

RECREATION PIER ON HARBOR FRONT COMMISSION PLAN

Opened To Bay and Sea, With Bandstand and Amusement Facilities, Place Is Designed As Social Center For Honoluluans

HARBOR BOARD MAY ACT ON SCHEME IMMEDIATELY

Old Oceanic Dock and Custom House May Be Forced To Make Room For Big Improvements Now Under Consideration

Big changes for Honolulu's waterfront are contemplated in plans for a recreation pier, or roof garden, on the upper floor of the three proposed piers, eight, nine and ten.

The lower, or ground floor, will be utilized, of course for freight, and will be equipped with all the modern conveying machinery, other facilities possible, but the upper floors will be devoted to the people of the city, a place where they can gather and amuse themselves in the cool breezes from the harbor, and with the panorama of the Oahu coast spread before them.

Plan Tried In New York

The plan of a harbor front recreation pier as a sort of social center has been tried successfully in New York, Boston and Chicago, and the engineers of the board of harbor commissioners, who have designed the proposed recreation pier have based their plans on the western idea, with modifications to suit the Hawaiian climate. The recreation section of the pier will be open on the Oahu side, giving a full view of the bay and sea.

In order to carry out the plan, which is to be submitted to the harbor board at its meeting next Tuesday, it will be necessary to tear down the old Oceanic dock and remove the old custom house structure from its present site, to make way for a solid storage plant, or warehouse, as well as to make other changes in the "front," so well known to all kanaeana.

Cost Half Million

The total cost of the substructure, now under construction, and the sheds, with the recreation floors, will be in the neighborhood of \$460,000. The foundations will cost \$285,000 and the sheds \$175,000 approximately. The entire structure is to be of concrete reinforced with steel where necessary, and the equipment is to be of the most modern and fire proof character obtainable.

The plans for the recreation piers, a sketch of which is published this morning, call for benches and seats for resting and a band stand where the Hawaiian band and others, can play on steam or days. Other features may be introduced later, but that is as far as the sketch has got to date. It is understood of course, that the recreation floors may be used for public meetings, for fetes and festivals held under cover and for any other public purpose for which they may prove fitted.

It is also hoped that the place will become one of the chief resorts of the people of Honolulu at night. The lighting effects, as provided the plans are said to be elaborate and ornamental.

Plan Clock Tower

As the sketch shows the roof gardens, will include the upper floors of all three piers. These piers form a great U, several hundred feet long on the sides and coupled up at the bottom with a pier pier. This leaves a large court yard in the center, the site of the present custom house. A clock tower is to stand at one corner of pier nine, and the light house service is to be given a skeleton tower upon which the range light is to stand.

The original plans, as shown in the sketch, included a great clock storage plant to stand on the present site of the old custom house structure, but investigation by Mr. Forbes has shown that the Hawaiian Electric company and the Oahu Ice company both have been refrigerating plants, and it is believed quite possible that there will be no demand for additional storage space than that already available. It is therefore more than likely that the idea of a solid storage plant may be abandoned, and the space devoted to a warehouse, or left an open court, paved with concrete, for parking teams and automobiles.

The sheds, which are to cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000 with all equipment installed, contain 150,000 square feet of floor space, and are planned to accommodate three or four of the largest ships at a time. The superstructure is to be reinforced concrete, and will be practically fire proof, and Mr. Forbes yesterday in describing the plan. The substructure, or foundation, which is to cost \$285,000, is already under construction, and work is to be pushed upon it as rapidly as possible. The most substantial form of construction is being used, the piles being massive concrete and steel cylinders.

GEORGE LYCURGUS HAS BIG GRECIAN CONTRACT

Reports have been received in Hilo of the success in Greece of George Lycurgus, well known here as the former proprietor of Hans Soule and the owner of the Union Grill, also of the Hilo Hotel and largely interested in the Volcano House. Lycurgus is reported to have received from the government of Greece the concession to carry freight from the support of Olympe to Sparta and Tripoli.

BRITISH OFFICER WINS PRETTY GIRL

Daughter of Colonel Wilder, Well Known In Honolulu, To Become War Bride

Announcement has just been made in Washington of the engagement of Miss Sylvia Wilder, daughter of Col. Wilbur Elliot Wilder, Fifth United States Cavalry, formerly commanding officer at Schofield Barracks, to Lieut. Alvary Gascoigne, Coldstream Guards, son of Col. Richard Gascoigne, D. S. O., of Lotherton, Hall, Yorkshires, and of Craighish Castle, in Scotland.

Miss Wilder is well remembered by Honoluluans as the beautiful and accomplished young woman who did the honors at her father's quarters during the two years that he was present with the Fifth Cavalry at Schofield Barracks. Lieutenant Gascoigne is descended through his grandmother from Sir William Gascoigne, who was lord chief justice of England in the reign of King Henry IV and of whom Shakespeare presents as striking a picture in his tragedy, "Henry IV."

