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## THE SMALL FARMER.

The constant cry of the official morning organ and its behind-the-screen editors of reform party fame in regard to the "small farmer" for Hawaii seems to have abated somewhat. Probably the cholera and the filibusters have effected a change in the dreams of the Thurston faction and it has been considered advisable to stop the efforts at inducing the American farmer to enter the Paradise of the Pacific.

While we never have approved of the methods employed by the ruling clique in booming the country, we are at all times willing to back them in any sound proposition which can lead to the immigration to Hawaii of a desirable class of men and women with some capital. We protest against the introduction of paupers or semi-paupers persuaded to come here under false representations.

The family compact has never shown any practical anxiety to bring white settlers here. If it had, land would have been offered at reasonable rates and many inducements offered to the new-comers. It appears on the contrary that the compact has religiously hung on to their lands suitable for the small farmer by asking prices for them which are exorbitant and which act as a practical bar to any immigrant. So called homesteads on the lava of Kona or in the backwoods of some other out of the way district and far distant from a market are available and we hear a great deal about the excellent chances for any small farmer who will purchase them and become a settler.

There is an opening in these islands for a man who has a little capital and who is ready and willing an able to struggle along a few years, live on his savings and then take the risks connected with putting his all into one product.

We have no doubt that coffee has a future in this country but we believe that a different method ought to be employed than the one now in vogue among the planters. The men who heretofore have invested in coffee have done it on too large a scale. Five to ten acres are all that a farmer can handle

and make a profit or at least a comfortable living from. Labor is expensive. Living is expensive, but we believe that a farmer used to work, with his wife and children, and sufficient capital to keep him for four years, will find it easier to make something out of five acres of coffee here than out of one or two hundred acres of corn, wheat, or other products raised in many of the States in the Union.

But the immigrant to this country who should be found willing to take some risks and desirous of taking up a coffee farm, must understand the situation thoroughly, or his enterprise will be followed by disappointment, disaster and ruin.

Capital is the main issue. A man without the means necessary to support him for some years has no chance here in spite of the beautiful pictures heretofore unfolded to him by the Advertiser and colored in the rosy light of Thurston's guava jelly. The man who comes here without money expecting to find land unoccupied, a market for everything which can be cultivated here, and an occasional pile of gold to be picked up in the streets will find himself bitterly disappointed and will curse his folly and the selfishness of the men who tempted him to leave his former home.

What Hawaii wants is a class of farmers similar to that found in Germany, the States, and the Colonies, but to get them here, the inducements must be something better than the prospects of raising potatoes, taboo during cholera epidemics, making guava jelly for which there is no market, and becoming a citizen of our wealthy, intelligent and immaculate republic in lieu of investing his hard earned coin—in coffee land.

## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

In another column we publish a communication from Mr. Godfrey. It explains itself. The original manuscript—stained with tar and countersigned A. M. B. on every page—is in this office at the present time. As the case is not yet settled, or even brought up in court, we refrain from further comment.

The Star is authority for the statement that while the government "has no money to waste it is not in distress by any means and has ample resources." So mote it be.

Even in Honolulu we have had the bicycle girl. Now the Star comes out to tell us that in Paris, New York, and London, the gas or coal oil stove will fill her place. We shall see.

Last night the Star said: "The authorities are setting about in earnest to make another cholera visitation an impossibility." Is it only now that they are in earnest? Or is the statement meant to be a sarcasm?

What does this mean? We quote the Star: "It is not too early to begin to consider seriously about having a Hawaiian representative at Washington during the session of Congress to open in December." Where is W. R. Castle? Also we have understood that F. M. Hatch is to replace him. But perhaps the Sybilline utterances of the Star point out that a pure Hawaiian should be sent. Is that so?

Sheriff Hitchcock weeps over the turning away of the tourists from Hawaii. He says, "My people acted shamefully in that matter." He doesn't care for himself—only for the tourists. But how does it happen that the people who live on Hawaii are "my people?" Does he own them?

Says the Star: "It is the sober judgment of Eugene V. Debs that

the strike as a remedial agent is impolitic and inexpedient and that the time has gone by for that method of settling difficulties between railroad companies and their employees." That is, he says so, after he has had to go to jail for urging that method of settlement on his misguided followers.

If the Y. W. C. T. U. doesn't know better how to quote the Bible than the following in reference to voting in favor of prohibition, "My vote won't count says one. Listen. Abraham believed God and it was counted," they had better quit. Perverted quotations do more harm than direct lies.

We are rejoiced to learn—via the Star—that the matter of further conditional pardons for political prisoners is one which will soon receive the attention of the Executive and Council of State. There are only thirteen left. But let them go. Their age would ensure mercy in most countries. And their families are a sure gage of the results which will follow the exercise of executive clemency. "Do unto others as ye would be done by."

Most of our special session of the Legislature was occupied in passing joint resolutions authorizing the appointment of commissions to report to the regular session. The committee on the Great Seal have advertised for designs and offered \$50 reward to the man who will catch on the best. The Pali commission have simply gone up there and promised to do so some more. The others haven't yet been heard from.

