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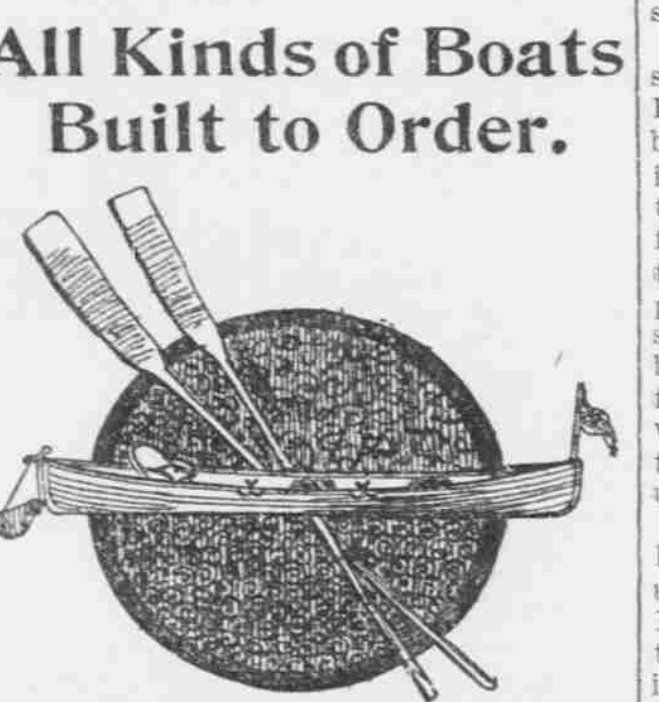
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LOT OF BUSINESS Many Matters Considered By the Health Board.

LETTERS FROM THE SETTLEMENT
A Beneficial Herb—Commercial Project of Mr. Feary.
Pol Scarce.

The attendance of Executive Officer Reynolds upon the Board of Health meeting yesterday afternoon had the effect of swelling the volume of transactions and adding to the importance of the session. Mr. Reynolds has just returned from the Molokai settlement. President Smith was in the chair for the meeting and Secretary Wilcox was on hand as usual. There were also present Dr. Emerson, Mr. Kelliopio, Dr. Monsarrat, Dr. Oliver and Theo. F. Lansing.

Dr. Monsarrat's report was on 152 bullocks slaughtered and the usual proportion of calves, sheep and hogs. Stock is becoming more healthy. During the past fortnight, according to Mr. Kelliopio there have been handled at the market 95,273 fish. Reports were read from Koloa and Hilo hospitals. Nothing out of the ordinary.

Dr. F. S. S. Jerome, lady graduated physician and surgeon, from France, was recommended by the Board to the Minister of Interior for a license to practice medicine and surgery in this country.

Dr. N. Russel, of Hilo, submitted a bill for attendance upon a supposed case of diphtheria. The Board will ask for further information from Hilo. Caution will be exercised before a precedent of paying other than a Government physician for services. Mr. Lansing said allowance of the claim would open up an extensive claim field. Fifty-two people in Koloa and sixty in Lihue send a petition asking that Dr. Waughup, acting temporarily as made the permanent Government physician for the places named. Action deferred. The secretary will acknowledge receipt of the letter. Many natives are in favor of Mr. Waughup.

Three petitions advocating the appointment of Dr. F. Macmillan for Government physician in Kau were read. There were 123 signatures. Nearly all of the signers were Hawaiians. Final disposal of the petitions was postponed.

A native woman of Hookena complained to the Board of swine running at large in that place. Referred to the police department.

W. L. Wilcox notifies the Board of the scarcity of taro on account of blight and drought and of his inability to supply the contract amount of poi. Mr. Wilcox states that he has made every effort to get the vegetable. More than half the Chinese poi shops of Honolulu have closed. In Koolau, Oahu, natives are making poi largely of four. Mr. Wilcox suggests that all effort be made to have rice and bread used at the Molokai settlement. President Smith said Mr. John Ena had told him of the extensive use of wheat flour poi in Kona. Mr. Kelliopio said taro and poi were very scarce. Dr. Monsarrat being questioned, 50 per cent. of the natives were pikia for poi. Dr. Oliver said the change to rice and flour poi during the cholera term in 1895 produced much illness for a long time. The Board recognizes the plight of the contractor and will simply request him to furnish all the poi possible for the settlement. Mr. Wilcox will not be released entirely from the agreement to supply poi. The Board will increase the shipment of wheat flour to the settlement.

A number of people at the Molokai settlement write of herbs growing near Kalaupapa which they have used for bathing lotions with much benefit. It is represented that the field in which these herbs grow is about to be used for pasturage. The natives wish the tract reserved. Dr. Oliver said the patients who had used these baths seemed to improve as under the other bathing treatments. This matter is referred to Mr. Reynolds, who will investigate and report. It is certain that the herb supply will be kept for the use of the patients.

