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School Outlook Good

The conference between representative citizens of Lihue and the Superintendent of Education at the Hotel Fairview Thursday evening on the subject of the proposed new high school resulted in a clearer and better understanding all around. It is now plain to everyone that the school must and will be established in September, so that parents who may have been hesitating between plans for their little ones the next school year need no longer delay arrangements for sending them to Lihue.

The desire that the school be made distinctively an English-speaking institution, with a language qualification as its safeguard, is found to be feasible, thus eliminating a great boggy which had arisen to annoy many. Of course it is anticipated that pupils of any race, or foreign language, in the higher grades in the common schools will be able to qualify for the high school, for if they did not understand English to a reasonably perfect degree they could not already be in the higher grades from which they would be expected to come. So that question will adjust itself. With the English-speaking safe-guard around the lower grades, or what may more properly be referred to as the "select addition to the high school", the purity of the language in the institution will undoubtedly be perpetuated. The tuition fee of \$3 a month will have the effect of furthering this object deemed so essential by many.

It occurs to us that the Department is meeting the people of Kauai squarely in this matter, and that the duty of the hour and the future is centered on this island. The very first move should be to obtain a complete roster of pupils who will enter either the high school or select branch in September. Parents should be requested to at once sign an agreement, stating how many children they will send to the school, ages, grades, boarding arrangements, if any, etc. A committee, consisting of W. H. Rice, Jr. and H. H. Brodie has been appointed for this purpose, and it is hoped that parents of children will cooperate with them promptly and decisively in their efforts to get this information together.

The indications are that the high school will start off with more pupils than had originally been figured upon; but even at that it will be with a comparatively small number. We all know that the pupils are here, and while a very large per cent of them may not enter the school at once, they will do so just as soon as the efficiency of the institution has been proved.

The outlook for the school is excellent.

Lihue herself has an important duty to perform in connection with the high school. Pupils of the county seat are at an advantage in having the school located at their doors. It must be remembered, however, that the institution is one of and for the whole island, and must be patronized and supported by the people of the outside districts as well as of Lihue. The outside people will have the disadvantage of transportation for their children, as well as the vexations and expense of maintaining suitable living accommodations for them in Lihue. Lihue must be alive to these facts,

and must forthwith develop a spirit of consideration for and helpfulness to these outside pupils.

Until adequate accommodations are provided, Lihue people must offer every facility in their power to those outside children. Let those who can take children into their homes, decide at once to do so; and make the fact known to Mr. Brodie or to Mr. Rice. Any plan for providing at an early date a satisfactory, central boarding house scheme will be appreciated by the committee, we feel sure. There should be (and probably is) some person in Lihue sufficiently interested in the future welfare of the youth of the island to provide a suitable boarding home for children living away from the county seat. Now is the time for such a man or woman to speak.

Lihue is provided for. Let Lihue see that the children of the other districts are taken care of. When this is done, Kauai will make as great success of the high school as she has done of other undertakings.

IN VIEW of the fact that prizes have been put up this year for several features of baseball playing, the utmost care must be exercised by score-keepers in making official notes. Under no circumstances should score-keepers disagree. In case figures are found to disagree, they should be straightened out before the score-keepers leave their boxes. In the game at Elele last Sunday, the figures of the score-keepers on individual points disagree. This should not be so, and must never happen again.

THE REPORT from California that Portuguese recently arriving there from these Islands have been cruelly deceived in the promise that they could find ready employment at good wages, and that they are in danger of idleness, hardship and suffering is bad news, but nevertheless it was to be expected. Persons familiar with conditions on the Coast have warned the Portuguese from time to time that they were taking great chances; but these warnings have gone unheeded. It is hoped that before any more leave they will first obtain definite agreements of satisfactory employment. Otherwise they will be giving up good chances in the Islands for the veriest shoe-string proposition in a strange land and a pretty wet road to walk back on.

WHILE ADMITTING that varying experiences may be of value to Territorial officials, we doubt the wisdom of Kauai Circuit judges and the like consenting to serve on the benches of other circuits, unless, indeed, the emergency be very great. Such practices usually create the impression that such officials have not enough to do at home, which (insofar as it affects Kauai, at any rate) is incorrect; and, under certain circumstances, might prove damaging to the island. In all probability some such idea has suggested itself to Judge Dickey, and is the cause of his refusal to longer be the "convenience man" for the judiciary department at Honolulu.

GOODING FIELD, aside from earning extraordinary wages and a lot of gratuitous advertising, has accomplished no more at Hilo than could have been worked out by any average bookkeeper. With the aid of a superabundance of business and professional jealousy in a small community, and considerable "nerve" as a personal asset, he has managed to pose most conspicuously in the lime-light; but we modestly opine that when, after the reckoning is ended, Hilo takes stock of the results, she will find that she has paid two prices for experience.

SUPERINTENDENT of Education Kinney and Territorial Treasurer Conkling, at the close of their respective tours of this island, both expressed themselves as pleased with Kauai and Kauai people. On behalf of the latter, we can assure both gentlemen that their visits

have been much appreciated and that Kauai's latch-string will be ever convenient to their hands.

