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SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.86c. Per Ton, \$77.20.
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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, December 25.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, .03.
Temperature, Max. 76; Min. 68. Weather, rainy.

HONOLULU'S CHRISTMAS LESSON.

What has been the lesson taught by the Christmas festivities in Honolulu this year? Of what benefit has been the outlay in money, in time and intense thought by the good citizens of this capital of the Territory in behalf of this Christmas celebration?

They are questions which might be answered in different ways, according to the viewpoint of the pessimist or the optimist.

In the first place, every man, woman, and child who has taken part in the festivities celebrating Christ's birth must of necessity have caught some of the spirit exemplified in the life of the Redeemer. Possibly not all have realized it, but the story of that perfect life has been accentuated in the services of the Day; its story has again touched the hearts of innumerable children, the beauty and self-sacrifice of His life and death has appealed to some sorrowful heart, to some human being on the verge of temptation; like an ever-running fountain of the water of life, souls are made young again in the promise that His birth means to mortals on their journey.

Of what benefit? Ah! ask the thousands of mothers who watched the joy of their offspring in the gifts received; ask the fathers who, so many of them, sacrificed some of their own pleasures to make their loved ones happier; ask the children who, in turn, have been taught the joy of giving, the pure delight of remembrance. Also ask the subscribers to the Malhini Christmas Tree fund. And from another point of view, ask the shopkeeper, the merchant, the workman.

The answer? It's fine.

It has been a prosperous time, purse strings have been loosened, and joy has been unconfined.

Yes, we are optimists.

FOR A MARINE CORPS TRANSPORT.

Maj. Gen. G. F. Elliott, who, before his recent retirement as commander of the United States Marine Corps, submitted his annual report, among other things makes the recommendation that a transport be provided for the exclusive use of the Marine Corps. This is not a new idea, but it is one which is growing in favor as the Marine Corps grows in strength and effectiveness, and congress will undoubtedly take action upon the recommendation of the distinguished officer in his last report.

There is no doubt but that such a transport would be found of great service in peace and of an almost absolute necessity in time of trouble, for it is the marine who is generally first upon the scene along with the navy, to which he is attached.

During days of peace a Marine Corps transport would be kept busy carrying the various details of marines from reserve camps to their stations in foreign or colonial waters. At this time the distribution of the details assigned to various ships and stations is made for the most part in army transports, when available, and there is a good deal of dissatisfaction registered in consequence.

In war time the mobilization of a regiment of the corps could be made in quick time with a transport, while a landing under the guns of a fleet would be facilitated.

Such a transport would also be a frequent visitor in the harbor of Honolulu, for it is here that a central reserve station for marines in force is contemplated, available to be transported to eastern or western waters, on cable notice, in any emergency. Thus the recommendation of General Elliott is of special interest to Honolulu, which is more and more becoming accentuated as "The Crossroads of the Pacific."

Yesterday morning was the morning after the night before—and looked like it. Talk about the good old-fashioned English Christmas with the snow lying all over the ground, it isn't to be compared with Honolulu. They can only have white snow over there in the tight little island, while here we have all the colors of the rainbow. In parts of Fort Street it was lying six inches deep, and in the gutters, where the rain had got a good chance, multi-colored streams wound their way toward the escapes. Broken horns and bottles lay side by side in the rain, and the whole street looked like a chicken that had been out in the rain for three and a half days and had returned home—well, via Honolulu.

When the new board of supervisors gets wound up for action next week, we sincerely hope it will not run down for at least two years. Now is the time for the members-elect to register their good resolutions, and an affidavit with each one. Amen!

When that ship line gets started between the islands, maybe special excursions to the Volcano, with special rates for a round-trip ticket, will prove an attraction.

The trouble with some chronic prisoners is that they don't mind going to jail a bit, especially around Christmas time, when it is certain they will be guests at a luau, which otherwise they might miss.

HANG TOGETHER

The Garden Island, Kauai.

We heartily second the comment of The Pacific Commercial Advertiser, expressed in its editorial of December 18, on the importance of the people of these Islands in general, and of Honolulu in particular, standing together in working for any desired improvement, instead of working at cross purposes when an important result is to be attained, as has been the case too often in the past. It would be a very easy thing to let the majority decide when any important step is to be taken. That is always a safe rule to follow, in the end, in spite of the fact that the few who compose the opposition may sometimes have what is in reality much the better side of the argument. In such case the only thing to be done is to go to work and touch the majority, or enough of them to turn a minority into a majority on the other side. This procedure is always feasible, if the farseeing few who know they are right will only have the patience to go slowly with the majority and take time enough to "show" them, in detail, the arguments upon which they rely for their convictions.

