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### Dr. Edward's Letter

Papeete, Tahiti. —I want to introduce to your notice Alexander La Earl. Alexander was my mentor and guide for my visit to Tahiti, and I am sure that what Alexander does not know about the island is hardly worth knowing. He is a Barbadoes negro who has lived here for five years. He speaks the language and has a native wife. It is his second since his arrival. Much that I shall tell you concerning conditions here, I obtained from Alexander. Should any of my readers ever make a visit to Tahiti, and I am sure you all want to be sure to have Alexander for your driver. He will add one hundred per cent to your enjoyment.

By the way, speaking about visiting Tahiti, the first question that usually arises regarding such a trip is the estimate of cost. One person can make the trip to the island, and return on the same ship, of course spending very little for extras, for \$150. The round trip ticket on the steamer costs \$125, and your board at Lovina's will cost you \$3 a day for the four or six days as the case may be. You will want more because there are rides and certain trinkets and photographs you will want to buy, but if you really want to go just to make the trip, it can be done on \$150.

There is quite a difference of opinion regarding the honesty of the islanders. I have been told they will steal anything they can lay their hands on, and then again I have been told that you can leave your valuables lying around anywhere and they will never be touched. Alexander explained this seeming discrepancy very clearly to me. Those of my readers who live in the South know well the Negro characteristics. Negroes are accused of being great thieves. We all know that when a Negro takes anything from the family where he or she works, they do not consider it stealing; it is just taking what belongs to the family, and they are part of the family. This much is the case in Tahiti. But I had several instances of the honesty of the natives which convince me that that I think it will be of interest they are honest with each other.

One of these was so remarkable that I think it will be of interest.

I had been at Lovina's three days when I returned to the house unexpectedly, one afternoon. As I entered my room I saw a dark form crouched back of my bed. I spoke and Lovina rose up, saying 'I was hiding my money. There too many strangers in town.'

After she left the room I looked behind the bed and found a sack containing not less than \$500 lying on the floor. On inquiry I found that the sack was generally resting on a shelf over a door on the porch where every one could see it and where its theft would be easy. Lovina was not afraid of her own people but feared the whites who visited the place.

One of the priests who has been here for many years shrugged his shoulders, in the expressive French manner, when I asked if the natives were honest, and declined to answer. When I pressed the question home his sole reply was 'too much Atavism.' I discovered that this meant that the people would not accept the Catholic religion. It is queer that these people who are so fond of pomp, ceremony and gaudy vestments, are nearly all protestants. The Christian religion predominates, but it runs almost entirely to protestantism. Mormonism has a strong hold, not the polygamous kind, but I was told by a Mormon missionary that Spiritualism is rapidly making headway and crowding out other forms of religious belief. The inclination of these natives to Spiritualism is the natural sequence of their own primitive religion and a peculiar phase of it is that it has taken on a species of Diabolism. The study of this is of such interest that I shall have to take another letter to tell of some of the queer rites practiced by the natives

in their ceremonies attendant upon their religious services. There are many churches on the island and all of them have been built by the natives. They are well attended, and the natives seem to be strict in their observance of all the forms and regulations. Clarence E. Edwards.

Will Feder, Jr., went to Topeka Sunday morning for a short visit with his father.

Miss Elsie Glisman visited with Miss Bowler at Hoisington Sunday.

Louie Brinkman visited with friends at Larned Sunday.

Ed. L. Teed, of Hutchinson, representing Crane & Co., was here Monday on business.

George Taylor, of South Liberty township, returned Monday from a trip down around Cimarron in search of more land.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kreutinger were in from near Pawnee Rock Monday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Converse and family.

Miss Grace Grigsby has arrived from Kansas City and has taken a position as trimmer in the millinery department of the Lundblade & Bolinger store.

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Mr. and Mrs. Will Buschman left Monday for Seward, where they will make their home. Will has purchased a blacksmith shop there, and will also sell farm implements.

William Dumkow, who is here from Chicago on a visit with his brother, Fred and family, of Clarence township, was in the city this week, visiting with Will Gagelman and family.

Lee Worthington was arrested on Monday charged with selling whiskey in violation of the law. It is said that he had sufficient booze on hand when caught to keep the town rid of snake bite danger for some time.

Peter Unruh was in from Pawnee Rock township last Friday, visiting and shopping. Mr. Unruh thinks that the wheat is not so badly injured as was at first thought, and that it will probably all come out right with the proper kind of weather in the spring.

Dr. B. L. Stintson, of Pontiac, Ill., has located here for the practice of his profession. Dr. Stintson has moved his family into the Pfister house on North Williams avenue and for the present he will have his office rooms over Troilletts store, but will move later to rooms over the A. & A. when they are located in the new building to be erected for them on the His lot on Main street.

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A letter received by this office from Sam Boese at Greensburg, Kans., says:—'Enclosed find postal order for a year's subscription to the paper. Wheat is looking fine and green here, and the prospects were never better for a good crop than they are right now. Everything is on the boom. My wife's father, Mr. Schultz, is down here on a visit with his children.' That's the kind of letters the editor likes to get; they make us feel better in the mind and fill our pocket-book at the same time.

