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## RAIN PUTS OUT FIRE

No More Danger From Forest Blaze at Wahiawa.

The following letter from Mr. David Haughs, received yesterday afternoon by Mr. Hosmer, the Superintendent of Forestry, probably marks the end of the Wahiawa forest fire.

Wahiawa, March 23, 1905.  
R. S. Hosmer, Esq., Superintendent of Forestry—

Dear Sir: Since you heard from me we have been patrolling the trails and also putting out fires along the fire-line. Today (Thursday) we went along the fire-line from the ditch on the Wahiawa side to the extreme end of the burned part above Waipahu. There is little fear of fires crossing the trails, but by putting out the fires inside the trails we shall be able to save some of the corners of forest that were not burned.

We had a small fire this afternoon which burned about two acres along the side of the Wahiawa ditch, but as the trail is alongside of the ditch it got no farther.

We start again tomorrow (Friday) with about twenty men over the same ground that we went over today, to make sure that the fires are entirely out. With perhaps the exception of the small fire that started this afternoon, all the other fires will be out by tomorrow night.

Mr. Goodale has been very liberal with help and assistance. He is sending up his head overseer, Mr. Watt, tomorrow to look over the trails.

I think we have seen the last of the Wahiawa forest fire and by Saturday we may be able to leave, feeling sure that all fires are entirely out.

Yours very truly,  
DAVID HAUGHS.

P. S.—Friday, 6 a. m.—W have had a slight shower this morning. D. H.

## THE SCHOOL INQUIRY

(Continued from page 1.)

son said if Bill 10687 was in question that was a bill of T. Mika, son of the janitor of Kaahumanu school. There was a Waiwaloale at Pahukaina, and J. Waiwaloale at another school. Manoa school had no janitor. There was once a janitor for the Punchbowl school, but the school was no longer in existence.

Mr. Prosser's questions regarding bills which he submitted the day before were brought out. Mr. Judd asked for fuller explanation regarding certain bills for repairs and one was Bill No. 10687, repairing school buildings and clearing lot at Manoa school, \$15. She made a contract with J. Ioana to do this. The principal is Mrs. Brown. She brought it to the attention of Miss Davison. She called Mr. Atkinson's attention to it and went to see the work done. She saw two or three men working there. The work was performed to her satisfaction. The men said they lost on it. It was an agreement among all the men to do the entire work.

Bill No. 9594 for \$9 whitewashing, nine days' work, \$1 a day. Kekuewa named in the bill. This was done through the request of Mrs. Dexter of the Girls' Industrial School. The work was done. Mrs. Dexter employed Kekuewa. She came to the office and talked the matter over with Mr. Atkinson and herself.

Bill No. 19159 bore out the statement that in November Kekuewa contracted to work there, and also in December.

Bill No. 1924 for \$130, wages of D. Kalimahana and men for carpentry work at Pohukaina schools in July, 1904. Kihel is now janitor at a school. These men are good carpenters and when work is slack they do janitor work. When she has work for him he can find some one to fill his place as janitor. They always did work reasonably. He cannot appear twice on the payroll. The auditor would question the proceeding. Mr. Judd inquired suppose he did janitor work for a fortnight and then did repair work elsewhere, how did she keep track of that work. She replied she knew in that time by constant association just how much work they were doing. If Kihel then did repair work, and Kamaka took his place, Kamaka's name would appear on the voucher as janitor. Kamaka would have to settle with Kihel for the one-half month's work he did. "By this method of shifting men about is any money lost to the government through the process?"

"I don't think so, and if so the auditor would remind me quickly as he is watching those things."

Taking up bill 10687, contract with T. Mika for \$200, painting High School roof and painting floors of another school, Miss Davison said he was to put two coats of paint on the roof, verandas, floors of the High School and another building. The government supplied the material from Hall's, Lewers & Cooke, Fernandez. She distributed the work around. This was done by requisition. The agreement with Mika was for labor. He had a helper, Makaehe. They were working in November and December, 1904. She did not know how long they worked. The work was done and was satisfactory. She had discussed the necessity for it with Mr. Atkinson. The warrant was issued to her. The Hawaiians had borrowed money from her and they assigned the warrant to her. After she received the warrant it was cashed by some bank and the money received. Both go over the I. O. U's and after deducting these amounts the balance was turned over to her.

"Do you remember that specific instance?"

"I know they always call for their

I. O. U's. But I don't know the particular settlement. He received the value of his bill in full. T. Mika owed me money or he would never have assigned that warrant to me.

