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BELCHER IN AUSTRALIA

Fugitive Evades Cops--- Detective and Saunders.

The following dispatch indicates that Belcher, the fugitive ex-Mayor of Paterson, N. J., slipped through Honolulu after all on his way to the Colonies:

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—William Henry Belcher, Mayor of Paterson, N. J., fugitive from justice and embezzler of more than \$200,000 from financial institutions, has been located at Yehri, Queensland, Australia. He is residing there with his old friend, James Robertson, a former Patersonian, who left home under similar circumstances more than fifteen years ago.

Leaving Paterson on July 31 last, Belcher boarded a train at Little Falls, three miles from Paterson. At Newark he boarded a train for the West, arriving in San Diego, Cal., five days later. He had shaved off his mustache and otherwise attempted to disguise himself.

Belcher passed several days at San Diego, and this fact assisted him in defeating an attempt at capture at the instigation of Governor Stokes and Prosecutor Emley, when the ship on which he had engaged passage as "William H. Pitcher" was searched at San Francisco and Honolulu. When placed under arrest in San Francisco, Belcher called upon his San Diego friends to prove his identity and they did so, claiming him to be a business man of that city. When the ship was en route to Honolulu, Governor Stokes cabled the Sheriff at Honolulu, informing him of the suspicions of the local authorities.

Again the vessel was stopped. Belcher had made a friend on board the ship or taken a confederate with him from San Diego. This man informed the authorities that the man they had picked out as Belcher was a San Diego business man on his way to Australia. The story was believed and Belcher once more escaped arrest.

The call also has the following concerning Captain Saunders' alleged connection with the Belcher matter:

Captain J. W. Saunders of the Manchuria, who is in trouble with the Federal authorities over his naturalization papers, which are alleged to have been forged, may also find himself in trouble with the police when he returns from his present voyage to the Orient. When William Henry Belcher, the defaulting Mayor of Paterson, N. J., who has been located in Western Australia, came to this city he took passage on the Manchuria, representing himself as a preacher named Pilcher. Detective Ed Gibson was watching the passengers boarding the steamship and arrested Belcher from a photograph sent from New Jersey. Belcher was indignant, claiming that his name was Pilcher, a preacher. He appealed to Captain Saunders and the captain told Gibson he had made a mistake, as he had known Pilcher for several years. On that positive statement Gibson allowed Belcher to leave with the steamship.

If Gibson had held his prisoner he would have been entitled to a reward of \$25,000, which was offered for Belcher's capture.

OLD FISHMARKET FOR A NATATORIUM

That large iron and glass pavilion once called the Honolulu Market, built at a cost of many thousand dollars, is now a source of revenue amounting to \$10 a month, derived from a lonesome Japanese fish seller. The Legislature of 1903 caused an almost complete abandonment of this valuable property when it conceded to a Chinese hui the right to sell fish on Ke-kaulike street. The wily Chinese enucleated our unopposed Territorial fathers out of a handsome annual income. In order to make the best of a bad bargain it has been suggested by a resident of Honolulu to turn the structure into a natatorium, where the people can be given full indulgence in salt water bathing without going to out-of-town places. Sea water could be pumped from a point near the reef and one or two plunge baths constructed in the center of the pavilion. Fifty or more private rooms for shower or tub baths could be introduced and a wide observation gallery at an elevation of 20 feet made to run around the inside of the entire structure. A salt water bath is a tonic in the morning and a sedative in the evening. It would be an ideal place for swimming exhibitions, with band concerts to enliven the events. Prices could be scaled from 25 cents down to a nickel to reach the most indigent or to accord with the class of accommodation. Some private company could perhaps carry on such a business better than the Government.—Paradise of the Pacific.

THE MAILS.

Mails are due from the following points as follows:
San Francisco—Per Coptic, Oct. 27.
Victoria—Per Moana, Nov. 18.
Colonies—Per Sierra, Nov. 7.
Orient—Per Mongolia, Oct. 27.
Mails will depart as follows:
San Francisco—Per Mongolia, Oct. 28.
Colonies—Per Ventura, Nov. 7.
Orient—Per Coptic, Oct. 27.
Victoria—Per Aorangi, Nov. 15.

Sam Johnson finds the automobile does better than the three horses he formerly used up daily in the inspection of road work, at present going on at twenty-eight different places, with from 300 to 400 men and 150 horses employed.

FIRMS TO CONSOLIDATE

The Coyne and Porter Furniture Companies May Unite.

A consolidation of the firms of The Porter Furniture Company and the Coyne Furniture Company is being negotiated, to take place about the first of the year.

Should the deal be reached, a new company would be formed with a capital of about \$50,000. The business would probably be conducted in the corner store in the Alexander Young building now occupied by the Porter Furniture Company.

The plans are to make a big concern.

HEALTH BOARD WILL VISIT

(Continued from Page 1.)

Board of Health respected and obeyed, they should only refer to those things that are of grave importance and which, in a measure, public sentiment would assist in other words, I mean those that can be practically enforced.

Most of the regulations set forth in this paper might prove very serviceable printed on cards and distributed, the public being requested to comply with them in order to do away with the mosquitoes. But if they are made part of your Rules and Regulations and there is no way of enforcing them, would they not then cause a loss of respect for the Board?

