

# Hawaiian Gazette.

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, November 11.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, .00. Temperature, Max. 83, Min. 72. Weather, fair.

SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.80c; Per Ton, \$78.00. 88 Analysis Beets, 9s. 3½d.; Per Ton, \$79.00.

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## ANNUAL MEETING OF SUGAR MEN EXTRA LEGISLATIVE

### Planters' Association Holding Twenty-Fifth Convention—Industry Prosperous and Prospects Are Bright.

With the best year in the history of the sugar industry in these islands to discuss and compare notes over, the members of the Sugar Planters' Association, fifty strong, gathered yesterday morning for the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the organization. Every plantation in the group was represented, either by manager, owner or agent, and a general feeling of satisfaction with what had been accomplished during the past season and what would be accomplished in the coming one was evident.

Congratulatory were the reports of the president and secretary, read at the opening session yesterday morning, the former referring to the fact that what little danger seemed to be in the future in the difficulty of securing adequate labor would doubtless be overcome as all the other dangers which had threatened the industry in the past had been overcome.

#### PRESIDENT'S OPENING ADDRESS.

E. Faxon Bishop, welcomed the members to the annual meeting in the following address:

"On behalf of the trustees, I extend a cordial welcome to the members of the association assembled here today for the annual meeting. It has been customary for a good number of years past that we get together once a year to interchange ideas, listen to reports and discuss questions of general interest to that portion of our community identified with the sugar industry.

"The Planters' Labor and Supply Co., the parent organization of the H. S. P. A., was organized in March, 1882; thirty-five years the organization has been in existence for a quarter of a century. It may not be amiss to here mention those who were identified with the first organization. The officers elected in March, 1882, were as follows: S. N. Castle, president; E. P. Adams, S. L. Austin, S. T. Alexander, G. N. Wilcox, vice presidents; P. C. Jones, corresponding secretary; F. A. Schaefer, recording secretary; J. H. Pate, treasurer.

"Three of the above-mentioned are still alive and are with us today at this meeting.

"The crop of the year 1907, from the best information available, was 57,000 tons, and the possible output of the islands was estimated at 84,000 tons. This year of 1907 the total crop is 481,631 tons. The growth of the industry is evident without any further remarks or comparisons, and I think it may be safely said that the importance of this association, the scope of its work and the necessity of its continuance can be regarded in the same ratio. So much by way of retrospection.

"The work of the year just closed is worthy of special mention in many respects, and this will be largely covered in the reports which will be read to you in the course of the meeting. My reference to the several items is only cursory. In many respects, the work of the year has been one of observation—watching the progress or results from work and experiments established in former years. The reports to be submitted will not cover as many subjects as is customary, for the reason that many of them have been pretty thoroughly exploited in former years, leaving those who are asked to write up fresh reports on these old subjects in rather a bad way, and with threadbare topics to deal with. The work of the Experiment Station, however, has been full and interesting, and in my opinion it will give us enough food for thought to carry us over the present annual assembly. Its work, also, while interesting, has been so much in the way of observation as in any other respect, the experiments previously established having reached a point where they are decidedly in evidence. Mr. Eckart's Hawaiian seedlings alone cover a great work, and it puts him in a class to be envied by all who are identified with scientific agriculture. (Applause.)

"The Entomological Division, while not resting on its oars exactly, is certainly resting on laurels so well earned that the work of the division adds to the fame of Koehle and Perkins in a way that must be lasting in the annals of the next warfare in sugar cane. I make special mention to the fact that the sugar industry in this Territory has now ceased to be anxious over the leaf-hopper pest, yet how short is the time since it seemed that the entire industry was threatened with disaster, the scope of which was amply demonstrated by the complete devastation of the crops of one plantation, while many were seriously damaged.

"In a trip around the plantations,

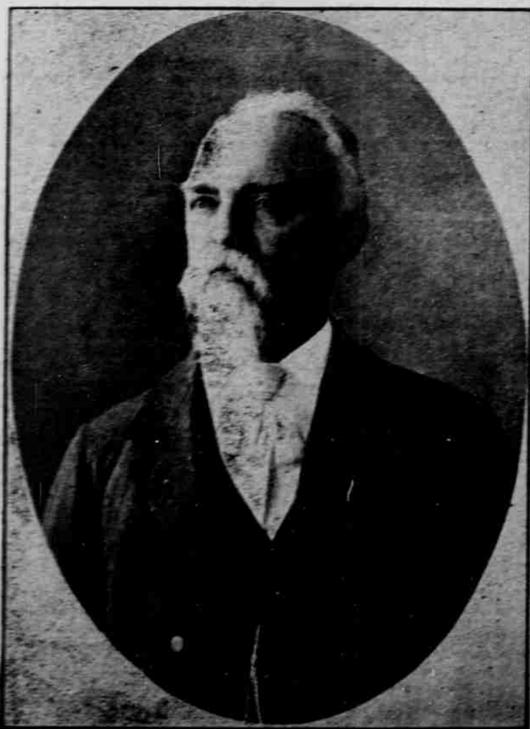
made this past summer, I was much pleased to note that full credit was accorded by the managers generally to the Experiment Station staff for the effective work done, which is as it should be. Individual members have from time to time deprecated the expense of maintenance of the station, but I regard its work today as of incalculable value, compared with which the cost of maintenance is as the annual bill of the family physician with a very healthy family as a patient.