The trouble seems to be that it is much easier for most people to stand up and have the satisfaction of speaking their own minds, even though such action will make impossible the accomplishment of what they at heart desire, than to accept a seeming defeat, which is in reality only a temporary setback, for the sake of a certain victory in the future.

The reason for this state of affairs is, we believe, that the best class of people in these Islands contains too many men who have so much self-assurance—truly a very commendable trait on most occasions—that they are unable to give up their cherished ideals, knowing that the aim of the majority are not so safe nor so public-spirited as their own. But they must learn to sidetrack their

PEARY GIVES MEDALS TO NATIONAL MUSEUM

WASHINGTON, December 13.—Capt. Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the north pole, has turned over to the United States national museum sixteen gold and two silver medals that have been awarded him.

Among these are the gold medal presented to him by the National Geographical Society of Washington, D. C., for his discovery of the north pole and the gold medal of the Royal Geographical Society of London, presented to him for "Arctic exploration, 1880-1909." This medal was designed by Mrs. Scott, wife of the leader of the British south polar expeditions.

Captain Peary also deposited in the national museum the flag of his polar expedition, presented to him by his brothers of the Delta Kappa Epsilon, and the peace flag given him by the society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. He carried both of these flags with him to the north pole.

Toveji Morimoto, a Japanese, was sentenced to life imprisonment at Tacoma, for the murder of a countryman.

ETHICS HARD TO APPLY, SAYS T. R.

Modern Morality Must Be Efficient. He Declares in Nobel Lecture at Harvard.

CAMBRIDGE, December 14.—In speaking on "Applied Ethics," as the Nobel lecturer in Sanders Theater tonight, Colonel Roosevelt touched briefly on the building of the Panama Canal, the progress of conservation and the movement toward universal peace, as typified by recent fisheries decisions at The Hague.

The Nobel lecture at Harvard is provided by a fund given by Mrs. William B. Nobel in memory of her husband, an Episcopal clergyman, and is for the benefit of students and the faculty.

Colonel Roosevelt's visit to Massachusetts was expressly for the lecture, although he attended a meeting of the Harvard overseers at the office in Boston. He was elected a member of the board last June.

Just before going on the lecture platform tonight Colonel Roosevelt learned of the Carnegie peace foundation fund. He hailed the announcement with delight and was especially pleased with the selection of Senator Elihu Root as permanent representative of the United States at The Hague.

Gives Praise to Carnegie.

Toward the end of his lecture he referred to the gift as providing the means of making "real progress" in bringing about the results which Mr. Carnegie desires to achieve.

"He is entitled to the hearty praise of all good citizens here," said Colonel Roosevelt, "and of all patriots in all countries."

"But remember," he said warningly, "that the ultimate worth depends on the good practical sense, the judgment and ability of the men who, administering the fund, succeed in translating the theory into action."

This translation of the moral theories of government into practice, or what he termed "applied morality," he sought to illustrate by the Panama Canal, under the direction of Colonel Goethals; conservation as exemplified by the labors of Garfield and Pinchot, and the peace movement as furthered by John Hay and Elihu Root.

He favored the fortification of the canal and a larger navy as the best guarantee of peace.

Application Difficult.

In his address the colonel said in part:

"It is the easiest thing in the world to sketch out in the closest a system of government, and it is one of the most difficult things in the world to make a government really functional. In just the same way it is proverbially easy to preach morality, and still easier to applaud it when preached, but it is difficult to do the only thing that counts, which is to apply the morality in practice."

"For that reason when I speak of applied morality—using morality in the largest sense, that is, for the efficient application of the principles, the carrying out of which means really good government—I wish to give concrete illustrations."

"For instance, it is greatly to the credit of any nation, of any government, when it performs some vast undertaking which will last for many centuries and which adds perceptibly to the sum of achievements of mankind."

"Such an undertaking is the Panama Canal."

Two Great Achievements.

