

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

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The bark Gerard C. Tobey sailed for San Francisco this morning.

The steamer Oregonian will sail for Kahuiki and Hale tomorrow.

The Band will give a public concert at the Moana Hotel this evening.

The Engineer's Club will have its headquarters in the Y. M. C. A. building.

The steamer Mikahala arrived from Kauai yesterday with 3,200 bags of sugar.

C. F. Clemons, a graduate of Yale law school, was admitted to practice by the Supreme Court yesterday.

The bark S. N. Castle sailed for San Francisco yesterday with ten passengers, six of whom were Japanese.

Henry Smith has been appointed guardian of Madeline and E. K. Lazarus, minors, upon filing bond in the sum of \$10,000.

The Kilohana Art League will give an "at home" next Friday evening, when Mr. Vickery will deliver a short lecture on art.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon Miss Elizabeth Cartwright will give several prose and poetry readings at the Y. W. C. A. rooms.

At the next meeting of the Ministerial Union the Rev. Dr. Bingham will recount "Some reminiscences of Mission work in the Gilbert Islands."

John Waldron, for the past two years superintendent of the Boys' Brigade, has resigned his position, the resignation to take effect May 31.

The ship Emily F. Whitney, which has been loading at Makaweli, will sail for San Francisco this evening with 31,000 bags of sugar on board.

Invitations have been issued by Col. and Mrs. Samuel Parker for a reception in honor of Prince and Princess Kawanaokoa and Miss Alice Campbell on Thursday evening, the 10th instant, at the old Campbell residence on Emma Street.

The captains of the various teams competing in the athletic contests of next Saturday are: Y. M. C. A., Fred Young; Maile Hime, Percy Benson; Panahou, W. W. Williamson; H. A. C. W. C. Crook; Kairo hameha, U. Lemou; Artillery Lieut. Behr.

THE INDEPENDENT has received the first number of the Friend under its new management. The old missionary paper is greatly improved in its general make up and typographical appearance. A temperance page, Y. W. C. A. topics and a young people's page are some of the new features of the Friend.

Attorney General Dole who came back from Molokai yesterday says that there is no truth in the recently published report that Kalaupapa was being undermined by the sea. The Board of Health investigation committees went over the settlement very thoroughly and not the slightest indication was found of any underhanded work of the sea there.

The annual business meeting of the Y. M. C. A. will be held next Monday evening in the Association Hall. The election of officers will then be made. A public meeting will be held on Thursday evening, April 17, when addresses on Y. M. C. A. matters in general will be made. An exhibition of the work in the educational department will also occur.

Dr. Hiram Bingham is about to make another valuable contribution to the long list of benefits which he has rendered to the people of the Gilbert Islands. It is the first volume of the Commentary on the New Testament, on which he has labored for nearly five years. Dr. Bingham has already translated the whole of the Bible into the Gilbertese language.—The Friend.

OPENING OF THE CAMPAIGN.

Utter Failure of a Republican Gathering to Arouse Lantauia.

The question of the legality of Dreier's candidacy came up before acting Governor Cooper yesterday afternoon when W. W. Harris, the Republican Candidate, by his attorney A. G. M. Robertson, filed a protest with the Secretary of the Treasury against placing the name of August Dreier upon the official ballot. There was some argument on the question between the Attorney General and Robertson, but Secretary Cooper stated that he could not find any law which would permit him to go behind the correct return of a nomination to him. The result was an agreement between the attorneys that the case should be brought into the Supreme Court and the papers were drawn at once.

The campaign was opened last night by the Republicans holding two meetings, one at Kakaako and the other at Waikiki. About a hundred people attended the meeting at Kewalo where William Olepan was the first speaker. He bragged about having been with Wilcox in three revolutions and with being an original member of the Aloha Aaina, and claimed to be a representative of the laboring men.

