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A BIT OF SUGAR HISTORY.

Every once in a while the good faith of the planters of Hawaii is assailed in some such way as this. We quote from a speech by Senator Foster of Louisiana:

The report handed in to Congress (1876) was in effect to prove that the limit of sugar production in Hawaii had already been nearly reached; that United States producers could not possibly be affected injuriously; and that the isolated condition of the people on the Pacific Coast made it imperative that this source of supply be opened up to them. That report said: "Nor can there be fear of any great increase in the production of this (Hawaii) sugar, in view of the steadily diminishing population of the Islands."

At that time, the then Secretary of the Treasury put the limit of the stimulation of sugar imports from Hawaii into this country due to remissions of duties at 12,500 tons annually.

In 1875 we imported 8944 tons of sugar from Hawaii. In 1907 those imports had increased to 440,017 tons, or nearly fifty times as much as in 1875. What a prodigious error those prognosticators made.

The planters spoke according to their lights, and they had no conception of what a vast arid area would develop to fructify waste lands, nor did they have reason to believe that a way could be found to suddenly increase the population. A legislative committee had tried to find a method and failed. Most people were very sceptical in 1876 about the sugar industry here. It was then a small affair, such as certain other industries are now, and there were plenty of people to cry it down. Several plantations were bankrupt. Yet, when fortune began to favor island sugar, there were official folk who chose to say that the planters had won through misrepresentation. But the latter did nothing of the kind. In 1876 not the most sanguine among them could foresee an industry that would arouse the green-eyed monster in the Louisiana cane-fields.

OUR ENERGIZED LATIN.

The Filipinos who go to Hawaii will probably develop greater industry than they ever exhibited at home, and a considerable share of them may become valuable laborers. Incidentally, it is quite probable that the knowledge that they will obtain of modern methods of cultivating sugar cane will help toward the enlargement of the sugar-growing industry in the Philippines, when the Filipino laborers return home after a few years' employment in Hawaii.—Seattle P.-I.

The Filipinos have already developed greater industry here than they ever did at home. They are accounted good workmen. The same is true of the Porto Ricans and the Azoreans. Climatic reasons have something to do with this; better pay has much to do with it; but an important reason is that there is a busy environment here—that is, as compared with the home environment of the insular Latin. The motto of most tropical countries is never to do today what can be put off until tomorrow; but Caucasian energy has changed all that, at least in the conduct of industrial enterprises. There is a contagion in work as well as in idleness; and a Filipino at home, surrounded by lazy and shiftless sun-bathers, is a very different man from the Filipino in the whirling sugar mills and bustling cane-gangs of Hawaii. The change wrought among the Portuguese who have been here a long time can best be observed by men who visit the Azores and compare them with the people they left behind. And the same is true of more recent comers, the Porto Ricans.

One of the reasons why Europe has shown so little sympathy with the aspirations of Crete is to be found in its desire to uphold the constitutional regime in Turkey. As soon as the new organic law was proclaimed at Constantinople circumstances arose by which Turkey lost Eastern Roumelia, Bosnia and Herzegovina. At once the supporters of the old regime made the outcry that the dismemberment of the empire was the outcome of the Young Turk reforms. Of course the charge was untrue, but it made the new government and its European friends anxious lest Crete should also be lost, a calamity which might bring the Hamidians back to power. Europe has done what it could, however, to make the return of Crete to Ottoman sovereignty tolerable to the inhabitants by compelling the Porte to grant the island so large a measure of self-government as is consistent with the form of sovereignty.

It is not certain that steamers in need of fuel oil will eventually have to go to port for it, thus veering from their courses for hundreds of miles. The ease with which oil may be taken on at sea through connecting lengths of hose makes it possible for big oil carriers, equipped with wireless to receive and fill orders anywhere along the routes of travel and not materially detain a liner while doing it. Between Panama and Hongkong and Sydney and Liverpool a large business of this character might be developed.

A French resident of San Francisco writes that the late General de Gallifet was not a General at all, the decree making him a General of Brigade having been offered to the Emperor at Sedan but not signed. The statement is a curious one in that de Gallifet has been receiving a General's retired pay for years and that, in an illustration to be found in Harper's Weekly, volume of 1858, he appears as a General officer on horseback with Louis Napoleon and his Marshals.

One of those "playthings for passengers," a wireless telegraph device, brought quick relief to the steamer Arapahoe of the Clyde line the other day. Off Hatteras her propeller snapped off. This was at 3:45 p. m. Her message for aid, saying she was helpless, was caught by the Beaufort, S. C., station at 4:50 o'clock. By six o'clock the Huron of the same line was on hand to tow the Arapahoe in and all wireless vessels along the coast had been notified.

