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BETWEEN SCYLLA AND CHARYBDIS.

The Board of Health appears again in its favorite part of an autocratic, dictatorial Bureau and this time the Public Works Department has been selected as the victim of the bluff of the Board.

During the last Legislature we urged the wisdom of abandoning the Board of Health as an semi-independent body and instead of it establish a Sanitary Bureau directly under the Superintendent of Public Works. If our advice had been listened to the present ridiculous and undignified clash between the Department and the Board would not have occurred.

The Board of Health "orders" the Superintendent of Public Works to stop the working of the rock crusher or remove it giving as the cause that the patients at the Asylum suffer from the noise. Mr. Boyd says that he did not put the crusher where it is, that it will cost about \$50,000 to remove the machinery, an amount not available, and that the stopping of it would mean cessation of all road work here. The Board is above such trifling matters. It reminds us of a bill collector who presents a bill to a debtor and says that he must have that money. The answer is that the debtor hasn't got a sou, and the collector says angrily that he doesn't care a d—l but he will and must have that money. Mr. Boyd has not got the money to pay the expenses of moving the crusher. He cannot stop the road work and the crushing goes on. The frantic Board answers that it doesn't care a snap, the crusher must be removed or stopped.

It then passes a resolution, couched in rather arrogant language which reads:

"Resolved, That the secretary be instructed to write to the Superintendent of Public Works and notify him that the using of the rock crusher, and blasting at the quarry, is a common nuisance, and is in defiance of section 142 of the Penal Code, coming under the head of intolerable noise. And that it is the opinion of the present superintendent of the lunatic asylum, as well as of former superintendents, that the noises are detrimental to the health of the patients, a marked exaggeration of their symptoms having been noted in many cases. Such being the case the Board of Health must respectfully request the Super-

intendent of Public Works to immediately discontinue both the blasting and the operation of the stone crusher."

The medicine men not believing that Mr. Boyd knows the laws or has a penal code in his office in which he can find Section 142, instruct the secretary to send to Superintendent Boyd a copy of this section referring to common nuisances, of which the following are the pertinent parts:

The offense of common nuisance is the endangering of the public personal safety or health, or doing, causing or permitting, maintaining or continuing what is offensive or annoying and vexatious or plainly hurtful to the public.

As, for example, the carrying on a trade, manufacture or business in places so situated that others indiscriminately, who reside in the vicinity, or pass the highway or public place or resort to a school house, meeting house, or any other place of legal and usual resort or assembly, are liable to be thereby injured, annoyed, disturbed or endangered by deleterious exhalation, noxious vapors, hideous, alarming or disgusting sights, intolerable noise or otherwise.

That it is a mistake that the crusher ever was placed near the Asylum all will admit and no one more willingly than Mr. Boyd, but the tactics adopted by the Board in its attempt to bully and frighten Mr. Boyd will not help to bring about the desired result. It will of course be interesting to have the crusher and Mr. Boyd arraigned in the police court as being common nuisances, but we don't think Mr. Boyd will lay awake at nights worrying what his punishment will be. The crusher is already doing a long term of hard work. Mr. Boyd can very properly request the medicine men to cure the patients in the Asylum. It will be just as easy as to remove the crusher without any money to pay for the work or to stop the crushing and cause a yell of indignation and derision to go up from the taxpayers who demand that the roads shall be in good order.

A calm discussion and a conference between the conflicting parties for the purpose of devising ways and means in the dilemma, would lead to better results than the going off at half cock of the Board and threatening the Superintendent of Public Works with public prosecution. If the Board insists in sustaining its present attitude and refuses to submit to the superior authority of the Public Works Department it will be necessary for the Governor to make a change in the personnel of the Board and the management of the Asylum. The patients at the Asylum must stand the noise a little longer. If an extra session is not called the next regular session of the Legislature will undoubtedly remedy the unfortunate error committed by placing a rock crusher next to an Asylum.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The official diet at present seems to be, *habeas corpus* for breakfast; release of prisoners for luncheon; re-arrest of prisoners for dinner. Lawyers and Judges are playing at snuff and cocks with murderers and rape fiends and the High Sheriff resignedly acts as umpire.

On Monday next is the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Liliuokalani. Her people and her friends wish Her Majesty very many happy returns of the day. It is specially gratifying to them to know that Her Majesty's health is greatly improved and that her interest in the welfare of her people is unabated. God bless Liliuokalani.

And now our free Americans want to muzzle one Sixto Lopez, who has been interviewed by some newspaper representatives here, in regard to

conditions in the Philippines. Verily we are being taught true Americanism every day, but we could have learned as quickly in Russia. Apropos of Mr. Lopez, the "Judge" says: "Aguinal says he has a vague recollection of having heard Sixto Lopez's name, but he can't place him. This is piling on the Aguinal!"

We were surprised to learn yesterday, while at the fire on School street, that none of the school houses are insured. The Kauluwala school house had a very narrow escape. Had the building been destroyed by the flames it would have meant a loss of probably \$60,000 for the non-overrun treasury, besides the turning away from school over 200 children for whom no room could easily be found for a temporary building erected through lack of funds. The next Legislature should take the matter up and pass a measure making it possible for the government to insure all territorial public buildings.

Police officers are at times over-odious because they cannot understand their position. An officer orders three boys walking on a sidewalk in a back street in the afternoon to go home, and uses force to make them obey his order. He defends his action by saying that the boys have served terms in the Reformatory School and that complaint has reached him—not the Department—that fruits have been stolen from a private residence during the night, the complaint not referring to the boys in question especially. Those boys, as long as they didn't obstruct the sidewalk or did anything wrong has as much right to be on that sidewalk as the officer has, and they had a perfect right to go home or anywhere else as far as it was any of the officer's business. Some years ago Marshal Brown gave orders at the police station to prevent gatherings of people on the sidewalk outside the station. It was the custom for Chinese and Portuguese who had attended the District Court to talk over their cases, settle who should pay the fines, etc., right outside the entrance to the station and consequently creating a nuisance to people who had business in the court or the police department. A few days after the order was given three distinguished citizens met outside the station house. Two of them were going to the court and they had some business with the third distinguished citizen. They had spoken a few words when a minion of the law rushed up and said "Get off the sidewalk. Now, get off." The three, etc., citizens looked thunder-struck, and when they told the story to the Marshal, he tried to hide a smile, explained the order and added soothingly: "You ought to know that most of our officers are born idiots." He undoubtedly knew what he was talking about.

The First Local Mint.

One of the institutions here which has the special attention of tourists as well as the local people is the Mint, which is established on Nuuanu street, opposite Queen Emma Hall. It is interesting to enter the large main working room, where general manager McDonough and his corps of assistants are at work. The cool and large hall is a proper resting place and the vaults, where the "bars" to be minted and bear are kept present a very tasty spectacle. The Mint is open from 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and during those hours the work never ceases. Visitors after looking over the place will find first class refreshments and the purest of liquors.

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