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STAND OF THE LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of License Commissioners has definitely decided that Honolulu is to be a dry town on Sundays. It is to be expected that this decision will be criticized, but the majority of the people here will applaud.

We have no sympathy with the arguments advanced that the refusal of Sunday privileges will result in an increase of drunkenness and a boom in the blind pig business. The question of suppressing the illicit sale of liquor rests with the police and the officials sworn to carry out the law.

Neither prohibition nor partial prohibition have ever yet injured any community. Prohibition for one day in each week will not be harmful to this community. On the other hand, it will be beneficial in proportion to the measure of enforcement given it.

COMMISSIONERS REVOKE SUNDAY RIGHTS

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That an undated, but signed, letter, stating that the writer thereby withdrew his rights to hold a Sunday liquor privilege, be put in the hands of the License Commissioners of every restaurant man and hotelkeeper granted the privilege; and

That the License Commissioners could, at any time they felt that this privilege was being infringed upon by the grantee, fill in the date on the letter and write to the grantee that his withdrawal as a holder of the Sunday privilege had been accepted.

This, stated Attorney Peters, would leave the whole matter arbitrary with the Board. If at any time the Board had information that the law was being transgressed in the matter of the Sunday privilege, that privilege could be immediately revoked.

Peters argued at some length, stating that he had had a conference with Alexander Young of the Moana and Young hotels, who had stated to him that a great hardship would be worked, possibly resulting in the closing of one of the hotels, if the privilege were withdrawn. He stated that he wanted the Board to overlook whatever he had said in previous meetings with regard to the granting of the privilege to hotels, as his talk with Mr. Young had convinced him that hotels and restaurants were on an almost equal basis in the matter.

Judge Edings spoke for the Union Grill, stating that it was not so much the Sunday privilege which the proprietors wished to have granted as it was the privilege of selling liquor after hours. The Judge made a strong plea in favor of the Grill.

When the matter of Al Thurlow's Royal Annex Cafe came up, a good sized scrap was precipitated. Attorney Peters spoke for Thurlow, stating that, if the Board would accept the proposition he had submitted, it would at any time have the right to revoke the Sunday privilege.

Chairman Cooke stated that a complaint regarding the sale of liquor had been made regarding sales on last Sunday. The specific charge was that men had been sold bottles of beer and had been allowed to depart from the cafe with them. Al Thurlow leaped to his feet and entered a strenuous denial of any such action on his part.

Fennell was given a chance to answer, and he said that it was not upon this occurrence that he had based his complaint to the Board, but that it was upon the fact that he had seen two men enter the cafe with nothing in their arms or hands. When they came out, however, one of them had what appeared to be a bottle of beer wrapped up under each arm. Thurlow stated that he was not at the Royal Annex at the time this was alleged to have happened, but he was confident that no one had left his place with any bottled liquor. The wordy conflict between Fennell and Thurlow became so warm that Chairman Cooke was forced to call for order.

E. A. Douthitt appeared as counsel for J. B. Deas, executor of the estate of P. A. Deas, deceased, and made the longest argument of the day with regard to the continuance of a saloon license at Waipahu, formerly held by P. A. Deas. Douthitt argued that the continuation of the license should be allowed for a period of at least six months in order that the affairs of the estate of the deceased could be closed up satisfactorily. Attorney General Hemenway had rendered an opinion to the Board on the matter, stating that he believed the right could be allowed the executor to sell the liquor on hand, but the question as to whether the right to restock the saloon could be granted the executor was doubtful. Douthitt stated that, unless the right were allowed the executor to purchase more liquor, if the license were continued for a specified time, the object in view, that of clearing off debts, could not be obtained. The matter was taken under advisement by the Board.

M. F. Prosser appeared on behalf of S. Osaki, charges against the conduct of whose saloon were made by wireless from one of the other islands, and on his request, the Board will hold a special meeting this afternoon at four o'clock to consider the matter. A letter containing detailed charges against Osaki's place of business will arrive here this morning on the Mauna Loa.

BANQUET TO ADMIRAL

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thanks on behalf of myself and the officers of my squadron for your cordial entertainment of this evening. Moreover, I wish to express my best thanks for your kind hospitality extended towards us during my previous visit three months ago. At that time, you caused us to spend so many happy days that we could not forget them.