A hoale at the settlement asks for leave to make and sell sweet cider, using the following besides water. Raisins, grain, sugar and cream of tartar. This is represented as a non-intoxicant. The man says the cider will stop the "swipes business." The Board will look into the cider proposal on the next visit.
Mr. Reynolds spoke of the possibility of raising a large amount of taro near the settlement. Superintendent Feary and others desire to engage in the business and ask for a ten-year agreement, presenting a contract. Mr. Feary has made some start already. President Smith and Mr. Lansing saw much objection to Mr. Feary, as all official, conducting such a business privately and receiving for the Board, goods from himself. Mr. Reynolds believed the idea a good one and cited that while in office Assistant Superintendent Hutchinson had several fisheries. There might be a change and Mr. Feary was a resident of the settlement for life. Dr. Oliver said Mr. Feary was a man of energy and integrity who could be depended upon absolutely. Mr. Smith cited that Feary, when taking the superintendency, had been compelled to give up a coffee shop business, as suggested by Mr. Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds said the difference was that in the coffee shop the owner came into direct personal contact with settlement people. All the Board members seemed to question the proposed arrangement. Mr. Lansing agreed with Mr. Reynolds that it would be an excellent plan to cultivate taro on Molokai, but wished that numbers of people would go into the business. Mr. Reynolds said he now regretted having given Feary encouragement in the enterprise and having sent him some tools. The Board will consider the matter carefully before voting and will investigate on the ground next week. Mr. Lansing, in response to a question by Mr. Reynolds said the Board had best reimburse Feary for outlay already made and have the business out of an official's hands. Dr. Jordan writes from Hong Kong that small pox has practically died out but that the plague has appeared again and that there have been as many as 42 cases and 40 deaths in one week. Chinese are the victims, mostly. The disease seems to appear every two years and be preceded by rinderpest amongst cattle. The incubation period of the plague is nine days and as there is disinfection at Hong Kong, the danger of Hawaii is slight. Dr. Jordan will send bulletins promptly and will give timely warning to the Islands. The plague in Bombay is violent, one day's report being 181 cases and 177 deaths. From Yokohama, the Board agent writes that health in the Empire is good, but that quarantine has been declared against Hong Kong on account of the plague. There is some plague in Formosa. President Smith said he had held a conference with Dr. Day, Honolulu port physician and that unusual watchfulness and care would be exercised here in the inspection of all immigrants and travelers. All steerage clothing will be thoroughly disinfected here. Dr. Emerson brought up the matter of failure right in Honolulu to report births and deaths. Officers of the Board will look after these details.
Adjourned.

SCHOOL TAX BILL Meets With Some Opposition in the Senate.

NEW AMENDMENT TO TAX LAWS
Appropriation Bills—Minister Sewall Sends Message of Thanks to Legislature.

SENATE.
Fiftieth Day, April 14.

The members gathered slowly and the Senate was not ready for business until 10:20 o'clock.

A communication was received from the House notifying the Senate that the bill relating to pounds and estrays had been laid on the table. Senator Brown read a petition from 59 owners of bonds of the Oahu Railroad Company representing \$2,000,000 protesting against any legislation shutting out the Railroad from wharf privileges on the harbor. The petition was referred to the Committee having the wharf bill in consideration.

The House bill, providing for paying school taxes into the public treasury directly as a Government realization instead of being held as a special deposit, came up on second reading. At the present time there is a special school fund of over \$95,000 in the treasury. On a motion to pass the bill, Senator McCandless moved to lay on the table on the ground that the bill was looking in the direction of centralization to which he is opposed. Under existing conditions, he said, the money from the several districts for school tax must be expended in the district in which it was collected. Were the bill passed the Government could spend it where they pleased. It was all very well for Honolulu where the district could see that the schools received.

After explanations by Minister Damon and Cooper of the Interior of the system of book-keeping necessitated by the existing acts, the bill passed second reading. Third reading was set for Friday.

The sake bill was read by title and went to the Commerce Committee. The House bill relating to claims against estates of deceased persons was read by title and went to the Judiciary Committee.

The Senate bill to amend the act relating to appeals and bills of exceptions came up on second reading and passed. Third reading was set for Monday.

The report of the special committee on the bill in regard to Schedule E was taken up with the bill. The committee offered a further amendment that nothing contained in section 68 "shall be continued to authorize the Tax Assessor to demand the return authorized by this section from any person, copartnership or corporation whose business consists solely in the buying and selling of merchandise." It was explained that this amendment sustained the division of the Executive last year. The bill then passed second reading. Third reading was set for Monday.

General appropriation bill 4 was taken up. An item amounting to \$6,600 for bridges in general on Kauai and an item of \$700 for Waikae bridge on Kauai were inserted as was an item of \$2,500 for expenses of the Bureau of Immigration. The bill then passed by sections and went to the committee on enrollment and revision. At 11:40 o'clock the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.
Rep. Isenberg introduced his bill relating to barbed wire fences and barbed wire on fences and Rep. Robertson followed suit with his bill relating to the decent of property.

