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The electric company has educated the people to place no dependence upon lights or power and thus no one is surprised or disappointed when motors come to a standstill and darkness prevails.

Hawaii is constantly finding itself running against the constitution with its old laws. Yet we find that the whole system of government has not been upset as was promised during the "transition period."

The Y. M. C. A. has ably fulfilled its mission of looking after the young men during the holiday season. May the future years of prosperity bring to this institution the larger and more modern home it deserves.

Revival of Christian masses by the Turk calls to mind that Europe will make a long job of it civilizing the boxers if we are to judge by its success in handling heathen in the more immediate vicinity. The millennium cannot be very close at hand when the civilized powers practically stand guard to preserve the integrity of the Turk and go to the Orient on civilizing campaigns.

The prompt attention given Grover Cleveland's remarks on politics shows that the time has arrived when he can again talk politics without fear of being hit with a club by his own followers. Cleveland first ruined his party and Bryan finished up the job. As the party is ready to do anything to secure success stranger things might happen than a return to a following of the first Moses—provided Grover can live long enough.

Young men anticipating a trial for an appointment to either West Point or Annapolis should fully realize that they can secure entrance to neither of these institutions only through ability to pass a very severe examination. Political favor may cut some figure in the appointment or the first competitive examination, but such favor is absolutely useless when the candidate appears before the examining board to be finally passed. Any young man who has not a special aptitude for mathematics is likely to find himself very much out of place in either of these schools should he be able to pass the first test. No one should contemplate a contest for either of these worthy positions unless particularly well grounded in mathematics and prepared to pursue a course of hard study and examinations that is not equalled by any other institution of the nation.

Doing away with the Citizens' Guard as recommended by the Attorney General is likely to be most seriously felt by the outside districts in the vicinity of plantations. Long ago the principal motive of this organization was lost, and of late it has served the purpose of furnishing what are practically deputies to the police authorities to be called upon on occasion of strikes or riots among the laborers. The mere fact that a reserve body of men with authority existed that may be called upon for immediate action has had a quieting effect on all the plantations. If the outside districts are to be crowded with negroes the necessity for such an organization may be even more apparent. The Citizens' Guard is now serving a good purpose, and if wiped out it will eventually have to be replaced by a similar organization though it may be under a different name.

THE TRANSPORT TRADE.

Hawaii's self satisfied bliss is evidenced no more forcibly than in its apparent indifference to the army transport trade. The transports came in the regular course of human events making Honolulu a port of call on the passage to Manila. Their coming has been like picking money up in the streets to this community. Having received this favor without exertion, it would appear that the city considers an effort to secure an increase in this trade entirely unnecessary.

Yet this transport trade might be doubled if Hawaii could exert sufficient influences in army circles to make Honolulu a port of call on the return as well as the outgoing trips. That the activity of the interested community does have a marked influence in shaping the course of the transport service has been shown in the division of the Mainland traffic between Seattle and San Francisco. Had Seattle and other cities of the Northwest assumed the same indifference that Hawaii has shown towards this service all the transports would today be despatched from San Francisco as they were at the outset.

Why should the transports return by way of Japan leaving good American money of the passengers and ship in a foreign land. As a stopping place in the all-American line to and from Manila, Hawaii certainly ought to have a good claim on the traffic over any foreign nation. The 20,000 or 30,000 troops that are to be returned in the next few months will be a source of trade that Hawaii ought not to let pass by without at least a struggle to secure it.

Suicide Was Very Carefully Planned

That W. Horace Wright deliberately planned his own death, seems without a doubt. The two vials of carbolic acid found empty under the desk in the office of the Independent yesterday morning were purchased at the Hobron Drug Co.'s store and at Hollister & Co.'s. At both places the deceased stated that he wanted the poison for the purpose of washing out a wound. He intended to use one part of the acid to thirty parts of water. This was on Monday afternoon shortly before the time he was seen drunk in the Independent office.

F. J. Testa, the proprietor of the Independent, states that he went to the office at 11 o'clock Monday night and that he saw the dead man seated at his desk in the same position exactly that he was found Tuesday morning. He thought of course that he was asleep and did not trouble to wake him but went and did what he had intended and then left home. When Mr. Testa was seen yesterday, he stated that he now believes Mr. Wright was dead at the time he entered the room.

Previous to sitting down to his desk for the last time, he had carefully screened the window in front of which he sat, with some newspapers. He then took a long pull at the brandy bottle to fortify himself for the work which he had in mind. Evidently he was not so drunk that he was unable to reason, for his work was systematically done. As yet, absolutely nothing has been found which would go toward showing the motive for the dead man's action.

The body of the deceased has been put in the hands of an undertaker and it will be taken to the Pearl City cemetery for burial at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon in the funeral train.

It is hinted that deceased left a lot of valuable papers and books behind him, although nothing in the nature of money was left. These will undoubtedly be brought to light later on, when a search of the dead man's premises is made.

Charlie Peterson Was Fined \$50

The case of Charlie Peterson of the Diamond Head lighthouse station, charged with assault and battery on Captain Nielsen, the keeper of the lighthouse, came up for trial in the Police Court this forenoon. Charlie pleaded guilty but stated that there were extenuating circumstances. Nielsen had called him a liar and other names that rank in the same category. The last trouble he had with the lighthouse keeper was about three weeks ago. Judge Wilcox imposed a fine of \$50 and costs which Charlie said he thought was rather heavy. The judge stated that, no doubt, Capt. Nielsen thought the blow on his face was very heavy.

