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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, June 7.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, trace. Temperature, Max. 80; Min. 71. Weather, cloudy.

OPEN SEASON FOR ASTRONOMERS.

The visit of Halley's comet has brought widespread criticism upon the astronomers. It is wonderful, of course, that they should have been able to forecast its approach and time it as nearly as they did. But the people perversely chose to seize upon the astronomers' errors rather than their successes, and the aftermath of the supposed sweeping of earth by the comet's tail is a dismal chorus telling the scientists that they don't know much after all. In the first place the transit of the comet wasn't exactly on time. In the second place the tail made a failure of its job in sweeping the earth and some astronomers said there was no tail, and in the third place, astronomers on watch at about the time of the transit, reported catastrophic sunspots. Earth wheeled along in her orbit undisturbed. Even the wireless worked here, through all this celestial excitement. And remembering statements that sunspots caused grave magnetic disturbances on earth, that the comet's tail would also cause them and finding finally that astronomers differ today as to whether the earth really passed through the comet's tail or not, the unappreciative public is disposed to overlook what the astronomers were right about and complain that they didn't do better. Well, perhaps when Halley's comet comes again, the astronomers will improve on their work of 1910.

THE INTERSTATE REGULATIONS HERE.

In a letter to the evening papers the vice president of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company says "there is every reason why the interstate commerce law should not be applied to water transportation anywhere." The letter, however, does not give any reasons at all. It is devoted to showing that certain statements about interisland rates here are false, and that the campaign for application of the interstate regulations is "for the interests of certain railroad officials here," etc. All this is immaterial as compared to the main question. Misstatements as to rates may be easily corrected, and the fact that the plan proposed would benefit those who are supporting it is not an argument against it. It would, however, be of vital concern to learn what there is in the statement that "there is every reason why the interstate commerce law should not be applied to water transportation anywhere." Just whether this is true, and what the reasons are, if they exist, are what the local business community is interested in finding out.

ROOSEVELT'S PLACE IN EDWARD'S FUNERAL.

The proper placing of the many distinguished personages in the line of King Edward's funeral must have been a hard task. Colonel Roosevelt, official representative of the United States, found himself in queer company, as a result of following the proprieties for such an occasion. Following a lengthy list of royal personages, came the carriage of Queen Alexandra, next the Empress of Russia and two earls connected with the royal household. Then, leading the next division, came the following, four abreast:

Table with 4 columns: His Excellency, His Excellency, His Excellency, His Excellency. Names listed include Samad, Khan, Montaz-os-Saltaneh, Hon., Theodore Roosevelt, Monsieur S., Pichon, Rifaat, Pasha.

Grover Cleveland, a great phrase-maker in his day, was accused, as Roosevelt is now, of uttering merely columns of platitudes. The charge did not seem to worry him or to prevent him from getting the popular attention, any more than it lessens the demand for Roosevelt speeches. Roosevelt may not have told the nations of Europe anything very new, but he put some lasting truths before them in a form to be remembered.

Secretary of State Knox has probably made a brilliant score in his latest South American move. Just as Ecuador and Peru were about to begin hostilities, he stepped in with a plan of mediation that satisfied both. The war would have been a very bloody and disastrous one. Knox's action will tend to inspire the South American countries with more friendly feelings for Uncle Sam,—which is a very desirable thing.

The Russians here are finding their level. In the final result they will land where they belong. It has been shown that those who are industrious can prosper. Those who have really worked have already seen more money, of their own, in a few weeks, than they could dream of seeing at Harbin in years, and have lived better meanwhile than they ever lived before.

It is much easier to get congress to appropriate money for a federal building than to get Honolulu to agree upon a site for it and stand by the agreement.

There was an election in Japan yesterday and two hundred arrests were made in Osaka for fraudulent voting. Commodore Perry did that, too.

It will not be long now before Roosevelt steps ashore in New York and the Stiek is bigger now than when he went away.

Speaking of the fact that prohibition doesn't prohibit, did it ever occur to you that regulation doesn't regulate?

Cost of Living Easily Reduced

- We hasten to present a few methods by which the cost of living can be greatly reduced, says the Literary Magazine. They are the following: 1. Keep a garden. 2. Walk instead of using a street car. 3. Wear your last year's clothes. 4. Get up early and work in your garden. 5. Get a live cocker. 6. Smoke stories instead of cigars. 7. Adopt the fresh air fad and leave your windows open. 8. Make your own breakfast food. 9. Discover that coffee and tea are highly injurious.

