

# The Pacific Commercial Advertiser

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, March 12.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, .00. Temperature, Max. 77; Min. 63. Weather, fair.

SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.55c; Per Ton, \$71.00. 88 Analysis Beets, 9s. 1 1-2d.; Per Ton, \$78.20.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1907.

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## THE SENATE KEEPS ITS WORK AHEAD AND AWAITS ACTION OF THE HOUSE

### Senators Amend Bill Encouraging New Industries.

SENATE—SEVENTEENTH DAY.  
Morning Session.

There was little for the Senate to do when called yesterday, for the order of the day was a clean page. Down in the House there were ten of the Senate bills awaiting action and so long as they are held up just so long will the Senate be taking recesses. Everything up stairs has been cleared and the Senators roll their thumbs while the House keeps the temperature of the lower chamber at fever heat.

When it comes to acting on House Bill No. 98, relating to park reserve on Punchbowl there will probably be a fight in the Senate. That there is a coon in the woodpile is strongly suspected and Representative Lelaui is the innocent promoter of a measure that looks like a job.

ONE ITEM OMITTED.

An oversight on the part of the Superintendent of Public Instruction caused a flutter among the members of the Educational committee yesterday. Senator Brown had introduced a resolution last week appropriating the sum of three thousand dollars for furniture in the Hilo High school. The item should have been placed in the deficiency bill but the Superintendent forgot, or overlooked it in the rush. When it was discovered the bill had passed third reading in the House and was back in the Senate with an amendment. Under the rules the item could not be inserted so the chairman of the committee introduced a special bill for the amount. To get this through will take five or six days and perhaps longer.

A communication from the Secretary informed the Senate that the Governor had signed Acts 2 and 6.

An amendment was made to Senate Bill No. 36, so that there is an item of \$750 inserted in the appropriation for the use of departments for the construction of a jail fence and out-house at the Wailuku jail.

House Bill No. 47, amending Section 115 of the Session Laws passed first reading and was referred to the Miscellaneous committee.

House Bill No. 98, relating to the setting apart of a portion of the lands at Punchbowl as a public park, passed first reading.

PINEAPPLE LANDS BARRED.

Senator Hayselden has closely investigated the claims of the pineapple growers for further tax exemption and arrived at the following conclusion as reported from the Lands committee yesterday:

Your Committee on Public Lands report having had under consideration Senate Bill No. 44, relating to the exemption from taxation of property used in certain industries.

Your committee finds that there are several well established pineapple concerns doing business in this industry in the Territory, having material evidence of prosperity; so much so, that they are here to stay, and those now entering this field of enterprise know exactly what conditions will have to be met and the probable results of their efforts.

We desire to call the attention of the Senate to the fact that this industry is exempt from taxation up to April 23rd, 1908. (See Revised Laws, 1905, Section 122.)

The other exemptions named in the bill are still in the experimental stages and very little has been so far demonstrated concerning them and we recommend that the time extension provided for in the bill be granted them, but denied as to the above named industry.

We therefore recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendment:

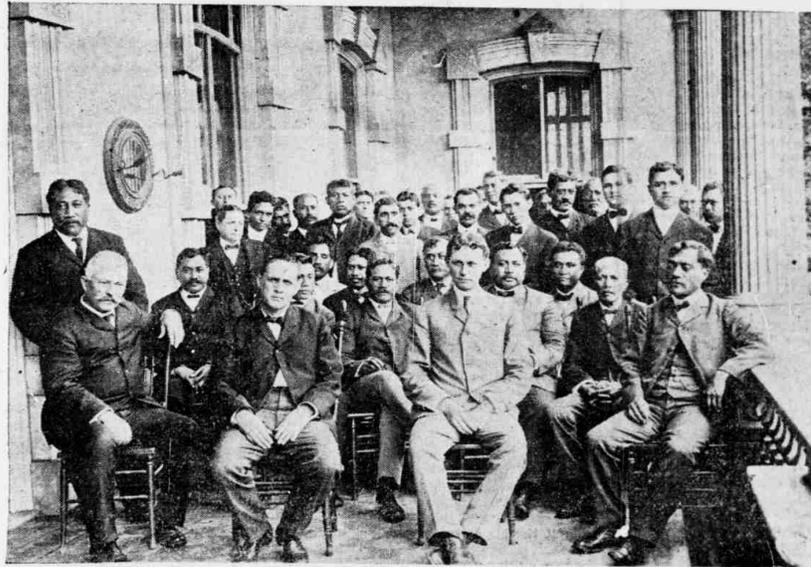
In Section I, line 6, strike out the word "pineapples."

House Bill No. 96, amending Act 1409, relating to the sale of tobacco and cigars, passed first reading.

Senate Bill No. 44 was then brought up for passage but on motion of Senator Dowsett action was deferred until the afternoon session.

