

Observations.

To judge from the President's message it seems that he has literally gone into the land business.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger devotes a column and a half to Hawaiian affairs. The last paragraph is entirely in reference to John Ross, who served in the U. S. navy during the war. The State Department invites particular attention to his case, he having been illegally imprisoned in Oahu Jail for fifty-one days.

The official organ seems to be very much worked up because the friends of the ex-queen still fail to see the reason of Colonel McLean's intrusion on her privacy. The great commander, who during the last few days has taken occasion to tell several kamaainas what a powerful gun he is, declares that he is very solicitous of the Queen's health. Whenever the medical advice of himself or his military doctor is needed he will be sent for. Until then their services are not wanted.

It seems some people were in a dreadful stew about the fourth of July celebration this year. In former years it was left to the American Minister to call a meeting of Americans, and he always did it—from Daggett to Willis—about the 15th of June. This year the committee of last year had the gall to intervene before the usual time and impudently ask the American Minister what he was going to do about it. At the same time they practically insulted the Minister by asking him if he would father a celebration of the birth of the Republic of Hawaii, whose government has lost no opportunity of insulting the government of the United States. As Captain Cochrane, of the U. S. Marine Corps, orator of the day last year, was censured by the Navy Department for his freshness in calling for three cheers for the Hawaiian Republic before the concern was recognized by the United States Government, Minister Willis cannot possibly have anything to do with the proposed joint "Americo-Hawaiian" celebration. He is here as the representative of America and Americans.

The First Fruit.

The Labor Commission has been heard from. A report on the coffee industry was yesterday distributed among the members of the Legislature. The authors of the funny work are W. N. Armstrong, J. Emmeluth, J. M. Vivas, T. B. Murray and H. W. Severance. Anybody reading the report will be seized with an uncontrollable desire to burst out laughing. The ideas presented are nearly as unique as the

English in which they are clothed. The sugar planter gets a solid roasting from one end to the other. An attempt is made to boom the small farming racket again and a general invitation is given to American farmers to come to Hawaii and cultivate cabbage for shipment to Puget Sound. It is stated with great seriousness that we have been too dependent upon the single industry of sugar. Thurston's guava jelly is ignored but we are blamed because we never have systematically raised hay and grain for cattle and horses. If we go into the hay business a lot of men and women could find labor and support, and we are told that we urgently need to improve the social and political conditions of the country.

Yet we thought that with the advent of the republic the country was very short of being a Paradise. In talking about the coffee nothing is said about the blight which to-day has destroyed the finest plantation on Hawaii, but then the commission cannot at the present moment obtain or furnish complete data in the matter of coffee. If that is so we fail to see why a report has been issued at all. We are told that there are about 150,000 acres in Puna suitable for coffee, and it is here that the small farmer is invited to plant himself and eat or ship cabbage while the coffee and the blight are growing. In Ceylon, says the report, are 204,000 acres planted with coffee, and it takes 200,000 laborers to look after it. With the small American farmer around it is believed that one man can cultivate from three to five acres and the women and children—whom the commission seems to provide for—can do the picking of berries and the clipping of coupons. Twenty thousand acres of coffee land is valued by the interesting commission at \$10,000,000, which at present tax rates means \$100,000 a year to the government. The commission, that evidently knows the ropes, adds very innocently that "the coffee plantations would be valued for purposes of taxation at considerably lower figures." We believe you. When the commission gets into figures it becomes enthusiastic. Twenty thousand acres with 800 trees to the acre will yield 16,000,000 pounds of coffee which amounts to a value of \$2,400,000 a year. This divided among 4,800 families would give each \$500 a year, which proves that 20,000 persons could derive a comfortable living from the moderate acreage mentioned. How the commission arrives at that audacious conclusion is beyond our comprehension. In the lucrative income to be derived from coffee no account has been taken of the cabbage, fruit, poultry and meat which the small farm-

er is to live on and sell. The report tells us that the value of these products, even if not sold, is of great importance in the economy of life. Sure! However, in another chapter, the commission hesitates and says that it is a matter yet to be determined if the coffee industry ever will be extremely profitable.

It was generally understood that Kalakaua was the main instrument in securing the Reciprocity Treaty, but the commission informs us that the treaty was due to American statesmen. A great fact has dawned on the commission and that is the plantations are money making and not philanthropic affairs. What wisdom! What brilliancy! It borders on mind reading.

The commission does not desire to give financial aid to the 20,000 small American farmers who are to come here and cultivate coffee. It only wishes to "protect them from imposition." Great Scott! and yet they want the poor men to dig up their hard earned dollars and invest them in the Puna rocks! The "white men" are also told that it is all nonsense that they cannot work in the tropics. The commission gets quite poetic in its description of the Eldorado which will be realized with coffee and cabbage. At the same time it draws a very uninviting picture of life at present in the "cheerless" quarters of our sugar plantations.

