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PLANTERS TALK OF THEIR WORK

Second Day's Session Given Up to Committee Reports and Discussion.

THE VALUE OF TREE PLANTING

Forester Hosmer Reads Paper, Telling of What Has Been Done Past Year.

The necessity of preserving the existing forests of Hawaii and of planting new ones in order to preserve the water supply so essential to the successful operation of the sugar plantations was brought out and thoroughly discussed at the sugar planters' meeting yesterday afternoon. B. F. Dillingham, chairman of the committee on forestry, was not present and consequently no report of the committee has as yet been presented, but Ralph Hosmer, territorial superintendent of forestry, read a paper in which he told of what has been accomplished during the past year and outlined to some extent the plans that have been made for the encouragement and extension of tree planting in Hawaii. Mr. Hosmer said in part:

"During the past year the chain of established forest reserves has been extended by the addition of two new reserves on Kauai, making the reserve system on that island complete so far as the preliminary stages of formal declaration go—with the possible exception of the privately owned mountain ridge, crowned by the peak known as Houpu, that lies to the south of Lihue. The upper slopes of Mauna Kea on Hawaii have also been set apart as a reserve to facilitate the forest planting experiments on that mountain, now in satisfactory progress under funds provided by the federal forest service. This reserve differs in character from all but one of these previously created, in that its object is not watershed protection but timber production. It will be some years before results can be obtained from the forest planting that is planned for the upper slopes but the work has at least been started. Altogether there are now twenty forest reserves in Hawaii, aggregating a total area of 545,764 acres, of which 357,180 acres, or 65 per cent., is government land.

"Following the coming of Hon. F. H. Newell, just a year ago now, and his masterly report on our local conditions, actual field work was started in the summer by officials of the U. S. Geological Survey in hydrographic and topographic surveys of the Islands.

"The avowed intention of the territorial administration in pressing this work is that it may serve, later, as the basis for extensive projects—preferably conducted under the Federal Reclamation Service—whereby considerable areas of potentially valuable public land, now semiarid and unproductive, can, through irrigation, eventually be made available for development and settlement by American home seekers.

Tree Planting.

"Another line of marked advance during the past year is the increasing interest in tree planting throughout the Territory. I have not now at hand figures showing just what the number

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WAIALAE CAR SMASHES AUTO

Screwed around and jammed in between a rapid transit car and the curb, automobile No. 308, belonging to "Toney" of the Young Hotel Auto Stand, was yesterday afternoon almost completely wrecked at a little after five o'clock. The machine had stopped for a moment in front of the Young candy shop while several passengers went inside, when car No. 2 of the Waialae line going Waikiki, caught the back wheel with its runningboard and slewed the machine around, breaking three wheels and the rear of the car.

Luckily there were no passengers in the tonneau or there would probably have been a fatal accident. The machine had stopped without drawing up to the curb and was partially diagonally across the street. The motorman of the car evidently thought he had enough room to clear the rear of the machine and did not slack his speed. The chaffeur states that the car gave no sign whatever and that he did not know that it was coming.

The car was heavily laden with passengers homeward bound and those who saw the accident state that the blame rests a great deal on the motorman. Had there been any one on the runningboard of the car towards the front at the time she hit he would probably have been badly hurt.

PHONE MATTER IS UP AGAIN

NEW AGREEMENT PROPOSED

Supervisors Pass Question Up to City and County Attorney.

The entire telephone question was reopened at the meeting of the supervisors last night, after it was supposed that the trouble was all settled and that no more was to be heard of it. The question is once more in the air, and there appears to be nothing to indicate when the pilikia will be pau.

The committee, consisting of all the members of the board except Logan and Quinn, brought in a report to the effect that the negotiations, which had amounted to nothing, should be abandoned, as the telephone company had rejected the five propositions made to it by the committee and the committee felt it beneath its dignity to make any more.

The dropping of the negotiations, it was admitted—unofficially of course—would mean that the telephone company had won out, for at least seventy-five per cent of the excavation work has already been done and even were the city and county to try to compel the company to pay an inspection fee for the rest of the work, it would cost the telephone people less than $100.