In Parts 2 and 3, Scene 2, of that play Sir William, as lord chief justice, commits the heir apparent, after the King Henry V, to prison for contempt of court. This scene has been often quoted as an illustration of the independence of British judiciary has enjoyed, even in the most ancient times. Sir William was buried in the parish church of the Lathertons Hall estate, an estate which has been in the possession of Lieutenant Gascoigne's branch of the family since long before the reign of Henry IV.

Miss Wilder's fiancée, however, is Gascoigne only through his grandmother, as his father assumed her name and armorial bearings, in addition to his own on her death several years ago. Colonel Gascoigne's father was a younger son of the second Lord Ashburnham and belongs to the well-known Irish house of Grench of which the Earl of Glencarty is the chief.

Lieutenant Gascoigne is now with his battalion in Flanders and the wedding will take place in Washington some time next autumn.

SUGAR CONDITIONS ANALYZED BY GEERLIGS

H. C. Prinsen Geerligs writes in "The International Sugar Journal" of March, 1916, regarding the 1915-1916 campaign. As a consequence of the extension of potato and cereal cultivation, the area planted with beet roots in Germany has been reduced by about one-third. Lack of fertilizers and of animal traction and workers prevented the land from being so well treated and cultivated as is necessary to produce the fine results which are the rule in the Continent.

Not all of the beets grown really came to the slicing machines. Part of the crop was sold to alcohol distillers and some of the beets were fed to the cattle. When cutting off the heads the farmers have certainly taken off a larger part than in normal years in order to use that portion together with the leaves as fodder, and, further, small roots have been retained altogether for such food.

There was an extra reason for this practice, as in September, 1915, a Government decree embargoed 25 per cent of the pulp from the beet sugar factories in favor of those cattle breeders who do not grow beets, in order to supply them with the necessary fodder.

Now many owners of cattle, who had also grown beets, had calculated the acreage to be sown in such a way that the pulp from their beets would be merely sufficient for their own beasts, and they greatly disappointed when, all of a sudden, one quarter of that necessary food was commandeered and they had to look out for a substitute.

As this occurred just at a time when the distributing committee asked high prices for fodder, and they had not seen the necessity for contracting in advance, it is easily understood that they withheld as many beets as possible from the delivery, and thus we have another good reason for the small German sugar crop of 1915-16. The official figures are not out, but it is generally understood that the crop will be about 1,500,000 tons of sugar, of which 1,400,000 tons are first product, 40,000 tons are second product, and 100,000 tons are after-products, which will be used in the manufacture of cattle food.

The prohibition of the extraction of sugar from molasses is maintained also this year, but the small sugar crop implies, too, a small molasses and pulp crop, so that the stock of sugarcane cattle food is by no means so plentiful as last year.

POUR CONCRETE FOR DRYDOCK THIS WEEK

First concrete for the base of the naval drydock at Pearl Harbor will be poured this week, following more than a year's work clearing away the wreckage of the old drydock and laying a solid foundation for the new one. The drydock is to be a monolithic concrete basin set on piles, which are so solidly supported, by broken stone packed between, as to present a level floor. On this bed the sections of the drydock base, in huge slabs made above water, will be laid and joined under water. The first drydock, which was in, or blew up, was poured under the salt water.

PLAN TO RECLAIM WAIKIKI DISTRICT

Proposal Will Make Section Beautiful Out of Duck Ponds and Weedy Marshes

Honolulu is to become the Venice of the Pacific if the plans for the Waikiki reclamation project go through to completion as they now stand. Superintendent of Public Works Forbes and Governor Pinkham have been working on them for weeks, and have now brought them into something nearing their final shape, although details are likely to be altered before the work can start.

The feature of the final plan, as yet incomplete, is a great scenic and drainage canal, with ornamental banks, running from the Makiki stream, across the McCully tract, side by side with Kalaheo avenue for the distance of a mile and a half to the Palolo stream that flows through Kapiolani park into the sea. The canal will be a sea level drainage ditch, two hundred feet wide and of varying depth.

The chief idea back of the plan, aside from drainage and making available for home use the duck ponds and swamp lands of the district, is to provide a real beauty spot for the city. The irregular U which the Makiki and Palolo streams will form with the canal, are to be out to the width of the canal and give a vista of the Manoa and Palolo valleys.

The canal according to the present plans, will provide an ideal water playground, where water tournaments, regattas and water sports of all kind can be effectively staged. In all the canal will use fifty acres of land, much of which must be condemned, but part of which belongs now to the Territory, and can be used for this purpose.

Plans for the first unit will be made public soon. Mr. Forbes and Governor Pinkham have practically completed their work upon them. They provide for a fill, five hundred feet across of Kalaheo avenue and Ewa of the McCully tract. The subsequent fills will be made from the earth taken from the canal.

