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IN SOUTH KAUAI Graphic Account of the Flood in One District.

SEVERAL BRIDGES SWEEP AWAY

Nearly Two Inches of Rain in One Hour—People Fled for Their Lives—Water On All Lowlands.

(Special Correspondence from Hanapepe, Kauai). For a week all this section has been deluged with rain. At Elele 1 1/2 inches of water fell in one hour.

The climax came at midnight, March 26. The bridge at Hanapepe, the new bridge at Lawai and the three or four new ones built on the road being constructed north of Koloa, which is a short cut from Lawai to Lihue, were carried away.

The Waimea bridge is damaged—not passable, but not carried off. In Waimea the water rose over all the low land, coming into Mr. Hofgaard's store. In Koloa it was the same, flooding all the low land and rising high enough to submerge the bullock carts in the plantation corral. At Lawai, Wahiawa and all the above places, rice suffered more or less and in some places was destroyed.

Hanapepe had no immunity from the torrent. Water rose about nine feet, and all one could hear above the pouring floods, was the Japanese or Chinese saying, "Too muchy piliika," with a prolonged, volunonious emphasis on the "too." Numerous lanterns were seen above the surface of the flood lighting the refugees to plains of safety.

Now and then a pig went down the stream, and another pig with a rope around its hind leg and the owner at the other end of the rope, went less easily to higher ground. One Portuguese was rudely awakened from his deep slumbers, and jumped out of bed into a foot of water on his floor.

His chickens were already among the lamented and his cow had to be driven to higher ground. The water rose two feet high in some houses and people had to wade waist deep to get out. It rose to the steps of the teacher's cottage and within four inches of the floor of the school house. Here and there fences and outbuildings are carried off, and the remaining ones are loaded with weeds.

The Hanapepe bridge was made of heavy timbers and when the water rose to it a mass of rushes and debris was collected. Against this the water pressed and rose until the bridge gave way. As soon as the bridge broke the water fell 18 or 20 inches. I am told that the bridges at Waimea, Hanapepe and Waialua were carried away some 17 years ago. Since the Hanapepe bridge costing about \$8,000, was built in 1885, water has been up to it a number of times, and in one case was six inches over the floor.

From this disaster a few points are worth noting, for the construction of a new bridge. It should be raised some two feet and then the lower timbers would be above high water, the substructure should offer as little resistance to water as possible; the approaches should be as low as the immediate grade to the bridge would permit, in order that the flood water might have extra room for escape.

The bridge could be strengthened for these extreme occasions by running cables, possibly old steam plow cables, to the banks and there anchor them in excavations filled with sufficient rock. I believe this simple addition would have saved Hanapepe bridge and probably the others.

Well In Kewalo. McCandless Bros. have just finished in Kewalo, back of the Old Plantation, an artesian well for E. Peck & Co., the draymen. The well is of a 10-inch bore and something over 200 feet in depth.

The flow is a foot above the surface, supplying an enormous amount of water every 24 hours. This is in every way one of the most satisfactory pieces of work of the well-boring firm. E. Peck & Co. will now soon remove their stables to their new land and will, as mentioned some time ago, supply cottages for their employes.

National Band Funeral. The National band was at the head of a funeral procession yesterday afternoon. The dead man was C. K. Willo-

kal. He passed away at Waikiki on the night of the 31st inst. The cause of death was dropsy, as reported to the Board of Health. Willokal had been a well known Hawaiian and a prominent member of the band. Besides playing an instrument he was a splendid bass singer and his services were always in demand with quintette clubs. Willokal has not been in the best of health since his return from the States.

Mormon Convention. The Inter-Island Co.'s steamer Waialeale had a big passenger list when she glided out the channel for Oahu ports yesterday morning.

Encouraging reports were received from all the kindergartens, except that in the Foreign Kindergarten, many of the children had been absent because of illness. There was cause for congratulation in the persistency with which the Portuguese children maintained the high average of 62, and in the remarkable increase of attendance of the little Japanese.

DEED STAMPS. The Nominal Consideration Figure Up Again.

