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Merchants' Association Hears Report On Work Of Past Year

ANNUAL ELECTION TO TAKE PLACE

The annual meeting of the Merchants' Association took place this afternoon, at which the following report on the work of the past year was submitted by the Board of Directors:

Honolulu, Jan. 22nd, 1907.

To the Members of the Merchants' Association.

Your Directors beg to report that during the year 1906 there have been four general meetings of the Association, fifteen Directors' meetings, one joint meeting of the Association with the Chamber of Commerce and two joint meetings of your Directors with the Trustees of the Chamber of Commerce.

Two firms, who have retired from business, have withdrawn from membership and two new members have been elected. The total membership at the present time being seventy-four.

Herewith are handed you the reports of the Secretary and of the Committee on Trade and Finance.

Your Directors have handled many matters of interest to the Mercantile Community, among them being the following:

Representative in Washington. The valuable services of Mr. Geo. B. McClellan have been secured for another term. Mr. McClellan has well represented the Association and has been prompt to respond to all calls on his services.

The representatives of your Association, while in New York in March last, endeavored to enlist the American-Hawaiian Steamship Co. in the project of a passenger steamer between this port and San Francisco. Consideration of the matter was promised if sufficient return freight could be guaranteed from this end. This the Association was, subsequently, unable to do and the project has probably fallen through, at least for a time.

Corporation Exhibits. In this case the Association won a partial victory in that it was decided that the Treasurer of the Territory had no power to compel the use of a form devised by himself.

The form issued by the Treasurer contained many objectionable features and was, in fact, inequitable in its nature.

Retains are now being made by the various Mercantile Corporations and it is the desire of the present Treasurer to select from the returns made those which seem best suited to the purposes, then ask for a consultation with the members of the Association and agree on a form to be used in future returns. This, however, will not be obligatory in its nature.

Insurance Matters. Acting on the suggestion of one of the members, your Directors entered into correspondence with the Territorial Treasury Department with the view of ascertaining the present financial condition of the Fire Insurance Companies doing business in the Territory. The result of this correspondence has been published in the local press and the mercantile community is now in possession of the information needed to decide whether a given company is in a sound financial condition or not. As a result of the disaster in San Francisco, owing to the losses sustained, several companies have withdrawn from the local field.

In the middle of the year the United States Government called for tenders for the erection of a number of buildings on the Island of Molokai, for the purpose of a National Leprosarium. The wording of the call was such that all local contractors would be shut out from competition. On the request of some of the local contractors, the Secretary of the Association called to Mr. McClellan, our representative in Washington, asking that he endeavor to have the time of opening bids deferred. The result of this was that a new call was made and our local contractors have been able to enter tenders for the project.

Ottwell being now in charge of the service.

On the call of the Governor and jointly with the Chamber of Commerce, the Association is endeavoring to enlist the support of the Secretary of State, Hon. Elihu Root, for a Pan-Pacific Consular Conference to be held in Honolulu in the near future.

The approaching session of the Territorial Legislature will call for active and prompt attention on the part of all of the members of this Association with the view of securing favorable legislation, if needed, and for the prevention of legislation that may be inimical to the mercantile interests.

A suggestion given editorially by one of our local papers in regard to Subscription Lists is worthy of consideration by this Association. Every merchant is frequently solicited for subscriptions for charitable or other purposes as well as for advertising patronage in many doubtful ventures. It is suggested that a special committee be appointed, permanent in its nature, to whom could be referred all subscription lists, as well as advertising schemes, and whose approval or rejection thereof, would be a guide to the mercantile community in their action.

The report of the Secretary of the Promotion Committee is herewith submitted and indications are that tourist travel will be larger this year than heretofore.

The good work accomplished by this Association, in the past, is an earnest of what can be accomplished in the future.

Too much emphasis cannot be laid on the fact that the members of the Association, or a majority of them, are delinquent in their attendance at the meetings of the Association. Attendance is encouraging to the Directors; it brings out new ideas and helps to make the Association stronger and more effective in its work.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Recorded Jan. 18, 1907.
S. Mathews to Gustav Riedel; Rel: lots 13 and 15, Gulick tract, Honolulu; \$1200. B 299, p. 26. Dated Jan 17, 1907.

Manuel J. Serpa to Muli Bldg. & Loan Socy of Hawaii Ltd; M: lot 22, blk B, Minton tract, Honolulu; \$550. B 290, p. 26. Dated Jan 17, 1907.

