palace Square, an area of 56,000 square feet covering the location of the Pacific Tennis Club's premises, would be adopted by the Treasury Department in Washington. A price of \$146,000 for it had been agreed upon by cable. Lately, though, the Henry Waterhouse Trust Co. by its president, E. W. Shingle, had effected arrangements with property owners interested along the proposed Bishop street extension as far as Merchant street, whereby they would be good for the estimated \$35,000 to extend Bishop street—one-half by abatement of so much in the price of the site as offered to the United States and the other half by contribution of the amount they would be assessed for betterments under condemnation proceedings. Part of the scheme as effected was the obtaining of an assurance from the Superintendent of Public Works that he would be willing to accept, on behalf of the Territory, a proper deed for a strip of land sixty feet in width, extending from King to Merchant street, for a nominal consideration, with the understanding that such property was to be dedicated to the public as a right of way for road purposes.

Considerations favoring the hypothesis that the Mahuka site has a probable show of selection are several. At the conference of citizens on the subject, convened by the Treasury's special agent, H. A. Taylor, this was first choice on a vote. It was also first choice with Mr. Taylor, who stipulated only the condition that Bishop street should be extended to Merchant. Governor Carter opposed the Mahuka site unless an assurance were given that Bishop street would be opened clear to the waterfront at a cost to the Territory not exceeding \$17,500. It is evident, from cablegrams that have passed, that Governor Carter since his arrival in Washington has been promoting the Irwin in opposition to the Mahuka site. But with the meeting of Mr. Taylor's condition without cost to the Territory of more than one dollar, it is so presumed that a great advantage has been gained for the Mahuka site in the Treasury Department. If the Territory has the \$17,500 to spare, it can be applied to carrying out the Governor's idea.

Although the placing of the Federal building on a Palace Square frontage would be a realization of a part of the city beautification scheme of Mr. Robinson, the park expert, it can not be denied that the weight of local business opinion is against having the postoffice and custom house services in a location which is now and will doubtless be for many years to come considerably distant from the commercial center of the city. The block containing the Mahuka site is as near being the central one of Honolulu's business section as any that could be marked on the city map.

LAND MATTERS.

Since the Legislature has provided the necessary funds to make up the deficiency in working expenses for the unexpired portion of the present biennial period, the Land Department has shown marked activity in opening up lands to agricultural and suburban settlement. One of the largest movements in this regard is that for the sale of twenty-one lots in the Kaiwika tract, Island of Hawaii, as cash freeholds. They are known better as the Hakalau lands and have proved in culture to be of most productive soil for a great variety of products. Most of the potatoes and vegetables consumed in Hilo have been raised thereon, and the lands are on the route of the proposed Hilo-Kohala railroad. Some of them have been cultivated in sugar cane. They are advertised in lots of about thirty acres each, with upset prices ranging from \$745 to \$935. Purchasers will pay the prices at which they buy in four equal annual instalments, the first at time of sale, but are privileged to make quicker full payment and thus save interest. Seventeen lots in the tract have already been taken by the Oaorio Settlement Association. One-half of the realizations from the sale of these lands will be devoted, so far as needed, to making roads to the homesteads.

An amicable arrangement for the liquidation of road damages having been made, Commissioner Pratt will shortly open the Alawa lands, at the mouth of Nuuanu valley, Honolulu, to settlement. The provision of law for devoting fifty per cent of the proceeds to the making of roads will in this case also be applied.

Tomorrow the Commissioner will sell at auction two lots in the Pupukea-Paumalu tract, Oahu. One contains 149.5 acres with improvements valued at \$100 and its upset price is \$1968.75, and the other contains 180.7 acres and its upset price is \$2258.75. A large proportion of these lots is excellent pineapple land.

Mr. Pratt goes to Kauai the first of this week to attend personally to matters connected with the opening of the Kapaa lands to homesteaders.

At the resale, ordered by court, of the Monsarrat property at Union street and Adams lane yesterday, James F. Morgan, auctioneer, procured a price \$1250 in advance of that got at the unconfirmed sale. B. L. Marx, as attorney for Bruce Cartwright, the second mortgagee in the case, bought the property for \$4250. It is subject to a life interest of Mrs. E. J. Monsarrat.

