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FRIDAY, AUG. 21, 1903.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The steamer, Nevada sails at 4 o'clock this afternoon for Kahului to load sugar. Hadn't the Hawaiian Star better get out an "extra?"

Little sleep need be lost over the amount of patronage the natives will give to that pawn-broker shop. The natives have little to pawn. Their substance has already been wrested from them by the missionaries, whom they trusted too well and too often.

The job-making, or mosquito, committee has made very little progress in the way of raising funds for the mosquito campaign. The public wants to know just how many pets of the Republican Central Committee are to be provided for before subscribing.

If Secretary Carter wants a legal opinion from New York regarding the new Territorial bonds, why not get one from General A S Hartwell? He is back there now looking after the graves of the three horses that were shot under him during the Civil War, and he might run up to New York and send down an opinion just as well as not.

Bishop Libert was given a reception upon his arrival from the Alameda this morning that must at once have convinced him of the high esteem in which he is held by the people of his church. There was a unanimity in the demonstration that was, even to an outsider, an interesting and impressive object lesson. Fathers, Brothers and members of the church crowded the Cathedral, the doorways and the

grounds to see and greet their new leader and there was indication of deep sincerity in it all.

The importance of a law requiring that all electric wires go underground is being frequently demonstrated. That the scheme will entail a large expenditure of money at first is admitted, but when once done the expense of keeping up the lines will be much less than now. But the question of expense should not be allowed to figure in the case at all. Lives and property compose the first consideration.

When the electrical inspector was legislated out of office it was predicted that the neglect of wires would bring death to somebody. —Advertiser.

We quite agree that a mistake was made in striking out the appropriation for salary of electrical inspector. But who was to blame for it? The Republican members of the Republican Legislature. The principal attack on the office came from leading Republicans of the Senate.

As indicated in his letter published elsewhere, Major Walter's opinion is that the place to start the unqualified, absolute and continuous support of citizen labor is in the public works of the United States and Territorial governments here. We quite agree with him. Let the government officials take the lead in this important reform and it will only be a question of time when the citizen employer will also fall into line.

Treasury officials also thought they could lord it over through passengers in the steamers for San Francisco and arbitrarily search their baggage at this port. A kick from the passengers by the Siberia had the effect of bringing them to their senses. The employment of Japanese coolies, in preference to citizens, by the Navy Department to do government work at Honolulu, is a more serious matter. The Navy Department may profit by the example first mentioned.

The Republicans are more than anxious to have the Democrats nominate Mr Gorman for the Presidency, because they well know that the Maryland man represents the plutocratic element of the party and his nomination would not meet with popular favor in the Middle West and West. In other words, Gorman would prove an easier man for Roosevelt to best than almost any other yet suggested as a possibility. In the meanwhile Mr Hearst stands as a man nearest to Hawaii and Hawaiian interests.

Everything depends on the result of the primaries which, according to the decision of the Republican Territorial Committee, are not to be confined to Republican voters. Should the class of delegates that framed the last legislative ticket win, then the taxpayers will be driven, in self-defense, to frame a ticket of their own. They cannot, with any self-respect, vote for men of the Kumalae-Kupieha-Garr class—and they won't, come what may! —Advertiser.

Now will somebody kindly go out behind a tree and have a fit. "Sdeath! said Arac" Mark Twain's Mississippi River bluffer, who "swelled up," has had his turn outturned. Developments will be watched with great interest.

To Admiral Terry: Upon taking command of the United States naval station today you will find at the Government's wharf slips a dredger upon which is a gang of Japanese coolies, who are not and cannot become American citizens, engaged in

the work of deepening the harbor for your Department and the Government. In this city are several hundred competent workmen, native and white American citizens, out of employment and who were and are anxious to take this work. What will you do about it?

Torn to Death In Rock Crusher.

Walter E Lee, a native of Peru but for many years a resident of Honolulu, met with a terrible death in Palolo valley about 7:30 o'clock this morning. In some unaccountable way he got his left arm caught in the cogs of a rock crusher and it was torn off at the shoulder, the strain disrupting the heart and lungs and causing almost instant death.

Lee was alone at the time of the accident so that there were no eye witnesses to the horror. When discovered he was lying against the machine stone dead. His left arm, which had been torn out at the shoulder socket was crushed to pulp in the cogs. One ear was also ripped off, showing that the upper part of the body was also in contact with the machine and was only prevented by its size from passing into it. The body was brought to the city and viewed as soon as possible by a coroner's jury. A meeting of the jury will take place at 4 o'clock this afternoon to determine, if possible, the cause of death.

The deceased had spent most of his life in Honolulu. He was married to a native woman and besides the widow leaves seven children. He was working for the Palolo Land Company.

BY AUTHORITY.

TO REPRESENTATIVES OF INSURANCE COS.

Agents, Representatives of Life, Fire, Marine, Accident and all other Insurance Companies are hereby requested to meet in the office of the Board of Fire Underwriters, Room 11, McIntyre Building, on Monday the 24th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M., to discuss important matters in connection with the new Insurance Law.

A. N. KEPOIKAI,
Treasurer and Ex-Officio Insurance Commissioner.
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E. S. BOYD,
Commissioner of Public Lands.
Public Land Office, Aug. 13th, 1903.
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PUBLIC RECEPTION

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