"The Pathological Division of the Experiment Station, organized under the able direction of Dr. Cobb, has done most effective work during the past year, as must have been evident to you all from the bulletins that have been issued. The research made in the matter of root and fungus diseases of cane and their treatment are sufficiently early to enable us to take the necessary steps to head off disaster from these causes. While many of the suggestions made by the division involve considerable labor and expense, I believe it will be found sound policy that the recommendations made as to treatment of cane diseases be carried out. Dr. Cobb has retired from the head of the division, and is succeeded by Mr. Lewton-Brain, who was his able assistant for some time prior to Dr. Cobb's retirement.

"While not purely matters of association work, the questions of labor and transportation have been much in the concerns of the industry during the past year, and more sugar has been stored and for longer periods than ever before. Early in the year the labor supply began to be augmented by the arrival of immigrants from Southern Europe direct, and three expeditions of this character have come in during the year. After sifting these people have developed a desirable class, and it is to be hoped that the immigration laws will be so amended at the coming session of Congress, that the coming of this class of people to Hawaii may be resumed, stopped as it has been because of a possible irregularity in the methods followed by the Territorial Board of Immigration having in charge this work.

"The outlook for further supplies of labor from the Orient is not cheering because of the general trend of feeling in the United States against Oriental immigration, growing as it has into an issue that has forced official recognition. Hawaii's geographical location is such that any radical anti-Oriental policy must seriously affect us, and I look to the future with some considerable apprehension when viewing it from the standpoint of the labor requirements of this Territory. Even though there be legislation enabling the resumption of immigration from Europe, it is my opinion that this source alone will not supply our needs and that a part of our labor must continue to come from the Orient. However, this may not need be accepted as a tenable or positive prediction. Ever since my early connection with the sugar business, the industry

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F. A. SCHAEFER, PRESIDENT OF THE HAWAIIAN SUGAR PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION, 1907-8.

## ROOSEVELT WILL URGE WORK AT PEARL HARBOR

(Special Cablegram to the Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, November 12.—President Roosevelt will include among the recommendations in his message to Congress, to convene on December 2, a passage urging upon Congress the necessity of taking up at once the improvement of Pearl Harbor, near Honolulu, and appropriating an amount sufficient to carry on the projected plans of opening up and fortifying the harbor as a naval base.

ERNEST G. WALKER.



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT—NOW AN EARNEST ADVOCATE OF THE PEARL HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.

With the personal recommendation of President Roosevelt behind it, the long-talked-of scheme for a great naval base at Pearl Harbor, with drydock, naval station, fortifications and yards, is nearer reality now than it has ever been.

Nothing more important to Honolulu and Hawaii in general has been cabled in late years from Washington than this special from the Advertiser's regular correspondent there. The completion of the naval works at Pearl Harbor means much to Honolulu commercially and strategically.

## HAVE THEIR EYES ON KAPAA LANDS

Land Commissioner Pratt is preparing to open up the lands of Kalabeo which are now under lease to McBryde Plantation, for right of purchase homesteads. The lands are suited to pineapple culture. They will be opened in homesteads of five to eight acres each. The plantation will surrender its lease to the lands in order that they may be opened up for homesteads.

Land Commissioner Pratt has had considerable correspondence with members of the Legislature in regard to the Kapa lands. They are anxious to know what disposition is to be made of these as they can supply applicants for homesteads in some of the lands to be opened.

An engineer has just returned from an examination of the Kaiwika III. lands at Hakalau and will report on the road conditions there. Following this it is probable that these lands will be opened up for homesteads.

### SCHOOL SITES ON MOLOKAI

Territorial Surveyor Wall is about to begin a survey and description of all the school property on the island of Molokai.

Work on the Alewa Heights road began yesterday, with an augmented force of laborers.

## SESSION CERTAIN TO BE CALLED ON COAST

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

SACRAMENTO, November 12.—It is almost certain that Governor Gillett will call a special session of the Legislature to consider the financial situation and pass legislation extending the period during which State taxes must be paid. The Governor has been in consultation with the leading bankers of San Francisco regarding the necessity of such an extra session.