### Adjudged Insane

Harry Wells was adjudged insane in the probate court here last Friday morning by a commission of physicians appointed by the court. Harry has for some time been employed in a large hotel in Colorado Springs, and came home sick a few weeks ago, and after resting for a while intended to go back there to work again. He has been very nervous, and at last got so bad that it was thought best to send him to a hospital where he could be better looked after for a time, as it is thought that he will probably recover in a short time.

### Township Assessors

The county commissioners, the county assessor and the deputy assessors held a meeting Monday at the county clerk's office. Present, Nick Klepper, Frank Wood and P. E. Murphy, commissioners, Fred Newcombe, county assessor, C. F. Younkin, county clerk and deputy assessors as follows: Albion, Roy Connor, Beaver, R. V. Hitchman, Buffalo, Jacob Zimmer, Clarence, C. E. Butcher, Loveland, J. G. Harzman, Comanche, G. F. Koch, Jr., Cheyenne, A. J. Reif, Eureka, W. M. Boyd, Fairview, Tom Brown, Grant, C. J. Menzer, Great Bend, Twp. R. G. Russell, Homestead, W. E. Murdock, Independent, Frank Bloomer, Logan, John Rolf, Lakin, John Doherty, Liberty, Martin Keenan, Pawnee, Rock, J. B. Smith, South Bend, R. A. Bidleman, Union, C. R. Allen, Wheatland, B. W. Myers, Walnut, J. W. Lowery, Hoisington, A. Schwager, Great Bend City, Isom Wright and H. D. Ashpole.

The purpose of the meeting is to get together and consider questions that are liable to arise and also to receive instructions; also to get their papers, records and books that pertain to their office.

Andrew Deckert was down from Pawnee Rock Monday on business.

Edward McGinty and daughters, Clara and Maggie, were visitors from the Seward neighborhood Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Archer were in from Clarence township Saturday visiting with friends and shopping.

Joe Smith of north Stafford county, has returned from a visit of several weeks at the old home in Indiana.

Dan Converse was in from the Albert neighborhood Monday on business and visiting with relatives and friends.

J. J. Danler of near Seward, made a very pleasant business call at this office Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Danler, like all of the rest of the farmers, is feeling much better over the outlook for a wheat crop than he did some weeks ago.

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### Feder Gets Big Contract

The following article taken from the Salina Daily Union tells of the election of W. P. Feder as the publisher of the official paper for the A. O. U. W. office for the following two years.

The twenty-eighth biennial session of the grand lodge of the A. O. U. W. of Kansas closed at 3 o'clock Friday morning, immediately after the election of W. P. Feder of Great Bend as publisher of the official Workman paper and the installation of the newly elected officers of the grand lodge. The session was perhaps the busiest of the week. As Convention hall was to be used that night, the lodge could not obtain it and the members went into the evening session with a determination of finishing if it took all night. Many of the delegates left at 3:40 without having had a minute's sleep. They went direct to the train from the hall.

The early hours of the evening were given over to the selection of the publisher of the official paper. For several years

A. P. Riddle of Minneapolis, ex-lieutenant governor, has published the paper at 25 cents yearly subscription for each

40,000 members of the order in Kansas. Mr. Kirch of Center came here to make a campaign for his paper, the Neighbor and Shield. When his campaign opened, W. P. Feder of Great Bend entered as did Tom Dordry of Parsons, Gomer Davis of Concordia, and Mr. Riddle as a candidate for re-election. The candidates were called upon for bids. These ranged from 25 cents per year per copy.

On the first ballot there was no election and the candidates were called upon for speeches. These were made short and the voting was begun with a roll call. The contest apparently was close and only a breakaway would give an election. When the Concordia delegation first voted they cast their votes for Gomer Davis. Later, however, they started a stampede for W. P. Feder, changing their votes. This action was quickly followed by Tom Cordy's delegates from Parsons, Mr. Penwell's from Topeka, and in turn they all went into the band wagon and then Mr. Feder into the band wagon and Mr. Feder won. The final vote was Feder 351, Kirch, 293, Davis 14, Riddle 23. Mr. Feder, the newly elected publisher won a home with the grand lodge for his mild and gentlemanly manner. He is a statesman of Kansas who is making a record for himself in the state legislature and will be heard to a considerable extent in the next few years. He

publisher of the Great Bend Democrat and will probably enlarge his plant to take care of the publication of the paper. The big item of expense is the mailing list of forty thousand names. Mr. Feder may purchase this from Mr. Riddle. The acquisition of the contract will mean a neat sum for Mr. Feder. His bid was 24 cents and while the lodge could have gotten the work done more cheaply they seemed to want to have him in charge editorially.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Kirch were here from Ellinwood Monday.

Denny Meacham was in Kan-City on business this week.

B. J. Meyer went to St. Louis on business Sunday evening.

Harrison Van Akin is the new local manager of the D. J. Fair Lumber Co. at Sterling. He came from the Lindas Lumber Co., at Seward, with whom he has been for a number of years. He is an active, energetic young man, pleasant to do business with, and accommodating and courteous to the trade. He and his mother are living in the old Woonacott property on Sixth street.—Sterling Bulletin.

Miss Irene Hooper has returned from Wichita, where she has been visiting with her sister, Miss Ulanda, who has been very sick, but who is much improved in health now. Orr Patterson has purchased the quarter block of ground and the buildings on the corner of Williams and 12th streets, and who is much improved in health now.

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