SEND ONE AWAY.

One of the most beautiful of the annual attractions in Honolulu is the floral parade on February 22. This year the cars and floats were decorated with such exquisite taste that they were praised by many hundred tourists who were in the city and who viewed the procession. Official photographers made pictures of all the best of which were selected by the committee in charge and published in pamphlet form by the Hawaiian Gazette Co., Ltd. These are on sale at the Advertiser office, on King street between East and Bethel, at twenty-five cents each. The postage on a copy is three cents to any part of the world.

PROFANING THE GRAMMAR.

Katie, a 53-year-old resident of Boston, according to Today's Magazine, ran to her father one morning, exclaiming, "Father, please Harold sweet?" "Sweet, did he?" inquired the parent, grimly, reaching for his slipper. "What did he say?" "He said 'sweet'," responded Katie, solemnly.

New Paper Currency

Christian Science Monitor.

Not much has been said recently with regard to Secretary MacVeagh's plan for the improvement of our currency. The matter was much discussed in the early days of the present administration. The secretary of the treasury, soon after taking office, dropped certain hints and expressed, in a casual way, opinions which were taken to mean that he had in mind and would strive to bring about a change for the better in the appearance of our paper money. Other subjects of an administrative character have diverted popular thought from Secretary MacVeagh's tentative proposition, but the idea that he brought forward more than a year ago has not been abandoned. On the contrary, officials of the treasury designated by the secretary to look into the matter have been engaged in putting it in tangible shape. It is understood now that a set of designs has been prepared under the direction of these officials by the bureau of engraving and printing for submission to the head of the department at an early day. These designs are likely to constitute the basis for striking and important changes in the form and size and general appearance of our paper currency. Other than purely esthetic considerations are involved in the proposed change. It is most desirable, of course, that the paper money of the country shall be creditable to the nation artistically. But it should also be convenient. Our bills are larger than those issued, as a rule, by foreign governments. They are large to the point of clumsiness, although we have become so habituated to them that we may not appreciate this fact. It will probably be impossible for most of us to realize how greatly our paper currency can be improved until the change is made and the advantage of smaller notes is impressed upon us by their practical use.

London's Wooden-Block Pavements

In the borough of Hampstead there are now about nine miles of wood-paved streets, those sustaining the heaviest traffic being paved with Australian hardwood sectional blocks, which, including concrete foundation, cost \$3.40 per superficial yard. On roads where traffic is not so heavy cross-sawn Baltic timber blocks are used, the cost of concrete foundation being \$2.68 per yard. The average life of the wood paving in Hampstead is about ten years and the borough engineer states it has given general satisfaction, as the road gradients in that section vary considerably and wood paving gives excellent foothold for horses on gradients up to 1 in 20. There are about fifteen miles of wood-block roads in the populous borough of St. Marylebone. In the construction of these roads the macadam or other previous paving material is excavated, the ground properly graded, a six to nine-inch Portland cement concrete foundation put down with a perfectly smooth surface, and when thoroughly set paved over with cross-sawn deal blocks five inches deep, grouted with bituminous composition. The average life of this paving is ten to fifteen years, according to the amount and nature of traffic. The cost per square yard is \$3.28 for five-inch cross-sawn deal blocks placed on an eight-inch concrete foundation. The borough engineer states that this paving is very advantageous because it is comparatively noiseless, much more economical to structurally maintain than macadam, and affords a fair foothold for horses, but, owing to its smooth surface and impervious nature, requires more cleaning than macadam. —Consular Report.

A Place for Colonel Roosevelt

Christian Science Monitor.

