

"FIVE A HAND" IS PRICE NO MORE

Bananas Going Up in Quotations As Opening Date for the Legislature Nears.

With Senator Cecil Brown for the Republicans and Senator-elect Wirtz for the Democrats, engaged in drawing "banana bills" to be presented in the coming session of the legislature, it is believed that the Territory may eventually be called upon to pay generously for the banana trees destroyed during the mosquito campaign.

Representative-elect Jack Kalakiola, who is secretary of the Democratic legislative committee having the charge of a banana bill in charge, is responding to the claims from far and wide, urging them to get their names and claims before the committee, with the result that including the names supplied the committee by the board of health and those shepherded into the fold by "Too Bad" Jack, the committee now wets of some one hundred and sixty persons whose claims aggregate about \$45,000.

Hurry T. Mills is said to have a number of claims which he bought up during the excitement for a few cents on the dollar and which he expects to collect from the legislature with profit to himself.

Senator Brown, too, it is understood, is making a collection of claims in behalf of his constituency and it will be a battle between the Republicans and Democrats as to which party gets the measure through with the credit which is expected to accrue thereby.

Many Sad Stories. From the sad stories which accompany some of the claims, one would imagine that the people of Hawaii are bananivorous, and that as far as hardship represented by famine is concerned, the sanitary corps might far better have driven all the fatted kine of the islands into the sea, burned up the poi factories and quarantined the city from any imports of food stuffs from abroad. Also, it develops that Honolulu was the home of as many varieties of bananas as Heinz has pickles.

Mrs. Fern, consort of the Honorable Jay, mayor of Honolulu, puts in a claim of two dollars apiece for her "ice cream" banana trees. Bananas are mentioned under titles which indicate they partook of the taste of a wide variety of Lucullan dishes, but no mention is made of the pork and bean or the corned beef and cabbage banana.

It is expected that the debate upon the banana bill will add considerably to the literature on the subject of the mousa epidemica as this humble fruit of commerce is scientifically known, and it is possible that expert bananists from over the world will visit Honolulu for the sole purpose of enlarging their knowledge on the subject.

TUBERCULOSIS LIST IS GROWING DAILY

Close to Seventeen Hundred Cases Are Now on File at the Central Bureau.

With the addition of four more names of tubercular persons to the register of the Anti-Tuberculosis Bureau yesterday, the total number of cases now on file there reaches 1695, representing the number of cases discovered in various ways since the latter part of 1910 or just a little over two years. The fair average is seven hundred cases to the year.

Within the period of registration the deaths numbered 459. Of these two hundred and fifty have been persons whose condition was previously reported to the bureau and the balance were deaths where the existence of tuberculosis as the contributory or main cause was not discovered until the post-mortem examination.

The nurse recently appointed in the anti-tuberculosis work in Hilo is bringing the statistics of the big island up to date and last week reported as many as twenty-five previous deaths in one mail, nearly all of which referred to cases already recorded.

The four new cases added yesterday were also from Hilo, the local reports having decreased in number for the time being, owing to a change in the board of health office which has delayed reports of tuberculosis cases to the bureau. For many months the number of cases reported to the bureau have been slowly increasing, not because the disease is spreading throughout the Territory any more than it formerly did, which is not the case, but because the machinery of detection of Dr. A. N. Sinclair is becoming enlarged and more efficient. This increase will shortly, it is hoped, be followed by a standing percentage as uncovered territory is gradually worked over.

A number of "supervision cards," reporting previously unsuspected cases as having been placed under observation, were yesterday delivered to Mrs. Drinkwater, the chief clerk of the bureau who was appointed recently under the funds raised by the sale of red cross stamps. Five cases previously reported to the Palama settlement nursing division were yesterday reported under observation. Three were Hawaiians, two, a boy and girl each eight years of age, whose future lives may be lightened considerably by the supervision they are now under. The other is a Hawaiian of twenty-five and the fourth a Portuguese of thirty-eight years.

A case of tuberculosis from camp very reported some time ago and yesterday changed to the supervision list indicates the completeness of record now being arrived at.

CLEVELAND DUE EARLY THIS MORNING

Passengers Want Lobsters and Notify Agents in First Wireless Received.

HAWAIIAN BELLES ARE READY

Will Carry Fragrant Leis Out to Tourists—Greeting Will Be Hearty.

(From Wednesday Advertiser)

Advices received by Hackfeld & Co. yesterday afternoon by wireless indicate that the Hamburg-American world-cruising steamship will not be off port until about eight o'clock this morning, docking an hour or an hour and a half later at the Alakea wharf.

Out of the void and vacant spaces of the Pacific Ocean, while the heavens were giving a magnificent electrical display Monday night, and while all Honolulu was awaiting a wireless message from Captain Kier of the S. S. Cleveland announcing the time of her arrival at Honolulu, a demand for lobster pierced the ether. It started from the tip of the wireless mast of the great steamer, jumped through space to the wireless mast on the northernmost end of the Island of Oahu and finally landed in the office of Hackfeld & Co., much to the disgust of Shipping Manager Klebahn. "Get us some lobster," said the message, just that and nothing more.

