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Commercial Happenings

Racy News From the Capitol Regarding
Sugar Stock.

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Honolulu, Dec. 27.

This city has just emerged from one of the busiest, biggest, jolliest Christmas seasons in its history, covering a period of nearly three days, almost without a break. People are tired and still a bit dizzy from the excitement and strenuousness, so that the threads of business are being gathered together again but slowly. A rather calm week is in prospect, then two days more of New Year's celebrating, to be followed by the realities of business again.

The Stock Exchange adjourned at noon Saturday for one week, so that there will be no board business for the present, although some lively street trading is assured. Inasmuch as many small holders of stocks have obligations to meet at the end of the year, it need not be surprising that an unusually large number of shares will appear upon the market at reduced figures.

PIONEER MILL CO.

At last report, sales of Pioneer had been made at \$170. On Wednesday 7 shares changed hands at \$172.50 and then 40 at \$175. This advance was due directly to the definite announcement by the directorate that the dividends for the coming year would not be less than eighteen per cent. The stock is now \$174 bid and \$180 asked, with the demand excellent.

HAWAIIAN COMMERCIAL.

This stock has been in favor, although transactions have been few. There were no sales up to Thursday afternoon, when 50 shares changed hands at \$33.25, the last previous sale having been at \$33. The next afternoon a sale of 10 shares was made at the same. At present, however, the stock can be had at \$33.25, while \$33 is the best bid out.

OTHER MAUI STOCKS.

On Tuesday there was a bid of \$155 for Wailuku, but the stock has been out of the market since. During the entire, except for one day, Haiku and Paia have remained at \$120 bid and \$150 asked. On the one day referred, bidding was advanced to \$125, but the asking figure remained firm. Olowalu has remained out of the market entirely.

OTHER THAN MAUI.

Several other stocks have remained rather firm than had been expected. From \$26.25 bid and \$26.75 asked, Ewa, for instance, has moved up to \$27.25 and \$27.50. Oahu has advanced from \$25, \$25.25 to \$25.50; Waialua has been as high as \$86 bid and \$90 asked, but is now about \$85 bid and \$89 asked. Rumors in regard to the dividends of Onomea and Pepeekeo were set at rest during the week by definite announcements by the respective directorates. Onomea's dividend for the next year will be 30 cents a share a month, in place of 40 cents; and Pepeekeo will be reduced from \$1 a share to 60 cents a share.

THE SUGAR MARKET.

The sugar market is again inclined downward, and the oft-deferred season of low prices appears at last to be in sight. From 3.995 a few days ago a sudden drop occurred, and the quotation finally settled at 3.86. The tone is weak, however, and as sugar is reaching the market at this time from every hand it

Roosevelt's Declaration

He Wishes to See Honest Conservatives
Institute a Radical Program.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, as the guest of the New Haven chamber of commerce at its annual banquet, made his first public address since the recent elections. He was cordially greeted by a gathering of 600 men representative of the business and commercial interests and the professions of the state.

"It seems that nothing could be a better augury of the future of this country," he said, "than that a republican president should appoint a former confederate of opposite political faith chief justice of the United States, and receive the unanimous applause of his countrymen."

"Bodies like this chamber of commerce," said the colonel, "have been industriously taught to regard me as a kind of modified anarchist. I am a radical, but I am a radical who most earnestly desires to see a radical program carried out by conservatives. I wish to see great industrial reforms carried out, not by the men who will profit by them, but by men who lose by them; by just such men as you are around me. I believe most emphatically in the progress which shall be made."

In explaining his idea of the "square deal" Colonel Roosevelt said:

"I do not want the prize in the race to go to the man who is not fast enough to win. I want them to start even."

Equal opportunity, he said, represented the idea on which the republic was founded.

"Your grocer must make a profit or he won't continue to sell groceries," he explained, "but if you pay his bills without examining them you don't show that you have a soft heart. You show that you have a soft head."

The government, he said, should deal with corporations on the same basis as a man deals with his grocer, in giving and exacting justice.

The colonel said there had been a "good deal of loose talk" about proposed changes in forms of government. The effort to get more complete control over the agencies of interstate commerce for the federal government represents, he said, not an innovation which was not contemplated by the constitution, but a realization of the purposes of the constitution.

need not be surprising that still lower quotations are forthcoming in the immediate future. February and March futures are ranging very low, indicating that in the opinion of the "big fellows" the market will reach its lowest then.

CIRCUS FOR MAUI.

The Great American Show, quite an elaborate circus proposition which has been performing for several weeks in a big tent in Aala park, will leave today for Hilo for a season of entertainments. On the return trip the company expects to show at Wailuku, should health conditions on the island of Maui permit. It is a real clever combination, and will delight Maui folk immensely should it appear there.