Senator Chillingworth gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill providing for the refunding of the bonded indebtedness of the Territory and another providing a method by which corporations will file an application for

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MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

### MEMBERS VIEW THE MICROBES

Mr. Sheldon Pulls Through His Curfew Act—The Auto Speed Limit.

HOUSE—SEVENTEENTH DAY.

The House had a busy day of it yesterday, although the principal speakers had gone into eclipse for the time being. The regular appropriation bill was not taken up, the committee of the whole failing to materialize, in place of which the members visited the offices of Dr. McDonald, in the Young Hotel, to look at bacilli through a microscope.

Morning Session.

The House, at the opening hour yesterday morning, had a sadly depleted appearance, the grip having made many gaps and stilled some orators that no other power could have silenced. Kaleiupu was home nursing himself back into shape, Rawlins was not in his place, Correa's chair was cold, Quinn was quieter than usual, being absent, Kaniho's voice was stilled, Castro was absent and Waiwaioale remained on the sick list. But the wheels kept turning and reports, resolutions and bills found their way as usual into the clerk's records and in and out of committee. In announcing Kaniho's illness the Speaker facetiously remarked, as well as he was able with stiffened bronchial tubes, that the honorable member from Kohala had at last joined the majority.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A petition to boost the monthly stipend of county supervisors from a beggarly fifty a month to a living wage of one hundred dollars a month came in from forty voters, all natives and doubtless all ready to sacrifice themselves on the altar of public duty in the way of a supervisorship when the same is made worth while. Representative Mahoe endorsed the petition, which went to the Finance committee.

Another petition praying for a minimum wage of \$1.50 a day for laborers on public works was also presented by Mahoe. As a singular coincidence the signatures of the petitioners were the same as in the previous petition. What is sauce for the supervisory geese is also good for the road-working ganders, evidently.

To change the location of the courthouse of the district of Koolauloa from Hauula to Laieawai was petitioned for by forty-three voters of the district and endorsed by Mahoe. This petition also bears the names of those who desire certain pecuniary changes from the Legislature, as above.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Public Lands and Improvement committee reported favorably on House Resolution 123, introduced by Mahoe, which provides:

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### MESSENGER BOY CAUGHT TORTOISE

Remarkable Find of Reptile Confined by Office Flooring.

An interesting natural history find was made on the premises of the Messenger Service yesterday morning.

Manager Peter dropped a nickel and after hunting about everywhere and failing to locate the coin, removed a board in the flooring of one of the rooms and felt around to see if the nickel had rolled down a crack.

He didn't find his nickel but pulled out a large and lively tortoise which blinked at first as if the light hurt its eyes but was soon stretching its legs on the floor.

Just how the reptile found its way under the boards or how long it had been there is a matter of conjecture. The premises, in old days, was used as a dwelling house and even today boasts a garden, wherein bananas and other tropic plants luxuriate.

Very likely previous dwellers in the place kept the tortoise as a pet or to destroy noxious insects which wrought havoc with the roses and other plants in the garden.

There was great excitement among the messenger boys when the reptile was captured and several races were brought off in the yard adjoining the premises, in the majority of which, as might have been expected, the tortoise beat the runners of errands and packers of packages.

Finally one of the boys grabbed the beast, put it in his pocket and started off home with it.

Interrogated as to what he was going to do with it he said that he was going to feed it until it grew as big as those that live in the "Galloping-agues" Islands and would then kill it and give a luau at which event tortoise soup would occupy the place of honor on the menu.

The tortoise has long been accepted as the heraldic emblem of the messenger boy and the discovery of one of these slow but testudinate reptiles on the premises of the convenience bureau yesterday, is but another instance of the eternal fitness of things.

### FAMILIES ON THE S. S. HELIOPOLIS

A meeting of the Board of Immigration was held yesterday afternoon for the purpose of discussing a cablegram received from Commissioner Stackable to the effect that there are 471 families aboard the S. S. Heliopolis bound here from Malaga. The families comprise 538 males, 517 females and 1146 children of fifteen years and under.

### THE METHODISTS ARE IDEAL HOSTS

Reception Given Last Night in Honor of Bishop and Mrs. Cranston.

The members of the Honolulu Methodist church were the hosts at a reception given in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Cranston last evening. Dr. and Mrs. Wadman did the receiving and introduced the public to their Bishop, Rev. Earl Cranston, who was the leading figure at the Methodist conference last week.

The bishop and the pastor had discarded their ministerial clothes and were in conventional evening dress. Both had sprigs of orange blossoms on the lapels of their coats. Mrs. Cranston, whom Honolulu people have not had the privilege of seeing very often, impressed those who met her last evening, as being a woman of rare and charming manners.

The grounds were all ablaze with light from incandescent globes which had been strung on the trees. The county band was in attendance and rendered selections throughout the entire evening. A large American flag was flying on the grounds near the band and the veranda was decorated with bunting.

