

JUDGE DOLE AND THOMAS SQUARE

Athletic Field Champion Returns to the Attack—Asks Some Pertinent Questions.

Judge Dole is by no means convinced that the proper use for the mauka end of Thomas Square is not to use it as an athletic field for the pupils of the McKinley High School. Since he proposed the clearing off of the mauka half of the square, a short time ago, the idea has been vigorously combated. To slant the proposal was the most fashionable thing to do, during all of which slanting the proposal set tight, waiting for the storm to blow itself out.

This having happened, Judge Dole returns to the attack, having addressed the following letter on the subject to The Advertiser. He writes:

Editor Advertiser:—It was expected that the proposition to turn over a portion of Thomas Square to the McKinley High School for an athletic field, would raise some opposition—more indeed than has so far developed. The objectors appear to take it for granted that the proposed plan will seriously prejudice the existing public enjoyment of the square. Would this be the case?

The part of the square taken over as a playground, if the scheme goes through, will become an open space of grass surrounded on its edges by trees. Open lawns of any considerable size have not as yet become so common in Honolulu that they do not create favorable comment and appreciation wherever established. That the Makiki parade ground could hardly be more appreciated if planted with shade trees, I gather from the commendatory words spoken to me of late in regard to its fine appearance. The old playground of Oahu College makes a beautiful feature of the college grounds. It is most likely that after the playground is established in Thomas Square, if that is to be the course of events, one-half of the Honolulu population will never notice it, and the other half will know of it only through a vague and undefined sense that in some way or other the square has greatly improved in appearance.

A tree is not to be given space or tolerated simply because it is a tree. It may be a nuisance or it may be in the way of something better.

The McKinley High School—one of the most important and promising of all the government schools—needs an athletic field. The mental training of its pupils has been well provided for, but nothing has been done, so far, for their physical development. A school that cannot furnish opportunities to its pupils for athletics, is not an equipped school. Such opportunities, with the rivalries they afford with other schools, have an influence upon the school spirit and all the things that go with it, that is too great to ignore. The influence of athletics on the book studies of a school is most favorable. Physical training is stimulative of mental activity and in a general way it promotes the health of the body, which is a necessary condition of the best mental effort.

The McKinley High School boys have been badly handicapped since the school was opened, in their rivalries with other schools. Using the Makiki parade ground as their practice field, they have been subjected to a serious tax on their time and convenience in going and coming, and want of dressing rooms. It is much to their credit that they have, under the circumstances, shown the perseverance and pluck and made the records which are now a part of their story.

As to the girls, they, who need these things perhaps more than the boys, have had no chance at all. Basketball, tennis, croquet, hockey and the rest are unavailable, and the girls are left to spend their recess periods and after school time as best they may—the former generally in sitting around, and the latter in getting away as immediately as may be from the school premises.

Are not the interests of this large number of girls and boys of vastly more importance than the vague interest of the public in a few dozen trees and shrubs, few of which are of value as trees or plants, either on account of their rarity or beauty?

When in the course of a half a dozen years or more, the College of Hawaii occupies the adjacent premises, there will be afforded a nucleus for a play ground, which can only be reasonably developed through the purchase of additional space to the east, whereby its area may be doubled. With such a happening in view, the use of Thomas Square could be regarded as a temporary one. The proposition of Mr. Dodge to look for a playground for the High School marked off King street should be contemplated only as a last resort; the distance being a serious objection, especially as such ground would not be likely to be located on the building lots next to the street but rather nearer the shore.

Would not the proposed use of Thomas Square be an investment which would bring large returns—quite greater than the necessary sacrifice of the trees and the accompanying distress of those who dislike to see trees destroyed? S. B. DOLE.

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THETIS HERE WITH PRISONERS

Papers Seized May Lead to Some Startling Developments in Honolulu.

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Warrants Waiting.

The Thetis came into the harbor about 10 o'clock yesterday morning and was boarded by customs and immigration officials, followed by United States District Attorney Breckons and United States Marshal Hendry, armed with warrants for the arrest of the following twenty-three Japanese:

From Laysan Island: Heisaburo Teramoto, Ichigo Kato, Tokimotoku Ishii, Sayiro Takagawa, Shiro Izu, Yosimou Asanuma, Sukeshiro Mase, Shosheuro Ebihara, Katsuzo Namami, Akitaro Kikuchi, Togi Horikoshi, Shiro Watanabe, Shohichi Tsuzi and Shihanosuke Shimada. From Laysanski Island: Naoharu Odaiki, Sokemitsu Kayano, Masaburo Pota, Gonzo Iwamoto, Shotaro Yasahawa, Kinsaku Mura, Iswakiichi Saito and Kanamu Kanagawaha.

