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THE HUMANE SOCIETY.

We do not think that there is a man or woman in this community who do not appreciate the excellent work of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the energy displayed by Mrs. Helen Wilder-Craft in enforcing the rules of the Society and laws of the land.

It is a well-known fact that if you want an obnoxious law repealed all you have to do is to enforce it. It is the same thing with the Humane Society. If fanaticism and bias are allowed to control the officers of the Society and ridiculous actions are adopted, perhaps with no bad intentions, the good purposes of the Society fall into disrepute and the support it might enjoy is withdrawn.

We do not suppose for a moment to criticize the motives on behalf of the officer who caused the arrest of Mr. W. M. Cunningham yesterday. We are not acquainted with the particulars of the case, but we are acquainted with the mare, supposed to have been inhumanly treated, and having some practical experience with horses, we are compelled to say that the mare is in excellent condition, showing no sign of harsh treatment and as "naughty" and stubborn as children occasionally are, as the Humane officer may find out some day.

Mr. Cunningham is an experienced horseman, and knows how to train a horse. He has learned by years of work among horses that the reading of a chapter from the bible does not always make a horse stop from bawling, and that the singing of a hymn does not give a green colt the bearing that a respectable horse is supposed to have.

A "raw" horse has to go through the unpleasant experience of being "bit-ed" and, like any good soldier he has to be taught to carry his head high, look other horses straight in the eye and feel proud at his own superb appearance on the road. We know that the Humane officer will say: "How would you like to have your head forced towards the sky, and get a whipping because you wouldn't pull a cart?" Alas! we wouldn't like it at all and yet in years gone by we saw many humane beings from the plough, enter the military barracks bent up country louts and in a year or two emanate with a military bearing, with head erect and a chest pronouncing to the admiring village damsels, "I am coming along, get off the sidewalk."

That result was not reached by theoretical methods. It was gained by the drill-master's vicious whack under the chin of the recruit, the insertion of a sharp knee in the small of the recruit's back and a gentle stroke of a sabre across his protruding abdomen.

Did the Humane Society get around to protecting these men known only as 134, 135, etc. They

did not, they met at high teas, etc., and told each other what a fine military bearing Smith, Jones or Brown, had gained since brass buttons ornamented his clothes and the heads of the boys were ever afterward carried high on their shoulders and when they swaggered along the streets, they walked on air with a mien as if the world belonged to them and was fenced in for their special use.

It is exactly the same thing with a horse or a dog or any other animal. Some of them need harsh treatment, others bend to the will of the master without punishment. It is for the trainer and the experienced horseman to say what treatment is suitable for his horse, it is for the Humane officer to watch that ignorant people do not ill treat the dumb animals in their possession through want of care, neglect and unreasonable cruelty. The Humane Society will have a host of friends at all time when it confines its work to its proper sphere.

Court Notes.

The widow and sole executrix of the estate of Henry Waterhouse, Jr., has filed an inventory, as follows:

Two houses and lots at the corner of Nuuanu and School streets are the realty. The personalty comprise 100 shares Haiku Sugar Co., 10 shares Paia Sugar Co., 70 shares Pioneer Mill Co., 200 shares Waialua Sugar Co. (assessable), 7 shares Peoples' Ice & Refrigerating Co., 84 shares Hart & Co., Note of Dr. C. B. Wood for \$31,116.36. Note of Henry Waterhouse for \$2,500. Credit with firm of Henry Waterhouse & Co. of \$14,638.87, and Life Insurance in the New England Life Insurance Co. for \$5,000. The only liability of the deceased is a note to Claus Spreckels & Co. for \$10,000.

A bill for divorce from the bonds of matrimony has been filed by Olya Griffin Wilson against John H. Wilson. The libellant claims that the libellee is a man of large means and has personal property worth \$25,000, and is the owner of real estate on the Islands of Oahu and Molokai worth \$25,000. Adultery and failure to support are the causes complained of. She desires \$250 per month as temporary alimony pending the determination of this action and \$500 for counsel fees. Service of complaint has been already made. The libellant is now residing in Stanislaus County, California. They were married here on April 12, 1899, and last lived together on June 23, 1899. William C. Parke and Jao. W. Cathcart for libellant.

Appeals from the District Court are filed by Wm. Crewes for drunkenness, and by Hailie for larceny in the second degree. J. L. Kaulukou for both defendants.

Lulia Kalaukoa, grandmother of Ether Kalaukoa deceased, has petitioned for letters of administration on the estate of deceased, being real estate at Waimea, this island. She died April 4 J. M. Pospoe for petitioner.

M. K. Iliia, executor of the estate of D. Manuia, deceased, has filed an inventory of the estate of deceased. Real estate at Kohala and Kona, Hawaii, at Lahaina, Maui, and in Honolulu, Oahu, are valued at \$5,230 and cash \$200, making in all \$5,430 P. L. Weaver for executor.

F. A. Schaefer, as executor of the will of Myron J. Rose, deceased, has filed a petition for allowance of accounts and discharge, and accompanying his petition is his second and final account since September 19, 1884, since which date he has not received anything. But he shows that there is a balance due him since last accounting of \$2,790.69, together with \$254.60 paid to C. Gertz for purchase price (plus interest) of land sold to him which was afterwards discovered not to be decedent's property, and allowance of \$25 for final costs in these proceedings, making a total amount of \$3,070.69. This is an old estate. Decedent died some 17 years ago, leaving a homestead, the only property left and is now occupied by two children of deceased with their mother. The executor, not wishing to disturb the heirs, has

waived over \$3,000, excepting the \$25 for costs, as balance due from estate to himself as executor. The beneficiaries are Hawaiians, living on South street. One duty the executor has been unable to perform is the paying of a legacy of \$500 to one John Brown, a Hawaiian, now deceased. Ordered that Friday, May 25, 1900, is the day appointed for hearing said petition.

Suey, alias Mascot, alias Susan Roillett, charged with violating Section 370 of the Penal Laws of 1897 by being a common prostitute, has appealed from the District Court where she was found guilty as charged on Feb. 20 last and sentenced to one month's imprisonment at hard labor and pay \$1.70 costs. S. F. Chillingworth for defendant.

A petition for letters of administration upon the estate of Daniel William Roach, late of this city, has been filed by Annie Roach, the widow. She values the estate at about \$500, consisting of household furniture and one half interest in the Criterion Barber shop. His heirs are his children, John Arthur, about 14 months old, and William Allen, 4 years old. Chas. Creighton for petitioner.

The following cases were disposed of by Acting Judge Silliman this morning:

The Carson-Claudine collision case (Hind vs. Wilder's S. S. Co.), continued from the 11th instant, has gone over again to Saturday to await the return of Capt. Weisbarth.

On the petition to sell the business of the estate of John Phillips, deceased, the same has gone over to next Monday.

The P. G. Camarinos estate matter has gone over to next Wednesday for hearing on inventory and accounts.

In the matter of approving master's report on the trusteeship of Bruce Cartwright under the will of R. W. Holt, deceased, the same has been continued to the 30th instant.

The Manoa water dispute case is still on trial to-day.

The Board of Health is retrenching, call doctors are not necessary at present.

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