"Last spring when in Europe I was struck by the fact that every statesman I met deemed two acts of the American people during the past decade preeminently worth notice; these two being the voyage of the battleship fleet around the world, and the business-like efficiency with which we are doing the work of the Panama Canal."

"Now our own people have largely been ignorant of the really wonderful work that has been done on that canal. No men in our history, save only some of the men engaged in the great wars which founded and perpetuated this nation, have such a claim on the gratitude of the nation as those who have done such efficient work on the Panama Canal."

"That work represents one of our greatest national assets, one of the greatest feats to be credited to our nation throughout our entire history. Enormous sums of money have been spent, and yet there is practically no hint of corruption in connection with spending them."

High Standard Set.

"Very, very few private business concerns, no matter how well administered, can show such a high standard of probity and efficiency as has been obtained among the men doing the work on the Panama Canal."

"Many men have rendered high and honorable service to the United States in connection with the work of the Panama Canal, but by far the greatest and most important work has been rendered by Colonel Goethals. It is to him more than to any other one man that we owe the successful accomplishment of one of the great business and engineering feats of the age."

"Now I thus speak of Colonel Goethals and of those associated with him and working under him because what they do illustrates just what I mean when I speak of applied morality in governmental life. Of course, in government, you can hardly speak of morality as being such unless it is also efficient; public morality is a matter of integrity combined with efficiency."

Conservation Difficult.

"Again, take the question of conservation of our natural resources, of preserving our forests, our water supply, our soil, and not only of preserving them, but of seeing that they are preserved for the use of our people as a whole and not exploited merely for the benefit of a few people of great wealth. It is by no means difficult to make speeches and deliver lectures on that subject, nor to hold conventions in its favor and applaud declarations in favor of conservation."

"But as soon as men in actual prac-

tical work begin to apply the doctrine they meet with all kinds of difficulties, they are brought face to face with all kinds of selfish interests, and they are exposed also to the even greater danger of being misunderstood by honest men."

"Those who actually do the work of conservation have, therefore, a peculiar claim upon me. While I was President there were no two men to whom I felt I owed more, from the standpoint of the public service, than Messrs. Garfield and Pinchot, for the work they did in connection with conservation."

"Their work was done, not only with a zeal and disinterestedness, but also with the utmost efficiency. They actually put into practice as working principles the theories which a great many men, including myself, for instance, thoroughly approve, but which were reduced to action in satisfactory shape for the first time by these two men."

"Let me take one more illustration. For over half a century there have been repeated and organized efforts to further the cause of international peace. Great peace meetings have been held again and again, in country after country. Now real good has been accomplished at some of these peace meetings; they have sometimes resulted in furthering the cause of peace."

Hay Preserved Court.

"For instance, it was a fine thing to establish The Hague court; but having been established, the court was never used, for it was found to be infinitely easier to pass lofty resolutions as to its existence than actually to get any nation, under any circumstances, to take advantage of it. The court would, in actual fact, never have come into existence, its memory would have vanished, if it had not been for John Hay, who, as secretary of state, succeeded in getting Mexico and the United States to submit to the judgment of the court a claim involving the two nations. It was this act of John Hay's which literally saved the court."

"What has been accomplished by friendly treaty during President Taft's administration represents a mass of substantial achievement of triumph over the formidable obstacles."

Toward the end of his lecture, Colonel Roosevelt deviated from the topic of "peace" and spoke about the Carnegie fund, announcement of which was made today.

"A great and notable gift to the cause of international peace has just been announced today. Mr. Carnegie has done many things for the cause of peace, but none quite so important as that announced today. He has provided means which will enable very real progress to be made in bringing about the results which he desires to achieve."

Must Be Sensibly Used.

"He is entitled to the hearty praise of all good citizens here, of all patriots and lovers of their country, no matter what that country may be, in every part of the world, for what he has just done. But remember always, that the ultimate worth of this foundation which he has made will depend primarily upon the practical good sense, the judgment and the ability of the men who, administering the funds or working under them, succeed in translating the theory into action."

Returning to his lecture, Colonel Roosevelt said that peace must come, if it is to be of the slightest good, as the child of justice, and not of weakness. The efficiency of the United States navy, and its ability to guarantee the neutrality of the Panama Canal would, he said, add immensely to our practical efficiency as a people in working for peace.

