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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

We notice that according to ethics of modern Christianity it is the right thing for a preacher of the gospel and a servant of the lowly Christ to have a \$17,000 parsonage, besides a fat salary. It is undoubtedly more pleasant to preach the words of the Saviour under such circumstances than to go forth and preach the word as the Apostles did and be persecuted, tortured or killed.

It is very well to talk about the extension and widening of our streets, but we wish the exponents of immediate action would show us where the moneys are to come from, not alone for the purchase of the necessary lands but also for the labor to be performed. We wish that these good citizens would show us through what channels the Legislature is to get sufficient revenue to undertake the improvements referred to. The Independents stand virtually pledged to their constituents to oppose any increase in taxation. Even if we get municipal government the situation in that respect will not be improved because a municipal government will have all it can do to devise means to pay the running expenses of the city. The only solution is to prepare an income tax law and a law providing for a tax on each ton of sugar produced; and we doubt that any of these measures could be carried over the Governor's veto in the Senate. It is very easy to make lavish appropriations on paper, but to make provisions to meet them is quite another thing.

The State of New Jersey has prepared a law to be submitted to its Legislature, ordering that books from circulating libraries shall be periodically sterilized. Books are, by many authorities, considered a strong medium for the distribution of germs, and books from libraries often go into houses where scarlet fever, measles and other infectious diseases may exist. Of course we know that people "ought to know better" and not call for books from a public library while there is a case of infectious disease in their homes. People may "know better" but they very rarely live up to that knowledge. We think the New Jersey law is wise and could be initiated here to advantage.

We notice that the French Government has prohibited the sale, manufacture and importation of Absinthe in France. A couple of years ago the French Government offered a large prize to anyone who could invent a drink which should be harmless and at the same time contain some of the ingredients which make Absinthe the national drink of France. A Mr. Picon invented a drink which the Government accepted as a good substitute for Absinthe and Picon, the name of the liquor, can now be found all over the world. It was, however, not the qualities which make Picon a pleasant beverage the French Absinthe drinker wanted. He wanted

the deleterious herb which is the deadly composition of Absinthe. Apropos of Absinthe, the use of that drink has grown in Honolulu in a remarkable degree during the past few years. A prominent saloon man says that four years ago he would buy one bottle for his saloon at the time and there were very few demands for it. Now he buys by the case and there are many calls daily for Absinthe in the different forms it is served. We, however, have not yet come to the pass where we need legislation against a "frozen absinthe."

Attorney-General Dole has decided that the Orpheum Company may give concerts on Sunday evenings but that no admission fee must be charged, because church people would then consider it an "entertainment" and not a service, and public entertainments on Sundays are contrary to law. As Mr. Dole remarks the Legislature is near at hand and we have no doubt our antiquated Sunday laws will be repealed. In the meantime the Orpheum Company might follow the example of the church people by—during Sunday concerts—passing the hat around for voluntary contributions and rent out pews, we mean seats, to the good people who wish to listen to the sacred music. What is sauce for the gander is surely sauce for the goose.

TO SURVEY TWILIGHT.

Five Captains Will Size Her Up.—Is She Unseaworthy?

The little schooner Twilight, which put into Honolulu last Sunday night in a leaking condition while en route from Washington Island to San Francisco, carrying a cargo of copra, has been towed up into the Admiralty Court dock by the action of the crew, who yesterday filed a petition in the United States Circuit Court praying for the appointment of a board of survey. Captain Cauthen, master of the schooner, also joins with the crew in making the petition. They ask for the appointment of three master mariners, "skillful in maritime affairs," to ascertain what repairs are necessary to put the vessel in a seaworthy condition and allow her to proceed upon her voyage, or to discover any other defects or insufficiencies regarding the Twilight.

Judge M. M. Estee issued the following order after hearing the petition:

"To Thomas K. Clark, of Honolulu, master mariner; to John F. Haglund, of the same place, master mariner, and F. E. Rinsch, master mariner:

"Whereas, Christian Cauthen, master of the American schooner Twilight, now lying in the port of Honolulu and within the jurisdiction of this court, has applied by petition to me, the undersigned judge, to have three persons appointed for the purpose of reporting on board the schooner in respect to whether or not she is too leaky to proceed upon her voyage, and in respect to whether any other defects and insufficiencies as complained of and set forth in a petition of said master.

