

PAY BILLS BEFORE NEW YEAR'S DAY

A Custom Among the Chinese Which Must be Obeyed.

It is a good Chinaman who pays up his debts of the past year, before midnight of February 6, and it is an unfortunate Chinaman, who will get no credit during the next year, that fails to obey this time-honored custom. The Chinese of the city who do business on credit, and the Chinese families who obtain their groceries, meats, vegetables, clothes, from Chinese stores, are at present laying up their spare cash against the last day of the Chinese year. At that time they will pay up and start the year anew.

Following a custom dating from time immemorial in the Chinese Empire, the Chinese here will pay up their debts and the merchants are beginning to smile over the prospects of a golden harvest. Otherwise buyers will get no more credit from the stores, the system of black-balling among the colony being complete. In China the long, flowing silk robes worn by the apparently well-to-do are often to be found in the pawn shops, having been deposited there temporarily in exchange for a loan of money, which is generally applied to the debts of the owners.

A Chinaman may pile up debts from one New Year's day to the next, but before a New Year's celebration come around these debts must all be settled. This includes the bills of the doctor, barber, seller of meats, and groceries and drugs. It is a case of long credit, but the jobs paper will not burn brightly unless the worshipper has receipts for all that he has owed for the past year.

LIKES THE NEW YEAR ADVERTISER

Honolulu, Jan. 24, 1902.
Editor Advertiser: I beg leave to send you the enclosed opinion of the Advertiser in general and the New Year copy in particular, of a young man who is in touch with newspapers of the day, both in the East and on the coast:

A MALIHINI READER.
The enclosure follows: "About the Pacific Advertiser, I must say that sheet has always been a marvel to me. How a place like Honolulu, out of touch, except by mail, with the world, can print a sheet of that size and fill it every day beats me. But when I saw this number Jan. 1st, with all its fine photographic reproductions, printed on such good paper and gotten up so handsomely, I wanted to take my hat off to it. I think that this number would do credit as an issue of any of the San Francisco papers. I spent two evenings on it and read it through thoroughly and enjoyed it very much. I am very glad you sent it."

An old Honolulu printer writes as follows:
San Francisco, Jan. 16, 1902.
Happy new year to you! Let me thank you very much for being the recipient of the New Year's Advertiser. I tell you, you people down there are right up to date. The Advertiser seems to improve year by year. E. BEST.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Mme. Small's social tonight at Elks' Hall.
Housekeepers should read Hopp & Co's advertisement.

Call at Honolulu Photo Supply Company and see the Premo cameras.
Two and three-room houses are offered for rent by Henry Waterhouse & Co.

Ladies' hosiery at astonishingly low prices. See N. S. Sachs' ad on this page.

Stockholders' special meeting of the Territory Stables Co., Ltd., today at 2 o'clock.

Groceries and horses will be sold today at Morgan's salesrooms. See list published in his ad.

Reduction, on account of removal, in millinery, at Mrs. Hanna's, Fort street, opposite Convent School.

A young married couple desire room and board in private family. For particulars, see our classified ads on next page.

Lewis & Co., grocers, are exclusive dealers in Dr. Johnston's Educators gluten biscuit. Telephone Main 240 for a tin.

Ehlers & Co. advertise big reductions in children's white dresses, and announce the arrival of 1902 patterns of lawns, muslins, dimities and organdies.

A ladies' brooch, in shape of green ivy leaf, with small diamonds on the edge, was lost on the streets yesterday. A liberal reward will be paid for the return of the same to this office.

The annual meeting of the L. B. Kerr Co., Ltd., will be held today at 3 o'clock at the office on Queen street. Officers for the ensuing year are to be elected, and such business as may come before the meeting will be transacted.

One of the most desirable homes in this city is offered for sale by Mr. Frias, opposite Hackfeld's, on Fort street. This property consists of a lot 150 x 200 feet, with house and servants' quarters, also stable, and is situated on Prospect street, commanding a fine view of both sea and city.

Tramway's Car Broke Down.
Tramway's car No. 12, which was bound to Punahou last evening about dinner time, met with an accident between Pihoko and Keamoku streets. One of the axles of the car broke, and the vehicle had to be abandoned. The passengers on the car were compelled to get out, and the car was thrown off to one side of the road. There it was lifted up and a new axle substituted later in the evening, when it was hauled to the car barns. There was no one hurt by the accident, only a sudden jar as the car was stopped.