Papers Seized.

The men were mustered and the fifteen from Laysan were sent ashore, placed in the patrol wagon and taken to prison. The eight from Laysanski followed. The men were in a happy mood, and bowed and smiled to the officials. They were allowed to take only their blankets, their remaining personal effects being held for a close inspection. This search revealed several important documents which are now held by Mr. Breckons, and which divulge the full particulars of the poaching raid, involving the name of Max Selheimer, and giving valuable information to the federal officers. In addition to the feathers, the Thetis brought several nets which the poachers use in trapping birds.

May Capture Schooner.

The poachers were landed on Laysan and Laysanski last April and August by the Japanese schooner Tempu Maru. The men expected to be taken off this month or in March, and the vessel is probably on the way there now with a new lot of employes and provisions. The Thetis may be sent to Laysan to apprehend the vessel.

Captain Jacobs expressed the opinion that the men under arrest are merely the tools of the bankers who operate from Tokyo and Honolulu and that the arm of the law may reach to heights that will make a great sensation in Honolulu.

Congratulations from Sebree.

Congratulations to Captain W. V. E. Jacobs, commanding the United States revenue cutter Thetis, on the success attending his cruise after bird poachers on westward islands, were witnessed last Sunday from the flagship Tennessee of the Pacific fleet by Rear Admiral Sebree, commander in chief. The message was flashed over intervening waters while the fleet was approaching Honolulu, because when the admiral was a younger man and not so high up in the navy as now he once commanded the Thetis. The Thetis has had a remarkable career and was once also commanded by Rear Admiral Selley, retired, when the vessel was dispatched into the Arctic to rescue the survivors of the Greely expedition. The Thetis has also had an interesting career in the Bering Sea where Japanese seal poachers were under surveillance, and her initial cruise in Hawaiian waters has resulted in breaking up one of the most gigantic bird killing organizations that the Pacific Ocean has known.

Captain Jacob's Statement.

Captain W. V. E. Jacobs, commanding the revenue cutter Thetis, made the following statement concerning the capture of the Japanese poachers and seizure of the bird plumage:

"My instructions were to investigate conditions at the Hawaiian Islands for violation and in case there should be any depredations on the islands by poaching hunters, to make arrests and bring them to trial and seize the plumage that had been gathered.

"We made the first stop at Bird Island which is the nearest to the group. At this season there are no birds on the islands. We saw only two albatrosses. It was not possible to effect a landing owing to the weather conditions. The Thetis was then headed for Necker Island.

No Landing on Necker.

The first stop was made there, but no more birds were found there than on Bird Island. Owing to a heavy east northeast blow we did not make a landing there. We continued westward to Gardner Island. This was found to be an inaccessible rock about two hundred feet in diameter and about two feet in height. There were a few albatrosses hovering over it. I don't know that a landing has ever been made on that rock, except possibly by a swimmer.

"We then continued westward, the next island visited being Laysan Island. Upon approaching this island the American flag was seen hoisted over a watchtower, or the light tower. Though the sea was high we anchored to make an investigation, knowing that human beings were on shore. A boat was sent off in charge of an officer with instructions to ascertain the number of men on the island, their business there, and if they were conducting the operation of plumage hunting. To take copies of whatever documents were in their possession giving permission for the work. Several documents were found in the possession of the overseer of the party of fifteen Japanese found there. Copies were made, and the group of thirteen buildings was examined in which were found large quantities of bird plumage, both billed and hoarse, the loose plumage being in a certain stage of curing. Near by the buildings, and stretched over the sands, were perhaps two hun-

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any resistance. I have copies of their orders. From what I have learned from these men I think they were under the impression that there was sufficient evidence for them to carry on their work. We found small boats on both islands, merely landing boats."

Seized But Half the Plumage.

The Thetis secured all the wings and feathers taken by the Japanese since last August or September. All that had been collected from April to September was sent to Japan in a schooner which made a call at Laysan. As the stuff seized is valued at \$112,000, the plumage sent back last September might amount to about \$90,000, making a total of \$202,000 for a year's work.

"The Japanese on the islands had no rifles or weapons with which they could have resisted our landing, or their arrest, if they had been inclined to make



Haleiwa offers attractions to tourists not found elsewhere. The grounds are beautiful, and the hotel is a comfortable place in the center. The ride by train is interesting from start to finish.

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