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THE MARINE PARK.

In a recent address President Griffiths of Oahu College spoke of the shabby look of the port from its sea-approach and of the bad impression it makes on tourists. Contrasted with the ports of Oriental cities where a Bund skirts the waterfront and meets the shore-corn with a line of splendid residences and consulates, Honolulu presents a sordid and unlovely look indeed. There is nothing but the weather to suggest one of the famous tropic capitals; nothing that fulfills even remotely the expectations of the stranger who comes remembering what he has read of "plumy palms drowsing along the shore" and finds only wharves and sheds, dust and coal heaps and the stark ugliness of old-time warehouses and go-downs.

Some time before annexation the Republic of Hawaii proposed to make the entrance of the port presentable and laid out the Marine Park. A seawall was built and some filling-in done. Out there close to deep water was to be a flourishing tropical garden with a stand in it where the band could play, and drives and walks for the people. Considered as a fresh-air recreation ground, the Marine Park was admirable; and as a front yard for the port it was magnificent. But for acts of the Federal government it would be today one of the show-places of Honolulu.

The United States wanted the park for naval use and it had to go. What naval use has ever yet developed? Nobody in his senses would put a battery there with the town right behind it, nor any valuable warehouse which a single shell, easily placed, might set on fire. There is really no naval use whatever for the park and when Pearl Harbor is occupied it will be as superfluous a bit of real estate as the Federal government could possess in these parts.

Probably a good, strong pull at Washington would get the Marine Park back into Territorial hands and enable our authorities to beautify it according to the original plans.

PINKHAM AT MOLOKAI.

An evening paper tries to relieve Mr. Pinkham from blame for letting Sunday's junketers mingle with the leprous kindred at Molokai in such a way as to endanger themselves and the public. It says he was "overrun."

Mr. Pinkham had the situation in his own hands and ten policemen exclusive of those at the Settlement to back him. It was within his power to keep the Kinau's boats from leaving the ship with the relatives of the patients. The captain would have taken his orders to that effect. Or, if people were let on shore he and his policemen could have made them stay within the barrier. The truth simply is that Pinkham was afraid of the Legislature and let his duty go by the board so as to keep in touch with the salary roll.

One might inquire why Pinkham, in the first place, loaded the Kinau to the danger line with people who had no official business at Molokai and were certain to prove obstreperous.

The Legislature has as much right to investigate Kaili receiving station as it has the Molokai Settlement. Its committees should have entrance there at any and all times. The committee that Mr. Pinkham turned down did not want anything that is contrary to law and already had Mr. Pinkham's consent to go to the station, one that he subsequently withdrew. Things have come to a pretty pass if any department of our local bureau administration is held to be above the law-making body.

Some news worth while developed at the meeting of the Board of Agriculture and Forestry yesterday. Word came from Professor Koebele at Fiji that he had discovered a parasite for the horn fly and for the blight on alligator pear and banyan trees. Specimens of the parasites have already arrived here. The work they are intended for would be of great value to Hawaii.

If the band would play at the various beach resorts on Saturday afternoons instead of at Emma Square, the public would appreciate the service better. Few people assemble at Emma Square to hear music which hundreds would listen to with pleasure along the surf line.

Somebody writes to an evening paper bewailing the fact that no serious attempt was made to compel a Stanford trial here in case there is anyone to be tried. The letter must have come from a lawyer; it certainly didn't from a taxpayer.

Too many water taps are left running at night all over town. City water cannot be wasted in this dry time without serious consequences.

ASK WHY LEPERS SHOULD BE EXAMINED

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eyes and nose; hands have straightened; much of the eruption has disappeared.

Kewaimaka Pea. — No particular change, yet her general appearance and health are better.

Kailiponi. — Anaesthesia which was complete sensation is now nearly normal; eruptions and discolorations fading.

Dr. Archer Irwin succeeded Dr. J. J. Grace in September, 1904, and on March 1st, reported as follows:

Ben K. Pea. — September, 1904. Purely nervous type of disease; one small ulcer on third finger, left hand, February, 1905. One small ulcer on base of little finger of right hand, also small sore on tip of little finger, left hand. Otherwise no changes for better or worse.

Mary Kalani. — September, 1904. Hands and feet particularly noticeable; on left foot large ulcer. February, 1905. Hands unchanged, except addition of an ulcer on the thumb of right hand, and a small ulcer on finger. Ulcer on foot healed; in size but extending to new surface; altogether her condition is slightly worse than in September.

Mrs. Kawaimaka Pea. — September, 1904. Face infiltrated—leoneine appearance; fingers contracted; few white spots on body and legs. February, 1905. Face unchanged; nose larger; nasal passages much blocked; patches on body numerous; one ulcer on elbow of right arm; fingers more contracted; white patches on feet and legs; nails very much broken. I would say disease had advanced.