Other suggestions have been made for obtaining the earth for the fills. Engineers who have made a study of the situation point out that two large lagoons could be made on the land now owned by the government, with outlets that would serve to drain the entire district. This plan however has failed to win the approval of the Governor.

CROWDER OPPOSES FEDERAL MILITIA

Judge Advocate Tells Why He Thinks Federalization Unconstitutional

An opinion rendered by General E. H. Crowder, judge-advocate general of the army, holding that the proposed legislation for the federalization of the militia is in many respects unconstitutional, has been the cause of much discussion in congress recently.

The provisions which General Crowder regards as unconstitutional are the power to call the militia into the service for the purpose of training, the power to command the militia when called into the training and the power to establish court-martials for the trial of officers and enlisted men of the national guard when not in service.

BOY IS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT BY HIS BROTHER

Joe Souza, about eleven years of age, was shot in the left thigh yesterday in Atkinson Park by his brother Charles, who was practicing shooting with a "parlor" rifle. The wounded boy was taken to the emergency hospital, where an attempt was made to get the bullet out of his leg but it was not found.

HILO COMPANIES CROSS WIRES AGAIN

Current Utilities Commission Called On To Stop The Sparks and Settle Misunderstanding

The Hilo Traction Company and the Hilo Electric Company like Tweedle-Dee and Tweedle-Dee are arguing again. As announced in The Advertiser yesterday there is a hitch in the rate that was set by the public utilities commission. Both companies agreed to abide by the decision of the commission as to the rate set but now it seems that the traction company wanted the rate fixed on a direct current base while the Hilo Electric people wanted it fixed on the alternating current base and under the impression that the Traction Company wanted it this way and that the utilities commission decided that for a minimum amount of sixty thousand kilowatt hours a month the traction company should pay to the electric company a fraction over a cent and a quarter for each kilowatt.

At a special meeting of the utilities commission yesterday afternoon the matter was thrashed out. C. G. Ballentyne and Robert W. Shingle appearing for the Traction Company and Frank E. Thompson representing the Hilo Electric.

The commissioners made the announcement that the rate they had decided upon was subject to change after the investigation May 19 of the books of the company and its property. This led to a discussion as to the result a change in the rates would make in a thirty year contract which is about to be entered into by the two corporations at issue. It was explained that the commissioners had the absolute right to change the rate even in a contract between two utility corporations if they had not already approved the contract.

Under the terms of the proposed contract the electric company will contract to sell to the traction company a minimum of sixty thousand kilowatt hours a month. If the traction company does not take this much it will have to pay for it just the same. In part payment for the service the traction company will give the concession of the water of the Waikuku river, estimated as being worth \$3000 a year, to the electric company and will get credit on its bill for the same.

Must Install Machinery Mr. Ballentyne, as stated by the Hilo Electric company, would not be able to supply the juice specified as the minimum to be taken without installing an additional plant and his contention was that if the plant had to be installed it was just as cheap for the company to put in a direct current generator as another alternating current machine. In this way there would not be any need for the placing of a meter to measure juice for the traction company so that there would be any loss in transformation as is at present proposed.

Under the present plan to get the sixty thousand kilowatts on one side of a converter, twenty per cent more of the machinery. It seems that it takes seventy-two thousand kilowatts of direct current to make sixty thousand kilowatts of alternating current and at the rate charged for the current delivered the traction company would be actually paying for what it got at the rate of a cent and two-fifths instead of a cent and a quarter plus.

Mr. Thompson speaking for the electric company stated that the correspondence which had been read at the meeting in Hilo had in view alternating current only while the traction representatives claimed that all their correspondence was based on a direct current plan.

The result of the discussion was that Thompson requested Ballentyne to submit to his clients for their consideration what sort of a plant it was thought necessary to install to give the service desired. This was agreed upon and as soon as the Hilo Electric people are heard from there will probably be another meeting of the utilities commission to take the subject up.

The investigation of the books and plant of the Hilo Electric company will begin in Hilo May 11, after the final hearing in the Hawaii telephone matter is finished.

PRIVATE OF FOURTH CAVALRY IS DESERTER

Louis W. Burns, private, Troop H, Fourth Cavalry, has been listed as a deserter from the United States Army. From a postal received from a member of his troop, it is believed that he went to San Francisco. He is a gambler, and when last seen was wearing the service uniform. He is a native of Carrington, North Dakota, is twenty-two years old, machinist by occupation, has dark brown hair, ruddy complexion, weighs 155 pounds and is five feet six and three-quarters inches tall. A reward of fifty dollars is offered for his apprehension.

