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FAVOR THE CABLE

Committee Recommends Exclusive Franchise to Japan.

MORE MONEY FOR THIS SESSION

Legislative Funds Running Low. House Committee Reports on Rapid Transit.

SENATE.

Sixty-sixth Day, May 3.

The special committee considering the cable bill reported recommending the passage of the bill with an amendment giving an exclusive franchise for 20 years for a cable between Honolulu and Japan. The committee believed that the franchise affecting the Islands in the South Pacific should not be exclusive. The report was received to be considered with the bill. The recommendation of the committee is as follows:

In the opinion of this committee, the matter of cable communication of these Islands with the outside world comes next to annexation, and if obtained, will build up this port, so that it will be known as the "Queenstown of the Pacific," and will confer on Honolulu relatively the same advantages and prosperity that the Reciprocity Treaty gave to the Islands as a whole.

The bill introduced gave the Pacific Cable Co. an exclusive franchise for 20 years from and beyond the Hawaiian Islands to any other Islands in the Pacific Ocean and to Japan; the committee is willing to recommend an exclusive franchise for 20 years between these Islands and Japan, but not to any other Islands in the Pacific Ocean, and have therefore amended Section 1, so that the exclusive franchise to Japan will not cover any Islands or places between these Islands and Japan, that lie south of the tenth degree or parallel of north latitude, thus leaving all other Islands that may or might be necessary for the purpose of laying a cable from here to Australia or New Zealand open and untrammelled with any exclusive franchise from these Islands.

The company now seeking the benefit of the Act and the exclusive franchise to Japan is about the only one that has ever applied without asking for a subsidy, and from what your committee can learn mean business and we may confidently expect within two years to be connected with the United States by cable.

The right of laying a cable between here and the Pacific Coast of the United States is not exclusive nor was an exclusive right asked for that portion of the line. The principal reason for granting an exclusive right between here and Japan, is that the cost of laying is great (estimated at \$10,000,000), and if that amount of money should be spent, the projectors would naturally want some assurance that they would not have opposition between here and Japan for some time.

This committee think as long as no exclusive franchise is granted between these Islands, the north west coast of America and the Islands of the Pacific Ocean that lie south of the 10th degree of north latitude, no objection can be made by any foreign power whose interests are paramount or controlling in this part of the world.

The report concludes by incorporating its recommendations relative to the Islands of the North Pacific. The Committee on Passed Bills announced that the bill to appoint an additional temporary Circuit Judge and a bill accepting the Penal Laws compiled by S. M. Ballou, had been presented to the President for his approval.

The bill authorizing the Government to acquire and preserve ancient heiaus and pūhōnas or the sites or remains thereof passed second reading.

The bill defining the eligibility of persons to hold public office passed second reading and went to the Judiciary Committee.

The Public Lands Committee recommended that \$38,000 be appropriated for a new road from Kailua to Nahiku, Maui. After some discussion and examination of the surveyor's map, the item passed.

An item of \$2,500 for Court house at Kailua, Hawaii, was also passed. On motion of Senator Holstein an item of \$5,000 for a new road at Hokena, North Kona, and \$2,000 for road crusher, was inserted in the appropriation bill.

Minister Damon's appropriation bill for \$15,000 additional for expenses of

the present session of the Legislature passed first reading.

Senator Holstein asked for an itemized account of the expenses of the President and suite to the United States.

The light wine and beer license bill was made the special order for Wednesday.

Special appropriation bill 22, passed second reading as a whole and went to the Revision Committee.

Upon recommendation of the Judiciary Committee the bill, relating to notice of increased assessment of taxes and property, passed second reading.

The Judiciary Committee reported recommending the passage of the House bill abolishing the payment of one-half the fines for opium conviction to the informant. The report was accepted to be taken up with the bill.

The Public Lands Committee recommended the passage of the Land Act framed by the President. The report of the committee and the amendments made by them will be taken up with the bill.

The House bill permitting the withdrawal of alcohol free of duty from the Queen's Hospital was recommended by the Commerce Committee. The bill passed second reading. Third reading was set for Wednesday.

