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RAPID TRANSIT MEN MEET WITH TROUBLE

Portuguese Boys Worrying Car Drivers
Imps Put Rocks on Track and Themselves Stretch Across it—John and Manuel Arrested.

Rapid Transit cars are not running on a bed of roses as far as the Kalihi extension is concerned. Various promising youths of that suburb, mainly those of Portuguese extraction, take a vast delight in impeding the pace of progress, and motorists fear lest they become nervous wrecks from the constant excitement of looking out for stones on the tracks.

It has for the last few days been quite a common thing for the motorists to have to stop their cars on account of rocks, pieces of iron and the like, with which these malignant youths try to divert themselves by seeing the cars stop. This is especially the case out in the Kalihi district, beyond the Kamehameha Schools, though the nuisance also happens quite often in Palama. The motorists and conductors can nearly all tell tales of woe.

The night before last one motorist found on the track out in Kalihi a rock of such dimensions that he was not able to remove it single-handed. It was evident that it had taken several youngsters to bring the heavy stone to its position on the track. Another motorist tells how he saw a young fellow throw a heavy iron bar right in front of the approaching car, out in Palama. The motorist had to stop the car immediately and the fellow disappeared into the darkness.

It is said that the Portuguese hucksters of that district are much averse to the Rapid Transit, which has lessened their business considerably, and when their children hear then cursing the new cars they take that as a suggestion to hamper the cars and worry the motorists in every conceivable manner.

Last night the nuisance got so bad, however, that the Rapid Transit Company complained to the police and sought their assistance. The motorists had been complaining that during the evening they continually found rocks on the track, and in some cases one of these young hoodlums would lie down across the track, thereby forcing the car to stop. He always took good care to get away in time, however, but the nuisance finally became so bad that the cars could not run to the end of the line.

Officer Akan was dispatched on one of the cars and went to a Japanese store near the bus stables, where the hoodlums had been especially bad. He was in citizen's clothes and the boys did not take much notice of him. While he was sitting in the store he saw the boys throw rocks at the wires but he took no action and awaited developments.

A Rapid Transit car soon approached and ten boys immediately began their preparations putting rocks on the track and one big boy of thirteen, Manuel by name, laid himself face downwards across it. The car came along at a good speed but, on seeing the boy, the motorist had to stop it. The boy stopped on the track until the car was about thirty feet from him when he jumped up and ran into the store.

Here Akan arrested him and also a smaller boy, John, who also had taken part in the fun. He brought them down to the station house, where they were locked up, and then returned to the scene. But the rest of the gang had evidently gotten a healthy scare and had departed for other climes.

HONOLULU CHILDREN MAY HAVE PLAYGROUND

IDEA IS RECEIVED FAVORABLY.

Oahu Committee of the McKinley Memorial Association Meets and Discusses Plans—Home for Aged Would Fill a Long-Felt Want.

From the trend of suggestions offered at the meeting of the Oahu Committee of the McKinley Memorial Association, a public playground for the sole use of the children of Honolulu seemed to meet with far more favor than anything yet proposed, as a means of commemorating the honor and esteem in which the late lamented President of the United States was held by the people of the island of Oahu. While no formal action was taken in the matter, the committee considered a number of suggestions.

The meeting was held in the office of Henry Waterhouse. Several members recently added to the committee were present for the first time. They were appointed at the last meeting of the central committee which was held on Saturday.

Rev. Alexander Macintosh spoke of the necessity of a new action being taken in the premises. He believed that something of a practical nature would be in order.

The prime necessity of a public playground for children in Honolulu was touched by Mrs. Fisher. Instances were cited where in the congested centers of population on the Mainland, a spot is set aside for the children, many of whom are of poor parentage and have no place for recreation unless they resort to the streets. It was stated that devoting the funds raised as a memorial to such purposes would forever redound to the benevolence of the public-spirited people of the community. During the course of the meeting Rev. Macintosh intimated that a home for the aged would also fill a long felt want in Honolulu.

The campaign for funds will be inaugurated within a few days. Another meeting has been called at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, at the Henry Waterhouse office, at which time it is believed that the ball will be set to rolling in earnest. A thorough canvass for subscriptions will then follow.

Scholars Attend Services.
The pupils of Kamehameha Schools to the extent of several hundred attended the Sunday evening services at Central Union Church. An interesting program was rendered.

Washout on Oahu Road.
There was a washout on the line of the Oahu railway at Makaha on Sunday.

MAIL SERVICE MATTERS.

Inspector Linn Reports Service in Good Working Order.
Post Office Inspector G. D. Linn returned from Kauai on Saturday by the W. G. Hall. He reports that the whole postal system, including the three star routes, is working in good order on the Garden Island.

