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BOARD SAYS RABIES SERIOUS

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man's pup," said Mr. Dowsett, referring to the recent somewhat ludicrous happenings incident to the attempt of Mrs. Wilbur, Mrs. George M. Pullman's sister, to get her Japanese pug into Hawaii. "This has gone beyond the ludicrous. It is not a question of dog life. It is now a question of human life."
Dr. Norgaard furnished the basis for the discussion by submitting a report asking for extensions and improvements in the dog-quarantine kennels on Ala Moana road. He asked for six additional kennels. Moreover, heeding the complaints of owners of blue-blooded dogs, he told the board that better provision should be made for shielding the dogs from the excessive heat.
The board entirely agreed with him, but found no funds available. It was then that the members unanimously decided that the menace of rabies getting into the Territory is serious enough to warrant a call on the board of health to furnish some funds for the dog quarantine.
"The serious side of this is the one the community should appreciate," said President Giffard. "We must continue the quarantine to protect humanity."
Hawaii, it is certain, is now luckily free from the hydrophobia presence. But the commissioners hold that eternal vigilance is the price of that freedom, and they are vigilant.
Davies' Plea.
George Davies sent a letter to the board demanding that protection from the vertical rays of a tropical sun be furnished his fine Irish setter now held in quarantine. The board feels that these requests are justifiable, and decided that an adequate lattice-work screen of coconut leaves shall be made for all the kennels at once.
Dr. Norgaard, pointing out the se-

riousness of the situation, reported in part:
That rabies is rampant among dogs in San Francisco cannot be denied. We learn from the daily papers of that city that at the inquest on the body of a man who recently died from hydrophobia, having been bitten by his pet terrier some five weeks previously, the verdict of the coroner's jury recommended that the dog-muzzling regulation recently enacted by the Board of Supervisors be strictly enforced, while the poundmaster reports 1101 head of unlicensed dogs caught and destroyed during the month of March "because of the numerous recent cases of dog bites." That only one case of hydrophobia in man has been reported so far is undoubtedly due to an effort on the part of the authorities to suppress the facts. Under date of March 18th the Federal Inspector in charge of the port of San Francisco writes me referring to the prevalence of hydrophobia. "A few days ago we had a case in my own neighborhood, where four or five dogs were found to be rabid and over a dozen people had been bitten by them."
As this is the first time that an epidemic of rabies has occurred in San Francisco it may be taken for granted that the efforts of the authorities to combat the disease is being met with the usual obstructions of the skeptical and the ignorant. This is evidenced by the published facts that the first human victim was ridiculed and told not to worry when he presented himself for treatment and expressed his fears of hydrophobia. It is, therefore, safe to conclude that numerous cases are being kept away from the authorities until they develop either the furious or the paralytic form of the disease—that is, until they have done all or most of the harm they can do by transmitting the disease to man or beast.
It has been forcibly impressed on me of late that we must do everything possible to gain the confidence and cooperation of the public and especially of incoming tourists or returning residents who are accompanied by dogs. Every dog-owner is as a rule a dog-fancier or a dog enthusiast and nothing is more objectionable, not to say

horrible, to such as the idea of having the canine pet, pal or companion put in quarantine, something on a par with having a member of the family confined in the state prison. This, in connection with the unfortunate length of the quarantine which the nature and course of the disease make imperative, suggests that the premises where the animals are to be confined be made as comfortable and attractive as possible in order to make the prolonged segregation resemble imprisonment as little as possible and thereby induce the owners to comply with the requirements of the law instead of trying to evade them.
In concluding this subject I beg to emphasize that I consider the rabies situation an extremely serious matter, as the introduction of the disease into the Territory would prove nothing short of a calamity, which undoubtedly would result in the sacrifice of a number of human lives. With the nearest Pasteur Institute 4000 miles away and without means for sending indigent patients there for treatment, it would cost at least \$500 for each person bitten to obtain treatment in either St. Louis or Austin, Texas.—It would seem that no step to prevent the entrance of the disease should be neglected or overlooked. And as at ready stated the most important means to this end is to gain the confidence and cooperation of the dog-owners by providing safe, sanitary and comfortable quarters for quarantine.
TENDER FOR HILO BUILDING.
The following new tenders on the contract for construction of the board of health building at Hilo were opened by Superintendent Marston Campbell of the board of public works today: C. H. Will, \$12,214; Lord-Young Engineering Co., \$11,569.
The contract for drawing the architectural plans for the armory was given to Ripley, Reynolds & Davis, and that for plans of the insane asylum was given to Architect Kerr.
Others may circulate papers but the Bulletin is admitted to have the largest circulation.