The fine of \$50 was immediately paid and bonds in the sum of \$100 to keep the peace for a certain length of time, were also forthcoming.

Peterson says he was not arrested. He was telephoned to and told that there was a warrant out for his arrest. He thereupon came into town and gave himself up.

J. S. Emerson, who was present at the trial, said that he had separated the two men some time ago when they were about to pitch into one another. This was while he was doing some surveying work at Diamond Head.

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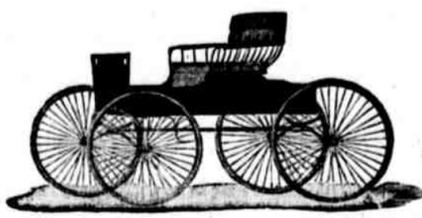
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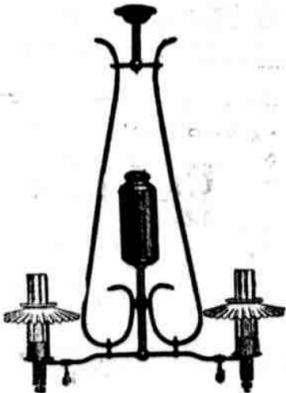
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TROUBLE IN IWILEI

There was trouble out near the corral in Iwilei yesterday morning that promised to develop into something more serious than what really did occur. If the police had not arrived on the scene when they did, no doubt there would have been a lively time.

It seems that a lot of natives, some thirty in all, counting men and women, were indulging in a native feast in celebration of New Year. They were in the midst of the enjoyment of pig and swipes when a couple of Japanese from the corral made their appearance in the yard. Whether these men went there looking for trouble or whether they went there with peaceable intentions, is not known. However, the natives were in a quarrelsome mood and of course, did not like the intrusion of the Japanese. Some of the men went out and, in less time than it takes to tell, the Japanese had been given a good beating.

Naturally the two men called for help and all the remaining Japanese in the corral hurried to the scene, some of them armed with clubs and others with rocks. They meant to do the natives bodily injury. Someone on the outside saw just how the affair was likely to end and, hurrying to a telephone in the vicinity, telephoned to the police station. Spencer, the corral officer, was already there and soon, Captain Fox and officers Baker and Mossman swelled the force.

The Japanese had the house surrounded when the officers of the law appeared on the scene and it was not until they had been talked to quietly that they consented to move away. They insisted that the natives who battered their countrymen be put under arrest and, indeed, this was the object for which the officers went out. A thorough search of the premises of the natives was made but the Japanese could not identify anyone and so the police came away empty handed. It is believed that the guilty parties got away while the police were parleying with the Japanese. In order to insure quiet during the remainder of the day, Captain Fox went into the house of the natives and emptied out about fifty gallons of swipes that had been prepared for the Juu. An officer was left with Spencer in the event of any further demonstration on the part of the Japanese.

Japanese Assault Case

Yesterday Nakabashi, a Japanese boarding house keeper in Kakaako, swore to a warrant for the arrest of Nishimura, one of his boarders on the charge of assault and battery. It appears that on the night mentioned, some of the inmates of the building were in a hilarious mood. The proprietor of the house allowed the notice to go on until 11 o'clock and then he took it into his head to stop any further hilarity, so he went into the room where the Japanese were collected and told them to desist. All but Nishimura stopped and went to their rooms. This fellow jumped up and struck Nakabashi in the face. He was found guilty of the charge in the Police Court this forenoon and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$5 and costs. Nishimura denied the story of Nakabashi and his witnesses but refused to take the stand in his own defense.

The Orpheum.

A good proportion of New Year revelers attended the Orpheum last night. The program was a good one and met with hearty applause. Little Claire scored as did Adams and Conlon and Ryder. Kurkamp showed his versatility in singing and instrumental work, both solo and with his clever wife Miss Raymond, Conlon and Ryder are getting all the laughs they can out of their last week. Jeannette and her trained cockatoos are a decided attraction. The white plumed pets and their elaborate apparatus present a pretty picture aside from the charms of their mistress. The boss of the cockatoos is "Dewey" the biggest pet and most willing worker of the flock. The birds are remarkably well trained and go through a number of exciting tricks. There will be a final Saturday matinee to bid good-bye to Baby Fox and the birds.

TRIBUTE TO MR. WRIGHT.

Among the many friends of the deceased W. Horace Wright was Allan Herbert, the horticulturist of Honolulu. Mr. Herbert called in at this office today and paid a tribute to the memory of the deceased in the following language:

"Mr. Wright was very fond of flowers. He often brought me seeds which he received from his people in England and some of these I planted from time to time. I still have two or three packages." It is my intention to plant these in the near future and, when the plants have grown large enough, I shall place some on the grave of the deceased. Several years ago when I had in the neighborhood of three acres planted in roses at my place in Kalihii, Mr. Wright used to come out and admire the flowers. No one was more sorry than he when the Japanese beetle came here in the wake of the little brown man and destroyed all the roses. He told me it was his habit to pick out a favorite flower in every country which he chanced to visit. In his home, England, he chose the rose. In California, it was the delicate and beautiful poppy and in Hawaii it was the tilia. It strikes me that one who loved children and flowers as Mr. Wright did, was by no means a bad man."