The heaviest mail ever sent from here was the Christmas mail for the islands which was sent by three boats, one boat taking forty-four, one six and one thirty-three pouches of registered mail.

It is shown by statistics recently arrived from Washington that the percentage of loss on twenty-one million dollars of registered mail last year amounted to less than one two-hundredths part of one per cent.

Central Union Music.
The services at Central Union Church on Sunday were particularly attractive from a musical as well as a devotional standpoint. The singing in the morning was especially praised. In the evening, Violinist J. H. Ame rendered delightful inspiration with his instrument.

Refused Probate.
The will of the late Dr. James Hyde was refused admission to probate yesterday on the ground that the legal evidence of its genuineness was not satisfactory. If the witnesses could not be found, suggested Judge Humphreys, the heirs should agree that the will offered is the true one.

No Executive Meeting.
The usual Monday meeting of Governor Dole with the heads of the various departments was postponed until today on account of the departure of the Kinu. The dispatch or receipt of mail is well known as a postoner of government and business meetings in Honolulu.

Chinese Mission Exercises.
The Christmas exercises for the pupils of the Chinese Mission Schools will be held at the Chinese Church on Fort street this evening commencing at 6 o'clock. All friends of the Mission are cordially invited to attend.

Low Mass Tomorrow Morning.
There will be low mass with Holy Communion at 4 a. m. at the Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist, Christmas morning, and High Mass at 4:30 o'clock.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—Emperor William has decorated Marquis Ito with the order of the Black Eagle.

Trying to Get Jury in Pearl Harbor Condemnation Suit

Citizen of United States But Not of Hawaii
Panel Exhausted and Marshal Hendry Hunts for New Talesmen. Eleven Jurors in Box—Sugar Interest Men Are Barred From Acting as Judges.

The empaneling of a jury to try the Honolulu Plantation Company case in the Pearl Harbor condemnation suits occupied all the time of the United States District Court yesterday.

At the noon recess one juror had been passed and seven had been excused for cause. Ten men were then in the jury box waiting to be questioned. The regular panel had been exhausted and Marshal Hendry was hunting up new talesmen.

United States District Attorney J. J. Dunne represented the Government. Hatch & Silliman appeared for the defendant corporation.

Judge Silliman asked for the privilege of opening and closing the case for the defendant as the defendant claimed compensation and, according to the authorities, the affirmative side should have the opening and closing of the case. Judge Estee, however, would not hear argument on the request, saying that while some authorities would allow the request there were more authorities who would hold the other way.

Judge Estee Impatient.
Judge Silliman asked for time to file an amended answer. This was permitted, but Judge Estee became impatient at the time consumed. When Judge Silliman returned he was told by the court that the defendant should have been prepared to go on with the case, having had a month in which to amend the pleadings.

The examination continued in the afternoon until about 1 o'clock. It seemed to be considerable difficulty in securing men who did not have opinions that were prejudicial one way or the other; who did not own sugar stock; who did not have friends or relatives who own stock in sugar corporations; who had not recently acquired land at Pearl Harbor or in the vicinity or who were not in some way or other so interested that they could not decide the case without feeling one way or the other.

Bought Land Recently.
F. J. Church, in the afternoon, was being examined for a juror. After a number of preliminary questions as to his business and residence, Mr. Dunne questioned Mr. Church in regard to owning lands or sugar stock.

"Do you own any land at Pearl Harbor?" asked Mr. Dunne.

"Yes, I do," said Mr. Church.

"How much?"

"It is a lot; about half an acre."

"Are you acquainted with the lands of the Honolulu Sugar Plantation Company?"

"I am."

"You have looked over those lands?"

"Yes."

"Have you made any investigation in regard to the value of the lands of the Honolulu Sugar Plantation?"

"I have."

"Have you formed any opinion in regard to the value of those lands?"

"Yes, I bought a lot down at Pearl Harbor only recently. Before I bought the lot I looked into the matter of the value of surrounding lands."

"You inspected the lands and formed an opinion as to their value?"

"Yes, I would not have bought the lot if I had not done so, and if I had come to the conclusion that the land was worth something."

Would Try To Be Fair.
"Owning this lot at Pearl Harbor as you do, can you or can you not arrive at a fair decision as a trial juror in this case?"

Here Judge Silliman, representing the defense, arose and suggested that Mr. Dunne confine his questions to matters directly relating to the land of the Honolulu Plantation Company.

"That's just what I am doing," said Mr. Dunne, "and I am asking you if you own a lot in that vicinity which will affect his judgment."