HAWAII MEN ARE GETTING LINE ON CORAL'S GROWTH

How fast does coral grow?
Nobody in the world knows exactly, but two Hawaiian scientists are now making tests which in a comparatively short time will settle the problem.
President Gilmore of the College of Hawaii and Prof. W. A. Bryan are over on the other side of the island today watching the coral grow. They have picked out a big patch on the edge of the reef suitable for making accurate observations and getting conclusive data. They started the work early and are now in the midst.
"Although Agassiz charted many islands and reefs of the Pacific he made no measurements or observations to find out the rate at which coral grows," said Prof. Bryan this morning, "and we are in a way pioneering the work."
THETIS BACK; NO TRACE OF HUNTER
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Several buildings of rough construction had been erected to protect the collection of feathers and skins. These could not be removed and in leaving the island the men in the Thetis partly tore down portions of the building in order to assist in the complete destruction of the large quantity of plunder. **Rabbits Do Not Thrive.**
The rabbit colony on Laysan is reported as not in particularly thriving condition. According to the observa-

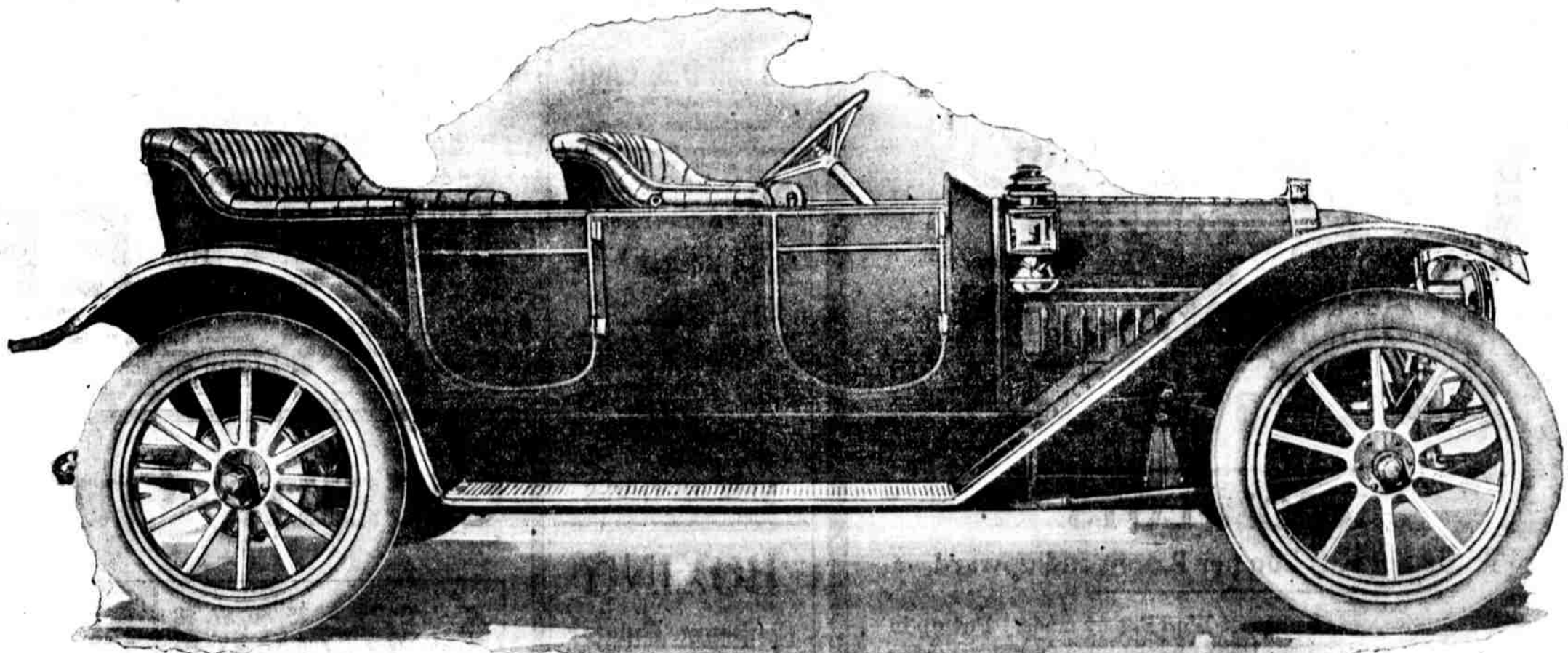
tions made by Captain Cochran, the habits are not increasing to any marked degree. They were found in goodly numbers but they are far from being considered in the light of a pest.
One officer who accompanied the party declared this morning that not a single tropic bird was seen on the entire trip of the Thetis.
The Thetis sailed from Honolulu on April 17th, just a few hours before the dreadful billings of the loss of the Titanic was received here. As the cutter neared the islands, however, her radiotelegraph enabled the officers to gain the important facts concerning the disaster.
"Jack and Jenny" No Longer There
"Jack and Jenny," two of King Max Schlemmer's faithful subjects, who were imported by the former ruler of the little mid-Pacific dot, to serve as beasts of burden at the guano colony, are no longer domiciled on the barren and wind-swept fastness of a lonely islet. The jackasses were removed some time ago and brought to Honolulu.
The Thetis was favored by the best of weather, according to her officers on arrival at port this morning.
That Mysterious Sampan.
One vessel was met on the cruise to the neighboring bird islands. The Thetis lookout reported a sail one morning as the revenue cutter neared Bird Island. The craft was overhauled and proved to be a Japanese fishing boat hauling from one of the coasting ports on the island of Kauai. Inquiry developed the fact that the vessel as well as her crew were engaged solely in fishing.
Bird Island, the desolate rock which rises for a hundred feet or more out of the Pacific, was apparently covered with birds. The Thetis officers did not attempt a landing on this desolate spot. The islet was completely circled and nothing was found which would indicate that poachers had established themselves there.
All Well at Midway Island.
Midway Island cable colony were given later mail through a visit of the Thetis. Captain Cochran found the weather entirely too boisterous to attempt the landing of his boats at Midway. The Thetis stood off until one

