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Only Small Supply Remaining in Warehouse.

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People who use kerosene oil for light or fuel will find themselves inconvenienced, unless the Iolani, from Boston, should arrive within a few hours. She is not due until the latter part of the month. If bad weather is encountered she may not arrive until the middle of next month.

At present there are but 400 cases of oil in the kerosene warehouse, half of which has been sold by the importers, Castle & Cooke, for delivery; the balance will be sold by the firm in single cases only and at the regular price. Preference will be given to the firm's regular customers.

The consumption of oil here is about 3,000 cases per month, so that the supply on hand will not last more than three days at the outside, provided, of course, that the 200 cases already sold to be delivered go to the other Islands. Should it remain here, among the grocers, the entire stock will probably last four days. After that, darkness to those whose houses are not wired for electricity and cold victuals to those who use oil for cooking.

Castle & Cooke are at present the only importers of oil in large quantities. Practically, they are the agents for the Standard Oil Company, and the price is fixed by the company. Occasionally Waterhouse, Davies or the Hawaiian Hardware Company import oil, but since an arrangement was made by the Standard Oil Company and W. P. Fuller & Co., the importations have been small by firms other than Castle & Cooke, and most of the oil imported by this firm comes from Boston around the Horn. Usually the cargo is from 6,000 to 10,000 cases, the vessels arriving about once a quarter or oftener. The last cargo, instead of coming here, passed on to Manila, hence the short supply today.

As soon as it became known yesterday morning that the supply was limited one young man made a tour of Chinatown and bought up all the oil possible from the Chinese merchants. In several places the Chinamen suspected something and declined to sell even at \$3 per case. Later on, when they had investigated and found the reason for his anxiety to purchase at an advance, those who refused to sell sat down and smiled; those who sold out sought the quiet of their boudoirs and kicked themselves. If the Iolani should be sighted today the young speculator will employ the services of these experienced Chinamen to kick him.

### MANY ROBBERIES.

Committed in Honolulu During the Last Three Weeks.  
From all accounts, there seem to have been a great many robberies committed in the city lately without the details of the same having been submitted to the authorities for action. Within the last three weeks the following have been robbed:  
Fred Johnson, hack driver at the Pantheon Stables; residence, Fort street, near Beretania; lost \$45.  
J. Roberts, engineer; used to be employed at the Electric Light Works; residence, Kukui street, midway between Fort and Nuanuan avenues; lost \$50 and a valuable gold watch.  
A. Huggins, hack driver at the Pantheon Stables; residence, Queen street, near South; lost between \$45 and \$48.  
Fred Clark, plasterer; residence, St. Clair's house, on Palace Square; lost from \$75 to \$90.  
Captain Drew, of the bark Andrew Welch, which has sailed for San Francisco; was stopping at the Club Hotel

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### MR. SCOTT RESIGNS.

Deputy Inspector of Schools Leaves Department.  
The matter under discussion in the executive session of the Commissioners of Education is understood to have been the resignation of John F. Scott as Deputy Inspector General of Schools. It has been known for some time that Mr. Scott has had so much detail work on his hands that he has been unable to keep it up to date.

Recently in the mass of office work orders for books sent to New York publishers were not properly recorded, and confusion followed through duplicates being sent.

Mr. Scott found the work onerous and unsatisfactory to him, and when complaint was made, he tendered his resignation. In the executive session much of the responsibility for the errors was lifted from Mr. Scott's shoulders, and it was shown beyond peradventure that his accounts were absolutely correct regarding money transactions, a question, however, regarding them had never been brought up.

Mr. Scott has been connected with the Board of Education as Secretary and Deputy Inspector General for some time past, and has proven a very energetic officer. He has been courteous to everyone with whom he was thrown in contact, and has had the respect of teachers and public alike. As he was an efficient teacher under the Board for several years before going into the office, from which he has just retired, it is believed he will be given a good school.

### Art League.

Among the items of importance at the business meeting of the Kiloahana Art League last evening were the election of three new members and the resignation of Mr. Allen Hutchinson, incident to his leaving the Islands. Mr. Hutchinson was one of the charter members of the society, and his departure is greeted with much regret. He was unanimously voted into the list of honorary members, the League being only too happy to retain in that way one whose talents they cannot hope to replace. An intaglio head of Mr. Hitchcock was presented to the League by the departing sculptor, and will be highly valued in the nucleus of what may some time be a permanent exhibition.

The dates for the autumn exhibition are proposed as follows: Pictures to be sent in November 15th; first view reception, Monday evening, November 22d; open to the public, November 29d. Notice of proposed amendment to the constitution was given, making all membership fees uniform, at the rate of the present dues of subscription members.

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The President and his Cabinet do not favor any indirect attack on the treaty, and remain as strongly as ever in advocating "contro. of the Islands.

