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FAXON OUT OF AND IN PILIKIA

Discharged and at Once Arrested Again—Storm Does Damage in Growing Hilo.

HILO, Hawaii, December 23.—The trial of G. B. Faxon, formerly book-keeper for the Hilo Mercantile Company, Ltd., on a charge of embezzling \$100 from that firm, began on Monday morning and went to the jury about three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. A verdict of not guilty was returned about six o'clock, it being reported that the jury stood ten to two for acquittal from the start.

Faxon was immediately rearrested on another charge, that of embezzling \$200 from the same firm, the complaint being sworn to by E. E. Nichols. This is the same case in which a nol. pros. was entered during the present term of court.

And All Was Dark.

On Sunday and Monday nights of this week Hilo was not as well lighted as usual, nor were the people so happy, some of them being in a condition of utter darkness which caused growling, grumbling and swearing, if not weeping and gnashing of teeth.

It happened this way. There was a little storm flurry soon after five o'clock on Sunday morning when a bolt of lightning proved to be more than a match for the manufacturing part of electricity. The result was that six armature coils were burned out in the large 180 kilowatt generator available for lighting the town, for power and every other old purpose.

Manager Moline did the best he could for the downtown section on Sunday night, and that wasn't much, while uptown was in darkness. On Monday night there was an improvement, while last night Hilo glimmered again with its usual brilliancy.

Giant Powder Victim.

Fishing with giant powder was accountable for another victim last week, when a Hawaiian, named John Hall, some times called Maluna, a resident of Waiakea, was terribly lacerated by the explosive while he was fishing near Keau.

According to the facts gathered by the police, Maluna and three other Hawaiians were fishing near Keau. Maluna had been using a piece of wood as tinder, and as it did not burn well he started to blow on it. He held the wood in his left hand and kept the stick of giant powder, with fuse and cap attached, in his right hand. As he blew a spark flew from the wood to the fuse, and the giant powder exploded right in his hand. The effects of the explosion were terrific. The unfortunate man's right hand was torn off completely. His head was injured and several holes made in his neck and breast.

He was taken to the Hilo hospital.

Thunder and Snow.

Last Friday's thunder storm was the most severe that Hilo has experienced in many years. It lasted for six hours, the lightning being very vivid, the thunder at times quite close with a heavy downpour of rain in the evening. Mauna Kea, when visible was seen to be capped with snow and the thermometer dropped to 60 degrees by seven o'clock.

Big Island Notes.

At the last meeting of the Republican county committee, resolutions were adopted urging the new provisional committee to harmonize the Republican supervisors, and then to collect funds to be used for sending a couple of men round this island to try and reorganize the precinct clubs and put some life into them.

Half a dozen wood ducks arrived here on the Enterprise for the Rod and Gun Club, having been sent from San Francisco by E. E. Richards. They were turned into the club's pond with their feathers tipped so that they will have a chance to get accustomed to the place before they can fly away.

Nahouka, the Hawaiian boy who is accused of having robbed the Keolu postoffice, waived examination and was bound over for trial. His bonds were fixed at \$1000. The accused boy says that he will plead guilty and take his medicine.

The Mauna Kea will leave Hilo next week on Thursday morning instead of on Friday, returning from Honolulu on Friday afternoon and arriving here early on Saturday morning. She will leave again for Honolulu on Sunday afternoon.

A petition is in circulation urging the board of supervisors to make an appropriation for a new fire engine for Hilo. Mr. Madden of Hamakua reports that the rains which have fallen of late have been of the greatest benefit in his district. He also states, on the authority of Robert Horner, who is in the best possible position to know on account of his residing so far up the mountain, that it is many years since the snow has been as far down the side of Mauna Kea as it was last Saturday.

COLOR MARVELS.

A hint of the processes underlying the marvelous French color photography is gained by noting that in a room to which only red light is admitted—through red glass—everything becomes red except things that are already red. These become white or yellow according to their intensity. Another element in the work takes cognizance of the fact that all things have various colors in them, so blended as to appear what we call red or blue, etc. The little microscopic eyes of the mosaic plate of the color photographer take their own out of these mingled tints that make up the specific shades of the color presented to them. Seen under the microscope we can detect that red has blue and violet in it, that the yellow of the sunflower has blue and green and red.

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