"I do therefore order and direct that the above named under an act of Congress, entitled, 'The Laws Relating to American Seamen,' shall proceed on board of said vessel and to examine the same and make their report to me in writing under the hands of two of them, whether or not the vessel is unfitted to proceed on the intended voyage, and what repairs or alterations in the body, tackle, or apparel will be necessary." Marshal Ray served the three captains with copies of the order yesterday afternoon, and the survey will commence at once.

"The schooner Twilight entered this port a day or two before Christmas in a leaky condition, with most of her sails gone and badly in need of provisions, for her captain and crew. When a question was asked of the captain as to what stores he had aboard, he smiled and said that he believed that there was a bag or two of flour and some bird took.

It is said that the crew of the Twilight, numbering some six men, are anxious to be paid off in this port. It is understood that they have wages coming to them for the last ten months and that they were employed at \$30 a month, so that something like \$2,000 is supposed to be due for wages.

HOTEL STREET TO BE WIDENED AT ALAKEA.

Executive Council Reconsiders Vote in Rapid Transit Matter—Relief Cam. Proposals—Deeds and Contracts in the Land Swapping Deal.

The executive council held an important session yesterday.

J. A. McCandless brought up the question of widening Hotel street, from the Elite building to Alakea street. After discussion, Mr. McCandless, as superintendent of public works, in compliance with his request was authorized to make this thoroughfare wider. The mauka line of the street will be straightened from the corner of the Elite building to the southeast corner of the public library building. This cuts off a slice of the Waterhouse lots and will throw the library steps upon the public street.

Mr. McCandless reported to the council that the 27-inch storm sewer which the Hawaiian Electric Company had agreed to put in on Alakea street from Halekauwila street to the wharf would be of too small dimensions if the Territory should ever make extensions. He also said that if the Territory wanted to put in a larger drain, the Electric company would pay the equivalent of the cost of a 27 inch storm sewer. This was agreeable to the council and a first storm sewer 54x34 inches was ordered.

The motion which was carried at last meeting requiring the Rapid Transit Company to change the point at which the road should

cross King street, near the entrance to Hotel street, was reconsidered and the original plan approved.

A letter from T. F. Richards regarding Relief Camp No. 2 was read. It stated that the camp had funds on hand to the amount of \$300 and asked the council for the proceeds of the auction sale of the camp buildings to be added to this sum for the purpose of constructing a sewer to the camp site. The council voted down the request.

Mr. McCandless read the agreement with the Oahu Railway Co. regarding the exchange of railroad land on the water front for government back land. Objection was raised to the form of the papers. Instructions were given that straight deeds of exchange be drawn and that these be submitted to the President of the United States for approval. A separate document was ordered in which all conditions to be observed by either party should be embodied.

Old Frenchman Dies.

A. A. Diron, a Frenchman who for many years had resided in these islands, died yesterday afternoon at the age of 87 years, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Nott.

The deceased was a jeweller by trade and did well in his business in Honolulu and later in Wailuku. He was an interesting character, but in later years his mind was feeble. He was a devout Catholic and could, until recently, daily be seen sitting for hours in the Cathedral grounds. He was reputed to own considerable property.

The funeral takes place this afternoon from the undertaking parlors of H. H. Williams.

Born.

Whittle—At the Kapiolani Maternity Home, this city, December 28, 1900, to the wife of Joseph Whittle, a daughter.

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The rates for transportation are one dollar for the corpse, and fifty cents for the round trip for mourners.

Plots are now on sale at the office of the company, ranging in price from \$10 up, according to location and size. No other charges of any nature.

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All persons holding water privileges or those paying water rates are hereby notified that the water rates for the term ending June 30, 1901, will be due and payable at the office of the Honolulu Water Works on the 1st day of January, 1901.

All such rates remaining unpaid for 15 days after they are due will be subject to an additional ten percent.

All privileges upon which rates remain unpaid February 15 (30 days after becoming delinquent), are liable to suspension without further notice.

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ANDREW BROWN,
Supt. Honolulu Water Works,
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