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## A BODY FLOATING

### Remains of Half Caste Found in the Bay.

## KIKI RINGER, A TOWN BOY

### Marks on His Body—Suggestions of a Crime—More Likely Accident—A Sailor.

The dead body of Kiki Ringer, a young half white, well known to all of the older settlers and almost everyone about town, was found floating in the bay about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. All afternoon and night there was a fever of interest in the matter in police circles, for there is a feeling that a frightful murder has been committed. When found the body bore a deep, sharp cut above the right eye, evidently made by a knife. There were bruises on the breast and in several other places which impressed one as being the result of kicks or beatings with a club.

The dead man was seen alive on Sunday night by the watchman at the Inter Island wharf. He appeared then to have been drinking. There are evidences which connect him with a card game later. It is believed there was gambling at the time. These are the clues the police thus far have to work upon.

A coroner's jury was impaneled by Deputy Marshal Chillingworth and will meet this morning. All are natives, for the most part hackmen. Dr. Emerson examined the body and will make a statement to the jury. Last night the brother of deceased, William Ringer, who is stableman for Wilder & Co., was permitted to take the remains to Ed Williams' undertaking parlors.

The dead man, who is known simply as "Kiki," was born, raised and schooled in Honolulu. He was nearly white and had reddish hair—unusually light for a Hawaiian. His age was about 27. During the time the transports were calling at Honolulu in the summer he kept a refreshment stand on the wharves for the convenience of the soldiers. His last ship was the Peru. He kept his stand back of the California Feed Co.'s store and did a rushing business with the troops. It is said that he gave freely to those without money.

Recently he went on the steamer Mikahala as a sailor. He was employed on her on the day of his death. There is in this fact a chance that he may have fallen and hurt himself while attempting to reach his vessel, though this solution of the case is not accepted.

Capt. Thompson, of the Mikahala, first discovered the body. It was then floating on top of the water between the Mikahala and the Fort street wharf. A sling was thrown out and the body drawn to the wharf. It was then in good condition and had evidently just risen from the bottom of the bay. The police were notified and the body was removed to the Station house. There Dr. Emerson conducted the examination soon after and the sleuths were put to work on the case. Kiki was always a friend of annexation and the Republic. When the rebellion broke out in 1895 he volunteered and served in Capt. Murray's company of Citizen Guardsmen. He was for a long time regarded as one of Marshal Hitchcock's "specials," but, as a matter of fact, was never in the employ of the department. William Ringer, brother of the dead man, was a policeman in those times.

**An Earnest Drummer.**  
Mr. Graham, at Castle & Cooke's, has received a Manila letter from his friend Lieut. Thos. G. Sparrowe, of G Company, First California, U. S. V. Lieut. Sparrowe writes most feelingly of the funeral of the first men killed in action with the Spaniards and speaks of the trying duty of going forth night after night to the trenches. The lieutenant gives a good account of the taking of Manila and cannot refrain from commenting on a comical sight. He says that as they were wading a stream and hearing the zip of bullets the band of the First Colorado was playing "Hot Time" and the bass drummer had his machine high in the air to save it from wetting and did not miss a stroke.

**The Child Star.**  
Chinese far and near are now deeply interested in the little girl that is performing at the new Chinese theater. The little one has a speaking part in the play, sings and then does specialties. The latter consist of tumbling and contortion work and sword spear

and knife fighting exhibitions. The youngster is very clever. The first Chinese woman to appear on the stage here is the mother of the child. One of the characters in the play now running gives a song half in English. It is a love ditty. On Saturday night last the Chinese, contrary quite to their custom, applauded frequently. The little girl has received many presents from admirers.

## FROM A REPORT

### Selections Out of a Confidential Return on Labor.

## DATA ON A CHANGE OF MASTERS

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## MAKE A MOVE.

