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GOVERNOR FREAR'S POSITION.

As long as he has the backing of the local community, as Frear has, it may be doubted whether the governor of Hawaii should resign even in the face of plain and open opposition to him in Washington. Happily that condition does not exist, but suppose it should? The governor is appointed for a certain term and confirmed by the Senate of the United States. In justice to himself, he has a right to expect to serve that term, assuming that he takes the office with large plans and policies for the benefit of the public which take time for development. Viewed in this light he is an independent executive whose duty is to serve the people here according to the terms of his appointment and his oath of office. The doctrine that he should resign if he happens to disagree with the President would make the governorship a mere clerk's job.

Governor Frear's statement is cryptic. It closes with a remark that "the matter here has now been cleared up somewhat." Well, if it has the governor certainly hasn't cleared it any.

Russia and Japan have both rejected Knox's proposal for the neutralization of the Manchurian railway. Is it because Russia proposes to make it Russian and Japan proposes to make it Japanese?

In this issue The Star prints almost complete, the San Francisco graft inquiry commission's resume of its findings. It throws light on some of the details of the most remarkable graft exposures America has ever known and perhaps contains suggestions of an explanation of failures to convict public thieves known to be guilty. Certainly in some of the parts of the story there is a showing of strange civic indifference to public graft. The recommendations of the commission are surely worth attention, for if any city ought to know all about graft it is San Francisco. But it is a striking fact that at about the time the commission reported, San Francisco was changing administrations—going back, by vote of her people, to control of the party of Ruef and Schmitz.

THE MOST WONDERFUL HEAVENLY BODY.

Halley's comet is an old story now. But it is nevertheless still a sensation, and its being sighted by people on our interisland steamers is a cause for a thrill of wonder at the intellectual achievements of the men, among whom Halley is only one, who led the human race to look for the heavenly wanderer at this time. Before Christ this comet has been traced, and its course of travel has not varied since. It has figured in history all down the ages. It is reputed to have helped William the Conqueror at the battle of Hastings by frightening his foes, and century after century since his day it has awed superstitious mankind. Today it is looked at from all over the world through wonderful telescopes such as Galileo never dreamed of, and the world calmly makes calculations on it as a part of a celestial calendar! In the light of what it means, its quite inconceivable velocity, its constant reiteration every 75 years, of Halley's wonderful certification of the magnificent conceptions of Newton, the approaching comet is perhaps the most impressive spectacle upon which human eyes can gaze. Looked at in this way it means more—except perhaps to the learned astronomer—than any other body in the heavens. The least initiated and educated may gaze at this body and see in it a ratification of the greatest of human scientific theories and discoveries. Century by century as it fulfills the predictions of its arrival, it confirms the Heliocentric theory and the laws of Newton and Kepler, and all that go with them, in human efforts to understand the heavens. There is unlimited food for thought in this wonderful interplanetary traveler, which moves so fast that it has traveled several times the distance round the world since the reader began the perusal of this paragraph!

It is a pity that all the travelers on the steamer Cleveland cannot go to the Volcano of Kilauea. There is no exaggeration—scientific reports show it—in saying that Vesuvius, so famous in history and so much sought by tourists—is but a toy compared to the vast cauldron of fire on the slopes of Mauna Loa. The "Innocents Abroad" are at the end of a long tour, but we doubt whether they have seen anything while they have been rounding the globe that is more wonderful, impressive and awe-inspiring than the gigantic pot of boiling world material nine thousand feet beneath the snow-capped heights of Mauna Loa.

A CUTTLEFISH RETREAT.

Convicted of conducting a campaign of falsehood to discredit the municipal government with regard to a building ordinance, the Advertiser retreats behind a cloud of nonsensical badinage, the product of its hot air retort. In its favorite game of underhand attack on the municipal system, that paper has for weeks been saying what was not true about the Board of Supervisors relative to the subject just mentioned. It even went to the length, in its semi-editorial news columns, of making a furtive attack on the Supervisors who are trying to secure the passage of a milk ordinance—unconsciously or stupidly, in that regard, setting up the principle that property is a higher consideration than life. Speaking of property, it will be noted that the morning paper has nothing to say about the fact that the property interests of Honolulu have prevented the enactment of modern building laws for a quarter of a century. Now, when a local administration nearer to the people than any government that has preceded it endeavors to bring the city up to date in this and other vital matters, the Advertiser joins the silurian obstructionists by slanderous attack upon the authors of the necessary measures. And when called down for its misrepresentation, it replies with a farago of twaddle about its being a twentieth century protagonist.

Commercial News

BY L. D. TIMMONS.

BRICK COMPANY FORMED. factory can be erected, the work of Final details of the Honolulu Lava turning out brick will begin. Of the Brick Company have been completed matter A. N. Campbell, of the Water and the concern may now be regarded house Trust Company, this morning as under way. As soon as the man- authorized the following statement

Houses To Rent

Morris Lane 2 B. R. \$ 6.00
 Morris Lane 2 B. R. 10.00
 Christley Lane 2 B. R. 15.00
 Wahiawa 2 B. R. 20.00
 1479 Thurston Ave, 4 B. R. 40.00
 Beretania St. 3 B. R. 40.00
 1236 Beretania St. 5 B. R. 40.00

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Walkane 4 B. R. \$30.00
 Walkiki 2 B. R. 35.00
 Kaimuki 3 B. R. 45.00
 Kaimuku 3 B. R. 50.00
 Pearl Harbor 3 B. R. 50.00
 Pacific Heights 4 B. R. 50.00

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which gives the principal facts concerning the new company:

"The Honolulu Lava Brick Company will be the name of the concern. It will have a capital of \$100,000, 75 per cent of which is paid up. The stock has all been subscribed.