Elizabeth K Baker and her (R H) to David L. Peterson; D: Govt lot 463, Gr 3468, S slope Punchbowl Hill, Honolulu; \$1000. B 287, p. 159. Dated Apr 7, 1905.

Edith W Blackman by atty to Elizabeth K Baker; Rel: Govt lot 463 of Gr 3468, and bldgs, S slope Punchbowl Hill, Honolulu; \$1500. B 290, p. 28. Dated Jan 15, 1907.

1120 Union St, Honolulu; \$450. B 290, p. 38. Dated June 3, 1905.
Ella M Loebenstein to David A Loebenstein; PA; general powers, B 284, p. 459. Dated Sept 4, 1906.
WG Walker to B K Naisakauna et al; L: per Ap 2, R P 7297, fruit trees and water rts, N Hilo, Hawaii; life lease \$1. B 288, p. 128. Dated Feb 14, 1905.

Chow Wai Chiu to Chow Wai Kong; HS; leasehold, bldgs, bakery apparatus, etc, Hilo; \$750. B 284, p. 458. Dated Jan 15, 1907.

First Bank of Hilo Ltd to Frederick S Lyman; Rel: per Kul 3758B, 9750 sq ft land, bldgs, etc, Waimanalo, School and Pleasant Sts, Hilo; \$2600. B 289, p. 324. Dated Oct 2, 1906.

Mary Kaimama to Herman N Kaimama; D: 2 pes land, bldgs and furniture, Alenuihau, etc, Hilo; \$1. etc. B 287, p. 164. Dated Aug 27, 1905.

Mary Kaimama to David Kaimama; D: 15 acres land and household furniture, Kalaheo, Hilo; \$1. etc. B 287, p. 164. Dated Aug 27, 1905.

Nakanelo to S K Kaimama; D: Kul 3729B, Kaunahu, Hamakua, Hawaii; \$24. B 287, p. 165. Dated Jan 12, 1907.

J H Kaimama and wf to Kamaoka Puhao (w); D: pes land, bldgs, and stock, etc, Kapaemahu, etc, N Kohala, Hawaii; \$1. etc. B 287, p. 167. Dated July 8, 1903.

Elizabeth Kaio et al to Clarence W Ashford; M: R P's 3586 and 4080, Gr 758 and Kula 3257, 19018, 8126 and 6586, Waipake, etc, Koolau, etc; 1 shares in hui land, Waimiha, Hialeah, all Kaula; \$2687. B 290, p. 32. Dated Nov 15, 1906.

Recorded Jan. 21, 1907.
K M Kuna and wf to John Kekaula; PA; general powers. B 281, p. 461. Dated Sept 8, 1906.

Henrietta Amosion to Kuna and wf; Rel: R P's 8013 and 2406 and 1-2 lot in R P 2529, Kailua, etc, Koolau-poko, Oahu; \$150. B 289, p. 324. Dated Jan 17, 1907.

K N Kuna and wf and by atty to William R Castle tr; M: R P's 8013 and 2406 and 1-2 lot in R P 2529 and bldgs, Kailua, Koolau-poko, Oahu; \$300. B 289, p. 325. Dated Jan 17, 1907.

Kaunakapili Evangelical Church by trs to Alexander Young; Rel: 3 pes land, leaseholds, bldgs, etc, Kailua, Honolulu; lots 4, 5, 6, 10, 11 and 12, blk 19 and 20339 sq ft land, bldgs, etc, Kewalo, Honolulu; \$20,000. B 289, p. 327. Dated Jan 16, 1907.

Kilikina Kaili (w) to Loo Chong; R: R P 3286, Kul 898, Honolulu, Ewa, Oahu; 12 yrs at \$60 per yr. B 289, p. 130. Dated Jan 17, 1907.

Kalamakal and wf to Edward H F Wolter tr; D: per R P 101, bldgs, etc, Manoa valley, Honolulu; \$325. B 287, p. 269. Dated Jan 19, 1907.

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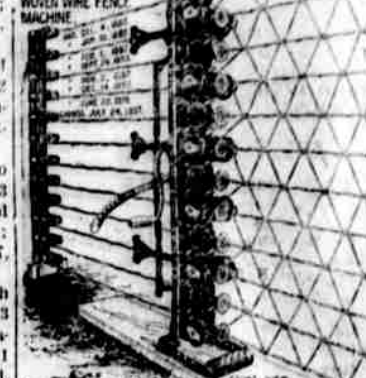
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