

FIGHT TO AMEND PASSENGER RULE

Merchants' Association Sends a Long Cable to Delegate at Washington.

TO SUSPEND COASTWISE LAW

Local Legislation Will Be Very Closely Watched—Debtors on the List.

(From Thursday's Advertiser.)
Coastwise laws, green stamps, Floral Parade, billboards and the conditions of the streets along the waterfront were a few of the subjects acted upon by the merchants' association at a special meeting held in the Young building yesterday afternoon. The meeting was called by President E. Oscar White, who presided.

But although the subjects mentioned were the ones about which it was proposed to take action, and action was taken, yet there were other matters which were just as important to the local merchants as any other phases of the business transacted, but which arose spontaneously without premeditation.

Probably the most important action taken, as possibly affecting the whole Territory, was in regard to continuing the fight for the suspension of the coastwise law, so far as it relates to carrying passengers between the Territory and San Francisco. After considerable discussion, Secretary Brasch was instructed to send the following cablegram to the delegate at Washington:

"We consider time most opportune to again advocate suspension of coastwise law referring to passengers."

This was signed by President White and Secretary Brasch.

To Watch Bills.

It was reported that the legislature would soon be in session, and that the chamber of commerce and other civic bodies had retained Attorney Charles Hemenway to watch the legislation for anything affecting the merchants of Honolulu. It was suggested that Mr. Hemenway also act for the merchants' association. But there was a feeling that the association should not "turn down E. A. Douthitt," who formerly drafted certain bills for the association.

It was finally referred to the public affairs committee of the association, after the suggestion had been made that Mr. Hemenway could act for the association in watching all bills introduced in the legislature for "jokers," while Mr. Douthitt might have the drafting of the special bills desired by the association.

Chronic Debtors.

Another matter of direct interest to the association members was in regard to the collection of debt from certain employees of the territorial government. It was stated that some of those who work for the Territory are not prompt in payments. They owe one merchant, and when pressed for payment run up a bill with another, in one or two cases as many as three firms were heavy creditors of these non-payers.

It was suggested that where three merchants reported to the association such a man, he be considered as in bad repute and action be taken by the association to recover the debts. It was also stated that the matter be taken up with the heads of departments. The assertion was made that as Uncle Sam sees to it that all his employes pay their just debts for the honor of the service, the Territory could well afford to do the same, and thus make for a better class of men in the public service. This matter was referred to the trade and finance committee.

Insurance Rates.

Mr. Berard suggested that the association take as a body, a greater interest in the building laws and eventually secure a reduction of insurance rates. He believed it would be a good thing to take the matter up with the board of supervisors. It was stated that the real cause of high rates here, according to the board of underwriters, is the poor water system. The matter was referred to the trade and finance committee.

The case of billboard legislation and that of the distribution of green trading stamps was referred to the public affairs committee, which will report before the legislature meets.

As to the condition of the waterfront at the foot of Alakea street, it was pronounced disgraceful and the matter will be taken up with the board of supervisors by the new public improvement committee to be appointed by the president.

It was decided that the association, as a body, will not enter a float in the Floral Parade, as every member in doing all he can to make the parade a success.

Appropriate Resolutions.

The following resolutions, submitted by C. C. von Hamm, as chairman of the committee appointed to draw up appropriate resolutions on the death of the late Archibald Scott Claghorn, were passed and spread on the minutes and a copy ordered sent to the family:

Whereas, Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, has chosen to call from our midst our valued friend and fellow citizen, Archibald Scott Claghorn; and whereas, for over half a century the deceased has been a prominent and progressive member of the community of these islands, promoting the best interests of the people and standing for high ideals; and

Whereas, by his death the merchants

MISSION HOUSE NOT FIRST FRAME

But Historical Building Is First Dwelling of Its Kind Erected Here.

The right to be called the "First Frame House in Honolulu," as applied to the old frame building on King street just beyond Kawaiahae church, is questioned, and by one of the first missionaries who landed here in 1823. Since the old building was rescued from the Chinese laundry men, who had finally gotten possession of it, restored to its original appearance, the yard grassed over again and the sign placed upon a post in the premises announcing that the building was the first frame structure to be reared in the city of Honolulu, thousands of tourists have had their attention attracted to it.

At the meeting of the Hawaiian Historical Society at the University Club on Tuesday evening Prof. H. M. Ballou of the College of Hawaii read a paper on the old Mission House. The building was erected in 1822 by the missionaries who arrived on the ship Tartar from New England, the ship having come around Cape Horn from the Atlantic into the Pacific.

Ninety Years Ago.

The first missionaries arrived here from New England in 1820, in the brig Thaddeus. The old mission house was the home of early missionaries. Their children were born and reared there. It was the one real house which reminded the missionaries of New England, and as time went on they checked it as a landmark.