The trustees of the Christian church offer for sale by tender the church property at King and Alakea streets as a business site, and the parsonage property at Beretania and Keaunoku streets as a residence.

QUESTIONS OF TAXATION.

Considerable interest centers in the Tax Appeal Court. Some cases before it involve points of law besides large amounts of money and will undoubtedly be carried higher—to the Supreme Court of the United States indeed it has been declared in regard to more than one of them. Lands of the Oahu Railway & Land Co., the Dowsett Co. and the John H. Estate, assessed for an aggregate of more than \$67,000 on lessors' interests, were not returned at all, the taxpayers taking the ground that they are exempt under the law exempting pineapple lands from taxation, as they are leased to pineapple growing corporations. The assessor, on the other hand, contends that only the interests of the lessees in such cases are exempt. An appeal has also been taken by the O. R. & L. Co. from an assessment of \$640,350 on 8028 acres of land it leases from the Campbell estate and sub-leases to Ewa Plantation Co. No return of this leasehold was made by the railway company. Its appeal is on the principle of resistance to presumed double taxation.

The Chamber of Commerce has referred to its legislative committee the request of the Territorial Tax Commission for suggestions relative to tax reform.

VARIOUS CONTRACTS.

William G. Chalmers has received the contract at \$20,949 for the construction of the gymnasium and post-exchange at the Kahauiki army post. A. Evenson has been awarded the contract for building the Kapaa school-house at \$11,663.

Tenders opened for the erection of the new manual training shops for the Kamehameha School for Boys range from \$48,175 to \$34,189, the lowest being that of John Walker.

Lucas Brothers have received the contract at \$7000 for remodeling Bingham Hall, Oahu College, to change it from a dormitory to a tuition building.

A contract for supplying Lahainalua school with 21,332 feet of lumber and 30,000 shingles, for enlarging the assembly hall and building a new dining room, has been awarded to the Kahului Railroad Co. at \$1035.

Superintendent Babbitt is revising plans submitted by an architect for the Honolulu high school building, for which the Legislature appropriated \$50,000. The building will be erected on the Maertens property, fronting on Beretania, Victoria and Young streets, opposite Thomas square. It will contain seventeen class rooms and an assembly hall, besides store rooms and lavatories in the basement.

Superintendent of Public Works Holloway is advertising for tenders for dredging out the Waikiki side of Brewer's wharf. Work on the Makiki dam has been suspended until the appropriations for next biennial period become available. Only a small amount is needed to complete it. The Kalbi sewer is approaching completion. Construction of Nuuanu dam is steadily progressing. The recommendation of Mr. Schuyler that ten feet be added to its height is being carried out. This will increase the capacity of the reservoir 50 per cent, making it hold from 650,000,000 to 675,000,000 gallons of water.

SUGAR AND STOCKS.

Both cane and beet sugars have declined in the New York market since last weekly report, 96 degree test centrifugals at \$5.73c, a pound, \$74.60 a

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ton, being a drop of \$2.60 the ton, and the parity for 88 analysis Beets at \$80.80 a slighter fall of 90 cents the ton. Quite likely the decline is due to only some momentary conditions, as there has been no change in the world's situation which would account for any reversal of late rising prospects.

Scarcely anything is doing in stocks locally, Ewa having been the only thing showing a little bit of activity the past week. A symposium of views of bankers on the financial situation, published yesterday by the Advertiser, agrees in stating that there is enough money available for ordinary trade purposes but practically none for speculative enterprise. According to the same authorities the present tightness of the money market is due chiefly to the three causes of the recent payment of taxes, delayed sugar shipments and an unusual demand for money in San Francisco. It is remarked, however, that general trade is active, which seems to be confirmed by casual observation along the retail streets. At the same time none but the deaf can avoid a sound of murmuring along the curbs that times are actually dull. It is not wholly an indefinite complaint, either, but positive statements are heard to the effect that a diminution has taken place in the numbers of the class of people who afford the steady and most regular paying patronage of white stockkeepers and clientele of white professional men which is severely felt. At the best, moreover, with all due respect to "conservative" sentiments, the admission that there is a dearth of the essential medium of speculation is a predication of the fact that times are really dull, for one of the symptoms of a robust financial condition in a community is certainly an active traffic in the profit yielding and stable industrial and transportation securities of the country. It means as much a process of sound investing as of speculation.