The Senate also passed a second reading the House bill fixing the duty on spirituous liquors, etc., made from materials other than grape juice. The bill as passed by the House stipulated that such beverages mentioned in the bill, if containing 9 per cent and not more than 14 per cent of alcohol, should be subject to pay a duty of 60 cents per gallon; more than 14 per cent and not more than 21 per cent of alcohol, should pay a duty of \$1 per gallon. It also provided that sake, if containing not more than 17 per cent of alcohol, should be subject to pay a specific duty of 60 cents per gallon.

The amendments recommended by the committee and adopted by the Senate changed the percentage governing the specific duty from 14 to 17 per cent, and struck out the proviso for sake. The latter change was made on the ground that the amended percentage would include sake as well as other liquors under the 60 cents per gallon duty.

At 11:45 o'clock the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Rep. Pogue read the report of the special committee on the Rapid Transit bill, in part, as follows:

"All of the amendments proposed by the Minister of the Interior are for more specifically defining as well as limiting the rights of the association and others. The amendments proposed to Section 8 we do not approve of as we do not believe that the practice of having mail boxes on passenger cars will work well. Again by another amendment, mail carriers are granted free transportation on all cars of the association and we believe that this should suffice and would be in practice far better than mail boxes. We do therefore recommend that this amendment be laid upon the table, but all other amendments with amendments proposed, be adopted."

Report laid on the table to be considered with the bill.

House bill 57, relating to foreign corporations was made the special order of the day for Wednesday.

Second reading of House bill 65, relating to rapid transit, with report of committee on the bill. One member explained the work of the committee and the disposition of the amendments made by the Minister of the Interior.

The amended sections as proposed by the committee were referred back to the Printing Committee to be reprinted. Rep. Kahaulelio was appointed on the committee to assist Rep. Paris. Rep. Robertson stated that he had been the one largely instrumental in getting the bill into its present middle and should by rights, assist in the work of taking out the tangles.

Third reading of House bill 72, relating to barbed wire fences. Unanimously passed.

Report 108, relating to registry of deeds, was laid on the table to be considered with the appropriation bill.

First reading of Senate bill 35, amendment to the Session Laws of 1895, relating to the National Guard of Hawaii. Rules suspended and the bill read second time by title. Referred to the Military Committee.

House adjourned at 11 a. m.

DEPENDABLE BARGAINS.

Now that the stock of the fire sale is out of the way, L. B. Kerr will turn over a new leaf and offer to the trade a personally selected stock of beautiful dry goods at prices with prices attacked which competition can not touch.

A very sensational novel by John R. Musick, well known here, has been put on the market by Wall, Nichols. The story is called "Mysterious Mr. Howard" and has for one incident the assassination of Jesse James by "Bob" Ford at St. Joseph, Mo.

"AN ISLAND GOD"

"New Book" a Tale of the First Kamehameha.

IT IS BY GURDON S. MUMFORD

Before the Missionaries Came. Said to Be a Clever Story—Love and War in Olden Times.

The 1893 affair here and again the uprising of two years later caused or called forth a flood of literature on the Islands. The fount is not yet exhausted. It seems likely that Hawaii will for all time afford themes for story writers and those who recount travel as well as the serious essayists. The Kiloheana Art League has given an impetus to the work of local writers and the pen wielders abroad find that a tale set in the Islands carries a certain amount of prestige. So far this year there have come from the press the books of Prof. John R. Musick and Liliuokalani. A third of pretension has been added to the list and will be at the stores in due time. It is thus reviewed by an American publication under the suggestive heading: "Before the Missionaries Came."

"An Island God: A Tale of the First Kamehameha," by Gurdon S. Mumford, is a pretty little story, written in a light, pleasing style, with a semi-historical background, and presents the picturesque period which preceded the amalgamation and civilization of the Hawaiian Islands. The scenes of the story are laid on the Island of Oahu, where is situated the present chief city, Honolulu—at the time when Kalanikupule was king.