Rep. Robertson gave notice of his intention to introduce an act to relieve the Sailor's Home Society of taxes and another relating to the carrying of mail by coasting vessels. Rep. Wilder read three reports that, for length, must surely have satisfied the members who, early in the week, objected to the handing in of reports for passage, indefinite postponement or laying on the table, of certain bills without further comment. In regard to House bill 59, relating to fraud in sale of foreign goods in the Republic of Hawaii, the Committee on Commerce recommends passage without amendment. "This Act is aimed to promote honesty in business dealings and to promote and protect Island production and manufacture. It is clearly an imposition and fraud upon the purchaser to have the quality or make of goods misrepresented in the way sought to be guarded against by

Warrimoo Notables.
Among the 148 through passengers for Vancouver and Victoria on the Warrimoo yesterday were the following:
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Captain Howard, wife and family, who are now on their way to London. Captain Howard is one of the richest men in the Colonies.
Mr. Wise of Wise Bros. Sydney, who is on his way to Canada and from there around the world. The Wise Bros. are prominent millers of Sydney.
Mr. Jonas, late Mayor of Timaru, New Zealand. Mr. Jonas is on his way to Vancouver to look into the frozen meat business.
General Hogge, who intends to spend the summer in fishing on the Canadian lakes.
Archdeacon Glinther of Parramatta, near Sydney, who, with wife and daughter, are taking a trip around the world.

For 1900 Exposition.
Commissioner Vossion, resident representative of the Government of France, called on the Hawaiian Minister of Foreign Affairs yesterday. The Harrison guard was paraded for the diplomat. Mr. Vossion interviewed Minister Cooper on the matter of an exhibit from the Islands for the grand World's Exposition to be held in the City of Paris in 1900. Minister Cooper will bring the subject to the attention of the President and his colleagues. It is very likely that the sentiments of the representative of France will be placed before the Legislature now sitting.

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this Act. The bill is calculated as above stated, to protect and foster Island manufacture and produce, and it has a commendable end and one which has already induced considerable legislation.

The second report was on House bill 61, "An Act to facilitate the recovery of rents." The committee recommended passage of the act. The report in part, is as follows: "In the opinion of the committee the method of enforcing rent by distraining the goods of the tenant gives undue power to the landlord and is likely to lead to abuses and also occasionally to positive breaches of peace. Many of the State legislatures have established this method of procedure, and we are of the opinion that the landlord will have sufficient protection by suit for the recovery of rent."

The third report of the Commerce Committee was on House bill 51, "An Act to amend Section 14 and 15 of Chapter 44 of the Session Laws of 1882," and to repeal Sections 17 and 18 of said Laws, relating to the sale of spirituous liquors. The committee recommended indefinite postponement.

There was some discussion on this report. Rep. Wilder, after reading his report, signed his own name thereto and then took it to Rep. Isenberg for his signature. Rep. Richards, the minority of the committee, objected and moved that the report be not accepted. Rep. Lobenstein took the same stand. Rep. Wilder apologized, saying that he thought he and Mr. Isenberg had already signed it. There was more objection and Rep. Wilder arose, asking, under suspension of rules, to again read the report. This was not favorably received. The Speaker ruled that the report should be allowed, as Mr. Wilder had explained matters.

All three reports were laid on the table to be considered with the bills. Rep. Isenberg asked leave of absence from 11 a. m. for the rest of the day. Granted.

Minister Cooper presented answers to questions propounded by Rep. Aehl. 1. "A large amount of additional work was imposed on both Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Reynolds from the time of Mr. R. W. Meyer's death."

2. "Mr. Reynolds has not thus far received additional compensation for these services but, owing to the expense he has incurred in making visits to the leper settlement, an allowance of \$50 per month has been voted to cover his expenses."

In view of the largely increased work which has devolved on Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Reynolds, an increase of salary has been asked for them.

3. "Mr. Hassinger was absent on leave between three and four months during the early part of 1896."

4. "Since Mr. Hassinger's return he has been confined to the house once, that is for the period of six weeks during February and March last."

"During Mr. Hassinger's absence from office, Mr. Jas. H. Boyd, first assistant clerk, performs the duties of chief."

6. "Mr. Boyd has not received any extra pay for these duties, nor has he asked for any, so far as I am aware."

Minister Cooper presented the following communication from the American Minister, relating to the resolution recently sent by the Legislature to the Government of the United States and dealing with the disaster to the Maine:

Legation of the United States, Honolulu, H. I., April 9, 1898.
Hon. H. E. Cooper,
Minister Foreign Affairs.
Sir:—I have the honor to inform you that I have today received instructions from my Government acknowledging receipt of the resolutions of the Hawaiian Legislature, expressing sympathy with the people of the United States in view of the disaster of the "Maine."

I am instructed to convey through you the deep appreciation of the Government of the United States for this manifestation of the sympathy of the Hawaiian Legislature.

Sir,
Your obedient servant,
HAROLD M. SEWALL,
E. E. and M. P. of the United States of America.
Minister Cooper asked for more time

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