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ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

There are quite a number of people interested in charitable work who feel puzzled in regard to the policy of the good men and women advocating an established organization of Associated Charities.

The promoters of this association should hasten to make their object very clear to the public, and if the propositions are consistent with the best interests of those in need the new society will have the hearty support of all charitable people.

To pay salaries for secretaries or for any work done in the interest of charity will not meet with a response here, and certainly should never be tolerated by those who subscribe to funds applied to charitable purposes. We are told that it is the intention of the promoters of the Association to pay a very comfortable salary to one or two persons who are supposed to "run" the thing. The contributors to charity will most decidedly object to doing such a thing and prefer the old state of affairs rather than to assist somebody looking for a soft snap. The German, British and American benevolent societies are not entitled to spend one cent of their funds except for purposes stated in their respective charters and by-laws and none can contribute a cent towards the payment of "salaries," to persons distributing the money collected for charitable purposes.

The benefit of an organized charitable association will be gained by merchants and private individuals who are now daily pestered by "respectable" beggars. But we cannot believe that the nuisance will be relieved by making an association of charity with highly paid officials in charge. Surely there are men and women here who will look after an organized system of distributing help to those in distress and poverty without asking for compensation for their noble work. Very little respect would be felt for a man or woman who would distribute charity for a consideration.

DRY EARTH.

The present unhealthy state of sanitary conditions in Honolulu has caused great alarm among the people who are daily facing the bills of doctors or undertakers. The main cause of the sickness is the bright condition of the private sewers and privies. The following dipping from a Hongkong paper—from a city where similar conditions exist—should be of interest to the community:

In private houses where dry earth has been used it has invariably been found to be a decided improvement upon the use of disinfectants. The earth not only prevents all unpleasant odours from arising from the bathrooms, but renders the handling of the night soil much less obnoxious and at the same time transforms it into a valuable and non-dangerous manure which can be used with perfect safety and freedom from offence to the nostrils of the most delicate lady in either the flower or vegetable garden. To those of our readers who doubt our assertions we can only say give the system a fair trial. It has been scoffed at in its early days by sanitary authorities and unbelievers in England frequently, but when once induced to make a trial of the system for themselves the verdict has invariably been in its favour.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Mr. J. Hunt, the Chief of the Fire Department, criticises the present condition of our local department in a contemporary. We have no doubt that the chief knows what he is talking about but his comments do not reflect credit on his superiors, the Fire Commissioners.

The Government has evidently been "seen" by the planters and a letter has been discovered which authorizes the government to rush into the Islands as many Asiatics as they can. Good for Willie Kinney, the champion for anti-Asiatics, but how about the Japanese Government?

The trouble with our Public Works and Road Department is that too many things are begun and so few completed. To begin half a dozen improvements at one time and to leave them for other vagaries to be begun before they are finished is neither a good business proposition nor is it a sound policy.

And so the President of our moribund or defunct Republic has changed his mind once again in regard to the labor proposition, or rather returned to his normal condition through the loan of a little tonic of common sense from Washington. What a pity it is that he cannot be a little more self contained and self-restrained in some of his peculiar idiosyncracies and inconsistencies.

The Advertiser is incorrect in its statement that the Cathedral Congregation of St. Andrew's has adopted a reply to Bishop Willis' address in reference to the transference of ecclesiastical jurisdiction. This congregation will not appoint its committee on address until Thursday evening next, the 27th inst., for, as a matter of courtesy, the previous meeting was adjourned to allow the Second Congregation to first appoint its committee. It is the desire of several gentlemen of both Congregations that there should be harmony and unity of action in this important matter, resulting, if deemed convenient, in the presentation of a joint address by the two Cathedral Congregations. It is thought that such a course would materially tend towards strengthening the Anglican-Episcopal Church in Hawaii, and aid in removing to a great extent a sentiment of friction remaining after the causes of it have been practically removed both legally and technically.