The visiting Congressmen and their wives would rather be free in a hotel to go and come than to be guests in the homes of strangers. That is, they would if they are like other people, the question of cost being even. It seems wise, therefore, for the committee to have secured hotel accommodations for the official guests rather than to go any further with a plan of private entertainment.

The setting of a date for the opening of the Panama canal serves to again remind us of the Nuuanu dam. No engineer has yet had nerve enough to set a date for the completion of this job.—Star.

And Schuyler was here, too! Perhaps the question should be referred to Patterson.

The Mayor's luau is really the public's. Five hundred dollars to go toward paying the bill came from the Mayor's Entertainment fund, voted by the Supervisors. The rest may be had from the Territorial fund or from another County appropriation. His Worship, the Mayor, is merely the master of ceremonies and luau expert—not the almoner of his own private bounty.

Representative John J. Fitzgerald, who was here with the Congressional party two years ago, and who made a stirring American speech at the Moana Hotel luau, is described in the Brooklyn Eagle as the "rising hope of a sane Democracy in King's County."

Postal savings banks, if established, are not likely to succeed in Hawaii, where the regular savings banks pay more interest on deposits than is contemplated in the postal scheme and are safe and reliable.

First we know an artillery regiment will drop off a transport on an island detail. The government is not talking, but it keeps building up the garrison.

"Dry farming" is probably the name for raising rye by the bushel instead of the gallon.

What is Hawaii going to say to the visiting statesmen on the transportation problem? An effort is making to chloroform the whole subject. Will it succeed?

FRANK BALDWIN LIKES CHANCES

Maui Polo Team Was Never in Better Form—Hope to Win Championship.

Maui has a better polo team than it ever had before. They have been practising hard and believe that they have a combination team work that was never excelled on these islands.

This was the essence of what Frank Baldwin had to say on Wednesday when he was finally discovered at Punene. This is part of what he said, "With great interest we have read the Advertiser accounts of the recent polo games. I appreciate what great team work the Oahu bunch is showing, and we all feel that we are going to have a much harder job than we had here on Maui last year.

"In the last Oahu-Cavalry game I noticed the way that the Oahu boys strung out and passed to each other. There is one style of play that we have been practising religiously. Team work and then team work is what we have been working for and you may be sure that we shall do our best in this respect.

"When the Oahu and Maui teams get together there will be a battle royal. I know that much and I am not saying for a minute that we are going to win, but it will be a great game and, to tell you the honest truth, I feel as anxious to get in that game as—well as anything you like to quote me as saying.

"Our ponies will leave here on September 7. Then we will play the Cavalry on September 11. That is presupposing that the Oahu team wins the preliminary game. The winner of that game will play Oahu and I do not feel too boastful in saying that it will be Maui who will play Oahu.

"But I want to impress one thing on you very strongly. The pleasure that the Maui players will have in meeting the Cavalry. Excellent riders, grand sportsmen and never knowing when they are beaten, I can hardly say whether it would give me more delight to beat or to be beaten by them."

There is a great, an even greater than ever, polo boom on Maui. From Doc Fitzgerald down to the kid who shines your shoes and tells you that Honolulu money is bogus—a way they have on Maui—they are all talking polo and what a great team they have.

Both sides look upon the coming polo meeting as a family scrap. Two Baldwins on each team and the brothers Fleming, Harold Rice for Maui and Walter Dillingham for Oahu, we may expect to see something like this:

John Fleming to his brother David:—"Get off your pony, you miserable imitation of a would-be polo player and wait till I lick you."

David Fleming:—"John, thou art too small for me, I shall not lick thee. X & @ & # & —"

Two Baldwins to two other Baldwins:—"What Ho, and think ye that ye play the game? Go to. Likewise get out."

Walter Dillingham to Harold Rice:—"Bid ye good sir, take thy club as some sweet lance and make some merry jousting with me."

Harold Rice to Walter Dillingham:—"Indeed, good sir, 'twould give me merry featurings to joust." They ride at each other and the umpire calls three fouls.

But the games will be good. As already intimated the Maui team will be Harold Rice, number one; Harry Baldwin, number two; Frank Baldwin, number three, and David Fleming, number four.

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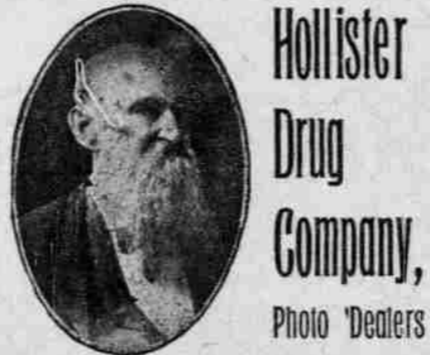
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