But Professor Ballou in his paper referred to Captain Chamberlain's diary of that early period—he was one who came in 1820. In his diary he states that the building, in parts, was brought ashore from the ship and stored in a "frame building."

That was only two years after the first missionaries arrived from New England. The first frame house, according to members of the historical society, may have been built of lumber brought here from Oregon, as vessels came here from the northwest coast before the missionaries first made their appearance in the Hawaiian Islands.

First Dwelling House.

However, there is one thing certain, and that is that this old mission building was the first frame building to be brought around the Horn, even though there may have been other buildings put up before it came here as a portable house. It is stated that whatever buildings were here when this New England house arrived, were merely storehouses and not residences.

The old mission house was restored to its original appearance in 1907 at the expense of C. M. Cooke and George R. Carter, and was opened to the public as a museum in November of that year.

When the early missionaries arrived here, Honolulu had just been made the capital of Lunalilo's kingdom, his palace being on the present site of the Hackfeld building, and he was strongly opposed to allowing the missionaries to erect any permanent building, especially a structure of such importance as the one contemplated, which surpassed in size and luxuriance the royal palace itself.

The missionaries had to prove that they were not here for conquest, and as the advance guard of an invading people, before consent was reluctantly given them to put up their house, and even then they were obliged to go far out on the outskirts of the town, where a bit of the arid plain was given them, the site of the present Kawaiahae church.

Center of Influence.

Here the mission house was built and contained five rooms, with a storeroom and eating room on the cellar ground. Many missionaries families have been reared in this house, and there are numbers of prominent persons in Honolulu who have pleasant memories of happy childhood days spent in the old building, which was their home.

The kings and queens of Oahu made this house a visiting place; here the first printed law ever issued in Hawaii was drafted; here was the center of the far felt influence which converted the Islands from heathenism to Christianity. The house was, too, the object of suspicion from that portion of the foreign element in opposition to the representatives of the American Board of Foreign Missions, and the digging of the cellar excavation was pointed out to the king as something which it would be well for him to watch, a hint of hidden arms and ammunition being given him.

The rooms of the building are as they were originally planned by some Boston carpenter, as he sawed and fitted the boards in readiness to be nailed together in the far off Sandwich Islands.

PNEUMONIA PREVENTED.

The greatest danger from influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be obviated by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as it not only cures influenza, but counteracts any tendency of the disease towards pneumonia. For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., agents for Hawaii.

of Honolulu and the whole Territory of Hawaii have lost a wise counselor and friend, and one of their most esteemed and valued citizens;

Be it Resolved, That the members of the Merchants' Association of Honolulu hereby desire to express their deep sorrow and regret at the great loss which has been sustained by the death of Archibald Scott Claghorn; and to convey to his family their deepest sympathy; and

Be it Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

MAYOR OPPOSED APPOINTMENTS

His Honor Says Health Officers Are Inefficient and Negligent in Their Work.

Beyond a feeble kick made by Mayor Fera over the appointment of two extra sanitary inspectors and the confirmation of the proposal to cut away Wilson's salary, as previously mentioned in The Advertiser, matters went smoothly at the supervisors' meeting last night. A number of letters were received regarding road matters and left in the hands of the road committee to deal with, and though, as Harry Murray says, this committee are glad to receive them, it must be some time before they are able to do anything in the matter. John D. Holt and Capt. Robert Parker are the two new sanitary inspectors who will start in on the first of the coming month.

A Peculiar Situation.

Murray asked the city attorney last night if he would look up the law, and report at the next meeting, as to whether the board had the power to do away with Wilson's salary or not. From the recent investigations carried out by the board it has been shown that there are a lot of unnecessary men at present engaged in connection with road work. It is their intention to do away with this, if they can, but if not then a peculiar position is set up. Wilson is appointed by the mayor, and is only responsible to him, so that he can snap his fingers at the road committee and send in his reports just when and how he likes. With this state of things in existence Murray pointed out that it is utterly impossible to carry out the work in an efficient manner as it can only be done just when Wilson feels so disposed. As far as they know there is nothing in the law to prevent them curtailing salaries, and if this proves to be the case then the matter will be put through at the meeting on Monday when the city attorney makes his report.

The Sanitary Inspectors.

In his letter to the board the mayor spoke strongly against the appointment of any extra sanitary inspectors. He stated that he had investigated the matter of extra appointments and had found that those on the roll call at the present time were not carrying out their duties as laid down in the various ordinances and in many cases were negligent. In the interests of an efficient and economical government, which he believes the supervisors are anxious to establish, he recommends that no new appointments be made, but that the present force be brought up to the standard of efficiency such as the public might expect under the various ordinances. Therefore, considering the expense the health department is to the board and the inefficiency of the present staff, he would recommend against any fresh appointments.

