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GRAND JURY AND SCHOOL MATTERS.

The grand jury is critical of the Superintendent of Public Instruction because he "so rarely visits the schools and makes suggestions;" an oversight on his part which, in the opinion of the jury, "dwarfs if not destroys the teachers' powers of initiative and individuality."

Whatever may be the rule with a city superintendent of schools, it is rare indeed that the head of the educational system in a state or territory is called upon to do the detail work of visitation. All such departments are supposed to have employees for that purpose who report to the central chief.

Thus, in the Department of Public Works, it is not Mr. Holloway's business to stand about watching his men dig ditches or crush rock. He has experts for that purpose and his own attention to it must necessarily be limited.

There are 144 public schools in the Territory, all of which, if the grand jury's opinion is sound, need and should receive Mr. Atkinson's personal visitation. These schools are scattered over a distance of 300 linear miles and of 649 square miles.

There are signs of personal rancor in the attack upon Superintendent Atkinson which we regret to see in an official report embodying the process of a court. The pride taken in the schools of Hawaii by the general public is justified and it rests in no small degree upon educational methods and results to which Mr. Atkinson has contributed years of intelligent and conscientious labor.

With some other findings of the jury about the schools this paper is in hearty accord. The teachers ought to be paid living salaries and they should not be discharged without a fair chance to be heard by the Board of Education.

The Advertiser scooped all heads, the Associated Press and the Governor himself on the latter's report. It was the same way with the findings of the Mitchell Commission. A competent news agent at Washington is an investment that pays.

The British naval station at Esquimaux is being dismantled, Hongkong having been substituted for that port as the depot of the Pacific squadron. Possibly the move will induce Canada to help support a home squadron as Australia does.

Representative Lillikalani demands that the Legislature shall provide for the deepening of all the harbors of the group. Somebody should take Lillikalani aside and tell him not to meddle with Uncle Sam's business.

Hawaii will be unable to send a brigade of militia to the inauguration of the President but it might send Sam Johnson, who is pretty nearly the whole thing, anyhow.

There are only twenty head of cattle per day consumed in this city of 40,000 people. Evidently the simple life is prospering here beyond the ken of its known disciples.

When the mainland Republicans begin to exclude office-holders from party management it will be time enough for Hawaii to follow suit.

Where a Grand Jury passes, as they used to say of the Turk, the grass springs up no more.

ONE YEAR OLD.

Hawaii has done better in the year now drawing to its close than was anticipated a twelvemonth ago. At that time the predictions of four-cent sugar were not being realized, the price standing, a year ago today, at 3.50. Later it went down to 3.3125, that being the price between the 29th of January and the 3rd of February.

A matter of vast future import to Honolulu occurred about the middle of the year when the federal government began to choose sites for forts near the city. Probably ten or more gun emplacements will be built and a large garrison housed.

Another promising sign in the record of the closing year was the active work of the Promotion Committee and the spread of interest in diversified farming.

A special cause of thankfulness lies in the breaking up of the Home Rule party, an organization which might be described as a wasting disease of the body politic.

The year has seen no great fires or epidemics, no large failures, no public disasters of any kind. An exception might be made as to disasters in respect to the damage wrought in certain localities by the leaf-hopper; but there is more profit in being thankful that the pest did not do more harm and that it is now coming under control.

DESIGNS OF THE MILK TRUST.

It is reported, with apparent authority, that the Dairymen's Association will undertake in the next Legislature to freeze out the small dairymen by getting the price of the license to sell milk raised to \$100. The figure is now merely nominal.

The last Legislature reflected the spirit of the times by doing a great deal to promote and encourage the industries of the soil. A Board of Agriculture was constituted, the Promotion Committee was given funds with which to get settlers and pineapple lands were exempted from taxation.

There might, friends and brethren, be some graft in a three months' session of a grand jury.

WON STRAPS OVER ALL THE OFFICERS

SAN FRANCISCO, December 21.—Word reached the headquarters of the Pacific Division yesterday that Captain Jesse C. Nicholls of the Twenty-eighth Company had carried off the honors of the competitive examination and had won the position of captain of the ordnance department by the high per cent he attained.

The Captain, who is stationed in Honolulu, was notified to sail for this port as soon as possible. From this city he goes to Washington, D. C., for orders. He will assume the duties of the office on the first day of the new year. It carries with it a detail of four years.