"The surest way to render our conduct in seeking peace a subject of derision and contempt among the nations of mankind," Colonel Roosevelt declared, "would be to abandon the work of upbuilding the United States Navy and to refrain from fortifying the Panama Canal."

CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE LOCAL CHURCHES

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prayer a beautiful selection was given by Mr. and Mrs. Bischof, with zither and guitar accompaniment. Mrs. E. Damon gave a talk which was appropriate to the day. Epworth League, First Methodist Episcopal Church, was led by Mrs. E. R. Smith, wife of the pastor, who took for her subject, "This day and the lesson to us and to the world." In the morning the Rev. E. R. Smith preached a powerful sermon on the humanizing influence of Christ.

At the Catholic Mission special services were also held, and again the singing was quite a feature of the day. Special sermons were preached touching on the day.

At the Jail.

Rev. John Wadman held a special service at the jail yesterday afternoon and was assisted by two Japanese pastors. After prayers had been offered up, three men who had been under observation for the last two years, were baptized and received into the church. At half-past two o'clock a general service was given by John M. Martin, who was assisted for some time by the Rev. Mr. Smith and his wife. Mrs. Marshall told a Christmas story and illustrated it with drawings on the blackboard. The Christmas day feast will be held at the jail today and great preparations have been made to give the unfortunate inmates a good time for once.

SETTING A PACE FOR OAHU CLUB

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which will leave Glenwood at 5:30 p. m. The Hilo Railroad Company and Volcano Stables have agreed to give to a round trip rate from Hilo to the Volcano House and from the Volcano House to a point on the new automobile road only half a mile distant from the first pit crater, and return, for \$5. A trail has been cut from the new automobile road directly to the "Seven Craters" making a much shorter trip than has ever heretofore been possible. The trail is over firm, sandy ground and smooth pavement, making easy walking for any one.

The committee will interview the Volcano House Company to see whether special terms will be granted the club at the Volcano House; results will be announced later.

It is intended to make the trip not only one which will inform the members as to the physical features of the country visited, but to make it a social

HOW TWO WAITERS ROSE TO WEALTH

Part Owners in Big Chicago Hotel Once Accepted Tips, and With Pleasure.

CHICAGO, December 13.—Twenty years ago Col. Richard H. Southgate, principal stockholder in the Congress Hotel, handed Max L. Teich \$1 as a tip for serving him a good dinner. Carl C. Rossler, waiting at an adjoining table, congratulated his chum.

Teich and Rossler, who bought 6150 shares of stock in the Congress Hotel Company last week, from Colonel Southgate, have become big factors in the management of the reorganized concern, as the result of a meeting of the directorate yesterday.

J. Edward Kennedy, vice-president of the company, and Thomas H. Joyce, treasurer, offered their resignations.

Teich was elected to the vacancy left by Joyce's resignation, and M. M. Kauffman, of Marquette, Mich., to the place formerly held by Kennedy, as director and vice-president. Kennedy and Joyce will remain for the time being in the management of the hotel, but Teich and Rossler are named as "supervisory committee."

CHRISTMAS IN A NUTSHELL.

Saturday.

The day it is done,
With its frolic and fun,
And the lamps are shining bright.
The horns are blaring,
The people sharing
In frolic and banter light.

Ribbons are flying,
Small boys are hieing
Round town with their tincan band.
Santa is laughing,
Young fellows chaffing—
Fun is abroad in the land.

Sunday.

The day is breaking,
The children waking,
Stars given way to the sun.
Toy drums are banging,
Church bells are clanging
Their praise to the only One.

Tables are creaking,
Little ones seeking
The cheer of a Christmas Day.
Old folks remember
Days of December,
And those who have passed away.

Monday Morning.

Mothers are making,
Little ones taking,
Doses from bottles of oil.
Fathers are cussing,
Growling and fussing—
The same old return to toil.

J. M. GILES.

event as well. Arrangements will be made for music so that those who are so inclined may indulge in dancing Saturday night at the Volcano House.

Members desiring to do so can go to the "Seven Craters" trail in their own vehicles. All who desire to go by way of the railroad and the Volcano Stables' conveyances are requested to report to Chairman Wright at their early convenience so that he can make arrangements therefor. Also notification should be sent to him of all desired accommodations for Saturday night at the Volcano House so that reservations can be made.

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