The mayor did not give any indication as to where the defects lay, although in an interview published in The Advertiser recently, he named the two men he expected to be appointed and whom he would recommend. As a matter of fact, the real reason why he has now turned round is that the board would not agree to him choosing one man and then choosing the other. They are determined that during their administration the job is to go to the best man and not to the political job hunter.

It is up to Doctor Mackall now to refute the accusations made by the mayor as the board relied upon his assurance that two more men were needed.

General Business.

A resolution was passed that the premises situated at Kapalama lying on the Waikiki side of Pua lane, and known as Liliuokalani premises, should be made a park for the use of the people living in that locality. The legislature are to be asked for an appropriation in order to procure it.

The Waiatae, Kaimuki and Palolo Improvement Club brought under the notices of the board the fact that thefts of rock in the district were being made by Japanese and asked that measures should be taken to have the practise stopped. They also asked for a pound in the district, as at present the straying stock greatly hindered them in their work of trying to make the district a beautiful one. This was referred to the roads committee.

The roads committee have also been instructed to look into a matter brought up by the Alewa Improvement Club. Owing to inadequate culverts great damage is being done to the roads by the rains and they desire to have the matter attended to.

Permission was granted to Arthur F. Wall, director of the Floral Parade, to use a horse belonging to the fire department.

Frank S. Dodge, superintendent of the Bishop Estate, asked permission to put down about 1050 feet of curbed sidewalk in front of the Kamehameha Schools. This matter was referred to the roads committee.

Mrs. Frazier, principal of the Kaimuki School, made a request that the drive at the school be attended to, as the recent heavy rains have washed away the top dressing and the children have now to walk over coral. The roads committee have also the handling of this matter.

The same committee has also to deal with a petition sent in by twenty-two taxpayers of Kaimuki in respect to Eighth avenue. They point out that by spending about \$150 at the present time a great deal will be saved in the future.

Police Court Roof Leaks.

Judge Lymer wrote in saying that the recent rains had played great havoc with his office at the police court. There was a great danger of the plaster giving way and that unless prompt measures were taken it would mean that a big sum of money would have to be expended at a later period. This matter was left with the police committee.

The invitation to the mayor and board to attend the reception at the German consulate on Friday was accepted and the letter filed.

W. F. Wilson asked that a better

FAITHFUL SERVICE ENDED BY DEATH

Picturesque Personality Passes From Side of Queen He Was Loyal To.



JOSEPH AEA, The Queen's Attendant.

Joseph Aea for many years the agent of Her Majesty Liliuokalani, died last evening about ten o'clock at his home in Panoa. His death removes a picturesque personality from Honolulu, for he has been associated with the queen's family for many years. He was about fifty-two years of age and leaves a widow and two sons, one of whom is the protégé of Queen Liliuokalani and is also the stenographer and assistant clerk in the city clerk's office.

Joseph Aea was for many years connected with the old Royal Hawaiian Band during the monarchy days. He was the solo viol player and was an excellent musician. He became attached to the household of Queen Liliuokalani, and attended Liliuokalani when she was one of the official guests at the jubilee of Queen Victoria in London. He also attended the queen when she visited Washington in 1903. His wife was also one of the queen's closest personal attendants, and has been particularly attentive to her since the overthrow of the monarchy.

In 1907, upon the death of Hon. J. O. Carter, Liliuokalani appointed Mr. Aea as her business agent, but the Liliuokalani Trust, formed about two years ago, transferred this important office to Col. C. P. Iaukea, who is one of the trustees under the Liliuokalani Trust.

Aea was a delegate to the Democratic territorial convention in 1900, and was nominated for the legislature by the Home Rulers in 1902, and again in 1904, by the Democrats.

At one time Joseph Aea occupied a position on the staff of Captain Tripp, who was warden of the Oahu Prison.

MORE NEW SENATORS.

CHARLESTON, West Virginia, January 25.—W. E. Chilton and Clarence Watson, Democrats, were today elected United States senators.

DOVER, Delaware, January 25.—Senator Du Pont was today elected for a second term.

TRENTON, New Jersey, January 25.—James E. Martins, Democrat, was chosen United States senator today to succeed Keen, Republican.

AWAITS RECOMMENDATION.

WASHINGTON, January 25.—The McCrosson bill, affecting the rights to water on the military reservation on Oahu, has been held by the committee on territories to await a further report from Secretary of War Dickinson. The committee will wait until the secretary of war has had time to investigate and make a recommendation on the subject.

Lighting be established at the junction of Prospect and Alapai streets and at the head of Lishman street. The lighting committee are to attend to this matter.

Streets That Are Bad.

The roads committee of the Athletic Park drew attention to the faulty state of the storm drains which resulted in the backing up of water which flooded their ground. The roads committee are also to look into this matter.