"Since we had been received with such cordiality in Honolulu, we were welcomed most warmly and most heartily by all citizens, especially by the members of commercial organizations, everywhere we touched on the coast of the Pacific. When I go back to Japan, I will tell with much pleasure to the commercial body of our country about your favor, and your kindness to us will be gratefully acknowledged by the whole Japanese nation.

"This evening, I have heard many pleasant eulogies of Japan and high praise to myself, for which I have to thank the previous speakers, and I want to remind once more the fact that the relation between the two great nations,

intercourse of two nations on the two coasts of the Pacific, being about midway between them. I trust that the mutual regard and goodwill which exist now so happily between America and Japan may become every day more firmly and more closely rooted between them.

"Now, gentlemen, thanking you again for the hospitable treatment accorded us, I take this opportunity to express in the name of the squadron our most sincere gratitude to the commercial bodies of Honolulu, and I have the pleasure to drink the health of the members of the Commercial Club and the prosperity of this city of Honolulu."

St. Louis Commander

Admiral Ijichi's speech was applauded to the echo. Following him on the evening's program was the speech of Captain Gleaves, U. S. N., commanding officer of the cruiser St. Louis. Captain Gleaves spoke briefly, taking for his subject the friendliness which now obtained between Japan and the United States and expressing the belief that it was at such gatherings as that of last evening that this spirit of amity and good-feeling between the two nations was firmly cemented.

President Wakefield proposed a toast to the commercial bodies of Honolulu, after which M. Tokieda spoke on behalf of the Japanese Merchants' Association. He thanked the hosts for courteous treatment and for the kind invitation to the dinner.

Friendship, National and Individual.

George W. Smith was then called upon. He spoke at length regarding the friendly feelings which exist now and have in the past between not only the two nations of Japan and the United States but also between the individuals of the different nationalities in these islands. He said that the American business men of Hawaii welcome the Japanese as competitors in the fields of trade, for it is in this competition that the people really become closer friends. He welcomed Admiral Ijichi and the officers of the squadron, stating that while they were not directly in the field of commerce, they were potent factors in preserving peace, which means commercial advancement, between the two nations.

Solos were then rendered by Henry Clark, James Dougherty and Clarence Waterman and a humorous recitation was given by C. H. McBride.

Seated at the table with President Wakefield were Admiral Ijichi, on the right, and Japanese Consul General Ueno, on the left. Others seated at this table were Captain Gleaves, U. S. cruiser St. Louis; Captain Ishii, commanding officer of the Aso; ex-Governor Cleghorn, Flag Lieutenant Shimomura, M. Tokieda, J. A. Kennedy, Prof. M. M. Scott, Captain Sato, commanding officer of the Soya; H. Hedemann, Lieutenant Commander Haradz and Dr. Hobdy, U. S. M. H. S.

COMMISSION ON SCHOOL FUNDS IS APPOINTED

Governor Frear yesterday announced the appointments of the members of the School Fund Commission, those who will serve being W. A. Bowen, W. R. Farrington and Edgar Wood.

The appointments are made under the authority of a joint resolution which was passed by the last Legislature, providing for the appointment of a commission of three members whose duty it will be to make an exhaustive examination into the methods of applying and distributing school funds on the mainland.

The report of the commission is to be ready for the perusal of the Governor not later than July 1, 1910. In addition to investigating the conditions that exist outside of Hawaii, the commission is expected to make suggestions that will result in the improvement of the system that now prevails in the Territory.

The sum of \$250 is allowed the commission for expenses incident to its work of investigation.

About 200 persons have already booked for passage on the Mauna Kea for the Hilo and Volcano excursion next Saturday. The sale of tickets will not commence until Wednesday, but names are being taken. The outlook is for one of the biggest excursions ever carried to the Rainy City. The Mauna Kea is scheduled to sail at 4 p. m. Saturday, arriving at Hilo the following morning. The vessel will leave Hilo at 4 p. m. Monday, arriving at Honolulu early in the morning, in time for business men to get to their work.

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