"The contract for the machinery to be used in the factory has been let to the American Clay Manufacturing Co. of Bucyrus, Ohio. Mr. F. L. Myers, who came here for that purpose, has taken the contract for the plant and will leave in the Manchuria for Ohio to have it filled.

"The brick manufactory will be located in Kapahulu, opposite the reservoir.

"No officers have yet been elected, that matter not having yet been reached. However this is a matter of detail which can just as well be attended to later on."

The business of the company will be the manufacture of brick from volcanic lava. Specimens of these brick, made up on the coast, have shown their immense possibilities and it is believed the new company solves once and for all the building brick problem of Hawaii.

THE WEEK'S BUSINESS.

The week's business has been without notable features, there seeming to be a gradual recovery from the temporary slump which invariably succeeds the holiday season. General trade is picking up and most merchants report a far more satisfactory condition than for the same period last year, while all appear to be satisfied with the outlook. County business shows unusually well, indicating that the prosperity holding up so well in Honolulu extends throughout the entire group.

Banks have a satisfactory call for healthy negotiations, although there is considerable inclination to borrow for the purpose of speculating. This is a matter, however, which adjusts itself in proper season.

Stock dealing has been on a larger scale than for any part of January a year ago, although there was a slight slump of prices toward the end of the week, due, perhaps, to a false quotation by cable of the sugar market.

The activity of the stock market has had the effect of checking what would otherwise have probably been quite a boom in real estate generally and building lots in particular. The demand for properties in the Kaimuki and Palolo neighborhoods seems to keep up, however with excellent promise of quite lively developments in the near future. Mr. Stanton, of the Kaimuki Land Company; Dondero and Kirkpatrick of the Hawaiian Realty Company, and Charles S. Desky, of the new Palolo tract, all report a satisfactory condition of business and promising future.

NEWS COMPANY BUYS.

Colonel John H. Soper has acquired the property of the Lemon Estate on King street between the Kapiolani and Young buildings, and will erect a warehouse to be used in connection with the business of the Hawaiian News Company.

RAPID TRANSIT COMPANY.

Manager Ballentyne of the Honolulu Rapid Transit Company, stated this morning that he was only awaiting the arrival of material before beginning the double-tracking of King street between Liliha and Alakea.

STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT.

Session Sales—50 Ewa \$34.50; 35 Ewa \$34.50; 10 Hon. B. & M. Co., \$22; 15 Ewa \$34.50; 45 Hutchinson \$18.50; 50 Hutchinson \$18.50; 15 Ewa \$34.25; 100 Ewa \$34.00; 20 Honokaa \$22.50. Between Boards—\$6000 McBryde Co., \$99.50; 15 Hilo R. R. com \$12.50; 15 Oahu Sugar Co., \$35.00; 10 Pioneer Co., \$210.00; 20 Onomea \$54.00. 36 Palu \$140.00; 65 Oiaa \$7.00; 10 Oiaa \$7.00; 50 Oiaa \$7.00; 20 Oahu Sugar Co.,

\$35.00; 10 Oahu Sugar Co., \$35.00; 5 Hutchinson \$18.50.		
Stock.	Bid.	Asked.
Ewa Plant. Co.	33.75	54.00
Hawaiian Agri.	225.00	
Haw. C. & S. Co.	58.50	
Hawaiian Sugar.	54.00	
Honouu Sugar Co.	145.00	
Honokaa Sug. Co.	22.25	22.50
Hoku Sugar Co.		145.00
Hutchinson.	18.25	19.00
Kahuku Pant.		30.00
Kahuku Sugar Co.	120.00	
Koloa Sugar Co.		155.00
McBryde.	7.375	7.50
Oahu Sugar Co.		35.00
Onomea Sugar Co.	53.00	
Oiaa Sugar Co.	6.75	7.00
Pauuhau.		29.50
Palu Plant. Co.	140.00	150.00
Pepeekeo.	152.50	
Pioneer Mill Co.		210.00
Waialua Agri.	124.50	125.50
Waimea Sugar Co.		175.00
I. I. S. N. Co.	115.00	120.00
Hawn. Electric Co.	160.00	
Hon. R. T. Co. com.	100.00	
Mufnal Tel. Co.	9.00	
Nahiku Rub. Co.	40.00	
O. R. & L. Co.	145.00	
Hilo R. R. Co.	13.00	
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McBryde Co. 6s.	99.25	99.75	
O. R. & L. Co. 5s.	102.00		
Pacific Mill 6s.	103.00		
Waialua Agri. 6s.	100.00		

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Governor Frear has announced that he does not intend to resign at present. His days of doubt have been due to the question of whether, being an appointee of President Roosevelt, he held the entire confidence of President Taft. He says that now that point has been somewhat cleared up.

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