If a man has previously formed an opinion in a case," said Judge Estee, "he is not fit to be a juror to decide the case."

"I don't know," said Judge Silliman. "It seems to me he might be the best kind of a juror. He has seen the land and knows something of the value of those lands by investigation. He would be a good juror, perhaps, for the Government as well as for the defendant corporation."

"It makes no difference whether he would be the best kind of a juror for the Government's side of the case or not," said Judge Estee. "If a man has formed an opinion beforehand he is not a fit juror."

CHILDREN RENDER A CHRISTMAS CANTATA
FOUR HUNDRED SING TOGETHER
Mrs. J. S. McDonald a Good Directress
—Little Ones Act as Donors and Have Presents for Schools and Day Nurseries.

The parlor of the Central Union Church were filled last night by the children from the Sunday School with their parents and relatives. The seats on the floor were occupied by the children who were the principals of the occasion while the gallery and the aisles were filled by the grown up people. There were about 400 children and a similar number of grown up people present.

At the Ewa end of the room a platform had been erected on which the children who gave the Christmas cantata stood. The cantata was well rendered by about forty children and they, as well as Mrs. J. S. McDonald, under whose directions it was given, are to be complimented on its success.

After the cantata the giving of presents took place. The general order of things was reversed last night, the children acting as the donors and not as the receivers, giving contributions for the benefit of Sunday schools, day nurseries, missionary and other like purposes. After the collection had been taken, ice cream and other refreshments were served.

LILUOKALANI VERY ILL AT WASHINGTON

A friend of former Queen Liliuokalani in this city received a letter in yesterday's mail from the Coast to the effect that the former ruler of Hawaii is very ill at the Ebbitt House in Washington.

The news traveled very quickly among the Hawaiians and others who have Liliuokalani's friendship and the hope that she will quickly recover her health was generally voiced.

SAMUEL PARKER IS NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Senator Hanna has appointed as members of the National Republican Committee D. W. Standford of Pocahontas, Idaho, vice George L. Shoup, resigned, and Colonel Samuel Parker of Honolulu, Hawaii, vice Harold M. Sewall, resigned.

AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
Santa Claus' Wife Appears to Entertain the Children.
An entertainment in the nature of a party was given the children of the congregation of the Christian Church in the church last night at 7:30 p. m. A large number of children were present and many parents and relatives attended the affair as well. The children were entertained with games and charades. Music was furnished by the children and glees were given by the choir. Finally, Santa Claus' wife, Mother Goose, appeared upon the scene and distributed gifts and candy to the children. The affair was in charge of the following committee of ladies of the Sunday school: Mrs. E. Muckley, chairman; Miss Anna Gardner, Miss Edith Perkins and Mrs. Judge Galbraith.

ROBERT MANSON IS KILLED BY A FALL

Was at Work on Kamehameha School
Scotch Plumber Fell Forty Feet to His Death—Funeral Today by the Plumbers' Guild.

Robert Manson, a Scotchman, was almost instantly killed by falling from the roof of the Kamehameha Girls' School at Kalihi yesterday afternoon. He was called there to work at one o'clock and, with the carpenter, was inspecting the roof which was leaking when the accident happened.

Manson had been shown where a couple of leaks were situated and then went across the roof to the other side of the building by himself to see if he could find any others. The next seen of him was when he was reported by one of the scholars to be lying on the ground groaning. Assistance was summoned and a doctor called for. When found Manson was alive, but unconscious, the only sign of life he gave being an occasional groan.

Dr. Waterhouse, who arrived at the scene soon after the accident, was examining the injured man when he breathed his last. The doctor gave his opinion that the man died from the shock of the fall. No special injuries were discovered except the breaking of the forearm just above the wrist.

As soon as it was known that the man was dead the police were telephoned to and Deputy Sheriff Chil-lingworth summoned a coroner's jury who viewed the body as it lay in the school yard. The body was then taken charge of by the Journeymen Plumbers' Association of which deceased was a member. It was taken to the undertaking parlors of H. H. Williams on Fort street, and from there it will be buried under the auspices of the dead man's associates to-day. The interment will be at Pearl City.

Manson was a native of Glasgow who had been here about nine months. He came from Victoria and has been steadily employed since his arrival until within a week or two ago. Yesterday he was summoned to the first work that has offered since his last employment and it proved to be the last work he was to do.

From all accounts Manson was an unmarried man and about forty years of age. He leaves a brother, George Manson, and sister, Mrs. McDonald, in Glasgow. They will be notified of his death by the secretary of the Plumbers' Association who will enquire what disposition his relatives desire to have made of the body.