In view of the fact the New Year's day comes on Sunday, and as the following Monday is usually celebrated, the Department of Public Instruction has given notice that the new term will open Tuesday, January 3, instead of Monday, January 2, as has been generally announced.

Honolulu News.

HONOLULU, Dec. 30.—The Filipino emigrants are causing considerable trouble on account of there being so much sickness among them. Governor Frear may cable to stop more from coming.

Stackable announces himself a candidate for reappointment and adds that he has the endorsement of business men.

The Hilo railroad shows a profit for the year, in spite of increased expense.

Sheriff Jarrett has issued an ultimatum to the police force to get out of campaign committees or get off the force.

The Chinese consul refuses to answer those who have attacked him, in spite of an ultimatum handed him by the united societies.

HONOLULU, Dec. 29.—The United Fruit Steamship Co. have offered Bluefield Suckers free to Hawaiian planters.

Lloyd Conkling is reported to be after the position of Collector of Internal Revenue.

The Merchants Association denounce Congressional methods of presenting Hawaiian bills. They suggest that bills concerning Hawaii be submitted here before being introduced.

Manager Goodale is now in Washington in connection with the McCrossen Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—In view of new evidence the Government has refused the offer of \$700,000 from the American Sugar Refining Co. in settlement of pending suits.

Wars And Rumors Of Wars.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30.—The Bonilla revolutionists have begun fighting in Honduras.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 30.—It is reported here that the revolution stronghold has fallen. Many killed and wounded. It is thought here that the United States cruiser Detroit, which was recently sold, will be used in a filibustering expedition.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—It is rumored here that there is a possibility of another revolution in Portugal to restore the King.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Stetson, who was formerly a student of Mrs. Eddy, makes a statement that Mrs. Eddy will return in the flesh. Perhaps soon, and perhaps not for years.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Wm. Sheehan, partner of Alden B. Parker, is a candidate to succeed Senator Depew.

Benjamin Pittman Dead.

TOKIO, Dec. 29.—Rumor of assault by Japanese and Chinese on American Consulate at Dalny. Japanese Government investigating.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 29.—The Turks have defeated the Bedouins in a pitched battle at Elkaram.

EL PASO, Dec. —An accidental explosion of dynamite buried a number of workmen in a sleg pit.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 29.—Benjamin Pittman, the father of short-hand, died here yesterday, aged 88.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Hogan and Burns, the light-weight pugilists, have been matched here to fight twenty rounds.

WEST UNION, Dec. 29.—The Grand Jury have returned indictments against 126 citizens for fraudulent voting in the late elections.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—Simeon, the aeronaut, made a mile record in his monoplane against a twenty mile wind in 57 seconds.

ROME, Dec. 29.—A large number of railway employees on strike for increase of wages.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—One of the most important conferences took place at the White House yesterday. Taft, Knox and Dickinson were in conference concerning Canal's own legislation. It was proposed that American warships should pass through the canal free and that American merchant vessels go through at a lower rate than foreign vessels. Fortifications of the Canal were also considered.

Wailuku Has a New Social Club.

At the home of one of our prominent citizens there assembled last Wednesday evening a number of young people, who, after partaking of a well prepared dinner banded themselves together in an organization to be known as the "Order of Occidental Orphans," with the California cub bear as ensignia and mascot.

The object of the club is the promotion of social good-fellowship among congenial good spirits who have heretofore lived in seclusion because of the lack of an organization of this kind.

The membership is strictly invitational and will be confined only to those enduring a life of single blessedness. Part of the initiation consists in the reading of fortunes. Members aspiring toward the acquisition of "a little girl and a big plantation" are especially desirable. Further details to be given out later.

Why Is A Town Clock.

Most clocks serve a double purpose. They are at the same time ornamental and useful. When they cease to be useful, however, it detracts greatly from their ornate beauty. The clock which adorns the native church is ornamental, but as a practical utility it is a decided failure. It does not always tell the truth, and has the reputation of taking numerous vacations. We need a clock which is a marker of time every day in the year. One of the first things to be looked after in a town is the winding and regulating of the town clock. We do not realize how much we depend on such things until they go wrong. A clock which is constantly out of time with the universe, and which is not regularly wound denotes civic shiftlessness.

Surfriding is one of the favorite pastimes of the people. Many of the natives are so expert that they can harpoon a shark from a board. While engaged in the sport they wear nothing but tea leaves, which is a plant growing wild in the islands, and from which a favorite native drink, called okolehoh, is manufactured.