But Logan and Quinn, the minority of the board, objected to allowing the matter to drop. Logan produced from his pocket another tentative agreement drafted by the attorney for the telephone company, and proffered this in place of the report of the committee. Nobody of the minority, of course, was able to understand at one reading what the new agreement meant and it was consequently passed over to the deputy city attorney to study and see what he can make of it.

In the mean time, the report of the committee was not acted upon. Upon the production by Logan of the new tentative agreement, the report of the committee, recommending that negotiations come to an end, was laid on the table, awaiting a report by the deputy city attorney on the new agreement.

New Agreement.

This latter is in the main similar to the agreement which the supervisors some weeks ago rejected, but some changes have been made in it which it is hoped will satisfy Aylett et al.

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EMERSON WRITES BOOK ON HAWAII

Interesting Publication on the Sacred Songs of the Hula.

"Unwritten Literature of Hawaii," is the title of a new publication by the Smithsonian Institution, Bureau of Ethnology, which will be of particular interest to the people of this Territory, as containing many interesting facts, legends and songs which will be new to them. The subtitle, "The Sacred Songs of the Hula," in part explains the nature of the book. The author is Dr. N. B. Emerson and the volume of about three hundred pages represents years of consistent study of the subject on his part.

A prefatory note by W. H. Holmes, chief of the bureau, explains how it happens that the book is published by the Smithsonian Institution. It is as follows:

"Previous to the year 1906 the researches of the bureau were restricted to the American Indians, but by act of congress approved June 30 of that year the scope of its operations was extended to include the natives of the Hawaiian Islands. Funds were not specifically provided, however, for prosecuting investigations among these people, and in the absence of an appropriation for this purpose it was considered inadvisable to restrict the systematic investigations among the Indian tribes in order that the new field might be entered. Fortunately the publication of valuable data pertaining to Hawaii is already provided for, and the present memoir by Doctor Emerson is the first of the bureau's Hawaiian series. It is expected that this bulletin will be followed shortly by one comprising an extended list of works relating to Hawaii, compiled by Prof. H. M. Ballou and Dr. Cyrus Thomas."

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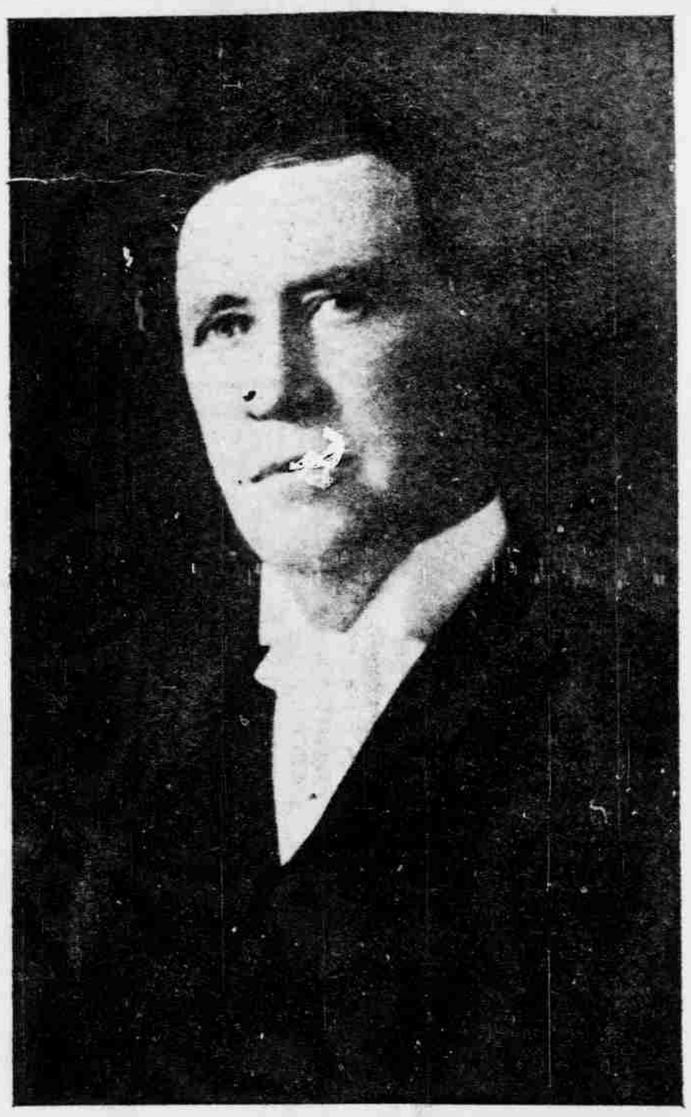
VENUS VISITED THE MOON.