Time was when the warmaker was given, and by nearly unanimous consent, the most conspicuous place in the pages of human history; the time is approaching, if it is not already at hand, when such honor as the world may bestow upon men will go unchallenged to the peacemaker. Of all the beneficent revolutions of popular belief marking and uplifting this age none is greater than that which is changing the attitude of men and women toward so-called military glory. Whereas, only a very few years ago opposition to war was regarded as an evidence of weakness, it is coming to be regarded in our days as an evidence of strength. Even those who continue to defend and sometimes to extol war as a means of protecting human rights are driven not merely by the force of popular opinion but by their own sense of the fitness of things to apologize for it. Public leaders who have made most of war in writings and speeches recognize the fact that humanity is now disposed to turn from it. Former President Roosevelt leans strongly, as is well known, to the idea that preparedness for war affords a nation the greatest assurance of peace. It is generally agreed that it would be the height of folly at this time for any nation, our own included, to invite trouble by displaying weakness. In common with all great powers, we must recognize existing conditions and deal with them practically. But in common with all highly civilized as well as powerful nations, we should strive to change these conditions. That the world is moving toward peace must be recognized by every intelligent observer of current history; that the movement toward universal peace demands a more vigorous leadership than it has had so far seems to be equally clear. President Taft must have been thinking along this line when, in talking to a subcommittee of the house foreign affairs committee on Tuesday, and commenting upon the Bartholdt bill, he put forward the thought that it would be well if a committee of leading citizens of this country, headed by Theodore Roosevelt, should travel abroad in advocacy of universal peace. Clothed with an influence greater than that possessed by any other private citizen of America, having the regard of all nations to an extraordinary degree, it may be that our ex-President could engage in a useful work by leading a movement intended to bring the nations together in an alliance for the promotion and preservation of a peace that should be world-wide.

SUPERVISORS IGNORE THE MAYOR

(Continued from Page One.) vice on no matters whatever. Aylett and McClellan voted no, but the lease passed. During a recess the mayor broke loose and came down on Dan Logan, saying: "Why is it you supervisors always insist on ignoring the mayor on these matters. I never knew anything about this lease until it came up tonight. This is a thing that requires careful consultation." "Well," said Logan, "don't come down on me, I'm not on the road committer. I've got troubles of my own." "I'm going to call Quinn down, then," said his honor. "Go ahead," said Logan, hopefully.

Department Reports. Sheriff Jarrett returned an encouraging report of the work of the police department for the month of May. There were 415 arrests altogether during the month out of which 324 were convicted, 15 of the balance being still held to answer. Out of the total amount, 244 were members of an extra force amounting to \$140,25. The total receipt from fines during the month came to \$238,50, several convicted illegal liquor sellers adding considerably to the amount.

John Wilson also turned in his report to the board for the amount of work done under his direction during the past month. His total expenditures came to \$10,586.28 which sum includes the payrolls. A total of 2127 square yards of road was made and a number of streets oiled and repaired.

Miscellaneous. The plumbing ordinance was passed on the second reading last night unamimously. The property owners along Ninth avenue, Kaimuki, petitioned the board to have 600 feet of that street graded and macadamized. There were ten signers to the petition, which has the endorsement of the Waialae, Kaimuki and Palolo Improvement Clubs.

Effra's improvement of Waialae also petitioned to have \$4000 appropriated for the government road from Waialae to Honolulu which they claim is impossible most of the time. The Kaimuki and Kapiolani Improvement Club addressed a letter to the board asking for an appropriation to cover the expenses to rent a temporary school in Kalihi camp, to which Superintendent Pope of the board of public instructions will assign a teacher and the necessary supplies. The school will be opened on September 12 if the supervisors agree. It was referred to committee as were the other petitions. The supervisors asked for more time to consider the mayor's veto on the bitulithic pavement ordinance for Fort street and it will be taken up at the next meeting on the 14th at noon.

Raises Granted. Without display and with complete lack of oratory, the appropriation bill for the six months commencing on July 1 was passed unanimously on first reading at the meeting of the supervisors last night. The appropriations show a tendency to go skyward, the total being noticeably larger than before. This total, \$334,766, includes several items that tickled the fancy of various heads of departments, including the sheriff, Fire Chief Thurston and City Medical Mac-kall.

Nobody got quite as much as was wanted but, taught by experience, those who came before the board to get little extras for their particular departments did not ask for too much and were given a few small crumbs. The bill was discussed at a caucus of the supervisors during the afternoon, where there was also a decided lack of the argumentative frills that usually adorn the discussion of the six months' appropriation. All the colors agreed to support the bill when it came up at the evening meeting which probably explained the fact that it took but a few minutes to read and pass it.

Sheriff Jarrett and Fire Chief Thurston had a polite encounter with an automobile for a prize. Thurston won and there is an item in the bill appropriating \$1500 for an auto for the fire department. He also obtained an extra appropriation for 2000 feet of two-and-a-half inch fire hose. Jarrett did not lose entirely. The police appropriation shows a tidy increase also. In the first place there is an extra \$100 a month appropriated to pay the salary of the recently appointed motorcycle officer, and provision was made for a matron of the city jail, a long needed necessity. The agitation that arose when a lady tourist was confined as supposedly insane without a woman's attention was mainly re-

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