What do you think of a message asking for lobster when we wanted to know when the ship will dock?" said Mr. Klebahn yesterday. Mr. Klebahn looked more than ever like Emperor William for he was quite put out, to make it mild.

Mr. Klebahn filed a message last Saturday to the captain of the Cleveland asking many questions. Up to yesterday no reply had been received from the Cleveland except the message which asked for lobster. Not another item came from the Cleveland until yesterday afternoon, when after repeated proddings by the local agency Captain Kier announced his boat would be off port about eight o'clock this morning.

As the vessel will not be alongside the Alakea wharf until half-past nine or ten o'clock, it is likely the rapid transit program may be omitted, and the passengers notified to "act independent" and present themselves for luncheon at the Moana Hotel at noon.

Promotion Greeting With Leis. The promotion committee will go out in a special launch to meet the Cleveland at quarantine. The committee, headed by Secretary H. P. Wood, will also be accompanied by a group of young ladies who will decorate the incoming five hundred passengers with fragrant leis, a custom to which all passengers on the world cruises of the Cleveland look forward. In the party will be Miss Bernice Dwight, Miss Ellen Dwight, Miss Holt, Miss McGuire, Miss Reed, Miss Benedict, Miss Todd, Miss Wicke, Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Hoffman.

Mayor Jay Fern will also board the Cleveland at quarantine and welcome the voyagers to the city of Honolulu and exhibit himself.

The majority of the Cleveland round-the-world tourists are American Westerners, although there is a fair sprinkling of Middle State representatives and Canadians, with a few Europeans. Of the entire list, however, California furnishes nearly one half, while San Francisco leads among the cities represented.

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REORGANIZATION OF DEPARTMENT TO BEGIN

General Macomb Expected to Lose No Time in Effecting All Necessary Changes.

RETURNING THIS MORNING

War Department Order Elevating Military Status of Hawaii in Effect Saturday.

(From Wednesday Advertiser)

With the arrival today on the transport Sherman of Brigadier-General Macomb, department commander, from his leave of absence on the mainland, the reorganization of the new Department of Hawaii, to be an independent command on and after Saturday, will be commenced. General Macomb was in attendance at the Washington, D. C., conference relative to the entire army reorganization, and will have all details concerning the remodeling of the Hawaiian department and its brigade formations at his finger tips.

Between now and Saturday the general is expected to effect the organization on of the First Hawaiian Brigade, consisting of the First, Second and Twenty-Fifth Infantry regiments, the first regiment being stationed at Fort Shafter and the other two at Schofield Barracks.

On Saturday the new department staff will report to General Macomb at headquarters for duty. They will appear in white uniforms with side arms. From that date all matters arising in the department will be largely handled by the department commanding officer and staff, and references for action hereafter will go direct to the war department, instead of through another headquarters.

Quick Promotion. The rise of the Hawaiian organization had been rapid. From an insignificant base for a battalion of artillery, then a battalion of infantry, it has arisen through the various stages of a district to a dependent department and now becomes an independent department, practically giving it the status of a division of the army.

General Macomb will continue to administer the affairs of the reorganized department until the arrival of General Brunton from Manila, when he will assume command of the First Hawaiian Brigade.

More Room For Headquarters. The addition of new officers to the department staff will necessitate the renting of more rooms in the Young Building. The department headquarters are gradually extending down the second floor corridor and now present an imposing array of glass doors suitably inscribed.

Of the staff the ranking officer will be Lieutenant-Colonel Raymond, chief surgeon, Lieutenant-Colonel Galbraith, of the cavalry, who will be inspector-general, ranking next.

Owing to the necessity of continuing court martial trails as soon as possible after the new courts are appointed by the department commander, a temporary judge-advocate will probably be selected from among the line officers pending the arrival of Lieutenant Masie from San Francisco. He is expected on the March transport.

The war department order creating the new department of Hawaii was issued at Washington, D. C., on February 6, said Adjutant-General Campbell yesterday. "The order may arrive here on the Wilhelmina, February 18, or on the Mongolia, February 21, and that will give us a number of very many interesting details."

HAWAII PONOI FUND AWARDED TO CHARITIES

Dividing their charity fund between four religious denominations in the city to be used by them in philanthropic work as they see fit, the Sisters of Hawaii PonoI have transferred \$250 from the books of their now dissolved organization.

The sum was divided into four, of \$62.50 each, and was awarded to the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, to the Roman Catholic Church, St. Andrew's Cathedral and the Hawaiian Congregational Church. The sum given to the last named was divided between the Kawaiahae and Waianae churches.

The shades of night were falling fast when through the Alpine village passed a youth who bore "mid snow and ice a banner with the strange device "Excelsior."

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