

Fraternal Meetings

HAWAIIAN LODGE NO. 21, F. & A. M. THERE WILL BE A STATED meeting of Hawaiian Lodge No. 21, F. & A. M., at its hall, Masonic Temple, corner of Hotel and Alakea streets, THIS MONDAY EVENING, SEPT. 7, 1908, at 7:30 o'clock.

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POLYNESIA ENCAMPMENT NO. 1, I. O. O. F. Meets every first and third Friday of the month, at 7:30 p. m., in Odd Fellows' Hall, Fort Street. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend.

THE BIGGEST TIE SAWMILL

A Mountain of Ohia Logs is About to Be Put Through It. (Staff Correspondence.) PAHOA, Puna, Hawaii, September 3.—A tie sawmill, the biggest mill of its kind in the world, will be started up here next week, on Wednesday if the weather is propitious.

just that much worth less than nothing as it cost to rip the spreading roots from their hold on the ground and drag the tree to the burning piles. Now one mainland railroad company is willing and glad to spend many hundreds of thousands a year to get that which formerly was burned up as trash and did not even make a good bonfire.



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HARMONY LODGE NO. 3, I. O. O. F. Meets every Monday evening, at 7:30, in Odd Fellows' Hall, Fort Street. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend.

PACIFIC REBEKAH LODGE NO. 1, I. O. O. F. Meets every second and fourth Thursday, at 7:30 p. m., in Odd Fellows' Hall. Visiting Rebekahs are cordially invited to attend.

OLIVE BRANCH REBEKAH LODGE NO. 2, I. O. O. F. Meets every first and third Thursday, at 7:30 p. m., in Odd Fellows' Hall. Visiting Rebekahs are cordially invited to attend.

OCEANIC LODGE NO. 371, F. & A. M. Meets on the last Monday of each month, at Masonic Temple, at 7:30 p. m. Visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.

LEAHI CHAPTER NO. 2, O. E. S. Meets every third Monday of each month, at 7:30 p. m., in the Masonic Temple. Visiting sisters and brothers are cordially invited to attend.

LEI ALOHA CHAPTER NO. 3, O. E. S. Meets at the Masonic Temple every second Saturday of each month, at 7:30 p. m. Visiting sisters and brothers are cordially invited to attend.

LADIES' AUXILIARY, A. O. H., DIVISION NO. 1. Meets every first and third Tuesday, at 8 p. m., in O. E. S. Hall, Fort Street. Visiting sisters are cordially invited to attend.

MYSTIC LODGE NO. 2, K. of P. Meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 o'clock in K. of P. Hall, corner Fort and Beretania. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend.

HONOLULU TEMPLE NO. 1, PYTHIAN SISTERS. Meets every first and third Monday, at 7:30 p. m., at Knights of Pythias Hall, Fort and Beretania streets. All visitors cordially invited to attend.

OAHU LODGE NO. 1, K. of P. Meets every first and third Friday at 7:30 o'clock, Pythian Hall, corner Beretania and Fort streets. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY LODGE NO. 8, K. of P. Meets every second and fourth Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock, in K. of P. Hall, corner Beretania and Fort streets. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend.

COURT CAMOES NO. 8110, A. O. F. Meets every second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 p. m., in San Antonio Hall, Vineyard street. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend.

CAMOES CIRCLE NO. 246, C. O. F. Meets every second and fourth Thursday of each month, at 7:30 p. m., in San Antonio Hall, Vineyard street. Visiting companions are cordially invited to attend.

COURT LUNALILLO NO. 6800, A. O. F. Meets every first and third Wednesday evenings of each month, at 7:30 p. m., in Pythian Hall, corner Fort and Beretania streets. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend.

HONOLULU ABBE 140, F. O. E. Meets on second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month, at 7:30 o'clock, in Pythian Hall, corner Beretania and Fort streets. Visiting Eagles are cordially invited to attend.

HONOLULU HARBOR NO. 54, A. A. of M. Meets on the first Sunday evening of each month, at 7 o'clock, at Odd Fellows' Hall. All sojourning brethren are cordially invited to attend.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT CAMP NO. 1, U. S. W. V. Meets every first and third Wednesday of each month in Waverly Hall, corner Bethel and Hotel Streets, at 7:30 p. m.

HAWAIIAN TRIBE NO. 1, O. E. S. Meets every first and third Thursday of each month, in K. of P. Hall, corner Fort and Beretania streets. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend.

HONOLULU LODGE 616, B. P. O. E. Honolula Lodge No. 616, B. P. O. E., will meet in their hall, King street near Fort, every Friday evening. By order of the E. R.

HONOLULU SCOTTISH THISTLE CLUB. Meets on the first and third Fridays, at 8 o'clock, in rooms in the Oregon Block, entrance on Union Street.