Labor leaders along the water front this morning claimed that he was nothing of the kind. Olepan is a stevedore and when he speaks at a political meeting, he speaks for himself and no one else. When the labor organizations are ready to take part in the fight they will do so through their regularly appointed leaders and delegates.

Representative R. William Aylett proclaimed himself a lawyer in constitutional matters and explained at length why Dreier should not be allowed to run. The resume of it all was that it was a meeting without enthusiasm and speeches without arguments or reason, and very much lacked conviction. The meeting at Waikiki was an utter failure, only a few people being present. It was decided to hold another meeting there this week with the hope that more Republicans could be found in the meantime to be present and cheer the speakers.

Board of Health Meeting.

All the members were present at the regular weekly meeting of the Board of Health yesterday afternoon, with the exception of E. A. Mott-Smith. The committee appointed to investigate the complaint of Ambrose Hutchison, regarding the maltreatment of a leper at Molokai, was not ready to report and a special meeting will be called later to consider the matter.

Inspector Keen made a report favorable to the installation of public drinking fountains for man and beast.

In the report of the medical examiners Treasurer Wright was requested to issue licenses to M. Ozama and E. Ishimitsu.

The application of Dr. Chas. E. Butler, naval medical officer aboard the Albatross, for permission to visit the Leper Settlement was granted.

Names of Japanese Saints.

The sacred precincts of the District Court resounded this morning with the names of all the saints in the Japanese calendar. Nineteen Japs were arrested last night for gambling, but were released later on furnishing \$10 bail each. When their cases came up for trial this morning none of them were present. The clerk of the Court called out 13 Japanese names, 3 different times, but only the echo responded to the call. Judge Wilcox declared their bail forfeited, so the Territory came out \$137 winner on the transaction.

Here's to Alphonse, the Bum No 2, of the Merchants' Exchange. Call for Beck.

The case against Geo Kao and Mrs. H. J. Mossman, accused of adultery, was postponed in the District Court this morning until tomorrow at the request of the defense.

TO HELP THE LEPERS.

A French Woman Wants to Come and Work at Molokai.

A Frenchwoman, Marie Leurquin by name, has made an official offer of her services to the medical authorities, and asks that she be allowed to consecrate her life to the care of the lepers at Molokai. Two months ago she wrote to Miss Alice Roosevelt, daughter of the President asking her aid to carry out her plans. Miss Roosevelt promptly took up the matter and laid the letter before President Roosevelt who, in turn, submitted it to the Department of the Interior. From there it was forwarded to Gov. Dole and the acting Governor yesterday transmitted the whole correspondence, which included translation of the original letter to Miss Roosevelt, to the Board of Health.

President Sloggett stated that the Board has no objections, but that the Sisters already at Molokai and Bishop Gulstan should first be consulted as to whether they desired any further assistance. If a favorable reply is received, the Board of Health will return such an answer to the request. Miss Leurquin is 40 years old and states that she will pay her expenses to come over from Europe and will pay 1,000 francs a year for her board.

A Reported Russian Concession.

It is rumoured in local mandarin circles to the effect that the Russian Minister at Peking negotiated with the late Li Hung chang, not long before his demise, for the granting of a special Russian Concession in the district of Nanhui (coll. Nayway), east of the district of Shanghai, and that the Concession was granted to Russia by the Empress Dowager at the strong recommendation of the late Li. The negotiations were secretly done that it was not until lately that the thing has come out.—Hongkong Telegraph.

Politics in Court.

The case of W. W. Harris, candidate of the Republican party against Secretary Cooper, to compel him to withdraw August Dreier's name from the official ballot came up before the Supreme Court this afternoon. By common consent the case was set for hearing tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Col. S. Nowlein is celebrating today. Many happy returns of the day, old boy.

His Lordship the Bishop of Papanopolis leaves on Tuesday next for Kauai on a three weeks' pastoral visit.

A party of police officers, under the charge of the junior captain, is going around the town this afternoon, receiving instructions as how to use the Gamewell system of Police alarm calls.

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