The guests were received in the parlor of the parsonage. Later in the evening, H. I. J. M. Consul Miki Saito called to pay his respects to the bishop who leaves very soon for the Orient.

A large crowd of people stood outside listening to the band. Refreshments were served toward the close. The reception committee, responsible for the smoothness with which the affair ran, was composed of Mrs. Alex. Lyle, president of the Ladies' Aid, and Mrs. Mark Johnston. Peter Tosh gave valuable assistance.

Aside from the band concert, there was no regular program.

The bishop is a man of fine presence, of wide and varied learning and an eloquent speaker. On Sabbath morning last, he held his audience in breathless attention for over an hour, while he reasoned and demonstrated the practical utility and spiritual sufficiency of the great gospel truths.

This sermon will be long remembered by all who were present, because of its clear spiritual vision and masterly presentation. This man reaches both the heads and hearts of his hearers. His visit has been a source of strength and inspiration to the Methodist church in all its branches of work and he will carry with him when he goes the love and respect of all.

STEAMERS DUE TODAY.

The Sonoma, Thomas and Nevada are due this morning from San Francisco. There will be six days' later mail from the mainland, between them. It is not known which vessel has the mail, but it is probably on the Sonoma.

## JAPANESE INCIDENT IN CALIFORNIA IS NOW ABOUT CLOSED

### French Battleship Destroyed by an Explosion—Eighty Are Killed and 150 Wounded.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

SACRAMENTO, March 13.—The Legislature has adjourned. There has been no anti-Japanese legislation.

LAW SUITS TO BE DISMISSED.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—Mayor Schmitz has notified President Roosevelt that the School Board will act according to the agreement made with him in Washington. In consequence the suits in different courts, arising out of the segregation of Japanese pupils, will be dismissed today.

In substance the agreement referred to was that the Washington administration should endeavor to secure a revised treaty with Japan whereby the unlimited immigration of Japanese labor should be prevented, while on its part the San Francisco School Board should admit to the public schools Japanese children up to the age of fifteen.

## FRENCH NAVAL DISASTER WITH AWFUL RESULTS

TOULON, France, March 12.—The powder magazine of the French battleship Iena was blown up today.

The explosion of the powder was due to the explosion of compressed air in a torpedo tube.

Many other explosions followed as a result of the blowing up of the magazine.

Among the wounded is Admiral Manceroa. TOULON, France, March 13.—Eighty were killed and 150 wounded in the disaster on board the battleship Iena.

Among the dead is the commander of the battleship. The Iena is a total loss.

Iena is the name in the cablegram as filed in San Francisco. Possibly it is a mistake for Jena, which, as the place name of one of Napoleon's victories, might naturally be chosen as the patronymic of a French warship. There is no Iena in either a dictionary list of proper names or a standard gazetteer consulted on this occasion.

## AFTERNOON CABLE REPORT.

SACRAMENTO, March 12.—W. D. Stafford succeeds Joseph Spear, Jr., as harbor commissioner.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—The battleship Connecticut has arrived in New York harbor.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—Abe Ruef has applied to the State Supreme Court for a writ of habeas corpus.

POINT LOMA, Cal., March 12.—The wireless station here is in communication with the naval station at Pensacola, Fla.

PARIS, March 12.—Casimir Perier is dead here of heart disease. Casimir Perier, Jean Paul Pierre, was born 1847. He was President in 1894. He served in the Franco-Prussian war.

## SAILORS ATTEMPT TO BURN SHIP CLAVERDON

Last night the recalcitrant sailors of the British ship Claverdon raised a serious disturbance. Both the police and the fire departments were called to quell it.

Three of the sailors are in the police station. Two of them have to face the serious charge of attempting to burn the ship, while a murderous assault on the captain is the charge one of them will have to face.

Shortly before 11 o'clock a telephone message was received at the police station that there was serious trouble on the mauka side of the Hackfeld wharf.

At the same time a still alarm was sent in to the central fire station for a blaze on board the Claverdon.

Sergeant Kanoe went in the patrol wagon to the scene, while the fire engines No. 1 and No. 2 and the chemical went from the fire department. A small fire in the hold of the ship was quickly put out by the chemical engine.

Sergeant Kanoe succeeded in arresting three sailors named C. Ahrens, Guerre Jacques and Corparico—a Teuton, a Frenchman and a Chilean respectively.

Ahrens is held for investigation, with Jacques as his accomplice, for the crime of arson in setting fire to the ship. They set fire to a mattress and pillow and threw the blazing articles down the hold.

The Frenchman tried to put up a fight, but Sergeant Kanoe soon overcame him.

Ahrens clubbed Captain Thomson of the Claverdon on the head before surrendering, but without inflicting serious injury.

What the part of the Chilean was in the little riot has not been ascertained but will no doubt be revealed in court.