The Mails.

Mails are due from the following points as follows: San Francisco—Per Mongolia, Jan. 4. Colonies—Per Miowera, Jan. 11. Victoria—Per Aorangi, Jan. 14. Yokohama—Per Doric, Jan. 8.

Santa Claus Today.

St. Clement's Sunday School Christmas tree festivities will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the parish house. All St. Clement's children will please attend and meet Santa Claus on his positively last appearance this year. All the babies in our neighborhood are invited. The parents of the children will be most welcome.

BANQUET OF THE LEAHI CHAPTER

The Leahi Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star installed its new officers last evening at the Masonic Temple.

A banquet was indulged in after the routine business of the evening was disposed of. All sat at one long table, which was beautifully decorated in red and green, with a couple of miniature Christmas trees near the center.

Mrs. Theodore Hoffman, the Past Worthy Matron, was presented with a star, set with diamonds, and made installing officer. Past Worthy Patron Crabbe was likewise presented with a Patron's star.

The new officers are as follows: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Harry Webster; Worthy Patron, Mr. E. C. Brown; Associate Worthy Matron, Mrs. E. C. Brown; Secretary, Emma L. R. Crabbe; Treasurer, Amelia B. Reedy; Conductress, Mrs. Alice Herrick; Associate Conductress, Mrs. Clara Schmidt.

GIVES FIRE DEPARTMENT A YOUNG MANGO TREE

Yesterday the Honolulu Fire Department was presented with a well grown three-year-old mango tree of Philippine Island stock by Gerritt P. Wilder. The tree was accepted with thanks by Fire Chief Thurston and was planted in the yard of the Makiki fire station, fronting of Piikoi street.

PLANTER'S MONTHLY A GREAT NUMBER

The Planters' Monthly for November, now out, is the largest number ever published, consisting, as it does, of 159 pages of reading matter, aside from those given to advertisements.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

High Sheriff Henry is taking a hand in police raiding himself these days, and says he is determined that open crime shall come to an end in Honolulu.

Secretary Hay has written to the Governor to the effect that Joe Piggott, the American horse jockey hurt on the race course at St. Petersburg, is alive and getting well. The jockey is a son of John Piggott, an employee at the Honolulu Iron Works.

There will be a special children's service at 3:30 o'clock p. m. on Sunday, January 1st, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, for all the Sunday Schools of the parish in which all of the children will take part, each school carrying its banner. Special hymns will be sung.

RELIEF AFTER SIX YEARS.—Mrs. M. A. Clark, of Timberrange, N. S. W., Australia, writes: "I wish to inform you of the wonderful benefit I have received from your valuable medicines. I suffered from a severe cough for six years and obtained no relief until I took Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. One bottle cured me and I am thankful to say that I have never had the cough since. Make any use of this letter that you like for the good of any other poor sufferers." For sale by all Dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., Agents for Hawaii.

SELF CURE NO FICTION!

MARVEL UPON MARVEL! NO SUFFERER NEED NOW DESPAIR, but without running a doctor's bill or falling into the deep ditch of quackery, may safely, speedily, and economically cure himself without the knowledge of a second party. By the introduction of the New French Remedy, THERAPION, a complete revolution has been wrought in this department of medical science, whilst thousands have been restored to health and happiness who for years previously had been merely dragging out a miserable existence.

THERAPION No. 1, in a remarkably short time, often a few days only, effects a cure, superseding injections, the use of which does irreparable harm by laying the foundation of stricture and other serious diseases.

THERAPION No. 2, for impurity of the blood, scurvy, pimples, spots, blotches, pains and swellings of the joints, gout, rheumatism, secondary syphilis, etc. This preparation purifies the whole system through the blood, and thoroughly eliminates all poisonous matter from the body.

THERAPION No. 3, for nervous exhaustion, impaired vitality, sleeplessness, and all the distressing consequences of dissipation, worry, overwork, etc. It possesses surprising power in restoring strength and vigour to the debilitated.

CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH PENNYROYAL PILLS Original and Only Genuine. SAFE. The pills are made in England, and are the only pills of the kind. They are sold in all the principal cities of the world. Price in England 2/6 and 4/6. In ordering, state which of the three numbers required, and observe that the word "Therapion" appears on British government Stamp (in white letters on a red ground) affixed to every package by order of His Majesty's Hon. Commissioners, and without which it is a forgery.