Of course Asiatic immigration must be stopped at once, and the commission has reason to believe that thousands of families in the United States would come here if they could get land in fee simple. That is probably the reason why Armstrong has gone to Japan. To provide a job for some friend the commission advocates the appointment of an agent to go to the States and inform the people that Hawaii is ready to encourage immigration. It is regretted that American immigration hasn't been encouraged in the past. If it had we would have had material "for an intelligent and patriotic citizen soldiery," a "guarantee against filibustering expeditions, etc." That sounds very encouraging for peacefully inclined citizens. The report finishes with an earnest appeal to energetic young men to cultivate vegetables, and they are told that it "requires unusual intelligence and skill" to raise the cabbage. That seems rather a compliment to the Chinese vegetable men in town. If the balance of the work of the labor commission is to be at par with this first report it is a pity that the commission ever was appointed and money ever spent on its work. The report is disjointed, jumbled and incorrect, and of no earthly use either here or elsewhere.

Cricket.

The cricket match which was advertised to be played on Kamehameha day did not take place, for the simple reason that many of the Philadelphia team did not put in an appearance. This caused considerable disappointment to the spectators as well as to the Honolulu Cricket Club, and to those of the Philadelphia team who appeared on the ground fully expecting a good game. However, sides were picked and some good cricket indulged in. The batting of some of the Honolulu team was very good, while Wardell of the Philadelphia shewed himself to be a very good bowler, for he took four wickets with a loss of three runs, a really good average.

Telephones on Hawaii.

Representative E. E. Richards on Hawaii has been head telephone operator on that island, at the central station at Hilo, for many years. The other evening he was met in company with L. S. Aungst, promoter and constructor of the new system on the big island, at the Arlington. They said that by the combination of the old and the new lines, communication could be had at all the important centers. There is a central station at Naalehu, district of Kau, which can converse directly with Hilo. The rates are lower than for the stations on Oahu connecting with Honolulu.

Sans Souci.

This favorite resort added to its popularity by the elegant lunch and dinner served on the 11th of June. A large number of people took advantage of the close vicinity to the race track and visited the place. Many submitted to the temptations of the ocean and took a bath before returning to the track. Tomorrow and on the 4th of July special lunches will be served for the benefit of the public that will take in the athletic sports and the races.

The Colima Horror.

By the bark Andrew Welch, which brought three days' later news, the most important item received is regarding the ill-fated steamer Colima. The vessel was found floating bottom up, showing that she had capsized. Only thirty-four of all the souls on board were saved. This shows that the worst information by mail did not surpass the frightful reality.

He Ran Away.

Kahuku Boy got into his ugly mood yesterday morning and ran away from Jim Crow, who was driving in a brake and leading the horse. The horse in the brake was pulled to the ground and broke a leg, and Jim Crow was thrown out of the brake. Kahuku Boy steered for Waikiki and went along King Street in excellent time. He is probably running yet.

The Monarch Arrives.

The Hawaiian Hardware Co. received the expected invoice of bicycles in the Andrew Welch. Now is the chance for the lovers of the wheel to secure a bicycle which can beat anything in the line of speed, comfort and durability. Get on to the Monarch.

Timely Copies

June 13, 1895.

It cannot be denied that the roads in Honolulu and suburbs are kept in a very fair and good condition. The road supervisor is devoting all his time and as much money as he can get in keeping the roads in good order and the driving and riding public appreciates his efforts. Nowadays, we do not drive in the old-fashioned brakes that used to shake the insides out of the driver. We do not either patronize old stiff-legged horses the motions of which were mild, only in comparison with riding on a rail out of a western town. Civilization has advanced and we go right along with it. Honolulu can boast of as fine turnouts as any big cities in the United States. The horses used are of superior breed, and every stranger admires the fine stock seen in our streets and on the race track. But it is not given to everybody to possess horse and carriage. It takes money to get them and to keep them, and for that reason we are going to meet the demands of those to whom phaetons and thoroughbreds are a grade too high. Buy a Monarch and the roads of Honolulu will be equal pleasure to the rider of that famous wheel as they are to the swell horseman and driver. The Monarch bicycle is among the high grade wheels. It is now the favorite in the United States and the Monarch Cycle Manufacturing Company is simply unable to attend to the orders which are crowding in, so that it has to enlarge its factories greatly to meet the demand. We have succeeded in securing an invoice of eleven which will arrive here during the next week and we can offer them at a very reasonable figure. The Monarch frame is made of the best quality of spirally drawn Mannesmann Steel Tubing and it is built for appearance as well as for speed. The Monarch frame is very rigid, very strong, very light, very graceful and very comfortable. All Monarch bearings are fitted with the Binns Patent Ball Holder and Dust Protector, which makes it possible to remove the cones of all lateral bearings without disturbing the balls.

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A Kingfisher bicycle lamp will perhaps be suitable for Waikiki, while a Demon lamp seems to indicate meeting with the mounted police.

The Monarch racers for ladies and gentlemen will commend themselves to everybody who enjoys a spin. We will at some future day devote more space to fully describe the superb bicycle. As soon as our invoice arrives we will invite you to inspect the wheel, if they are not all ordered beforehand.

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July 4th, 1895

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