### American Engineers Begin Sur- veys at Pearl Harbor.

Company I, the Engineers contingent, from Denver, Col., Capt. Draper, left the city yesterday morning to march to Pearl Harbor. A wagon of camp supplies, tents, etc., and another of provisions accompanied the troops. A halt was made on the road last night and the destination will be reached this morning. The men will make surveys for a coaling station and an iron-ore wharf to go alongside it, using the maps and soundings prepared by the navy in their operations. If a suitable location is found it will be put in condition for use, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War. Company I will remain two weeks at the harbor and will then be relieved by another company.

In town the company was breakfasted by Mr. and Mrs. Krouse at the Arlington. The table was stretched upon the lawn. Mrs. McCully-Higgins, Miss Alice McCully, Mrs. Tomes, Miss Tomes and other ladies assisted in serving the breakfast. Just before leaving the place the engineers gave three rousing cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Krouse.

## Police Court.

In Judge Wilcox's Court yesterday morning Lum Hoy was fined \$75 and Ah Him \$15 for operating a che fa bank. The case of Ah Cheong, charged with being a runner in the same matter, was dropped.  
Seven natives were fined \$10 each and three \$5 each for playing Russian War.  
Sixteen "drunks" paid the usual fine of \$2 each.  
Kealoili was fined \$5 for using vulgar and obscene language. Appeal.  
The case of Ueda, assault and battery with deadly weapon, was further postponed to next Thursday.

## Good Steaming Weather.

The schooner John G. North arrived in San Francisco September 10th from Honolulu, after a passage of twenty-seven days. Capt. Anderson said he never before made such a tedious passage. The weather that has enabled steamships to make good time between island ports and San Francisco is responsible for the long passages made by sailing packets, and this weather, calms and light airs, has prevailed for the past few months.

## The Waimea Bridge.

J. McClellan, head carpenter for the Public Works Department, returned from Kauai Sunday morning, where he had been engaged in putting in the new Waimea bridge. It will take about one and a half months to complete the work. This bridge will be about fifty feet longer than the one washed away last February. It will also have stumps in place of the wooden piles used to support the old bridge.

## N. G. H. Officers.

A special invitation has been issued to the officers of the N. G. H. to attend the reception to American Army and Navy officers by Minister Damon at Moanalua next Saturday. It is probable that the officers will go down in uniform in a body.

## ESTATE VALUED AT \$10,000.00.

John Smith left an estate valued at this amount. The greater part was saved by buying goods at L. B. Kerr's, Queen street. See his ad and you will realize how it was done.

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From all the plantations from Lualaba to Hilo desertions have taken place, and there is no doubt that in Oiaa and Kona a large number of the deserters could be found were a systematic search to be made. In considering this question as a whole there is no doubt that the coffee districts are a great attraction for laborers, both free and contract. The work is lighter than on sugar plantations and the wages higher. The Japanese are paid \$15 a month in Oiaa. Quite a number of Chinese are beginning to get into this district. One way to stop desertions might be a combination of the sugar and coffee planters, but it would have to be a thorough one to have any effect. Soon after my return from this trip I had a long talk with Mr. Inouye of the Kumamoto Immigration Company, who stated that the desertions of Japanese brought here by his company had been a loss to them of about \$3,700, and desertions were still being reported. He was very anxious, as were the other companies in the business, to have an end put to this wholesale desertion. Since April 1 of this year I understand the Japanese Government allows the immigration company to exact a monetary bond from each laborer before leaving Japan sufficient to cover the amount of the passage money, and in the event of desertion the immigration company to confiscate the money. As yet no laborers have come in under this new agreement. The companies hope by exacting the monetary bond to lessen the desertions, and another way will be to recruit laborers from new districts, men who have never been to the islands before. This will necessitate the companies going to the northern districts for men. The cry from all the plantations is that they are short of labor, and two new plantations have just been started which will call for a large number of laborers.

With regard to the ill-treatment of laborers by him something certainly should be done to protect these people, as they come here with the guarantee from the employer that they will have the full and equal protection of the laws of the Hawaiian Islands, and nowhere can it be found on the statutes that the laborers have to be kicked and cuffed around by a lot of ignorant lunas.