There will be music and dancing at the Hawaiian Hotel this evening. Eliza Sextet will play during the dinner hour, and after that time there will be dancing to the same music, upon the lanais of the hotel.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Orpheum tonight.
The Lei Pono Dancing Club will give a dance this evening at the club hall on School street.

Ernest Hogan's merry makers open at the Orpheum tonight in a new bill. Reserved seats, 75 cents.

Editor Norrie was on the streets yesterday. He is slowly gaining strength, but shows the severe effect of his recent illness.

In honor of the Kaiser's birthday there will be a reception at 1 p. m., Monday, at the consular offices in the Hackfeld building.

Captain Bowers, of the Merchants' Patrol and Confidential Agency, has issued some very neat cards giving the latest complete list of fire alarm boxes.

J. D. Neil, an old resident of Koloa, Kauai, died there Sunday night. Deceased leaves two sons. He was at one time engaged in the lumber business in Kauai.

Another meeting of those interested in the calico mask ball for the benefit of the Honolulu Eye and Ear Infirmary will be held next Wednesday at Dr. Sloggett's office.

Another civil service examination for mail carriers will be held in the High School, February 8. Applications must be filed with A. B. Ingalls at the custom house on the day previous.

Olive Branch Rebekahs will celebrate their third anniversary this evening at Harmony Hall. A program of exercises has been arranged, to be followed by a social and the serving of refreshments.

Dr. Doremus Scudder will address the Young Men's Christian Association meeting at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, his subject being "No Room in the Inn." Mr. Raymond C. Brown will sing a solo.

Civil service examinations for mail carriers will be held at the High School on February 8th. Applications must be made to A. B. Ingalls, at the custom house, not later than 4 o'clock p. m., February 7th.

The Hawaiian singers will return home as soon as they have completed their present concert tour. They appear in all the principal cities in the East, and do not expect to reach Honolulu before April or May.

Manager F. J. Cross, of the Inter-Island Telegraph Company, said yesterday that he expected to reopen the wireless telegraph system within a short time. Negotiations for the loan needed to float the company have been almost completed.

Superintendent Boyd has notified telephone, electric lighting and electric railway companies that they must file with the government inspector detail maps showing the location of all poles and wires, before March 1st. The companies are also ordered to remove all poles or wires not in use.

Local insurance agents are worked up over what they say is an attempt on the part of Mainland companies to write insurance over their heads, in the Hawaiian district, where they are supposed to have exclusive agencies. The Board of Underwriters, to stop this competition, have agreed to resign the agency of any company that writes Hawaiian insurance at less than the local rates. Such a combination as proposed, the United States District Attorney has held to be lawful.

Superintendent Boyd said yesterday that work on the Kewalo ditch can be commenced without fear of hindrance, as the right of way is practically assured. He has secured a right of way from King, near Kapiolani, to Waimanu. The short strip from Waimanu to Lanikai is still required, but from the latter street to the sea, the needed land has been already given to the government. Work will be commenced on the government right of way, and in the meantime negotiations for the remaining portion will be completed. At the same time the government lands at Kewalo are to be filled in, under an old contract with Cotton Brothers.

Agricultural Experts.

The first semi-monthly meeting of the technical agricultural society known as the Agricultural Seminar, will be held at Dr. Shorey's office in the rooms of the Board of Health this evening at 7:30 o'clock. The latest publications along agricultural lines will be read at these meetings and discussed by the members. Mr. Jared G. Smith will present a paper tonight on "Experiment Stations."

A Public Statement.

E. R. Bath, the plumber, and H. W. Barth, Honolulu Sheet Metal Works, desire to inform their friends and the business community that they are not associated in business or in any other way with W. H. Barth. Similarity in the name has given rise to certain unpleasantness, and friends are requested to use more care regarding their statements.

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Received on S. S. Ventura and opened out Monday, 27th inst., when we will show the newest and hand-somest designs and patterns of these beautiful warm weather fabrics so suitable for the Hawaiian climate. Don't miss seeing these exceedingly fashionable goods in an endless variety of new shades.

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