Painful for Mr. Kruger.

We cannot but feel a certain tender commiseration for President Kruger. Little more than three years ago the German Emperor was his very good friend, and was telegraphing his hearty congratulations upon the failure of the Jameson Raid. Now he has finally lost the "foud gazelle" he tended with such devotion. It was bad enough that the Emperor should have refused to receive Dr. Leyds, but it must be a sorrow's crown of sorrow to see him receiving Mr. Rhodes. With this historic interview between the two empire-builders vanishes the last chance of European support, or even sympathy, for the out-worn methods of Pretoria.—*St. James Gazette*

An Unfortunate Misapprehension

A story of Lord Russell of Killowen, as told by himself, shows how risky a thing it may be, after all, for a prisoner to speak in his own defense. One such, who seemed to be really making out his innocence, the lord chief justice, who had missed a mumbled word, interrupted with the question, "What did you say—What was your last sentence?" "Three months, my lord," said the crest-fallen prisoner pleader. It is hardly necessary to add that the lord chief justice forgot the admission or remembered it only in the prisoner's favor when that particular sentence had to be passed.—*London Academy*.

THE PAGO PAGO CONTRACT.

The United States Transport Scindia to Be Sent to Samoa to Guard the Station.

Since the outbreak of war in Samoa the threatening attitude of the natives toward the white population has given the contractors for the Pago-Pago coaling station a good deal of anxiety. Messrs. Healy, Tibbits & Co., whose contract for the erection of a wharf, coaling sheds, etc., involves an outlay of some \$200,000, were naturally concerned for the safety of their men and property. The firm has recently chartered the British iron ship Cardigan Castle to take some 1200 tons of material to Samoa, and forty skilled mechanics are to be sent to carry out the work. The United States armed collier Abarenda is to be dispatched from the East with the steel piling for the wharf, but as she cannot arrive at Pago-Pago within less than a month after the contractors' party, there was a pleasant prospect of the whole outfit being exposed to the ravages of the Tutuila natives, who have the reputation of being the fiercest in the whole group. Healy, Tibbits & Co. being naturally desirous of carrying on their business in a peaceful way—for war on a small scale was not included in the specifications of their contract—made representations to Washington. Though the Philadelphia is at Apia, it is hardly likely that she could be spared from her important diplomatic work at this central port to protect the contractors at Pago-Pago, some seventy miles away.

However, the news which came yesterday lifted a weight of trouble from the contractors' brows. The naval authorities have decided to dispatch the armed transport Scindia with a load of coal to Samoa, and incidentally, while lying in Pago Pago harbor, her quick-firing guns will serve to protect the workmen from native inroads. It is feared that the Germans, who are notoriously opposed to the United States gaining a foothold in Samoa, are

intriguing with the natives in order to induce them to oppose the construction of the coaling station. Hence the dispatch of the Scindia, which has been decided upon none too early.

The Scindia, formerly a merchant vessel, is a powerful steamer of 2953 tons register. She accompanied the Iowa as supply ship on her voyage around the Horn, and performed her duties with great success. Built as a cargo boat, she carries an enormous load, and in addition has been supplied with an armament of quick firing guns, powerful enough to deal with any native force she may chance to meet. Since her arrival at San Francisco she has been docked and refitted at Mare Island, and has been put into a condition of thorough fitness for the long tropical voyage she is to undertake.

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Thursday, April 27—Much Ado About Nothing

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Saturday, April 29—Lady of Lyons
Tuesday, May 2—Ingomar
Thursday, May 4—Hunchback
Matinee, May 6—To be announced
Saturday, May 6—Romeo and Juliet

Season sale will include only evening performances. Subscribers may select their seats next Monday or Tuesday at Wall, Nichols Co. Tickets will be delivered Wednesday.
Sale for single performances will start on Thursday, April 20, at 9 A. M. 1175-11

Timely Topics.

Honolulu, April 12, 1899.

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