The feeling in Congress is apparently growing that Hawaii has the best of the bargain under the treaty, and that there should be some modification of it. This feeling exists among some of the strong friends of Hawaii. In taking account of benefits under the treaty, only Custom House returns seem to be acceptable. Advantages arising out of shipping, commissions, and travel are regarded by many as vague and unreliable. One Senator, who favored annexation and the treaty, declares that he has changed his mind. He is in favor of annexation, but opposed to reciprocity on the ground that the benefits are unequal.

From the American standpoint, the political argument is the strongest. This is the meaning of the section in the Republican platform referring to Hawaii, and is so regarded here. Deputy that argument and it would go hard with the treaty. One able Democratic Senator said recently: "I feel that we must do something about Hawaii. We shall need her in the future, but what shall we do about it? The Republican party has destroyed our shipping and decreased our foreign commerce by the protective tariff. Why take an outpost like Pearl Harbor, when we have only ships of war and no merchantmen to put into it? Free trade means a merchant marine and the need of outposts. But we must keep the control of Hawaii, if we can. It looks as if reciprocity works badly. The more reciprocity the more Asiatics. We, of the South, know better than the men of the West, the political and social unrest which comes from ignorant races or from races with none of our political education. Reciprocity has driven the Hawaiian Islands off to Asia, instead of bringing them near to America. In spite of these obstacles, we must do something about it. What? What can be done towards stopping our dog-in-the-manger policy, which is not just? Hawaii is a small affair, in a certain sense, but it involves a vital principle. There is such a thing as undue haste. Our Republican friends hurried into Statehood several new Western States, on the theory that they would strengthen the party. They find that these States have gone over to silver and hold the balance of power. Now, we must govern Hawaii by force, if we take her, and abandon the principle of self-government to a large extent."

The substance of a conversation is given, in order to exhibit a phase of thought here. Its significance is that it does not shelve the Hawaiian matter, but fully recognizes its importance and anxiously seeks for a solution. The situation is vastly better than that of the Nicaragua Canal project. You can see here Rear-Admiral Ammer, disappointed and grieving over the indifference of Congress towards this great undertaking. "The people are all right," he says, "but Congress is too indifferent."

The Cuban matter shows the need and the power of the balance wheel of the Executive in the administration of public affairs. While the Republican platform commits the Executive to ac-

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both houses of Congress are hot about the matter, the President, under the heavy weight of responsibility, hesitates to act until he knows the facts. He knows, as every man knows who deals with foreign and even domestic affairs, that it is not easy to obtain reliable information. Spain now says that the Cuban rebellion has been suppressed. The revolutionists deny it. This important fact cannot be discovered without a knowledge of the situation, the visiting of the sections of the island in disturbance, the judging of the actual forces in the field, on both sides, ascertaining the quality of the war material on hand. The President, under great difficulties, is trying to secure this information, and he will act on it, one way or the other, as soon as he obtains it. He and not Congress will be held responsible for the policy of the United States by the future historians.

The debate on the tariff bill is somewhat deceptive. The Senate is making rapid progress, but many of the most important and debatable items have been passed over for the present. When there are taken up, they may provoke a long and bitter debate. The sugar schedules will soon be reached, but the paragraph referring to the treaty may be deferred to a later debate. Several of the friends of the treaty, in the Senate, believe that the prevailing opinion today is that the House bill will be sustained without debate, not because it is altogether acceptable, but in order to get the matter out of the way during the present session.

The death of Mr. Hastings may require the appointment of a new Secretary of Legation. The place should be filled by a man who has large acquaintance among public men here, and knows the detail of the departments. To appoint any other kind of person would be simply to spend several years in educating him for the position. A raw hand, unless possessed of great and peculiar gifts, would be of little use, in the present time, when pressing work is on hand. W. N. A.

### SULTAN IS SHREWD.

Leaves Peace Negotiations to His Ministers.  
LONDON, June 7.—The correspondent of the Standard at Constantinople says: Acting upon the advice of Izzet Bey, the Sultan is leaving the peace negotiations wholly in the hands of his Ministers, thus evading personal responsibility and placing himself in a position to sacrifice them to popular indignation, if necessary.

It is reported that the "Peace party" has entered into extensive stock exchange operations on the theory that the market will show a rise as the prospects of peace increase. The Ottoman Ambassador at St. Petersburg has informed the Porte that Count Muraviev, the Russian Foreign Minister, told him he personally objected to Russian intervention on behalf of Greece and had counteracted the feminine intrigues started with that object, but the Holy Synod induced the Czar to intervene.

### INVESTIGATING A FARCE.

Impossible to Get at Facts of Death of Ruiz.  
NEW YORK, May 29.—The Herald's Havana cable says: The Ruiz investigation is practically over, and at the conclusion of the sorry farce the matter is exactly where General Lee left it in his report of last February. His position now, as then, is that Ruiz died because he was deprived of treaty rights and that Spain is responsible for this result of the most aggravated case of brutality toward an American citizen on the part of Ponedsviela and his subordinates.

General Lee and Mr. Calhoun have found it impossible to get at the facts bearing upon the manner in which

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