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### TRADE JUNKET TOURS.

Great excursions by commercial bodies are among the most interesting developments of international trade relations in recent years. The Los Angeles excursion to Honolulu is yet fresh in memory. Last year saw the Pacific Coast commercial bodies touring to and through Japan, the Honolulu bodies on invitation being represented in the expedition. Next week we shall have the call of a distinguished Japanese commercial delegation, returning home from an extensive trip through the United States and Canada. Now the Commercial Club of Seattle has arranged for an excursion of business men—the merchants of San Francisco being invited to participate in it—leaving Seattle in the steamship Minnesota on the 23rd inst., with a view of enlarging the trade relations of the Pacific Coast with the Orient. Space on board the ship will be set aside for exhibition purposes, and stops will be made at the different ports of the Orient.

### SANITARY BUILDING PROBLEM.

Dr. Victor S. Clark, the census commissioner, has rendered a public service in declaring his disapproval of tenement houses in Honolulu. Every social and sanitary consideration is opposed to them, particularly under the conditions that have thus far been permitted. There is especial force in Dr. Clark's opinion that, at the least, tenements should not be allowed back to back, or one in front of another, without a properly maintained public street or lane intervening. Some of the dirtiest bogs in Honolulu, constantly endangering the public health, are the back alleys lying between densely populated, tenement hotels and cottage tenements as well. If these spaces were, or could be, kept clean they would not be so bad. But as a rule, in the slum localities, the courts and alleys are made a common dumping ground for refuse and a receptacle for slops. Even upon some of the principal street frontages, for that matter, Asiatic hucksters and restaurateurs to this day persist in throwing slops into the gutter. A nuisance lately complained about as chargeable to neglect of the storm sewer openings by the city scavengers proved to have been caused by a Chinese fruit dealer's indulgence in the lawless practice mentioned. What then may not be expected from the denizens of back holes and corners?

A preventive step has been taken here against undesirable tenement erections, in the city ordinance forbidding such in residence blocks excepting on the written permission of owners of property therein. This measure has saved at least one highly respectable section—not long ago among the most favored localities in the city—from the infliction of a low class tenement house upon the neighborhood. Legislation is yet lacking, however, to regulate the construction of tenements in such locations as permission can be obtained for them. A general building law is needed. Something on the lines of a bill that died in the Legislature some sessions back has been advocated for passage as a city ordinance. It is a subject of supreme importance in view of the rapid growth of the town and a considerable shifting of much of the population and business of the Asiatic quarters which a newspaper report lately gave out as impending.

The whole matter is pressing and it would be a good idea to have a conference of representatives of the territorial and municipal health officials, architects and builders, and representatives of the commercial bodies, on the subject of a general building ordinance.

Paternal government of a desirable kind is exemplified in the copious issues of bulletins of information by the Department of Agriculture. These not only deal with every variety of agricultural industry but with matters of household economy and sanitation. The Star is reprinting departmental notices of two late bulletins—one referring to the care of food in the home and the other to irrigation of alfalfa. While alfalfa is generally known here to be one of the very best fodders, success in growing it in these islands has been attained only by a few livestock raisers.

Twelve geographers are coming here this month to map the islands for reclamation purposes. Uncle Sam is going to promote Hawaii in peace as well as protect her in war.

Make it \$10,000 for the College of Hawaii observatory. By and by we shall have Australians flocking here to get a good look at the Southern Cross.

It looks to being another "Bible and beer" campaign against the Liberal government of Great Britain, like one that availed against Gladstone once. The Bible comes in with the probable alliance of the state church hierarchy—with the Lords, who number among them the bishops sitting in that house as the lords spiritual. There is no doubt about the beer, as Lord Lansdowne made the liquor taxes in the budget a distinct issue when he moved the rejection of the budget and an appeal to the people.

It does not take much rain, if the sprinkling cart does not talk loud enough, to demonstrate a glaring neglect of the street crossings of Honolulu. This is one subject on which the municipal government might try to score a good mark.

Probably the Nation will never have made a better investment than a bond issue of forty million dollars for irrigation. Railroad companies are selling irrigated lands as fast as offered at fifteen dollars an acre. The conservation scheme comprises the refunding of the outlay to the government, but apart from that the thousands of new homes created by reclamation mean billions of added national wealth.

Peary's life was heavily insured to protect a magazine's interest in the story of his expedition. Cook's evidence of priority of discovery is being strongly guarded on its way to Copenhagen. Now who is looking after the North Pole to see that some predatory lumberman does not steal it?

It is not quantity of promotion prints which counts, but the judicious placing of it where it will do the most good. The quality should also be considered. Anything not attractive enough to be coveted for preservation is to a great extent a waste of money.

## Commercial News

BY L. D. TIMMONS

Interest in stock circles today seemed to center on Waiatua and Oiaa—practically the head and foot of the procession. The former, which closed strong yesterday, looked even better today, although only five shares changed hands, the selling price being \$123. On the boards \$123.50 was bid for the stock but holders refused to part with it for less than \$124.