VISITORS ON HANCOCK DANCE AT THE HOTEL

SPEND MOST PLEASANT EVENING
Folks From Over the Sea Have First

lulu to Accompaniment of Thunder Storm—Good Attendance.

Although the band of the 15th Cavalry did not play at the grounds of the Hawaiian Hotel last night as had been expected, an exceedingly pleasant time was enjoyed last evening by the officers from the transport Hancock and a large number of the elite of Honolulu.

Manager Lake showed himself a splendid host as usual and the hotel lani presented a pretty scene with the beautiful dresses and glittering uniforms gliding over the floor of the quaint bewitching Hawaiian air played by the Quintette Club. The officers are not likely to forget this night in the tropics and the event will undoubtedly also stand as a delightful memory to many of the Honolulu people who were present.

Among the guests at the hotel were the following: Colonel Wallace, Mrs. Wallace, Capt. William B. Sumnerall, Surgeon W. W. Day, U. S. A., Major Wm. C. Tremaine, Geo. O. Dunlap, U. S. A., W. C. Gardendale, U. S. A., J. C. Sedgwick, U. S. A., Capt. Marshall, Mrs. Marshall, Capt. Walker, Capt. Andrews, Mrs. Andrews, W. Baniger, U. S. A., J. S. Marlin, U. S. A., M. G. Halliday, U. S. A., Lieut. Jos. McMillen, Kenzie W. Walker, U. S. A., H. Bernhardt, U. S. A., Mrs. Bernhardt, Warren Deane, U. S. A., Captain Rodman, U. S. A., Mrs. Wideman, Miss Macfarlane, Harry W. Robinson, Mrs. Reardon, Miss Reid, Mrs. and Miss Casey, Mrs. and Miss Tucker, Capt. Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins, L. O. Maddox, Capt. White, Mrs. McNeil, Mrs. Sargent, Miss Sargent, Mrs. and Miss Warren, Dr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Reynolds, Miss Livingston, Gov. Cleghorn, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Bender, Miss Bender, Mr. and Mrs. Dutton, Miss Dutton, Miss Mae Colburn, Mr. and Mrs. Coffee, Southard Hoffman, Lieut. Hancock, Dr. McAdory, Mr. Norton, Ed. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Paris, Capt. Herriman, Dr. Nelson and others.

STRONG-ARM WORK OF NEGROES

Demand for a Deliverance of Valuables Followed by Threats—Requests Ignored by Fleeing Chinese—Police Try to Locate Rendezvous.

The police are endeavoring to locate the rendezvous of a coterie of negroes who are supposed to frequent the waterfront during the hours of darkness and when conditions are right, hold up unoffending pedestrians and demand that they turn over whatever valuables they might have in their possession.

Several complaints have recently come to the High Sheriff's office from this locality. Notwithstanding the increased guard maintained along this section of the city, the trouble continues with disagreeable persistence.

At an early hour on Sunday morning a Chinese cook employed at the Quarantine wharf met a crowd of five negroes. He failed to comply with their requests to halt, but on the other hand set a hot sprinting pace for the hold up men. He escaped without bodily harm or financial embarrassment.

A native stevedore returning from work, and somewhat befuddled because of frequent libations of strenuous fluids, was also waylaid and the remains of a week's wages were taken by the footpads.

AT ST. CLEMENTS CHAPEL.

Large Christmas Tree Erected on Lawn for the Children.
About 80 children and a number of grown-up people had a delightful time at St. Clement's Chapel last evening. At about 5:30 o'clock a short service was held in the chapel with singing as the principal feature. After the service all went out on the lawn, where a large Christmas tree, which had been put together from boughs of evergreen, spruce and fir, imported from Vancouver for this special purpose, stood under a large tent. The rest of the time up to about 8:30 p. m. was given over entirely to the pleasure of the children, gifts and prizes being distributed to them.

The following will be the order of services at St. Clement's chapel on Christmas Day. At 7 a. m. celebration, at 10:30 a. m. morning prayer and celebration. Music will be the special feature of this last service.

Insane Asylum Dinner.
Dr. Malster, the superintendent of the Insane Asylum, is making arrangements for a Christmas dinner for the inmates of that institution. Dr. Malster wishes to notify the public that anyone who will contribute delicacies of food for the dinner will find that their gifts will be made appreciated by the unfortunate inmates of the asylum. Those anxious to aid Dr. Malster in his efforts to provide some cheer for the patients will confer a favor by communicating with the superintendent.

Sunday School Rally.
The Ewa, Waianae and Makua Sunday School children met in a grand rally at Waianae on Sunday morning. Songs, recitations and other features were taken part in by numbers of each school. The recital of the Ten Com-