The story relates the adventures of a Jesuit priest who is wrecked on the tropical Island of Oahu, and is held a prisoner by the natives, who believe him a god. He is beloved by a native girl, Aloha, who, when he is about to be sacrificed by the king to appease the anger of the pagan gods, proposes that he fly to her tribe and act as their leader in making terms of peace with the great Kamehameha, who is on the point of attacking the Island, having just conquered Maui. Her only stipulation is that he take her for his wife. Owing to the priest's pledge of celibacy, he bids her go. Later in the day, Kamehameha lands with his followers, and, having been informed by Aloha of the place where Kalanikupule has gathered his men, hastens to save the life of the white god. But he is too late, for as they draw near the temple of sacrifice, built of bleached bones and grinning skulls, the priest, his body bruised and charred beyond recognition, springs out from the pillar of smoke, only to fall dead at their feet.

The volume is supplemented with "An Historical Sketch of the Hawaiian Islands from the Earliest Times to the Present Day," which is rather fragmentary but interesting. Of the victory of Kamehameha over Kalanikupule, Professor Frank Woodward, the author of the historical sketch says:

"In 1795, Kamehameha undertook the conquest of the island of Oahu. The king of this island, Kalanikupule, had just received a few English guns from Captain Brown, who had landed at Honolulu in the schooner Jackal. Kamehameha, in planning to attack Oahu, raised the largest army ever seen in the Islands, including about sixteen thousand men, of whom sixteen were foreigners, in charge of his cannons and musketry. It is said that his war-canoes lined the shore for four miles. The decisive battle occurred in a long, sloping valley called Nuuanu, which cuts transversely, with vertical sides, through the mountains and ends in a steep precipice called the Pali, over a thousand feet high. The army of Kalanikupule fought well, until their leader was killed by a cannonball, when they weakened, and those who were not killed were driven over the precipice to death. For many years the bones of these warriors could be found in heaps below. Soon afterward, the only other large island, Kauai, gave itself up to Kamehameha, and the work of uniting the Islands under one government was completed."

Only a "Jolly."

There was excitement along the water front shortly after the arrival of the Mauna Loa yesterday forenoon. One of the employes of the Inter-Island company spread the report about that the Mauna Loa had brought down

the news of the arrival of a sailing vessel in Hilo after a quick trip from San Francisco. She had brought down the news of the engagement of the Spanish and American fleets off Havana and the destruction of the Texas and Indiana. People did not stop to inquire further into the case but swallowed the yarn in toto. A reporter on one of the afternoon papers was a victim and had it not been for the fact that he saw Purser Tuft who denied the story, the city might have been treated to another sensation.

Finished With Othello.

The class in Shakespeare which Prof. Cora McDonald has been conducting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Atherton finished last evening with Othello. Considerable discussion on the play itself and the various characters was had. Miss McDonald quoted the eminent critics and gave her own views in a succinct manner. It so happened that there were present those who differed with the greatest students of Shakespeare. There will next be read by the class "The Winter's Tale," affording a further opportunity for the analysis or study of jealousy as a moving passion.

Prayer Aboard Ship.

The Y. M. C. A. held a very interesting service aboard the Bennington last evening. Secretary Coleman made a short address, Miss Hammond sang and Mr. McComb, chairman of the visiting and shipping committees of the Y. M. C. A. read a short article by Chaplain Wood of the navy yard at Brooklyn on the Maine disaster, following this with a strong appeal to the men to enlist as Christians. Twenty-five stood up and wished to be remembered in prayer by the Christians ashore. Twelve openly confessed Christ.

Unions Retire.

The Union baseball team is no more. A meeting of the League was held in the hall of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday. Manager Goudie stated that it was impossible to get together a team capable of fighting on an equal footing with the Regiment and Honolulu teams. He proposed that each of the teams mentioned pay him \$20. He had already expended \$53 on material for the team. This was accepted. It is now proposed to arrange for a series of 15 games between the remaining teams.

In Circuit Court.

Before Judge Perry yesterday the appeal of Helen and John Hilo, for mitigation of sentence passed by the District Court, was denied. These natives had been convicted of conducting a che fa game for the patronage of Chinese and others. The woman was fined \$100 and the man \$50 and costs. John Gilman, the amateur bicycle racer, was found guilty by jury on the charge of being unlawfully on the premises of another at night. Notice of motion for a new trial was given.

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