It will be remembered that the S. S. China, before securing Hawaiian registration, was sold to Colonel Macfarlane for the nominal sum of 5 shillings. Immediately a mortgage for a heavy amount was filed. The Government claimed that the stamp fee for filing the deed should be a percentage on something like the value of the property and the matter was carried into the Courts.

Another suit will be instituted. The Government officials believe that the S. S. China and the real estate case differ and if the Courts say no will move for legislation in the premises.

The New Directory. A number of business men yesterday gave substantial encouragement to the Gazette Company's project for a new residence and business directory for Honolulu and the Islands.

Makee Island Concert. The band will play the following excellent program of music at Makee Island Sunday afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock:

PART I. The Old Hundred. Overture—Star of the North. Largo—Xerxes. Handbel Misereere—Il Trovatore. Verdi Melodies of Northern Europe. Kuhner

PART II. Cornet solo—Everlasting Day. Bevan Mr. Charles Kreuter. Three Quotations. Sousa Chorus—Tannhauser. Wagner Finale—Fanfare Militaire. Asher Hawaii Poniol.

Reported Highway Robbery. Some of the natives arriving by the steamer Mauna Loa yesterday had a story to the effect that a highway robbery had been committed in desperate fashion in South Kona, near the settlement of Hookena.

An Official Inspection. W. E. Rowell, Superintendent of Public Works, left Honolulu early yesterday morning for an official visit of three days to flood devastated regions between Kaneohe and Waialua.

submit recommendations. "Jim" Olds was in town yesterday from Kaneohe. Mr. Olds has been on this island since 1848. During all these years he has seen no such storms as those of the past week or 10 days.

IS ENCOURAGING Good Report From the Free Kindergartens of Their Work.

HIGH AVERAGE FOR PORTUGUESE Supervisors Hold Meeting—Several Changes Made in Committees.

Yesterday morning at the meeting of women who have Free Kindergarten matters in charge, all business was most expeditiously transacted, and in less than an hour from the time of calling to order, the meeting was dismissed.

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Mrs. Thompson has so far recovered from her recent illness as to visit the kindergartens, and all who know of her and her work hope for her speedy and complete recovery. Some new committee appointments were made. Mrs. F. J. Lowrey resigning from the Palama committee was made chairman of the committee in charge of the kindergarten on Ewa Plantation.

Every member of the Board of Supervisors felt the undercurrent of sadness throughout the meeting in facing the reality that Mrs. Schmidt, one of their number, had gone out from their midst. She was at the head of the Foreign committee at the time of her death, and furthermore had been from the very beginning of this philanthropy a most faithful and interested worker.

As a Matter of Course. Geo. P. Castle, who returned from the Coast a few days ago, says that about all the people he met looked upon the annexation of the Islands as a transaction that was already the same as accomplished. From all that Mr. Castle could gather he feels satisfied that the joint resolution will pass the House of Representatives at Washington by a good big majority and without any unnecessary delay.

Latest Parisian Styles. Any Lady wishing a Stylish Hat or Bonnet for Easter will do well to call at L. B. Kerr's, Queen Street, where all the latest novelties have been imported direct from Paris, and the prices are only one-half that charged elsewhere.

Election in "D". There was a big turnout of members of Co. D, First Regiment, N. G. H. for the election of a first lieutenant to succeed C. D. Crane, resigned. Second Lieutenant Timmons was promoted. When it came to the selection of a second lieutenant, the honor was conferred upon Sergeant W. Needham. After the elections the boys of D had quite a sociable time for a couple of hours.

Railway Bridges and Line. It is understood that as a result of observations taken after the recent general storm on the island, Mr. Kluegel, chief engineer of the Oahu Railway and Land Company, will run some new route lines and revise some bridge plans.

Water Works. Andrew Brown, Superintendent of Water Works, reports that the damage to the system by the flood of last week while considerable, was not so great as people might suppose.

Repairing Damage to System by the Flood. Andrew Brown, Superintendent of Water Works, reports that the damage to the system by the flood of last week while considerable, was not so great as people might suppose. Mr. Brown and his assistant J. Little, were on guard at the reservoirs in Nuuanu valley each evening during the heaviest rains.

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