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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

It is pleasing to learn that Special Treasury Agent Flint after his investigation at Kalaupapa decided to abandon his plan of compelling lepers to write their letters through a non-leprous amanuensis. That stamped envelopes shall take the place of stamps there can be no objection to and the fumigation of all mail from the settlement may be a wise measure. By the way, the priest at the Settlement received a while ago a number of papers from the San Francisco Pest House from lepers by mail. Were they fumigated by the P. O. in San Francisco?

In a letter from a medical man who spent the last 7 months in Mafeking, the writer says he does not think a single case of illness was traceable to the eating of horseflesh. Care was taken that all the horses eaten were healthy, and he says they formed excellent food for the hungry horse, mule, and donkey flesh (adds the "Manchester Courier") is growing in public favour in France. In 1865 a butcher obtained authority to open a shop in Paris for its sale, and last year the number of butchers' shops at which nothing but horseflesh was sold numbered 190.

The "Assistance Publique" has, it is said, sent an order to China for 3,000,000 paper handkerchiefs for the use of the poor people under its charge. It is delightful to see so striking a sign of sanitary grace in a public body. But was it necessary, asks the "British Medical Journal," to go to far Cathay for these hygienic appliances? There is surely enough superfluous paper in Europe that might be devoted to this necessary, if unromantic, purpose. It is suggested by the "Journal" that the circulars of enterprising drug vendors would be eminently suitable appliances with which to dry the nose of honest poverty.

What does the alphabetical societies say to their idol Governor Dole increasing the number of liquor saloons in Honolulu? Is it possible that the Governor has already become sufficiently Americanized to understand the power of the saloon in politics, and that he is "bidding" for votes for the election? Now let some one try for a license for a gambling house. If the applicant is a man with a political pull Dole will of course grant it, if the influence is promised to work his way. Anything goes to keep the family compact in power and the W. C. T. U. must stand aghast at seeing Dole allying himself with the liquor interest.

It was a splendid idea of Mr. W. O. Smith when a couple of years ago he offered prizes to inmates of the Settlement for the best kept gardens and for cultivation of trees. The prizes for the gardens which are greatly improved have been awarded some time ago, and those for tree planting will be awarded in October next. Mr. Smith was so satisfied with the success of his

scheme that he at his visit to Molokai last week offered prizes for the best kept gardens during the coming year. The prizes four at \$20 each, four at \$15 each, four at \$10 each and four at \$5 each. It gives the poor people something to think about and to work for during their dreary life.

Magistrate (to prisoner): "Now then, how do you live?"

Prisoner: "I ain't at all particular, as the oyster said when they asked whether he'd be roasted or fried."

Magistrate: "We don't want to hear what the oyster said. What do you follow?"

Prisoner: "Anything that comes in my way, as the locomotive said when it ran over a man."

Magistrate: "We care nothing about the locomotive. What is your business?"

Prisoner: "That's various, as the cat said when she stole the chicken."

Magistrate: "If I hear any more absurd comparisons I will give you twelve months."

Prisoner: "I'm done, as the steak said to the cook."

Court Notes.

Nina L. Flint has brought divorce proceedings against her husband, Capt. Harry W. Flint of the harbor police and return of service of summons made.

H. A. Bigelow, guardian ad litem for the minor children of Jacob Jurgensen, argued a motion on Thursday before Judge Humphreys to have the evidence taken in probating the will stricken out and that he be given an opportunity to cross examine the witnesses. A. L. C. Atkinson appeared for the proponents of the will. Judge Humphreys sustained the motion and set the case for further hearing on Saturday, August 4.

Judge Humphreys heard a portion of the testimony in the petition of Thomas Murray and wife for the adoption of the child Malaka on Saturday and the case will in all likelihood be decided to-day.

The case of Gilman vs. the Castle estate for the recovery of the sum of \$3000 alleged to be due to the estate of John Phillips has been settled out of Court.

Judge Humphreys has authorized W. O. Smith, trustee for Elizabeth Hart, to withdraw from the Postal Bank the sum of \$531.50 and reinvest it in real estate for the benefit of the wards.

Three more applications for citizenship have been received in the Supreme Court. They are those of Pierre M. Lucas, Henry Cobb-Adams and Judge George Clark.

Six more suits for insurance arising out of the Chinatown fires have been filed in the Circuit Court against the New Zealand and Royal Companies. They aggregate \$7600. They will be heard on November 5.

Judge Humphreys heard testimony on a motion for temporary alimony Saturday in the Flint divorce case, and as a result Captain Harry was ordered to pay \$40 out of the \$80 which he says is the extent of his income as captain of the harbor police besides \$10 costs and \$50 temporary alimony.

Mrs. Flint appeared in Court together with her small child and told of her belief that her husband earned in the neighborhood of \$250 in connection with his duties on the waterfront, and on this showing Judge Humphreys ordered Flint to pay out the alimony.

After hearing the statements of the parties in interest Judge Humphreys thought Flint was able to pay his wife at least \$40 per month out of his earnings as well as the incidentals for the prosecution of the case and he ordered it to be paid.

Judge Humphreys has appointed W. O. Smith as guardian of the estates of Robert Davis, William H. Samuel W. Daniel and Helen King, minor children of Jas. A. King, deceased, the widow and mother Charlotte D. King consenting. The guardian has filed his bond in the sum of \$500, with P. C. Jones as surety.

A. S. Mahaulu has subscribed to his oath of office as District Magis-

trate of Waialua before Henry Smith, Clerk of the Judiciary Department, and has placed the same on file.

Fred. Wundenberg has filed his bond of \$25,000, with J. Alfred Magoon as surety, as trustee for Susie F. Cartwright and Ruth and Mary Muriel Cartwright.

Teachers in Session.

The General S. C. Armstrong Industrial Association held its final meeting in the High School Friday afternoon. H. S. Townsend was elected chairman and C. Andrews, secretary. It was voted that the Association become a part of the Hawaiian Teachers Association. Mr. Andrews was elected to report on the agricultural and industrial interests of the schools, to present plans and to receive reports from teachers of the Islands. The following teachers were appointed to assist Mr. Andrews: Hilo, Miss Josephine Dayo; Hamskua, Mrs. E. W. Estep; Kohala, Miss Eliza Y. Atkins; South Kohala, J. K. Kealoha; North Kona, J. C. Lenhart; South Kona, H. T. Mills; Kau, W. K. Makakoa; Puna, H. E. Wilson; Lahaina, H. Dickenson; Wailuku, S. Keliinoi; Makawao, C. W. Baldwin; Hana, N. E. Lemmon; Honolulu, F. F. Sedgwick; Ewa, Miss M. S. Ross, M. A.; Waianae, Miss M. Alice Smith; Waialua, Miss Adalina O. Clark (Wahiawa); Koolauloa, William Isaac (Kahuku); Koolauloko, Miss Alice E. Mudge (Waihole); Waimea, H. H. Brodie (Hanapepe); Koloa, J. K. Burkett; Lihue, Miss Charlotte Mumford (Hansaulu); Kawaihau, P. L. Tople (Kealia); Hanalei, J. C. Davis (Molokai); Mrs. George B. Sturgeon (Kaunakakai).

Drank Wood Alcohol.

Kaupu and Lui two Hawaiians died this morning after having enjoyed a spree at which the liquid refreshment was methylated Spirits of which they finished a bottle during Saturday night and Sunday morning. A coroner's inquest will be held this afternoon.

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