

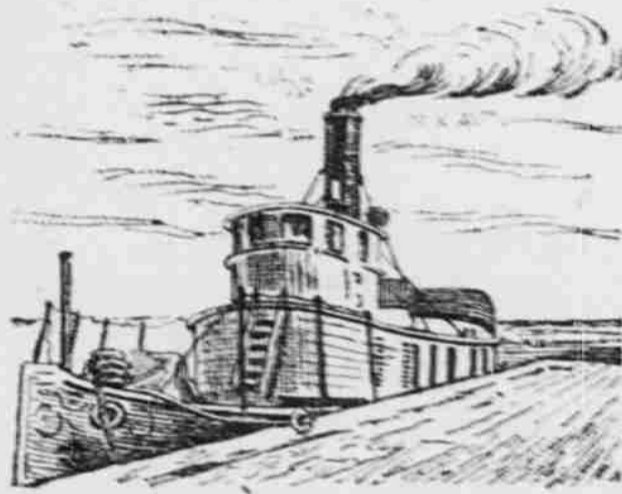
HUNTING FOR CACHED OPIUM.

Port Surveyor Saunders Chasing Smugglers With the Tug Eleu.

THOUSAND POUNDS OF DRUG HID.

Incidents in Connection With Cargo of Schooner Norma—Suspicious Movements of Sloop Spray—Close Watch by Customs Officers—Need a Cutter.

Previous to the late insurrection exclusive announcement was made in these columns that the schooner Norma was loading salmon at a British Columbia port for Honolulu, mention also being made at the time of the possibility of the



Government tug Eleu. Returned from a fruitless search after contraband opium.—Docked at Pacific Mail wharf.

contraband cargo the schooner was likely to bring to the Islands.

Acting upon this information the local authorities kept a strict watch for the Norma's appearance in Hawaiian waters, it being generally suspected a portion of her cargo would contain opium.

The schooner made her appearance while the country was in the throes of revolution and, although her arrival was duly reported to the authorities, no action was taken for the reason that more important events demanded attention. The Norma visited Maui and Hawaii and finally came into this port in a disabled condition.

Customs officials state positively that the schooner had opium aboard and, not getting a chance to land it at or near Honolulu, cached the amount—about 1000 pounds—at some point on the Maui or Hamakua coast.

F. J. Claxton, a British Columbia cannery and who loaded the schooner, came here for the purpose of disposing of the same. He is said to have purchased the sloop Spray while here, but for just what purpose is not clearly known, unless for trading between the islands. The sloop has been at anchor for some time in Pearl river and, in view of certain suspicious movements, a close watch has been kept upon her by the customs authorities.

Early last week word was received that the Spray was preparing for a cruise. Customs officials hurried to Pearl harbor to keep trace of her movements, but they had their trouble for nothing, the report being a false alarm.

Last Monday morning, however, the trim sloop disappeared from her usual anchorage and several days elapsed before it was known whether she had gone.

Saturday morning word was brought from Pearl City that the Spray had gone after the cached opium. Port Surveyor Saunders secured the services of twelve men, boarded the tug Eleu and went in search of the smugglers and their valuable cargo. It was proposed to first visit the place where the opium is said to be concealed, and if the sloop is sighted lay off shore out of sight and await developments. According to arrangement the tug would reach the point during Saturday night and continue operations Sunday.

Up to a late hour last night the tug had not returned, consequently nothing regarding the success or failure of the mission can be stated. Customs officials believe there are several members of the smuggling ring aboard the Spray. This particular case is but another evidence of the urgent need of a fast revenue cutter, without which it is absolutely out of the question to trace and capture bold smugglers and contraband cargoes.

THE TUG RETURNS.

The tug Eleu returned shortly after midnight last night. Port Surveyor Saunders was seen and said the time was spent cruising about, but nothing was seen of the Spray, nor was any portion of the concealed opium found.

The tallest man of which there is authenticated measurement was Funnam, of Scotland, who was 11 feet 6 inches in height.

HEALANIS WILL CELEBRATE.

Reception and Dance in Honor of Their New Boathouse.

The Healani Boat Club has decided upon Thursday evening, May 9th, as the date of holding a grand reception and ball in honor of the completion of their new boathouse.

A large number of invitations will be sent out, and it is proposed to make the occasion an enjoyable one. The new club-house will be gaily decorated within and without, and no expense spared in carrying out the elaborate programme already arranged. The building has been wired for electric lighting, and, on the opening evening, will present a brilliant appearance. A full corps of musicians will furnish entrancing music for lovers of the light fantastic. Refreshments will be served during the evening. It is expected a large number of people will attend.

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DEMAREST MEDALS.

Competent Judges Award the Prize to Miss Maclean.

The contest for the Demarest medal, which took place Saturday night in Y. M. C. A. hall, was attended by from two to three hundred people.

The first number was a cornet duet by Miss Alice Jones and Chas. Kreuter. Recitations by Joseph Smith of Kamehameha School and Miss Grace Buchanan. A vocal duet by Misses Kate Fleming and Agnes Judd followed. The last recitations were given by Misses Maclean, Mary Rice and Oscar Cox, the latter of Kamehameha School. A violin solo by A. Isenberg, and a piano solo by Miss Hopper were followed by a dialogue between Misses Sophia Judd and Florence Hall.

The judges, Miss Parrot, Professor Hosmer and D. W. Corbett, decided in favor of Miss Maclean as the winner of the Demarest medal, with Oscar Cox a close second. The averages of the highest three were as follows: Miss Maclean, 90 per cent; Oscar Cox, 88 per cent; Miss Rice 85 per cent.

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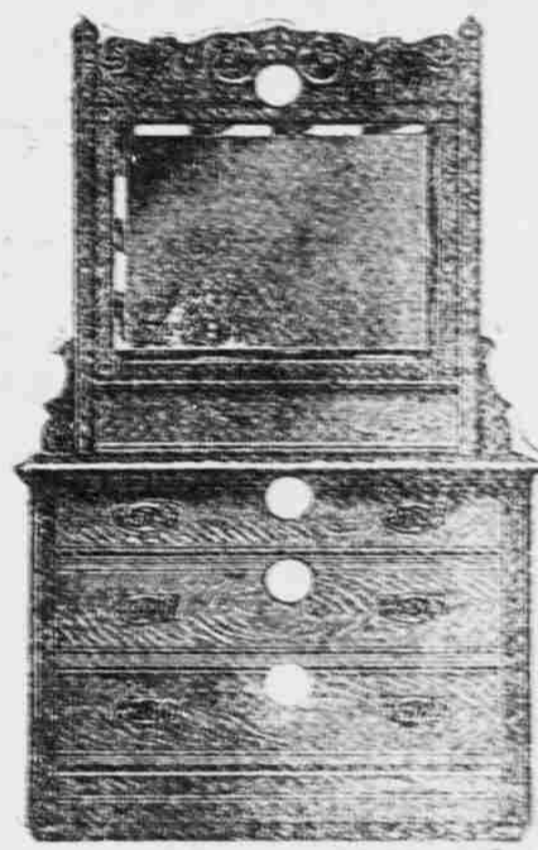
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