SPORTS INTERSECTIONAL SPORTS WILL BE LARGELY STAGED THIS SUMMER

Western Athletes Will Visit East and Contest Honors On Field and Flood

NEW YORK, April 25.—With the refusal of the Swedish athletic authorities to send a track and field team to this country during the coming summer, the last chance for international sport competition in 1916 has faded. As a result followers of various lines of amateur sports are turning to intersectional contests as the next best substitute and there appears to be excellent prospects in this direction. For this reason the performances of individual and grouped athletes are being watched with far more than usual interest. This is particularly true of Pacific Coast contestants, for it is from this section that the largest invading forces are expected in the East this season.

California will send its star tennis players on another tour of the Middle West and East; will be represented in the inter-circuit polo tournament and the leading colleges of the far coast will enter track teams, tennis teams and crews in the principal eastern competitions this spring and summer. The first test will come when Stanford and possibly California, compete in the Intercollegiate Championship games to be held at the Harvard University stadium at Cambridge, Mass., on May 26 and 27. Stanford has already stated her intention of entering a team, California, which holds membership in the I. C. A. A. A. did not compete in 1915 and must send athletes to the games this year in order to retain her standing under the two-year rule.

In the recent dual meet between these two varsity track teams at Stanford, the latter combination captured eleven out of fourteen events but the California contingent made a game struggle for the point honors by taking many seconds and thirds. The performances were not as a rule, however, sufficiently startling to warrant the belief that either team could win first place in the coming intercollegiate, when the array of talent at Cornell, Pennsylvania, Harvard, Princeton, Penn State, and other Eastern colleges is considered.

There is also a chance that a Pacific Coast varsity football team may be seen in an intersectional game against one or more Eastern eleven, either this fall or in 1917. A group of New York football men are endeavoring to arrange for such a game and stand ready to finance the trip in order to bring the eleven of California, Washington or Washington Aggies to New York for a game with one of the leading eleven of the East, if the consent of the Western university faculties can be secured.

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HILO OARSMEN ARE PRACTISING

Two Crews Are In Training To Represent Second City Against Visitors

Hilo Tribune: Rapid progress is being made toward completion of the plans to make the water sports of the Fourth of July in Hilo Bay a record it will be hard to beat. M. A. Nicoll, chairman of the committee, has received a letter from James A. McLean, vice president of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, stating that the steamer Kilaua is the only vessel which would be available for a special excursion from Honolulu to Hilo on July 4, and to be placed specially in commission.

On this account Mr. McLean states that the best rates which the Inter-Island can make for a round trip between Honolulu and Hilo is \$15 for first cabin, of which 125 passengers must be guaranteed; while \$5 for a round trip will be the rate for a deck passage, which the baseball team and the Royal Hawaiian band members will take. As it happens the Kilaua has accommodations for only 100 first cabin, consequently twenty-five passengers will have to be content with mattresses on the deck.

Meanwhile two crews to represent Hilo in the great races to take place began practicing last Thursday evening. These crews, and possibly additional aspirants for honors, will take their try-outs every evening from five to six o'clock, and on Sundays from nine to ten o'clock, at the old Matsun wharf. Everybody interested in this sport is invited to attend the exhibitions and training stunts at these hours.

The oarsmen are using the six-oared barge "Carl W." which was formerly a possession of the Healan Boat Club, but now is the property of the Hilo Yacht Club. When the Hilo crew gets into shape the Healan Boat will lend the Hilo oarsmen a fine crack barge to race with.

GAMES ARE STAND OFF

Yesterday's games: At Vernon—Vernon 5, Salt Lake 1; Salt Lake 6, Vernon 3. At San Francisco—Oakland 2, San Francisco 1; San Francisco 11, Oakland 2. At Portland—Rain. Team standings: Coast League

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Rows include San Francisco, Los Angeles, Vernon, Salt Lake, Oakland, Portland, Brooklyn, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, New York, Cleveland, Washington, New York, Boston, Detroit, St. Louis, Chicago, Philadelphia.

CUBS AND SOX POHO

Yesterday's games: National League At Chicago—Pittsburgh 1, Chicago 0. At St. Louis—St. Louis 1, Cincinnati 0. American League At Chicago—Cleveland 5, Chicago 2. At Detroit—Detroit 2, St. Louis 1. Team standings: National League

U. S. AEROPLANES IN MEXICO DESTROYED

Six Are Burned As Worthless Junk—Remaining Two Undergoing Extensive Repair

FORT SHAFTER, May 7.—According to advices received here recently from the Mexican border six of the eight aeroplanes which have been used by the expeditionary flyers in Mexico have been destroyed as worthless junk. The remaining two planes are undergoing repairs.

With the halt in field operations it was determined that none of the aeroplanes remaining in Mexico could be flown and all were burned. Capt. B. D. Foulis, commanding the First Aero Squadron, and his entire command left the front on route for Columbus, New Mexico, in motor cars, where they will supervise, equip and prepare planes for service in the high altitudes of Mexico.

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