On the other hand, an expression of the Board of Health's opinion by a regulation which provides that all ponds and pools of water, tanks, receptacles, vases, cans, or anything capable of holding water, or other places in which mosquitoes are breeding are causes of sickness and, therefore, declared nuisances would be to my mind a better course to follow.

I do not see how you are going to invoke the authority of law you have against a person if he vacates a premises without emptying all the containers of water or protecting the water closet or tank so that the mosquitoes can not breed therein. They are certainly not nuisances at the time he vacates the premises. But on the other hand, if you have a regulation which provides that, in case mosquitoes are breeding there, then it is a nuisance, upon such an issue you might win out.

Your Section 10 attempts to delegate the authority of the Board to subordinate officials, including the police officers of the counties. I doubt whether you can delegate such authority.

Your Section 11 provides that all taro fields found to be breeding places shall be reported to the Board of Health by the owners, occupiers, or officers of the Board of Health or counties. Such a regulation will not make the owners report any further than they do at present, and you have a statute already making it the duty of certain officials to report such matters.

The remaining regulations in regard to the larvae-eating fish might be taken by some to be a usurpation of legislative functions, although, of course, they are excellent in themselves.

G. R. CARTER,
Governor.

THE TERRITORY'S WARDS.

Plans were submitted by the president for three small cottages on the grounds formerly occupied by the Kapiolani Girls' Home, adjoining the Kapihoni Receiving Station. He said there was probably sufficient lumber in the old building to furnish two-thirds of the necessary material. The Legislature appropriated \$2000 for this purpose. The object was to provide six independent rooms where suspects could have complete privacy, if they desired, until their condition was fully determined under the rules of the Board.

It was voted that the president be authorized to proceed with the erection of the buildings.

On the advice of Mr. McVeigh, the Board denied the application of Lul Hoolapa to have his eighteen-year-old daughter sent to the Settlement as his kokua. She was not needed, the applicant's wife being now his kokua.

Mrs. Kanamu Mokuhaui's petition to have her married daughter, about forty years of age, as her kokua was granted. The petitioner had a comfortable home of her own at the Settlement, she was a worthy woman and, being over seventy years of age, not likely to live much longer.

Mrs. Hawea's petition for a kokua was also granted, as the relative she wanted was a butcher whose services were needed.

Mr. McVeigh, in answer to questions, said he would forward a list of the kokuas at the Settlement. Many of them were useless, but could not be allowed to starve. "We can not get rid of them," the superintendent said. "The Lunallilo Home won't take them. Some have been at the Settlement for twenty or twenty-five years. What can we do with them?"

The Kalaupapa Fishing Co. was allowed on motion to establish a bakery at the Settlement. Mr. McVeigh said there were three bakeries there already, yet he did not see how the application should be refused. Many of the people required soft bread rations. The new bakery would keep its owners

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Of the earlier numbers, long since out of print, many issues were entirely exhausted, making it necessary to reset and reprint all such numbers, thus adding materially to the cost. This extra expense was more than justified, however, by the valuable nature of much of the matter contained in these old numbers, matter that cannot be found elsewhere than in these books and that is valuable really beyond price to the plantation interests.

These Planters are uniformly bound in full law sheep, giving them an attractive appearance in addition to their durability.

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working. It would mean a survival of the fittest and probably cheaper bread.

President Pinkham reported that the Sisters at the Kapiolani Girls' Home had, almost entirely by their own efforts and their common expenses, enlarged the accommodations of the Home and were now prepared to receive all the girl children at the Settlement. He had directed Dr. Goodhue to make an examination of the children, and that all found clean be sent to Honolulu within sixty days. "This course will strain the resources of the Home," the president's message read, "for the appropriation granted by the Legislature never contemplated the number of children that must be supported.

"The Boys' Home should have our attention at the earliest possible moment. We are obliged to delay a few months, as the appropriation will not carry through the fiscal period."

SANITARY MATTERS.

The president gave a summary of sanitation work in Honolulu and Hilo for September. The reports of Dr. J. S. B. Pratt, chief sanitary officer and inspector of cemeteries, for August and September were read. For the past month, of seven nuisances reported five had been abated. Seven applications for restaurant licenses were approved. A lodging house license, with room for 63 persons, was approved. There had been thirty-six inspections of graves, with several exposures of old coffins noted. One conviction for nuisance was obtained and, while sentence was under suspension, the nuisance was abated by the offender.

Praise was bestowed by the president on the excellent work done in Hilo during the month.

The work of the Honolulu inspectors for September consisted of 7350 inspections, 1531 orders finished out of 1622 given, 16 permits for keeping 415 pigs granted, also four permits for keeping 600 ducks, and 36 1-4 days of special duty performed.

Under Inspector Bowman at Hilo 1200 inspections were made and 262 orders given and carried out. The number of traps set in Hilo was 1820 and pieces of poisoned food placed 3338, and 281 rats were caught, 1729 pieces of poisoned food taken and 50 rats found dead. There had been 960 inspections under the mosquito crusade in Hilo, 534 applications of oil made, 165 gutters cleaned, eight pools filled in and six drained off.

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