of the cable colony motor launches came out to meet the vessel. A quantity of mail was transferred.
All is reported well with the members of the little colony who represent the cable company at the island.
The Thetis is again at her old anchorage in the stream. The revenue cutter is to sail for northern waters on June 1st according to the late mail advices received by Captain Cochran.
FINE QUARTET TO GIVE SACRED CONCERT
The MacWatters Quartet has been secured to give a sacred concert at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow afternoon as a feature of the regular Newcomer's Club program. Beginning at 4 o'clock in the main lobby, an attractive program numbers with solos by Messrs. J. W. Young and Schultz, bass, will be rendered. There will be a grand-stand play on collection, and all men of the city are invited to attend. Young men who have recently come to Honolulu will be especially welcome.
Immediately following the concert at 4:50, Professor Collins will lead a discussion on "Social Service" in Cook Hall. This will be the third of the discussions on the general topic of "Service" and is of particularly live interest in Honolulu at the present time. "Social Service" was the prime subject of the recent Public Welfare Exhibit held in front of the building and one of the leading aims of the Christian Extension Movement. Professor Collins will have some good points on the subject for discussion, and it is hoped that he will have a large number of non-graduate students who will be served in the cafeteria just after the discussion class at 5:30. The concert program is as follows:
Remember Now Thy Creator... Rhodes
Nearer My God to Thee... Johnson
Tease Not—The Lord Is My Light... Allsien
Mr. Oakes.
Shadows... Harkness
Blessed Assurance... Mr. Schultz
Beyond the Hill Tops... Paris
Sail, Sail With Thee... Gorrish

INVENTOR OF ARMY TENT HERE

The ranking officer of the transport Thomas, now in port, is Colonel Fredrick W. Shiley, 14th Cavalry. Colonel Shiley is the inventor of the Shiley tent, for many years the standard army tent, owing to the fact that it provided the maximum of shelter for the minimum of expense. Only recently has the new pyramidal tent superseded the Shiley invention.
Colonel Shiley sailed on General Macomb this morning. He had little information to add to what is already known here of the permanent Colonial Corps organized in the Philippines. The idea appears to be popular with army officers in the Far East, and there was no lack of officers willing to transfer into the permanent organization.
Another high ranking visitor at headquarters this morning was Lieutenant Colonel E. P. Brewer, 14th Cavalry. Colonel Brewer, while now back in the line, has seen considerable service in the inspector general's department.
The Chief Justice of the Philippines division, who has just been relieved after twelve years in Manila, is a passenger on the transport. He has been ordered to Chicago, the Central Division headquarters.
TO SEE BLACK SAND.
Land Commissioner Tucker and the Governor inspected some black sand quarries this afternoon with a view to determining whether further operations should be permitted and the sand sold under the present price quoted on that article.
SETS ASIDE CEMETERY LAND.
Governor Peary yesterday gave an executive order setting aside a tract of land at Kaunakakai, Molokai, for a cemetery to be constructed under the supervision of the Board of Health.

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