"Am I right in believing that where a warrant was made out to your order, it was for money you had advanced?"

"Yes. Except in the case of Mr. Oss, a carpenter. He asked as a favor if I would take his warrant and collect it for him. He had trouble occasionally with the auditor. I did lend him \$10 once, but it was when he was short and needed it to pay taxes."

Bill dated Oct. 30, 1904, 9949, by Otto Oss, contract, \$73.75, at Waipahu, repairs. At that time the teacher wanted work done on the cottage. The people were busy on the plantation then, and the teacher came to Mr. Atkinson and asked to have it done. Mr. Renton may have been school agent. Mr. Ahrens took the job and he resigned, and now Mr. Geo. Ashley is agent. The Honolulu agent signed it because it was authorized here.

Miss Davison was asked the nature of the contract with Oss making ten desks for the Lanai school. Mr. Gay had asked for a second school in Lanai. Mr. Atkinson ordered her to have the desks made. They were brought to the office where Geo. Shaw may have marked them for shipment to Lanai. It was for so much per desk."

She was asked the difference between the T. Mika case, which was a "verbal agreement," and for Otto Oss this was not mentioned. Mr. Oss had agreed at all times to make desks at \$2 each and three chairs at \$1.75 each—one for the teacher and two for casual visitors. T. Mika is twenty-five years of age, and Mika, Sr., Miss Davison said, was over fifty years. Mika, Sr., is a Kamaina, and was brought up by Mr. Wilcox on Kauai. T. Mika was not a general contractor. In many cases she felt it better to let the work be done by contract, and other times by verbal agreement. She had no regular rate for doing work. She asks for \$300 from Mr. Atkinson, and he says: "No; that's too much," and she then tells the men they will have to work cheaper, and they are generally glad to get the work.

Going back to the Aki contract, Miss Davison said the four men who did the overtime work were Kalimahana, Manana, Opeka and Kihel. Manana was probably employed as a janitor at this time. The Aki work was done during August. Manana received \$20 for janitor work.

Why it was if the \$100 was to be paid to your men and \$100 to Aki, the voucher read \$200.

"It was his work. He could have hired outside men for the work, but he hired my men instead. It was for them and not for me. \$100 for the labor of his plumbers and \$100 for the labor of the carpenters."

"Manana received compensation as janitor and carpenter during that month?"

"Yes."

"Who supervised the Aki carpenter work?"

"Aki, although I was there almost every day. I saw the men working on Sundays. The transaction was that Kalimahana recommended Aki, and therefore Aki threw work into Kalimahana's hands. I knew they agreed among themselves to do the work for \$100. I also talked with Aki about it. I left the hours of their work to their honesty, as a great many things are left to our honesty."

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the afternoon session Mr. Judd asked more questions about the Aki contract. He asked whether the change from \$120 to \$200 was made before or after work was commenced. Miss Davison said before commencing.

As to differences of opinion with the auditor she said she had been called over to explain more fully.

"Why was it you had the \$200 put in one bill, instead of making out a bill for \$100 for Aki and another for \$100 for the men?"

She said Aki was responsible for the whole amount, not she. As to her expression "my men" that was used generally. When Aki employed them they were his men, not hers. By "my men," she meant the government's men.

"How do you know except for the statements of the men themselves that they worked not during government hours?"

"I was not with them every hour of the day, but when I did see them they were doing government work. I put them on their honor to do this. I was there once, sometimes twice, a day."

She was familiar with Kalimahana's signature. Whenever vouchers were made out their names were signed before her. She recognized the signature on bill No. 8794 as his. "He must have signed that," she said.

"Are they both his signatures?"

"Yes, Mr. Judd, I am sure. I would not have received for it unless it was. I will tell you Mr. Judd, he was a man who sometimes took liquor and he may have been a little shaky. He was working for me at Kaahumanu school."

Mr. Judd called his attention to the fact that "David Kalimahana" was written once, and "D. Kalimahana" in another and that the "D's" differed somewhat.

"Concerning your final verbal agreement for \$200 with Aki might not he have employed other men had he desired?"

"Why, certainly."

At this juncture Mr. Judd indicated that the taking of testimony was about to close and inquired whether any more questions were wanted to be propounded by the attorneys. Mr. Dunne then made his statement which appears at the end of this article, and Mr. Judd's answer followed.

Mr. Dunne asked that he be allowed to think the matter over for the night, to announce his decision this morning as to whether he would have any more questions to put to bring out explanations which might be clearer.

Mr. Judd said that was agreeable to him, as he did not have the entire stenographic record from which to make up his report.

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