Venus coquetting with the Man in the Moon was observed by thousands last night, the planet being perched on the exact tip of the cresent moon and blazing and winking there gloriously. Various were the comments passed on this rarely beautiful combination, opinions being divided as to whether the sight had been arranged by the local Shriners or whether it merely presaged another revolution in Turkey.



WM. G. IRWIN
President of the Hawaiian Planters' Association.

GOVERNOR BUYS STEAMER TICKET AND ISSUES THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

Leaves This Morning for Washington and Mott-Smith Reigns in His Stead—Wants All to Rejoice Properly on November 25.

Some time about eleven o'clock this morning there will be an Acting-Governor at the capitol. E. A. Mott-Smith, secretary of the Territory, will be in charge and on the lid.

Governor Walter F. Frear has issued the official notice of the appointment of Mr. Mott-Smith as acting governor during his absence. When the Lurline sails this morning at ten o'clock, the Governor will be on board and when the Lurline is three miles off shore the Governor of the Territory will be beyond his domain.'

The Governor is going to Washington to give a helping hand to the amendments to the Organic Act, to smooth the bumps and obstacles that they will meet in their course through congress and tell the national lawmakers that they are not class legislation, as many people have taken pleasure in saying some four thousand miles away from Hawaii nei.

Also he is going to see Andrew Carnegie about a library for Honolulu and give him a chance to write his name in the annals of Hawaii.

The Governor will meet a new administration in Washington and must get acquainted with many of the new departmental heads. At this time Hawaii is attracting a great deal of attention on the mainland and there will be many questions for the Governor to answer about the administration of affairs in the Paradise of the Pacific.

It is probable that when he meets Secretary of the Interior Ballinger he will invite him to come to Hawaii next year to look over the land questions of the Territory and see for himself what Hawaii has done and is doing.

Meanwhile E. A. Mott-Smith will be holding down the lid.

Thanksgiving Proclamation.

One of the last acts of Governor Frear before leaving his office in the capitol yesterday was to issue a proclamation for a Thanksgiving Day.

"The President of the United States," he says, "having designated Thursday, the 25th day of November as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer, I recommend that the people of this Territory observe the day appropriate-

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Ready to Sit on the Lid.

PINCHOT PUTS IT UP TO TAFT

THE PRESIDENT MUST DECIDE

Wants to Know Plainly Whether He or Ballinger Is to Be Endorsed.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, November 17.—Gifford Pinchot, chief of the United States forest service, is not content to let matters stand as they are between him and the secretary of the interior, R. A. Ballinger. Neither is he willing to allow the President to wear the smile that won't come off and decline to commit himself in the matter.

It is reported around Washington that Mr. Pinchot has written the President demanding that he declare himself one way or the other. The head of the forest service insists on an answer to the question as to who is right, he or the secretary of the interior.

The dispute concerns the withdrawal of certain public lands from homesteading by the forest service, these lands being contiguous to waterpower sites. The forest service officials acted on advice of the former attorney-general's department, the advice coming specifically from the deputy attorney-general attached to the secretary of the interior's department.

Secretary Ballinger has put most of the lands so withdrawn back into the homesteading list, withholding only those parts immediately adjoining the power sites.

During all the time the dispute has been in progress, there has been no official acknowledgment of any dispute, but plenty of official denials. Pinchot's action now will force the matter to an immediate issue.

Pinchot's Position.