Ringing Noises

In the ears (how disagreeable they are!) become chronic and cause much uneasiness and even temporary distraction. They are signs of catarrh; other signs are droppings in the throat, nasal sounds of the voice, impaired taste, smell and hearing.

Catarrh is a constitutional disease, originating in impure blood, and requires a constitutional remedy.

"I suffered from catarrh in the head and loss of appetite and sleep. My blood was thin and I felt bad all over most of the time. I decided to try Hood's Sarsaparilla and now have no symptoms of catarrh. I have a good appetite, and sleep well. I heartily recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla to all my friends." R. Lova, California Junction, Iowa.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures catarrh of the nose, throat, bowels, &c., removes all its effects, and builds up the whole system.

ATTENTION!

- Chic Chinese Incense Eutaska Panama Violet Ben Hur Japan Rose Rose of Killarney Crushed Roses Crushed Carnation Violet de Lorme Jasmin de Siam Ambre Vere Novo Verveine Nile Carnation

These are a few of the latest in the Perfumery line; in the nearest packages. We claim these goods the most exquisite ever shown in this city, and most appropriate holiday gifts. Ask to be shown these and convince yourself.

Hollister Drug Co FORT STREET.

REDUCED Our entire stock of high-grade dress suit cases and valises have been reduced 33 1/3 per cent. In order to make room for less bulky goods we are closing out this entire line. This is your opportunity; grasp it. H. F. WICHMAN & CO., LTD. Fort Street.

Start the New Year Right

Open a savings account with us; we pay 4 1/2 per cent per annum, withdrawable on demand.

Phoenix Savings, Building and Loan Association.

Judd Building, Honolulu Guarantee Capital, \$200,000.00 Paid in Capital, \$1,300,000.00 HENRY E. BOCKO, Cashier.

HORSE SHOEING

W. W. Wright Co., Ltd. have opened a horse-shoeing department in connection with their carriage shop, etc. Having secured the services of a first-class shoer, they are prepared to do all work intrusted to them in a first-class manner.

NICKEL PLATED Tea and Coffee Pots SAME AS CUT made of copper, nickel plated, white metal mountings and patent enameled wood handles, \$1.25, \$1.40, \$1.60, \$1.75 each.

Tea and Coffee Pots, better quality, made of seamless copper and silver lined. The handles cannot become heated as they are fitted with a patent, perfect non-conductor. \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50 each. Mixers and shakers, seamless, best quality made. Shakers made of pieced brass to use with tumbler. Worth 75 cts., our price 40 cts.

Pacific Hardware Co., Ltd Fort and Merchant Sts

A coat for active service

Big, long, warm and comfortable.

STEIN-BLOCH SMART CLOTHES. Physicians and other men whose work takes them out in the open in all sorts of wintry weather call our STEIN-BLOCH Smart extra-long overcoat a blessing. It not only folds them in warmth, but gives them a distinction and style very seldom found in great outer coats. The fabrics are heavy Scotch chevots and smart homespuns in plain and mixed patterns. One of the most useful winter coats ever designed.

M. McInerney, Ltd. CORNER MERCHANT AND FORT STREETS.

Electric Lights give a cheery comfort to the home and are the acme of convenience for the entire household. Hawaiian Electric Co., Limited. TELEPHONE MAIN 390.

AN EXCELLENT NEW YEAR'S PRESENT, GENUINE STAG HANDLED CARVERS. We have just received a choice shipment of Pearl, Ivory and Stag Handled Carvers suitable for the holiday trade. THEO. H. DAVIES & CO., LTD. HARDWARE DEPARTMENT.

PACHECO'S DANDRUFF KILLER. "There is something doing" at the New England Bakery, since Chas. H. Ramsay has taken charge. "Every thing is coming our way," especially orders for catering parties. The telephone rings. A lady inquires: "Have you got any fresh charlotte russe, patie shells or some of those delicious whipped cream short cakes, coconut biscuits or macaroons? If so, please send us some with that Nesselrode pudding and lovely tutti frutti ice cream. Also please put in a five-pound box of those delicious chocolates, bon bons and glace fruits you sell for \$2.50." The above is a sample of the many orders we are getting. We are making every thing in bread, pastry or candy. If too busy getting ready for New Year's, call up 74. We can help you out.