A petition was placed before the board signed by fifty-three people and asking that Fifth avenue be made available for vehicles from Waiatae road to Isabella avenue. The roads committee are to look into this matter also.

A petition signed by 116 people asked for the extension of the present lighting system around the Kaimuki Tract, Kaimuki.

Thirty-six others asked that the extension of Auld lane be lighted by at least three lights. Both these matters were referred to the lighting committee.

Murray moved that two sums of eighty-five dollars each be appropriated from the general fund for the months of February and January, to pay the extra sanitary inspectors. This was carried.

The legislative committee will consist of Murray, Amasa and McClellan. Their rough drafts will be laid before the board for consideration before they are finally sent along to the legislature.

A Real Alderman.

Sitting alongside the mayor at the meeting was one who looked as though he had been long connected with affairs aldermanic. This was Hon. Martin E. Mulvey, a member of the city council of Salt Lake City, Utah, for the past fifteen years. He is spending a few weeks in Honolulu and starts back home on Saturday next, being greatly pleased with his stay here. Mr. Mulvey is one of Salt Lake's most prominent citizens.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL HAD BUSY YEAR

Superintendent Submits Annual Report on Work of the Institution.

(From Thursday's Advertiser.)
Forbidding rows of figures and a still more forbidding list of hopeless names, sheltering behind their syllabic array intimations of dreadful diseases and cheerless aches, comprise the annual report of Johannes F. Eckardt, superintendent of the Queen's Hospital which lately received the attention of the trustees at the annual meeting.

No less than 1313 patients found shelter and treatment in the institution during the year just closed of which 106 or a total of eight per cent, died. A number of these were in a moribund condition at the time of admission and a larger number died forty-eight hours after admission.

In another paragraph Superintendent Eckardt states that fifty-two patients in all occupied the endowed beds, totaling 1476 days. The beds were occupied as follows: Bishop bed No. 1, by eight patients, 235 days; Bishop bed No. 2, by eight patients, 200 days; Bishop bed No. 3, by three patients, 254 days; Bishop bed No. 4, by seven patients, 246 days; the Hackfeld bed, by eight patients, 150 days; the Corniot bed, by seven patients, 190 days; the Irwin bed, by seven patients, 106 days; and the Foster bed, by four patients, 164 days.

Finances.

The total receipts from patients for the year amounted to \$35,882.50, while the current expenses for the same period amounted to \$52,866.56. This is an average income from patients of \$2990.81 a month and an average expense of \$4405.55 a month.

An interesting note states that the patients during the year represented thirty-eight nationalities, they being divided as follows:

United States, 365; Hawaii, 303; Portugal, 174; Japan, 61; Russia, 56; Porto Rico, 51; Germany, 43; England, 41; Korea, 41; China, 33; Philippines, 29; Spain, 17; Norway, 16; Finland, 13; Sweden, 11; Canada, 10; Denmark, 10; Ireland, 5; Australia, 4; France, 3; Greece, 3; Scotland, 3; Guam, Holland, India, Mexico and Panama, each 2; Austria, Barbadoes, Chile, Fiji, Iceland, Italy, New South Wales, New Zealand, South Sea Islands, St. Helena and Switzerland, each 1.

There were a total of 519 operations performed, of which 306 were major and 213 minor.

MORE OPIUM SEIZED.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 25.—Customs officers who have been searching the steamer Korea for many days made another big find this morning, seizing twelve thousand dollars' worth of the drug. This makes a total of forty-four thousand dollars' worth of opium seized on the Korea this trip.

PRESIDENT HOPES FOR BETTER LAWS.

WASHINGTON, January 24.—President Taft, in an address today to the Merchant Marine congress, expressed the hope that there would be immediate legislation for the restoration of the American merchant marine.

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Storm Courthouse.

So great was the curiosity to hear the evidence of Doctor Hupp, when he took the stand to testify against the prisoner that twice the police outside the courthouse were carried before the onslaught of the women, at the opening of the building in the morning and again following recess. In the afternoon rush several women were knocked down and trampled upon, and one woman, Mrs. Amelia Kiren, was taken to the hospital after the police had beat the crowd back.

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WOMEN STORM COURTHOUSE

Physician Gives His Sensational Testimony of Saving Schenk's Life.

WHEELING, West Virginia, January 26.—After two weeks of sensations in the trial of Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenk, charged with poisoning her husband, John O. Schenk, of this city, a millionaire meat packer, the jury retired last night to consider the verdict and was locked up, after comprehensive instructions on legal points from Judge Lewis S. Jordan.

The case has been one which has excited interest all over the country, and during the trial women have again and again stormed the courtroom to get seats, for the purpose of hearing the morbid testimony.

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SKIN BEAUTY

CUTICURA SOAP

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