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As Others See Us

A Combination of Satire, Brilliance,
and Pure Ignorance.

Don't rely too much for information concerning Hawaii on what you see and know and read in our own newspapers says the Advertiser. You may look at things through prejudiced eyes, and conditions which from personal observation you believe exist, may in reality be somewhat different. The Apple Butter Garden Island, and the Baldwin Maui News, and the Kennedy-Scott Hilo publications, and even The Advertiser, and the rest of the great newspapers of the Territory do not always adhere strictly to fact. The prayer of Bobby Burns, that we might see ourselves as others see us, is one which we need not make in vain. You can get more answers to it than Treasurer Bob Shingle can to a request for applications for subordinate offices.

Way down in Louisiana there is a newspaper published by a fellow named Louisent. He knows all about us. Way up in North Dakota there is a newspaper published by a fellow name Peterson. He, too, knows all about us. In the little coterie of States formerly owned by Aldrich, Lodge & Co., and whose principal productions are codfish, high tariff principles and missionaries, any newspaper from which we might not learn something about ourselves would be compelled to go out of business. 'Staid old Philadelphia has at last learned that we are on the map, and, through its seven-day late dailies, is informing the Quakers who and what we are. Roosevelt's late possession, New York, permits few suns to set without enlightenment concerning us.

Just one gem from the vast mass of information. Perhaps I shall in the future take advantage of my prerogative to use scissors, and quote some others. This one comes from the columns of a little one-horse "weakly" of the Middle West, whose ledger account unquestionably shows that its limited list of subscribers is short in cash and long on farm produce. The paper is, insofar as we are concerned, truthfully called "Courier." Here is the jewel:

In Honolulu, on the Sandwich Islands, has recently been established calling days. The natives, it is said, appear to like the custom. Their calling cards are queer looking things, the names being printed on bright scarlet paper. The village is divided into sections, each division having one day to itself. On Sunday they resort to a place near the sea and make arrangements for social precedence. A correspondent of ye editor who recently visited there tells us that there is much rivalry on this question, but that the lay girls unquestionably rank first.

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The Latest In Sports

What the Wrestlers, Boxers and Base
Ball Artists Are Doing.

Wrestler George Hackenschmitt, the Russian lion, who has roamed this country for the past few months seeking whom he might devour, and who would like above all to make a meal of one Frank Gotch, seems likely to be disappointed so far as his principal desire is concerned.

Gotch resolutely refuses to come out in the open air and take a chance of being swallowed alive.

Gotch's steadfastness in the matter of remaining retired must make some of the critics feel foolish. When Hackenschmitt arrived in this country and announced that he wanted revenge for the indignities thrust upon him by Gotch a couple of years ago, many of the wise-heads scented a clean-up, and readers of various sporting pages were posted accordingly.

Gotch, however, has allowed several psychological moments to go by. He says, and keeps saying, he will never wrestle again; that he is content with his farming pursuits and his already plethoric bank-roll, and that he has no ambition to pose as the hope of the white race or any other race.

Battling Nelson isn't prepared to admit yet that the last has been seen of him as a factor in pugilism. This is simply a specimen of the vanity that goes with the Queensberry temperament, for Nelson is no more like the Nelson of old than a worm-hollowed walnut is like one that is full of sound, white meat.

Above all, Nelson hasn't even a splinter of a peg on which to hang an argument. There are cases where doubt is bound to exist, as for instance in the matter of that foul punch administered to Gans by Nelson at Goldfield. Even those who were sure they saw it land could have their faith in their own eyes shaken if they listened to other positive fellows who saw otherwise. So, too, in the Jeffries dope matter. Many will say, "It's a silly excuse for a poor showing and I don't believe a word of it." But who is there can say, "I know it isn't true."

In this Moran-Nelson business there were six or seven thousand persons watching things. They saw Nelson either falling or being knocked down until many demands arose that the contest be stopped. They finally saw Nelson on his knees, steadying himself with his hands placed against the floor. They heard Referee Selig begin in a deliberate manner to count off the seconds in a remarkably clear voice. They heard the concluding words, "Eight, nine, you're out," and they saw no attempt on Nelson's part to rise to his feet, it being fully two seconds before the Battler began to straighten up.

When asked to box Owen Moran it is said that Mr. Ad Wolgast named high figures and declared that he would not get around to the making of a match with the Englishman before next spring.

It seems that in a little while Wolgast will recognize that he cuts much less of a figure in pugilistic affairs than Moran does. It is true that Wolgast is nominally the lightweight champion of the world by virtue of that interrupted contest with Nelson on Richmond field, but Moran's performance when Nelson will be remembered when what Wolgast did to the Dane is forgotten.

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