The dredger work was stopped by order of the Board of Health. Now the dredger is supposed to go to work and spread the contaminated (as alleged) mud from the mouth of the Nuuanu stream over the land next to it, which is to be reclaimed. How consistent!

In an oral decision as to re-mitting a case to the Supreme Court, which that august body had already sent down to the Circuit Court, Chief Justice Judd said: "We must concede that for the purposes of this motion the Court committed an error in its former decision." Mr. Thurston, for the appeal, got his object, and the Court will now eat humble pie and listen to the case again.

We are to get fish once again when Dr. Emerson and Mr. Keliipio report on how to tag and label the fish with their place and date of origin. Why not employ Dr. Rodgers to take a census of them?

Writes the Bulletin in reference to the Education Board: "The pay offered to competent teachers in some cases being a disgrace to the country." What about the \$1000 a year given to two Hawaiian boys just back from a year's course in the States? Either the Bulletin or the Board must be crazy. Probably the latter.

At last the Wilson tariff bill has been got over. Kidwell, Emmeluth & Co. are to ship 750 cases of canned pineapples to the States this month. The pineapple industry is now safe and prices will stay.

In the building trades, the various propositions to erect new edifices seem to promise a return to the normal condition of plenty of work at good pay. Mutch's new block, Castle & Cooke's new warehouse, and the new Opera House should furnish work for some months to come. Remember the Hawaiians, however. Make it a feature of the contracts, if possible.

The ridiculous manner in which the laws of the country concerning buildings in the fire limit are carried out, is nowhere better exemplified than on the corner of Merchant and Alakes streets. The building is

wood. The front is halfwood and half iron. The other side is wood. Such a structure permitted shows what a farce our laws are and how little they protect against what called them into existence—the danger of fire.

Nuuanu stream is now to consist of diluted sulphuric acid. This is expected to kill off all the germs and prevent their germination. It is a pity the sulphuric acid factory at Kalihi is not located at the head of Nuuanu stream. It would have been ever so much easier to acidify its waters in that case. But who can tell what will be done or how it will result? So far it seems Drs. Wood and Day have been rowing up and down the stream, and thereby gained their knowledge of it. The rest of us will gain our knowledge, when we have paid for the experiment and seen its futility—or otherwise.

Hitchcock is with us once again. The Advertiser comes out this morning and says that the Claudine passengers "were compelled to bathe in tubs on Coconut Island." Then after eight days the male passengers were stripped and washed with some preparation by the physician and their clothes fumigated. The women were treated in the same way. The Advertiser then offer the following suggestions as to how to treat Hitchcock and others the next time:

"Their system was quite too loose, and they have left myriads of loopholes, through which able-bodied germs may enter the homes of Hilo. No passengers should have been turned loose until: First, the stomach pump had been applied six times on the last day, and any sneaking germs forced up and out; second, the head of everyone had been shaved clean; third, every passenger had been skinned, just as the Indians skin their prisoners, but, of course, with a more lofty motive; fourth, instead of washing down each person with some solution, the effects of which soon pass away, the Hilo fire-engine should have played a solution of whitewash on the stripped passengers, and this should be repeated every day for two months; fifth, the clothing should have been burned up instead of being fumigated; sixth, effective measures should have been taken to prevent the diseased fish from the waters of Honolulu harbor from entering Hilo bay, while the fumigated passengers were corralled on Coconut Island."

## Sans Souci.

The most lovely spot on Oahu is Sans Souci. This favorite seaside resort, which has been immortalized by the pen of Robert L. Stevenson, who resided there for months, is only four miles from Honolulu and within easy reach of the trams. The surroundings and bathing at this famous resort are superior to anything found in the Hawaiian Islands. Cottages and board can be obtained on easy terms. The table set by the manager is better than any offered here at other hotels. For picnics, bathing parties and outings the best accommodation can be secured by giving notice to the manager.

## An Opportunity.

Miss Cahill, the popular milliner on Hotel street, has now received her new goods, and will be pleased to show her many patrons a full line of imported patterns, hats, and the very latest novelties in birds, wings, etc., for trimmings. Ladies who desire to appear at their best at the coming tennis, lacrosse, golf, and other matches, ought to lose no time in getting their head coverings from Miss Cahill.

L. B. Kerr received by the Miowera a fine stock of Valenciennes Laces in edgings and insertions. Finishing braids in rich assortment and novel designs, and a complete assortment of hosiery.

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## 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, diptheria 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.

The Water Coolers which we have on hand are the very things for restaurants, saloons, schools and stores. After the water is boiled fill the cooler with it, and even without ice, it will keep a pleasant temperature. Large families will find these highly ornamental coolers of great advantage and a great saving in regard to ice.

What, however, is more useful than a Monarch Bicycle. In San Francisco and other places mail and paper carriers, business men and professional men use the Monarch, and have within the diamond arranged a leather bag, very easily fixed, which will contain paper, document, lunches and clothing and do service as the saddle bags do to the horseman. The Monarch is the most solid and best appointed wheel introduced here, and can be purchased on the installment plan.

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