## Will Give a Ball.

Company D, N. G. H., had a large and enthusiastic business meeting last evening. Among the matters discussed was that of a ball. Complete arrangements were perfected. The function will take place on Friday evening, October 21, in the Armory. Tickets will be entrusted to a special committee which will have discretion in the selection of guests. The drill shed will be beautifully decorated and lighted, refreshments will be served and there will be music by a large orchestra.

## Hilo Will Advertise.

The Hilo Chamber of Commerce has decided to prepare several articles on the resources of its district for publication in the Hawaiian edition of "Sunset," the advertising periodical of the Southern Pacific Railway Co. In this matter the people of the Rainy City have moved ahead of Honolulu. Commissioner of Agriculture Byron O. Clark is still waiting for local articles on resources, scenery, etc.

## Theosophists.

The Aloha Branch of the Theosophical Society has moved from the Woman's Exchange on Merchant street to the large building at the corner of

Fort and Queen. A meeting will be held this evening, when Mr. Marques will speak to the class on the "Human Aura." On Saturday evening the beginners class will have a lesson from the "Secret Doctrine."

## Honolulu Water Works.

The Cabinet continued yesterday morning the consideration of plans for public improvements. It was voted to use at once \$60,000 for the Kalihii pumping plant and to purchase pipe for the extension of the city water system, at a cost of \$65,000. There was some talk on the proposed system of sewerage for the city. It is not likely that sewerage plans will get started before next year.

## Charles Doing Well.

"Charlie" Williams, formerly chief engineer at the Ice Works here, is now manager for the large plant of the Union Company at Redlands, Calif. The establishment there turns out 300 tons of ice daily. It had a banner month in June last when shipments to the extent of ninety-two cars were made. Mr. Williams has the responsibility and salary of a good position, having fifteen men in his corps. It is a good ice town, as the temperature during the past summer was several times 112 above zero.

## FOR MISS ROSE.

**Hawaiian Carnival Queen to Receive Attention.**  
Miss Anna Rose, the Hilo young lady who has gone to the States to be Queen of a Carnival at Topeka, Kas., is to receive a great deal of attention. The San Francisco Call of the 9th inst., says:

A committee of ladies and gentlemen from Topeka will come to San Francisco to meet Miss Rose, who will arrive on the steamer Alameda about the 21st inst.

Colonel Funston of the Kansas regiment yesterday received a telegram from Governor Leedy relative to Miss Rose's reception. It is as follows:  
TOPEKA (Kan.), Sept. 9, 1898.—Colonel Frederick Funston: The Governor and State officials would be greatly pleased to have you co-operate with the Carnival Knights in their reception to Miss Anna Rose, Queen of Carnival, upon her arrival from Honolulu about September 21.

A. P. SHREVE,  
Chief Clerk Executive Department.  
A letter from the chairman of the carnival committee, C. K. Holiday, a director for the Santa Fe Railroad, has also been received by Colonel Funston. Holiday asks that the Colonel, his staff, the band and the Topeka company, together with the Topeka committee, meet Miss Rose on her arrival and offer her the greetings and honor due her station. Mayor Phelan has also been asked to welcome Queen Anna in behalf of the people of San Francisco and "the committee, which will leave Topeka on the 15th, has been instructed to see to it that the Honolulu lady be properly introduced into and entertained by San Francisco society."

## Lieut. Safford.

It is stated in one of the despatches that Lieut. W. E. Safford, who was an officer of the Bennington, while she was in this port last year, may be attached to the staff of the Peace Commissioners who are about to meet in Paris. He has commanded one of the transports during the war. His knowledge of the Spanish language, and his travels in South American states will make him a desirable attaché of the Commissioners.

## Stock Exchange.

Five shares of Ewa sold on "Change" yesterday at \$235, a drop of five points. Bids for I. I. S. N. Co. at \$125 and Wilder S. S. Co. at \$105 found no sellers. No sales between boards were reported.

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