The position taken by Mr. Pinchot is that of conserving potential wealth for the people, while, on the other hand, his friends claim that the secretary of the interior is more inclined to favor the corporations who may want these power sites. In a recent address, made at New Orleans on October 30, Pinchot explained his position as follows:

"There is no reason why the water power interests should be given the people's property freely and forever except that they would like to have it that way. I suspect that the mere

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ABANDON THE MINERS AFTER HOPE IS GONE

(By Associated Press.)

CHERRY, Illinois, November 16.—All hope of rescuing the three hundred and ten miners entombed in the burning mine at this place has been abandoned.

When this announcement was made today the families and relatives of the men became wild with grief. Their protest against refraining from further rescue work resulted in demonstrations that were small riots.

The feeling is so tense that the local officials have called for state troops to prevent rioting.

AMERICAN LINE ABSORBS WESTERN

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, November 16.—Preliminaries of what will be the greatest merger of the country were made public when it was announced that the American Telegraph and Telephone Company, which operates an elaborate system of telephones throughout the country, has secured control of the stock of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

It is stated that the two interests will be combined into one company with a capitalization of a billion dollars.

GENERAL BARRY NOW COMMANDS HAWAII

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, November 16.—Major-General Weston, department commander of the United States army, with station at San Francisco, has been succeeded by Major-General Barry. Barry has for some time past been stationed at Washington.

CROWDED STEAMSHIP GOES TO THE BOTTOM

(By Associated Press.)

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, November 16.—News came here today of one of the most terrible disasters of the lakes. The steamer Edmund, carrying 200 passengers, went down with all on board.

DYNAMITE IN GREEK CHAMBER

(By Associated Press.)

CANEA, Crete, November 16.—A dynamite bomb was exploded tonight in the chamber of deputies. The utmost confusion reigned, and much damage was done to the furniture by the explosion, but there were no casualties among the members of the chamber.

MILLIONS MAY GO OUT ON STRIKE

American Federation of Labor Threatens Practically a Revolution.

WATCHING GOMPER'S FATE

Philadelphia Suggests Revenge, but New York Leaders Disapprove.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, November 17.—The imprisonment of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is to be the signal for a strike approaching almost to the limits of a labor revolution, if the proposal of the members of the central federation at Philadelphia is adopted.

The decision of the District of Columbia court of appeals that the sentence of the lower court against Gompers and others for contempt of court is valid has brought the federation leaders within measurable distance of the cells and the various branches of the federation have taken up the matter vigorously. Philadelphia has led in the suggestion that the closing of the prison door on Gompers be made the signal for a strike of all the members of the federation. Such a strike would bring out over two million men, in practically every branch of industry, and be by many fold the greatest strike of history.

The New York leaders have taken the suggestion under advisement, the only expressions of opinion made upon it by them so far being those of disapproval.

TAFT MEETS WITH CABINET MEMBERS

First Full Meeting Since Congress Adjourned Last August.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, November 17.—President Taft yesterday met with the members of his cabinet. This was the first cabinet meeting since the adjournment of congress.

One of the important matters taken up and discussed is said to have been the recently discovered frauds of the sugar trust. It is believed that the cabinet members have agreed on the advisability of a congressional committee being appointed to investigate the whole matter of the fraudulent custom entries made by the trust and the other charges which have followed.

MORE INDICTMENTS IN SUGAR FRAUD CASE

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, November 17.—Indictments were returned yesterday by the grand jury investigating the charges of fraud against the sugar trust against twenty-two of the assistant weighers in the customs service, the charge against them being that they are implicated in the cheating of the government through guilty knowledge of the short weights being turned in.

Plead Not Guilty.

James Bendernagle, former superintendent of the American Sugar Refining Company, and six other employes were arraigned yesterday under the indictment found against them. Pleas of not guilty were entered.

AGED PHILANTHROPIST PASSES TO HIS REST

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, November 17.—Charles N. Crittenton, the millionaire, who founded seventy-three rescue homes throughout the country, named the Florence Crittenton Homes, after his daughter, died here yesterday of pneumonia. He was seventy-six years old.

YAMAGATA NAMED TO SUCCEED ITO

(By Associated Press.)

TOKIO, November 17.—Prince Yamagata was yesterday nominated by the Emperor as the president of the privy council, in succession to the late Prince Ito.