Transactions of the week listed by the Honolulu Stock and Bond Exchange have been as follows: Ewa (\$20), 150, 100, 60, 15 at 26; McBryde (\$20), 40, 35 at 4.50; O. R. & L. Co. (\$100), 10 at 93.75; Kihel (\$50), 150 at 6.50; Oahu Sugar Co. (\$20), 8, 5 at 24.75; Waiwala (\$100), 10 at 72.50; Ooakala (\$20), 30 at 8.125; O. R. & L. Co.'s 6's, \$1000 at 101.50.

Dividends of the 15th are as follows: Hawaiian Sugar Co., 1 per cent.; Oahu Sugar Co., 1 per cent.; O. R. & L. Co., 1-2 per cent.; Hawaiian Agricultural Co., 1 per cent.

The acquisition of the Wireless Telegraph Co.'s interests by a corporation, announced in advance in this department several weeks ago, has been fully accomplished. Clinton J. Hutchins has the controlling interest in the 5000 shares of capital stock, all of which has been taken at the par value of \$10 a share. F. J. Cross, who had acquired the plant when the original company failed and conducted the enterprise successfully for two or three years, disposed of his entire interest. The new company is losing no time in laying out plans for great improvement in both plant and service.

GENERAL ITEMS.

A new staple in the Honolulu produce market appeared yesterday, when the steamer Kinahu from Hilo brought the first consignment of Hawaiian raspberries from the small farms of Oahu. It consisted of 200 baskets of the fruit, of good size and luscious flavor. At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce a resolution was passed favoring a memorial to the Federal authorities in behalf of at least a temporary suspension of the coastwise shipping laws with regard to passenger transportation. While the dearth of Amer-

ican steam bottoms in the Pacific continues, the subject is a vital one to the tourist trade of the Territory.

Governor Carter has called to Acting Governor Atkinson the following message: "Geological expert for water survey will come now. Can this save expense while there. Can this save whole year. I have accepted responsibility for this." This is a matter on which Governor Carter at home had corresponded much with Washington.

Walluku Sugar Co.'s new mill completed the 1907 crop on the 4th inst., the yield being about 7500 tons. With its recently-opened new ditches the company will develop a much larger area of land than hitherto.

A distribution of \$40,000 has been ordered by court in the matter of the estate of J. H. Coney, deceased.

Income of the estate of the late James Campbell is declared, by the Supreme Court, distributable to the wife and children of decedent from the date of July 3, 1905.

A committee of the Hawaii Yacht Club is issuing a circular to solicit funds for building a yacht to represent Hawaii in the transpacific yacht race next year. It is deemed a first-rate promotion enterprise. Secretary Wood of the Hawaii Promotion Committee is working up a project of bringing an excursion party from Chicago to these islands. Ocean steam arrivals for the week have been the Dix from Manila and Nagasaki, the Alaskan from Seattle, the Thomas from San Francisco and the Rosecrans from Monterey. Departures have been the Nevada for Kahului and San Francisco, the Alameda for San Francisco, the Hilonian for San Francisco via Hilo, the Admiral Juariguberry for San Francisco and Vancouver, and the Thomas for Manila.

The steamer Nevada, which arrived in Kahului on Wednesday, will depart this morning for San Francisco. Besides Miss Ormerod leaving, Mrs. Foss, who for six months past has been visiting her son, Harry Foss, civil engineer for the M. A. Co. at Hamakua, will return to her California home by the Nevada. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dukey of Honolulu, who are also passengers, have been visiting the H. P. Baldwin at Punahoa since Wednesday.

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