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The Best Way to Find Holiday Bargains is to Read the Bulletin

"CINCH" is a word used to describe that sort of certainty which is not so well described by any other word.
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NOTICE

Office of the Second Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Foreign Mails.
To the Postmaster, Honolulu, Hawaii:
Relative to the agreement recently concluded between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the United States providing for a reduction in the letter rate of postage between the two countries, I have to inform you that it has been determined that the term "United States" in the agreement in question embraces only the States themselves and the Territories, including Alaska, on the continent of North America, and does not embrace Hawaii, Porto Rico, and other possessions of the United States.
JOSEPH STEWART,
Second Assistant Postmaster General.

October 7, 1908.

According to the ruling of the Postoffice Department, Hawaii is not a part of the United States. The foregoing letter is a delayed response to a request made by Postmaster Pratt for a ruling under the recent postal agreement between Great Britain and the United States. Mr. Pratt has been proceeding on the theory that these islands being a Territory of the United States were a part of it. The Postmaster General or the "Government" appears to think otherwise. The subject is one that will probably be taken up by the public organization of the city.

Contest Hangs On Meaning of "Any" In Election Laws

What is or are the election district or districts of Oahu? Is there only one "election" district? What is the meaning to be placed upon the word "any" in Section 41 of the Election Laws of Hawaii?
These were among the important questions which were argued and debated by the lawyers in the matter of the demurrer filed to the contest of James Kullike, et al., versus J. J. Fern before the Supreme Court this morning. E. M. Watson and Wade Warren Thayer supported the demurrer should be overruled. The main feature of the debate came from Watson at the start-off when he stated to the Court that the demurrer to the contest should be sustained primarily on the ground that the thirty "duly qualified voters" who had signed the petition were not from one particular election district, being, on the contrary, from both the Fourth and Fifth Representative Districts, which practically means, according to his contention, from both election

districts.
Later on in his argument Watson stated that he contended that there were three separate and distinct divisions in the matter of districts—first, the Senatorial district, which embraced the whole island; second, the two Representative districts; and third, the election districts. The election laws of the Territory state "Any candidate directly interested, or any thirty duly qualified voters of any election district, may file a petition" for the purpose of contesting an election. The whole matter this morning seemingly hinged on the exact meaning of the word "any" before "election district" in the foregoing quotation from the election laws.
Watson contended that "any" meant "one particular" district. Arguing on a different phase of the demurrer to the contest, Thayer made the statement that it would be possible for thirty duly qualified voters on Kauai to contest the election of an officer on Hawaii. This was a matter to be decided by the Court, however, or, rather, it appeared to sift down to a question of the jurisdiction of the court.
A. G. M. Robertson spoke at length, following George A. Davis, in answer to the arguments advanced by Watson and Thayer.
The main point at issue lies in the question as to what kind of election districts is meant. If Watson is sustained in his fight that the election laws refer to the two Representative districts when speaking of "election" districts, it will practically mean that through a technicality the contest will not be allowed. The Republicans maintain, of course, that as the voters from the whole Senatorial district voted for Mayor, so should the voters from the whole Senatorial district be considered in the petition for recount.
Upon convening of the court this morning it made the following announcement: "A rule of Court will be made that in election contests the Court will set the case for hearing upon the defendant's filing his demurrer, plea, or answer which he will be at liberty to do at any time before the return day; that no replication or joinder in demurrer will be filed."
The Court before hearing the demurrer made the following order: "It

TAFT and CONGRESSMEN AGREE to SUGAR SCHEDULE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—President-elect Taft and the Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee have reached an agreement by which the Philippines will be given free trade with the Mainland. The Democratic members concur in this program.

The sugar interests have indicated that they are willing to accept a compromise restricting the amount of sugar admitted free to 300,000 tons annually. All in excess of this amount should, they claim, pay the present duty. The beet sugar men are now conferring with the Committee. Free tobacco will be restricted.

Harbor Light Comes On Steamer Lurline

Soon the light will be shining in to pack the lamp and machinery, and the tower of the new lighthouse the total outfit weighs a number of which has just been completed on tons. The lenses are made of the bar in the harbor. The Lurline to-highest grade of optical glass, and day brought the lamp, lenses, machinery, and other equipment necessary, and the beacon tower will be placed in commission immediately.
The equipment brought on the Lurline is considerably more complicated than the sort that used to be installed in lighthouses. The harbor light is considered one of the most important in the entire group and an equipment of what is known as the "first order" has been provided. It required numerous large parcels



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is ordered upon the Court's motion that the plaintiff's affidavits be struck from the files together with the defendant's motion to strike them off and the plaintiff's joinder in demurrer and motion to set the case for hearing."

Washington, Nov. 21.—Somebody has been giving out the unwarranted impression, judging by the almost frantic queries received here today, that there is danger of a reduction on oranges, walnuts, dried fruits and other fruits, especially those of a semi-tropical character. In response to this fear it is declared by one who should be in a position to know a great deal of the intentions of Congress that there is a disposition to take care of the farmer, and that all products of the soil will be protected, practically without exception. It may be difficult, if not impossible, to get the raise of half a cent on lemons and a cent on raisins asked for by California, but it is pretty safe to say there will be no reduction.
Florida wants protection on pineapples and on vegetables in a natural state, and, while the administration feels that it owes nothing to a state which gave a big plurality for the Democratic ticket, yet the plea of California alone will doubtless insure that Florida will be given what it asks for, at least, substantial recognition.
There will be some real revision, that is said to be certain; but the revision downward will be on what the farmer buys and not on what he produces.

Frear Talks Land

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—Governor Frear of Hawaii appeared today before the Senate Committee on Pacific Islands, of which Senator Foraker is chairman. He dwelt at length on the land laws of the Territory and other matters of public administration.

White Statue

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 11.—The statue erected in this city in memory of the late United States Senator Stephen White was unveiled today with great ceremony.

Scores of letters that passed between Millard Fillmore, when he was President of the United States, and Daniel Webster, Edward Everett and Henry Clay have been found in the residence of the late Charles D. Marshall, in Buffalo.


The latest use of reinforced concrete is in the building of boats. Some of these have recently been constructed in Italy—among them five of about 120 tons each for the Italian navy.

In view of the increasing scarcity of timber, from which almost all paper is manufactured, it is of interest to know that excellent brown paper is produced from peat, and in all probability this can be bleached. There are 2,800,000 acres of peat in Ireland alone, averaging fifteen feet in depth. An acre contains 1500 tons of solid peat.

Got Harbor Contract

The Hawaiian Dredging Company this morning received a cablegram from Washington announcing that the Pearl Harbor dredging contract has been awarded to the company.

The skeleton of Synoby, the famous race horse, is being exhibited at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. James R. Keene, owner of the horse, had the skeleton mounted and presented to the institution.



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