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## PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The government seems to be anxious now to start a line of alterations and improvements in Honolulu. The cholera is checked for the present at least and we hope that the administration will pursue its plans in a vigorous manner.

Before starting it seems to us that it will be a wise plan for the government to appoint a commission of responsible and practical men to thoroughly inspect the city and submit a final proposition for the work which is considered necessary by them to be accomplished.

Very little is ever gained by tinkering here and there, and then perhaps doing the job over again. Under such a condition it appears to us to be impossible for the minister of finance to calculate and offer an opinion whether the treasury can afford to spend the money and, if not to consider how the necessary funds can be raised.

One day we hear about a proposition to move the washhouses to Kakaako. Go ahead says the superintendent of public works and he makes an estimate(?) as to the cost of such removal. Later on it is decided to have a beach road passing through Kakaako and a general objection is raised against adorning such road with the odorous Chinese wash-shops. The plan is then abandoned, another site found, other plans and specifications made and new propositions presented to the minister of finance.

And no it is with the sewerage, the regulations of the streams the cesspools, the seawalls and the new roads.

We are too inclined to tinker instead of facing the music, and deciding what is necessary to be done to secure a good sanitary condition and at the same time have an eye to beautifying the town and doing work which will be of the most practical utility.

If a commission is appointed as suggested it could work hand in hand with the "improvement association" proposed recently by Mr. Thurston which ought to be organized without delay. If a commission is composed of the men who know the town thoroughly, from practical experience, good and lasting work can be done and the treasury will know exactly what finances will be needed.

The sewerage is the most imperative want at present. It will be of course an immense expense but we believe it possible at all times to raise a loan in England for public improvements which will eventually enhance the value of the whole country. Full specifications and plans have been in the hands of the Government, and we presume that that the reason why no steps have been taken to start the work has been the lack of money, and a lack of sense that there was any immediate necessity for a sewerage. The recent cholera epidemic has proved the unhealthy condition the town is in. The present cesspool system has "fed" the subsoil of Honolulu with germ-breeding, fetid matter that it is a miracle that we have encountered no epidemic heretofore. We do not believe in giving the sewers an outlet in the harbor. They must either be carried to the other side of the reef, which would cause very heavy expense, or the pumping system used in most cities in Europe must be adopted. In London, Hamburg, Copenhagen and other well-regulated cities in Europe, it

has been proved that sewerage, instead of being a source of expense, has become an important source of revenue. So also in Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne, Australia.

If a commission should be appointed it would be well for it to institute a thorough investigation of all the streams and see how many cesspools, etc., have their outlets into the streams. The Kamehameha Schools at one time used the Waipilopilo stream as an outlet. That is now changed and the schools use the pump. But in Nuanuu and other streams there are yet numerous instances where the streams are used as sewers.

The manner in which public works now are conducted does not create great admiration for the sagacity of the "chief" or the Board of Health. We are told that crabs in the harbor are most unhealthy, and we now see a seawall being built which seems specially intended as a home, and breeding place, for the dirty black crab against which we are warned. Instead of building a cemented seawall with a foundation on the coral a wall is being erected of a lot of rocks piled on the sand. The crabs are simply having a jubilee among Mr. Rowell's latest masterwork. There can be no doubt that it would be wise to have the borders of all streams walled in by solid stone walls without any crevices for the breeding of the unwholesome animal which, alas, the Hawaiians recently have been obliged to feed on almost exclusively.

And if such a commission is appointed, the sanitary conditions of Honolulu will get an overhauling—not a whitewashing—to the very underpinning of the town, and the Board of Health agents may get a raking up on that occasion. At the quarantine quarters at Kapuoko, there is a cesspool which has stood uncovered for nearly three weeks, and which certainly is capable of filling the air surrounding the quarantined quarters with stench germs and pestilence. The commission would surely see such a nuisance abated at once.

Near South street is being erected a house right in one of the swamps of stagnant green infected water, and human beings are to live in the house, and ducks and pigs presumably under it.

We therefore suggest to the Government that as soon as the cleaning day is over and the town virtually declared free from cholera, a commission be appointed to decide on all the necessary alterations conducive to improving the sanitary conditions of Honolulu; to furnish plans and specifications to the Minister of Finance. And then sit back and watch where the money is to come from, and how the work will progress.

## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

We are told that the chief objection of our rulers in the recent "committee of thirteen" case was not to the facts as alleged, but to the fact that, in a government prosecution, government employees stood by their personal friends and acquaintances, and did not swear to what the government prosecution required. This is something extraordinary. Because a man draws wages or salary from the government must he endorse, without question, every official act of every official under that government? If so, as A. G. M. Robertson said in court the other day, we had better live in Russia.