NEW YORK, November 11.—The financial condition here is improved.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 11.—The bankers here take an optimistic view of the financial situation.

OAKLAND, November 11.—The Union National Bank has suspended. It was connected with the Safe Deposit and Trust Co. of San Francisco, which suspended early in the present stringency.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 8.—The first two games in the series before the Coast team leaves for Hawaii were played here today, and resulted in a victory and a defeat. The first game the Hawaiian Stars beat the picked team, 3-1, and in the second game the All Stars beat them, 2-1. Barney Joy pitched for the All Star team.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 8.—Minister Hill, now at the Netherlands, will succeed Minister Tower at Berlin.

MANILA, November 8.—Secretary Taft advises the Filipinos to work for tariff reduction.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 8.—The whalers Trasher and Herman have arrived here. The Karluk will remain in the north.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 9.—The talk of an expected war between Japan and the United States is being taken seriously here and many volunteers have been arriving at the American Embassy, offering their services to the American army in the event of hostilities.

MARSEILLES, France, November 9.—This city was swept by a hurricane yesterday afternoon and immense damage has been done. A large number of people were killed.

WASHINGTON, November 9.—Rear Admiral Lyon has been retired.

DULUTH, November 9.—A grain elevator was burned to the ground here yesterday and the grain contents destroyed. The total loss will approximate two million dollars.

PEKING, November 9.—The Chinese government has issued an order forbidding the transportation of Japanese mails over the Newchwang railroad. This is a throwing down of the gage to Japan in the dispute over that portion of Manchuria fought over in the Russian-Japanese war.

NEW YORK, November 9.—At a meeting of the bankers yesterday a demand was made that a portion of the currency being received from abroad be diverted into the interior to assist the various banking institutions located there.

The total amount of foreign gold so far received here is twenty-one million, three hundred and eleven thousand dollars.

NEW YORK, November 8.—A million dollars of Mexican gold has arrived here.

BERLIN, November 8.—The rate of discount at the Imperial Bank of Germany has been made 7½.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 9.—The health situation here is again becoming alarming. Yesterday a conference was held between Governor Gillett and the State and City Health authorities, at which it was decided to send a committee to Washington in an effort to enlist Federal financial aid in the combating of the plague.

EL PASO, Texas, November 9.—The police have captured a gang of counterfeiters who have begun to turn out counterfeit clearing house certificates in view of the issuance of such in small denominations during the present currency stringency. The gang had in their possession nine thousand such forged certificates.

BERLIN, November 9.—Kaiser Wilhelm and the Empress departed for Flushing yesterday to embark for England on a visit to King Edward.

NEW YORK, November 9.—The football games today resulted in the following scores: Cornell made 12 to West Point's 10; Harvard scored 17 to Carlisle's 23; the University of Pennsylvania made 28 to nothing scored by the Pennsylvania State College team; Princeton scored 14 to Amherst's 0, and Yale scored 22 to Brown's 0.

NEW YORK, November 9.—The total sum of gold engagements from abroad is now over fifty millions. The banks here hold nearly fifty-two millions more than required by the reserve rules.

LONDON, November 9.—The King's birthday has been very generally observed throughout the Empire. There was much enthusiasm all over England.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 9.—The California-Stanford football game today resulted in a victory for Stanford, by 21 to 11.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 9.—The total number of deaths from plague during the present outbreak has now reached fifty-seven, with ninety cases.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 9.—The Hawaiian Stars played the Picked nine again today, and won by a score of 8 to 3.

BERLIN, November 9.—A son has been born to the Crown Princess.

MANILA, November 10.—Secretary Taft departed for Vladivostok yesterday, his sailing being the occasion for a great demonstration. Schoolboys drew his carriage through the luneta to the dock, the way being lined with cheering crowds. The Secretary will arrive at Vladivostok on the eighteenth.

Aginaldo, in an address delivered prior to the departure of Secretary Taft, predicted that good results to the Philippines will follow as a result of the Secretary's visit to the islands.

PORTLAND, Oregon, November 10.—J. T. Ross, president of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company Savings Bank, George H. Hill, vice president, and T. T. Burkhart, treasurer, were arrested yesterday for receiving deposits after it was known that the bank was insolvent. The bank suspended payment on Wednesday last. The arrested officials have been released on five thousand dollar bonds.

TACOMA, November 10.—Covington and Burlison, who are suspected of the crime of murdering the wife of the former and having packed her dead body in a trunk, have been located on board a schooner which sailed from this port for Australia shortly after the crime. Warrants have been issued for them and the Australian authorities notified. The men will be arrested as soon as the schooner reaches port, which will be some time early in December.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 10.—Prince Salmon, of Tahiti, has gone to Los Angeles. His baggage is being held at his hotel here as security for the payment of a check for fifty dollars issued by him which was returned from the bank unhonored.

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