Oiaa, the other stock above referred to, showed no extraordinary strength, but the demand was unusual. As reported yesterday, 500 shares changed hands between boards at \$6.25, this sale being reported on 'Change this morning. On the boards this morning 100, 100 and 10 shares sold at the same. At the close, there seemed to be slight shading, \$6.125 being bid and \$6.25 asked for the stock.

Pioneer failed to break away from \$190, 23 shares going for that price. For the stock 191 was bid and \$192 asked.

Hawaiian Commercial was strong, 115 shares selling at \$37.50. Further offers were at \$37.375 the holding figure being \$37.625.

Oahu was in considerable demand at \$32.375, \$1, 60, 105 and 80 shares changing hands at that figure. At the close of the session \$32.75 was bid and \$33 asked. Ewa remained sold at \$31.75, blocks of 46, 35 and 13 shares selling thereat.

McBryde was about the same, 30 shares selling on the streets and 15 and 10 on the boards at \$6.50. Bidding was at \$6.375 holders demanding \$6.50.

Twenty shares Honokaa sold at \$20 flat, \$39.875 being offered for more and \$20.125 asked. Five shares Oonea sold at \$55, which was no change.

### GILMORE TO TALK.

A great deal of interest is being taken by business men in the lecture of Prof. John W. Gilmore, president of the College of Hawaii, to be given before the Commercial Club at noon tomorrow on the subject of the astronomical observatory which it is proposed shall be established on Telegraph Hill in Kaimuku. In view of the fitness of these islands in the mid-Pacific as a point for observation, scientists in numbers will undoubtedly assemble here next Spring for the purpose of studying Halley's comet; and the idea of being prepared for them doubly impresses itself. Dr. Gilmore, as a leading local authority on the subject, will undoubtedly be able to give the merchants or the city the information they desire in a concise form. Members and a few invited guests will be present.

### DILLINGHAM'S PLANS.

Harold Dillingham, director of the 1910 Floral parade, is approaching his duties with enormous enthusiasm and determination. He will leave Saturday for the Coast where he expects to assemble many new ideas from the directors of the late Porto Rico festival, and will return on December 27, ready to begin hard work. He thinks that the floral parade matter should be left over until after the holidays, to be then taken up and rushed to the limit. Mr. Dillingham already has a couple of new ideas, both of which seem good. One is to have a full day's program by adding features for the afternoon. Heretofore only the morning and evening have been employed. Another idea is to make something distinctly Hawaiian of the floral parade feature. Heretofore this parade has been along lines which might have been followed anywhere else. To make it Hawai-

ian will be a difficult undertaking, but the new director believes it can be done.

### BREWER'S STRONG BOX.

The first visible sign of the removal of Brewer & Company to the Irwin & Company premises in Fort street is to be noted in the work of putting in a large, additional vault in the latter place, which is now in progress. This vault is set against the large Irwin vault which is already in the building, and comes to a point at the doorway between the two departments of the house. Brewer & Company will move in on or about January 1. The many changes in the clerical force of the amalgamating concerns have not all been figured out, but it is safe to say that most of the older hands in Irwin & Company's office will be retained.

### MONDAY'S RECEPTION.

Editor Sheba and Will J. Cooper have been appointed a press committee in connection with the reception to the Japanese commercial travellers. Just who or what is to be pressed is not clear, but the facts may be disclosed in due course. The dinner section of the program being off, the various bodies will combine forces in making the day's features as lively and interesting as possible.

### EXCHANGE PROPOSED.

B. F. Dillingham and F. J. Lowrey, acting for the Y. M. C. A. yesterday drew up a proposal for exchange of properties with the public library, which it is hoped and calculated may go through. In the deal the library would be the gainer by a property valuation difference of \$1500. The exchange, however, would enable the Y. M. C. A. to extend its new building Alakea street, which is deemed highly desirable.

### WOOD ON THE GO.

The last letter received from Secretary Wood, of the Hawaii Promotion Committee, was mailed at Singapore. The big promoter was leaving for Ceylon, and from there planned to visit Sydney, Australia, and New Zealand, arriving at Honolulu on January 10. He is having a very busy time of it.

### GENERAL.

Charles H. Atherton is at Waiatua plantation today on business in connection with that estate.

Bids for construction of the new Methodist church will be opened a week from today. This fine structure, which will be located on Beretania street near Thomas square, will cost between \$35,000 and \$40,000.

W. L. Hopper will leave in the Mon-

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## Important Notice!

To make sure of having your express or fruit shipments arrive at mainland points for Christmas you should send them to our office in time for forwarding by Mongolia, December 4.

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## What Every Woman Knows

Every woman knows of the popular, fashionable revival in favor of tinted walls. She knows that the leading decorative authorities, in important articles recently published in such magazines as The Ladies' Home Journal, Delineator, McCall's, House Beautiful, Country Life, etc., have pointed out the unique, artistic value of Alabastine tints, to supply this new and increasing demand in decorative art.

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- 6 feet by 9 feet.....\$4.50 Each.
- 8 feet by 10 feet.....\$6.75 Each.
- 9 feet by 12 feet.....\$8.50 Each.

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