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**A BLACK BERRY A. U. P. NOMINEE**

Prof. Koebele's Hunt for a New Coffee Pest.

**IS NO GREAT DANGER**

Lack of Shade—Preventative Work—Affairs in Oiaa and Kona. Leaves.

Professor Koebele, the Government entomologist, has returned from Hawaii, where he has been giving close attention to one or two coffee diseases. He secured much valuable information, which has led him to believe that there is not much cause for alarm.

The coffee planters of Oiaa and Puna have been panic-stricken by the appearance of the black berry. The disease is in the nature of a small black spot which appears on the leaf and the berry. It dries up and leaves a little dark hole. Professor Koebele asserts that the disease is not injurious to the berry or the tree itself. Its damage is in forming on the leaf and causing it to drop off. This, of course, decreases the yield of the tree.

"The trouble is due to climatic conditions," said Professor Koebele last evening. "Under certain conditions it might become troublesome, but I do not look for this. The planters will be obliged to spray the leaves with fungicides, probably Bordeaux mixture. This will undoubtedly be beneficial, but the number and time of application will have to be determined by experiments.

Some time ago I forwarded some of these diseased coffee leaves to B. T. Galloway, chief of United States Division of Vegetable Physiology and Pathology, at Washington. I am in receipt of a reply from Mr. Galloway in which he states that the leaves show a fungus which has been described under the name of "Cercospora Coffeicola." The chief says that the fungus is closely related to one which occurs on celery in the United States and causes considerable injury to the leaves. Other fungi of the same group occur on the cherry and the almond and cause the leaves to drop off, he says.

"In my travels over Hawaii, I very seldom found the black berry where the trees were protected by shade.

"Now in regard to the disease known as a Fusarium fungi, reported by A. M. Wilson, of Waialae, Hilo. I can report that the planters are taking proper precautions to check it. The preventive measures taken include the careful gathering and destruction of as much of the diseased material as possible, together with the best cultivation under existing conditions."

Professor Koebele speaks very hopefully of coffee. The two diseases mentioned are but very slight blights and can be easily taken care of. Oiaa district, he found to be in a very satisfactory condition. There is every promise of a great coffee production in the near future. The elevation of a large proportion of the district makes the age of bearing much later than on the lowlands. The Professor still believes there is too much rain there, but finds the moisture decreasing as the country is opened up. The Kona district is in fine condition, there being little or no blight there. The coming crop will be the largest ever gathered.

The planting of sugar cane is in progress about Kailua. Both cane and coffee are growing to an advantage as high as 3,500 feet in the Kona districts.

**Back Per Kinau.**

The steamer Kinau arrived on Saturday night from Hawaii with a number of passengers from Hilo and way ports and the usual cargo of island produce and live stock. Among the passengers were:

D. B. Smith, the well known capitalist, who returns from his trip to Hawaii.

Professor A. Koebele, the entomologist and agent of the Bureau of Agriculture, who has been investigating the recent blight on the Oiaa coffee plantations.

Elders Smith, Wooley and Davie, of the Mormon church, who have been officiating at the dedication of a place of worship on Hawaii.

L. M. Whitehouse and John Wilson, the prominent road builders, who have just been awarded a big contract for roads on Hawaii.

C. T. Day, returning from a business trip to Hilo.

Capt. C. Rock, the well known mariner.

Henry Waterhouse, who has been investigating his plantation interests on Maui.

J. S. Walker, the insurance man, returning from a business trip.

A. N. Kepoikai, the attorney, who comes to the city on legal business.

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 the employment of Asiatic labor upon any public works, or of prison labor in any mechanical pursuit. We believe the welfare of the Government and of the people would be advanced by the withdrawal of the more criminal classes of convicts from road work, the same to be employed on a penal farm in the development of many possible and varied agricultural interests.

(5) We recommend legislation prohibiting importation by the Government of material of any kind whatever.

(6) We demand a more speedy improvement of our harbors and wharfage facilities to meet the requirements of our rapidly increasing commerce; the immediate acquirement by the government of all harbor front property throughout the Islands, and that such properties be at all times free of access to the public.

(7) We urge the adoption of an equitable graduated income tax system, to the end that certain existing petty and burdensome levy may cease.

(8) We advocate continuation of the Government's policy in promotion of the occupancy of public lands by small holders, and the encouragement of various industries.

(9) We pledge all the power and influence this party may possess to aggressive endeavor to further restrict Asiatic immigration.

(10) We are of the firm conviction that one of the first and highest duties of the American Union Party administration is to hasten to a realization the recently inaugurated effort to add to the population of these Islands by assisting the emigration of farmers, laborers and artisans from the United States of America.

(11) We especially commend the notable results attained and the intelligent efforts being put forth in the direction of extending and improving the public school system.

(12) We urge that the necessary steps be taken to carry out the plans for the proper sewerage of Honolulu.

(13) We urge the Government to secure cable communication for the Islands.

(14) We declare our opposition to trusts and monopolies of all kinds.

(15) We recommend the establishment of a public park in Aala, and a legislative act making the Waikiki beach property, now owned by the Government, a part of Kapiolani Park, and that all of the said land be open for the use of the public.

(16) We cite the present peaceful and prosperous condition of the country as work of the American Union Party, and invite to join our ranks those citizens who have faith in a plain and progressive Government of equality.

Besides the press representatives the convention spectators numbered but five: Mr. McStocker, Col. W. L. Fisher, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Minton, Mr. Richardson.

**IN PORT AGAIN.**

**The Favorite Cruiser Philadelphia Once More a Visitor.**

The United States cruiser Philadelphia anchored in naval row at 8 o'clock Saturday morning, eleven days from San Diego. As soon as loaded she will continue her voyage to Apia. Her slow passage is accounted for by the big cruiser's bottom being very foul from long absence from dry docking. The officers on board the Philadelphia are as follows:

Rear Admiral Kautz, commander in chief; Lieutenant W. G. Miller, flag lieutenant; Ensign D. T. Sellers, flag secretary; Capt. Edwin White, commanding; Lieutenant Commander T. H. Stevens, executive officer; Lieutenant P. V. Landsdale, navigator; Lieutenants G. W. Brown, H. A. Field, P. H. Brown, Ensign J. R. Monaghan, Naval Cadets J. F. Babcock, D. C. Hanrahan, G. C. Sweet, G. T. Pattingil, Passed Assistant Surgeon G. A. Lutz, Passed Assistant Surgeon H. E. Odell, Fleet Paymaster J. R. Stanton, Chief Engineer A. B. Bates, Passed Assistant Engineer W. W. Bush, Chaplain A. McAlister, First Lieutenant, marines, C. M. Perkins, fleet; Pay Clerk O. G. Haskett, Pay Clerk J. J. Doyle, fleet; Acting Boatswain J. S. Croghan, Acting Gunner C. E. Jaffe, Acting Carpenter J. A. Barton.

She carries 369 men, 52 marines and 27 officers.

**A Wedding.**

The marriage of Miss Bessie Afong to I. R. Burns will take place this evening at 8:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Afong on Nuuanu avenue.

Rev. John Osborne will officiate. Miss Carrie Afong, a sister of the bride elect, will be bridesmaid. The couple will make their home on Emma street in the premises formerly occupied by Postmaster-General Osa.

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