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STREET CONSTRUCTION.

Unfavorable comment on Honolulu's sidewalks was heard at a recent meeting of the Merchants' Association. Yet since Honolulu began in earnest to grow modern, its sidewalks have improved vastly more than its street construction. A town of 40,000 inhabitants without a single paved street is perhaps unique in Occidental civilization. Some months ago Queen street, the principal thoroughfare paralleling the waterfront, was paved in part of its length with bitumen as an experiment, but outside of occasional discussion in official reports a systematic scheme of street-paving for the business part of Honolulu is never definitely given the public to consider. Not that the subject has not often been broached by the newspapers, but to the desultory press agitation there has never been any response worth mentioning in meetings of business organizations, political conventions or the Legislature.

There is nothing more important to the city—taking it with regard to either economy, sanitation or attractiveness—than this matter of properly constructed streets. It can hardly be doubted that the expense of the frequent reconstruction of our macadamized streets, made necessary from their speedy wearing under heavy traffic, would more than pay the interest on the initial cost of various kinds of standard pavement many times more durable than macadam. The best is the cheapest in streets as in other things.

Our streets are muddy in wet weather and a source of dust in dry, either condition being injurious to the public health, not to mention the public comfort. Here again an economical reason for advancement applies. Both the mud and the dust are damaging to property of many kinds. To prevent injury to merchandise, as well as avoid personal discomfort, a great expense of street sprinkling is incurred. The sprinkling of itself is a nuisance and medical men say it creates a miasmatic atmosphere. Paved streets are capable of being washed under strong hose pressure without receiving damage, but macadamized streets would only be reduced to mire by the application of less powerful streams than would destroy their surfacing.

Given cleanliness and durability, added to smoothness of surface, and the element of attractiveness of our streets is achieved. One of the first things a visitor will select, as a criterion on which to form an opinion of the town, is the kind of streets it possesses—their structure, quality and condition. A great deal of money and energy is being expended by our commercial bodies, with some aid of public subsidy, to attract tourists and permanent residents. This is well, but the whole people should realize that the more agreeable the conditions they create for themselves, the more attractive will they make the country to the view of outsiders. Honolulu, as the gate by which most visitors enter Hawaii, ought to aim at nothing short of being a model city. To become anything like an ideal metropolis it must discard the standard of country roads in the construction of its principal thoroughfares.

DEAD JAP IS FOUND ON MOUNTAIN SIDE

M. A. Hart, clerk to the local army quartermaster, made a grewsome find while horseback riding yesterday. While on his way from Waimanalo plantation to the city by way of Diamond Head he lost the trail. Riding through the rocky country near the old fort erected during the revolution he came across the body of a dead Japanese. The man was evidently a fisherman, wearing a pair of short trousers and a shirt. He was about forty years of age and had evidently been dead about a week. Either the high sheriff or the deputy will take a coroner's jury to the spot today and hold an inquest.

ANTUCO WAS CLOSE TO CHANNEL REEF

While the German bark Antuco, from Hamburg, was maneuvering off the anchorage yesterday morning, she came dangerously near the reef. In fact, many people ashore thought the vessel had run upon the coral, for she was close in toward the breakers. It seems that when the vessel came along there, a wind was blowing half from the sea and partly from the Waianae range. This had the effect of laying the vessel in toward the reef near the channel entrance. However, Captain Kroger brought her safely around.

WARDEN WILLIAM KAMANA OF OAHU PRISON IS DEAD



THE LATE WILLIAM KAMANA, WARDEN OF OAHU PRISON.

"Faithful unto death" may be written on the monument of William Kamana, Warden of Oahu Prison, who died of pulmonary tuberculosis yesterday afternoon. For seven years he filled the office of Deputy Warden under Warden, now High Sheriff, Henry. On the latter's appointment to his present office Kamana, on account of his record, was promoted to be head of the territorial penitentiary. Stricken with that dread disease, consumption, over a month ago, presumably from contact with prisoners affected with the malady, he bravely stuck to his post until about two weeks ago, when he was forced, much against his will, to take to his bed. His death, yesterday afternoon at 3:13, was rather unexpected, although it was known that he had but a short time to live. Just before he died he lifted his head and said, "Bring up a chair for the High Sheriff," then fell back and passed away. Sheriff Henry did not reach his bedside before he died, but in his last moments the Warden was evidently thinking of his work and of his lifelike friend. "He was one of the most faithful men in his work that I ever met," said Sheriff Henry last night. "He was always ready to perform his duty at any and all times, night or day." Warden Kamana leaves a wife and daughter. He owned a comfortable home at Kalihi. His life was insured, so that his family will be provided for. The remains will lie in state at the residence and will be buried from Kawaiahao Church, of which the deceased was a lifelong member. Rev. H. H. Parker will officiate. The police will participate in the ceremonies. William Kamana was born at Wahee, Maui, in December, 1854, of poor Hawaiian parents. He started out from the first to earn his way in life and was in the largest sense a self-made man. He served in the police under monarchy, republic and territory.

THEORIES ESCHEWED BY THE DETECTIVES

(Continued from page 1.) well in hand that they will be able to leave Honolulu for the mainland on the Alameda, sailing Wednesday. Dr. Jordan and Mr. Hopkins will take that steamer, likewise, accompanying Mrs. Stanford's body, and it is said that Miss Berner and the maid, May Hunt, will take the same boat. There will be something of state connected with the transfer of the body of Mrs. Stanford to the steamer, but the services of the band have been declined with thanks. Mr. Hopkins expressed his high appreciation of the offer of the musicians but thought it best, on the whole, not to accept them. But when the Alameda goes, if present plans are carried out, Honolulu will lose all direct touch with the Stanford mystery. Apropos of the suicide theory, it appears that Miss Berner made a statement to the local police before the inquest that would discredit that abundantly. This statement was to the effect that while Mrs. Stanford was greatly depressed before leaving San Francisco, she grew much more cheerful with each day that she remained away. She talked to persons on the steamer, however, about the attempt that was made to poison her in January last, saying that she was glad to talk to others as her constant dwelling upon the matter must have worried her secretary.

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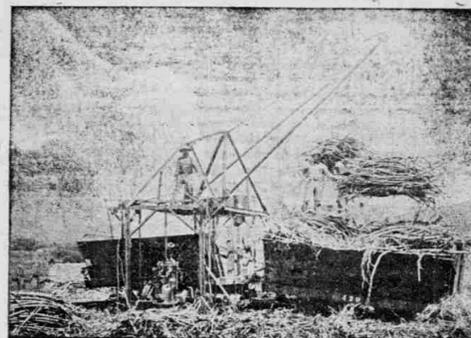
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