HAWAII'S DELEGATE at Washington should be a man physically able to withstand the rigors of that climate. Most of the business of Congressional sessions is negotiated in the coldest part of the Winter; and a Delegate who must needs keep himself packed in a basket of wool, so to speak, at such times cannot render a full measure of service to the Islands, no matter how good his intentions may be.

PERSONS contemplating suicide, auto collisions or other unusual stunts will do THE GARDEN ISLAND a favor by pulling off the same prior to publication days. This way of having such things occur immediately after the paper has gone to press is not favored by us at all.

THE FACT THAT the first big shipments through the Panama canal will be from the Hawaiian Islands, in the shape of sugar cargoes, will remind the world that we are still on the map.

THE FACT THAT THE open-air school-room idea is to be adopted by the Department of Education for use on the other islands is another feather in the cap of Kauai.

TWO CASES this week would make it appear that the Japanese have given up their favorite pastime of hari-kari in favor of the equally strenuous ant-poison method of suicide.

THE PERSON, or persons, responsible for the sugar news which emanates from Honolulu had better be more careful or we country folk will lose confidence in the figures sent out. For several days the wireless has sworn regularly that sugar was 3.10. The Honolulu papers, arriving almost daily, have asserted with equal positiveness, that it was 3.20. Yesterday a wireless inquiry was sent to Honolulu for the actually actual, correct figures, and the following is what came back: "Sugar 3.14 The newspapers are mistaken". There you have three differing statements of a very simple (but important) matter; and the reader is left to take his choice. In the meanwhile, the outside islands would dearly like to have straight sugar information.

THE MOST IMPORTANT news from Mexico this morning is that President Huerta has signified his willingness to step down and out provided he can be shown that that step will bring peace to Mexico. As between Huerta and the Constitutionalists, or rebels, Mexico is between the devil and the deep sea; and it is doubtful that even the elimination of Huerta will bring about the desired results. In insisting upon keeping an army at Vera Cruz, the United States gives evidence of being alive to that feature of the situation.

SUGAR IS NOW safely 3.20, and the chances are more than even that there will be a slow but steady advance to 3.50, and eventually, to 4 cents. With the increased yields on the plantations of these Islands, the net showings for the year should be quite satisfactory.

"SOAPBOX" Barron writes from Washington that the new Honolulu postmaster is a good man and that he (Barron), as vice-chairman of the Honolulu County Committee of the Democratic party, is perfectly satisfied. Not knowing anything about the new postmaster, our own opinion of him has been neutral; but now that he has received the endorsement of "Soapbox" Barron, our suspicions are aroused.

IN TURNING DOWN the proposition of an agricultural fair at Honolulu in 1914, we wonder how Governor Pinkham purposes to work around the mandates of Act 155 of the Session Laws of 1913, which prescribes such a fair and appropriates for the expenses of it.

DICKEY THROWS UP HIS EXTRA JOB

Judge L. A. Dickey has served notice that he will throw up his job as acting first judge of the Circuit Court at Honolulu. His ultimatum has already been delivered to the Chief Justice and the prosecuting wing of the government.

The Kauai Judge, in his notice, states that he will leave the Honolulu court on June 4, whether a first judge of that court shall have been appointed by that time or not.

Judge Dickey is not displeased with the work over here, nor with anything connected with the court. He merely feels that his own work on Kauai is being neglected to assist Honolulu in an emergency which has unnecessarily been allowed to drag. In other words, when the first call for his help was received, he responded cheerfully. He understood, however, that it would be for a short time only, and that an appointment to the first judgeship at Honolulu would soon be made. Weeks and months have passed, however, and no more to provide a permanent judge has been made. So Judge Dickey feels that the situation is calling for a little more than should be expected of one man.

Persons having business with the Kauai Circuit Court have taken the situation philosophically and allowed matters of varying degrees of importance to go over from time to time. Judge Dickey does not feel, however, (and quite rightly so) that it would be fair to have this condition continue indefinitely. Hence the ultimatum.

Miss Sato To Leave

Friends of Miss Sato, of the Koloa school, will regret to learn that she will leave at the end of the present school term. While Mr. Kinney was over here, Miss Sato made known to him that she would like to be transferred to Honolulu. The Superintendent happened to have a vacancy at Honolulu, calling for a Japanese teacher of English, and, after investigation, decided to offer the place to Miss Sato, which she accepted.



ORVILLE WRIGHT.

With the "automatic stabilizer" invented by Orville Wright it is possible today to learn to fly in twenty minutes. The invention robs the air of many of its terrors to the aviator. Mr. Wright added to his fame with experiments with the contrivance. Experts from this and other countries watched his operation with intense interest. He made the demonstrations before a special committee of the Aero Club of America recently at Dayton, Ohio. Seventeen flights were made, and as a result of the tests the committee awarded to Mr. Wright the Collier trophy. The trophy is awarded each year and marks the most significant advance in the history of aeronautics for the year. Seven flights were made with the hands entirely off the automatic "stabilizer," and the turns were made with a precision that was marvelous and marked a new epoch in the history of aviation.

Memorial Service

Weather being favorable, a special memorial service will be held in the Cemetery Sunday morning next at 11. The service will follow the decoration of the graves suitable to the occasion and will take the place of the usual service in the church.
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