Alleged perjury in some people is passed over with a *reprimand* from the judge. In some others it is visited with arrest and a bail bond. Why the difference? Public opinion does not demand that personal pique on the part of prosecutors who lost their cases, or do not get the alleged offender punished as heavy as they think he deserves, should cut no figure. Offences are only grave as far as the public sense of the community repudiates them—not so far as an individual may reprobate them. What is legally perjury may be approved as sound morals by the sense of the public. Remember severity swings the pendulum to the other extreme. Be judicious. Never go too far in one direction or the public and general sense will generally smite you as far the other way.

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F. J. TESTA,  
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## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

No new cases to day.

No newspapers from any office on Monday.

Mail for all Kauai ports closes at 1 p. m. to-morrow.

No Post Office open on Monday unless a mail comes in.

Mail left by the schooner *Moi Wahine* for Kohala and Hamakua this afternoon.

Seaborn Luce, well and favorably known in our community, has taken out an auctioneer license, and will shortly open in business in the premises formerly occupied by L. J. Levey. THE INDEPENDENT wishes him every success in his new venture.

The Supreme Board of Health on Kauai has at last decided to partially agree with the orders of its Branch Board in Honolulu. Over \$12,000 in coin were thoroughly boiled here at an expense of \$9, and sent up to pay off plantation hands. However, they were so wealthy there that they sent it back. Wouldn't have it on any consideration. This last trip they agreed, however, to have it landed on the end of the wharf and then after boiling it two hours more they will take it. THE INDEPENDENT office would take it at once without boiling.

## Death of Thomas Sorenson

By the death of Thomas Sorenson the country deplores again the loss of the best known kamaainas. Mr. Sorenson died this morning at 5 o'clock, having suffered from an attack of fever which finally proved fatal.

The deceased was born 68 years ago in Elsinore, Denmark, and was by trade a ship carpenter. He left his home as a young man to seek his fortune in America, and came to these islands 35 years ago through Mr. Thomas Foster.

Thomas Sorenson acquired for himself a most enviable reputation as an upright honest and thoroughly competent man. His modest ways and the quiet manner in which he pursued his work during the many years he lived here gained him the sincere respect and admiration of the community, which now extends to his widow and their five surviving children a heartfelt sympathy.

The departed who was a prominent mason will be buried to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from the homestead on Nuanuu street.

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The business men of Honolulu are requested to suspend all business for that day, in order that those in their employ may be able to comply with the Board of Health, or to volunteer their services as Sub-Inspectors.

All persons having servants sleeping at their own homes, are requested to give them an opportunity on next Monday, the day set apart for the general house-cleaning, to visit their places of abode, in order that they may comply with the Regulations of the Board of Health.

Committee of the Board of Health of Ways and Means.

J. MARSDEN,  
Chairman.

## Timely Topics.

Honolulu, Sept. 20, 1895.

All over the world at present questions of hygiene are the main issues of the day. While the learned scientists of Europe are devoting their time and skill to find remedies which can destroy the disease breeding germs, the diseases go on and cholera, diphtheria and typhoid ravage cities and countries.

Whenever a disease becomes epidemic it is because the germ found conditions which suited it and in which it felt at home and ready for business. The sanitary conditions of the town and of the home becomes of vital importance. Honolulu is having a taste of a cholera epidemic and it behooves everybody to do his best in placing every home in the best sanitary condition possible.

When the general house-cleaning which will take place next Monday is over, many housekeepers will find some household furniture which needs renewal and others missing both as to utility and convenience.

We call attention to-day to our Oil Stoves. The "Dietz" Stove which we carry in stock has gained a great reputation everywhere. The one we especially recommend is the most complete oil stove ever offered in the market. It is perfectly safe for the user of it, and it will answer all purposes in a well regulated household. Five quarts of oil is sufficient to burn ten to twelve hours. In ten minutes a half gallon water can be boiled. It will fry and boil, bake or broil at the same time. You can boil potatoes and bake biscuit at the same time. In ten minutes you can broil a steak to perfection, and in an hour and a half you can roast an eight-pound turkey. Once tried the "Dietz" Oil Stove will be found the very thing for the housekeeper, and the price brings it within the reach of everybody.

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OFFICE OF CITIZENS' SANITARY COMMITTEE.  
HONOLULU, Sept. 19, 1895.

MONDAY, 23d INST. HAVING BEEN set apart as the Day for a General Disinfecting and Cleaning Up of the Town, a call is made for Special Volunteer Sub-Inspectors to assist in supervising the work. Names should be handed into the Central Office (Carter & Kinney's), at once. F. B. McSTOCKER,  
Secretary.

Burn your old hat and buy a new one from L. B. Kerr. Warranted without comms.