Everything else about the mill is prepared. The big solid building is ready to echo to the whine of the multiple saws, the conveyor belts are stretched to whirl away the product—the sqared and solid ohia ties—to where flatcars will be waiting to receive them, the boards from the cuttings to a yard where they will be piled for drying and subsequent shipment, and the slabs and sawdust to a giant lava urn, where fire will reduce the waste bulk to ashes. The mill is modern, as new as the industry it serves, as up-to-date as the men creating the new industry for Hawaii, as complete as money will buy and brains plan for and supply. When running at guaranteed capacity, 2500 ties a day will go from saw cradle to flatcar, 100,000 board feet each twenty-four hours.

In readiness for the opening and starting up of the mill, a mountain of ohia logs have been piled up behind the building, yanked from lumber trains by steel cables and stacked up sixty feet high, tossed about by the tentacles of donkey engines as matches are snapped from the fingers. In the forest clearings a mile mauka, other donkey engines snort and puff loading these trains from piles snaked by cable from a thousand feet on either side the little narrow gauge railroad line, while deeper in the forest, where the ohias stand thick, towering above the tangled and almost impenetrable undergrowth and down timber, other donkey engines are pulling down the trees, pulling them down literally in bunches, the steel cables being looped in the arc of a great circle and in the tautening everything within the sweep must come crashing to the ground.

And the initial purpose of all this activity is to clear the way for that first thing of all in Hawaii nei, sugar cane. The land the Hawaiian Mahogany Company is working on at present in Puna is land belonging to the Puna plantation, and the cane planter is on the heels of the lumberman. Where only a short time ago the jungle held the land, between the hamlet of Pahoa and the forest mauka, now stretches the bright green rows of cane and, in one place, the planters swept round and past the clearers and in the very shadow of the forest itself an arm of the cane field has been thrust.

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In the meanwhile the Mahogany Company is pushing on through the plantation lands for its own forest property, the jungle hinterlands, that lie in a great stretch from the fringe of Puna toward Kau, through a district unexplored, and of which there is no data beyond the fact that it is heavily wooded and that this wood is valuable. In the Puna end are miles of ohia, on the upper slopes of the company's tract in Kau are the great koa forests, the trees from which the Hawaiian mahogany is sawn, a mahogany unexcelled anywhere in the world, and for which, so soon as it can be placed upon the market, the dealers of the world are waiting.

As rapidly as eighty men can slash the right-of-way, cut and fill for grade and lay the iron, the little pioneer lumbering railroad is being pushed ahead through the ohia jungle, towards the upper heights where the giant koa have been maturing for a hundred years. The mahogany people call that section of their own lands which abuts on the plantation limits, "the home-stands," and this is a country where the ohia grows big. They want to reach this with their railroad as soon as possible and there is active work going on along the right-of-way. But none of the incidentals are being overlooked, nor the at present main object of the company, the Santa Fe tie contract, being slighted. The railroad is going in for business and business is being made for it ahead of the advance and all along the completed line.

These ties are being hewn by Japanese and Koreans, and these conservative axemen will have nothing to do with haole adzes. With them it must be the axe of the Japanese pattern or nothing. Now, imported Japanese axeheads cost in the Honolulu and Hilo markets six to seven dollars apiece. Sam Johnson, the outside superintendent, failed to see that much worth of purchasable metal and labor in the imported article, and, as the company has and will have use for many such, he picked out a Japanese blacksmith from one of his gang, turned over a corner of the company machine shop to him and set him to work experimenting on forging axes of the requisite pattern. The first axe was a clumsy affair, but the temper was good and the man was told to try again.

All the sights of the ohia lumbering operations are interesting, none more so than the way the big logs are collected and loaded on the trucks. At the loading place are two donkey-engines, each mounted on a huge two-runner sled on which it pulls itself about from spot to spot, hauling in on a cable anchored to some extra solid living tree. One engine collects the logs, the other snatches them from the collected tangle, slides them up the log runway and dangles them in the air over the trucks, on which hardy and risk-taking Japanese place and pile them. The collecting engine handles a cable which can be snubbed around a fallen stub nearly a quarter of a mile off through the underbrush, hauling and tugging this in a straight line to the loading place, up and down gulches, over lava rock and past stumps. Along the taut and hauling cable are signal boys, who have a wigwag code of their own and who direct by signal the men at the engine. Sometimes, to keep in sight of the man at the throttle, the signal boy shins up a tree and, perched in a crotch forty feet above the ground, watches the log coming in. If it jams between a couple of rocks he waves a commanding arm, with a hand wiggle appropriate to the occasion, and the engine stops until a couple of peevies can straighten out the log. Then another wave of the arm, different in motion, signifies a clear road and the chug of the engine and the singing of the cable recommences.

Sometimes the cable slips, sometimes a block jams or something else happens, and the signalers send along their wireless. When the log reaches the loading pile it is swung far in the air and dropped, full weight, on the pile. This loosens the cable and also jams the piled up logs so that they lock and the danger to the Japs who climb recklessly over and under them is reduced to a minimum. The work is risky, however, some of these ohia logs weighing upwards of three tons each, and sometimes a workman is hurt. The company has just taken out blanket insurance for all its workmen.

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