Kailiponi. — September, 1904. Skin of face infiltrated; ears large and flabby; hands thick, swollen; feet and legs marked by white patches. February, 1905. Face more swollen and disfigured; surface of back of head, all down back of neck to shoulders, covered with a great number of pustular nodules, some as large as half an olive. Left arm at elbow an ulcer about 3 x 4 inches in area replacing a former anesthetic patch; also on same arm a deep circular ulcer covered by a black slough; feet and legs unchanged. Altogether her condition is much worse than in September.

Under orders of the Board of Health, Dr. J. T. McDonald, the official bacteriologist, reports as follows, under date of March 14th:

I secured test-snips from each of the four patients; each and every one of the four show the presence of the bacilli of leprosy.

Ben K. Pea and Mary Kalani. — These patients are in about the same condition they were a year ago.

Mrs. Pea and Kailiponi. — These two patients have grown worse since I saw them one year ago.

As President of the Board, I would call attention to what Dr. W. J. Goodhue has accomplished at the Settlement in the same direction during the past year and refer you to the Report of the President of the Board of Health dated December 31st, 1904, pages 75, 76, 77; and also to page 80 under General Remarks by Dr. Goodhue.

TREATMENT BY SODIUM CAODY-LATE.

Three of the original five patients persevered in the treatment for six months, and two of them were greatly benefited.

"K." a tubercular anesthetic case, with enormously oedematous hands and fingers, was, after a few months treatment, enabled to close the hand. The other, a case of general anaesthesia, noticed a partial and pronounced return of tactile sensibility to the finger tips, which I was also able to demonstrate.

While the causes mentioned served to prejudice the minds of many (in the Bishop Home as well), still the treatment was faithfully observed by a number, remarkable improvement taking place in the case of one little girl, whose countenance lost its unsightly appearance to such an extent that she would scarcely be recognized as the same girl. Another case, characterized by extensive loss of epithelium on the face, hands and arms rapidly healed and became strong and active. A third case, of general debility and malnutrition, improved and became quite fleshy.

Elimination of the drug took place very freely through the kidneys, skin and breath, the latter, at times, becoming strong and disagreeable.

I quote herewith my reply written Monday, March 20th, to Dr. Rice:

"Dear Sir: Your communication of the 15th at hand. I also have had the pleasure of meeting you.

"Probably more than ever you will appreciate the complicated problem leprosy presents in all phases, not only from a medical standpoint, but every relation that affects human life.

"I have not yet had the time to go into the reports concerning the four lepers in your charge. I shall assume the responsibility of a review and recommendation.

"I believe you will have confidence that both will be dispassionate, unprejudiced and considerate.

"Yours very truly,

"(Signed) L. E. PINKHAM, President, Board of Health."

In my opinion both Dr. Rice and Dr. Goodhue should be given further opportunity.

Dr. Rice should continue his experiment on the four lepers at the quarantine station in Hilo to a final determination.

Dr. Goodhue should have more ample financial support.

Dr. Rice should be reimbursed for his expenditure for medicines, past and future, upon presentation of the usual vouchers.

I must call your attention to the photographs submitted by Dr. Rice.

Ben K. Pea. — March 1st. Mr. Pea is unshaven, his hair uncombed, his collar and shirt sleeves in disorder, and his position slouching.

August 28th. — Mr. Pea is shaven, his hair nicely combed, his clothing in perfect order, and his position erect. The same characteristics apply more or less in degree to all these photographs.

The matter of dress, attitude, care of person has much to do with the comparative truth of photography.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. PINKHAM, President, Board of Health.

It was voted that copies of the re-

ports and other correspondence be sent to the House and that the doctors be allowed to continue their experiments until further notice. It is hoped that an appropriation can be made to sustain this work.

The communication from the House Committee of Health regarding the examination of lepers at Kaili and a later communication from the House itself on the same subject were read. Mr. Andrews made the following motion which was carried unanimously:

"That the secretary request from the House or its Health Committee their reasons at this time for wishing to have outside physicians make an examination of persons at the Kaili Receiving Station when such examinations are contrary to law, such persons having been passed upon by the proper legal authorities."

The petition of Kamealoa for permission to have his wife at the Settlement as a kokua was refused on recommendation of the Superintendent who states that Kamealoa is well able to care for himself.

On motion of Dr. Cooper, seconded by Dr. Mays, seventeen persons at the camp who have already been declared lepers by the examining physicians were officially declared such and orders for their transportation to Molokai at the earliest convenient moment were given. The board then adjourned.

Uncle Sam First.

Judge Dole yesterday made an order finding that the United States was a preferred creditor of the bankrupt estate of Samuel A. Rego, late postmaster of Koloa, Kauai. J. Wakefield, trustee, is ordered to pay the claim of the United States in full before making any payments to other creditors.

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