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THE NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mr. Cooper should discharge the duties of Attorney General with credit to himself, because he has had considerable judicial experience, and was held in high estimation by the Bar as a judge. He is also familiar with the social condition of our mixed races and will not make errors from lack of knowledge. He is also familiar with the routine duties of the Attorney General's office.

He has yet to show what his executive ability is in the rather difficult position of President of the Board of Health. The sanitary conditions of the city require constant attention, and in enforcing sanitary regulations there is always more or less friction. He will undoubtedly make an efficient officer. At the time, in 1897, when Mr. Cooper, as acting Attorney General, drove back to Japan 1159 immigrants, the Advertiser believed that it was an unnecessary act of cruelty, and, probably, a violation of the treaty rights. The subsequent payment of indemnity was not however a recognition of the correctness of the legal position taken by the Japanese government.

At the time the poor unfortunate immigrants were driven back, it seemed as if he alone was responsible for a cruel act, even if it was lawful. But, in justice to Mr. Cooper, it should be said that he only represented the views of the dominant party in the community which had declared in its platform that all of its power and influence would be used to restrict Asiatic immigration. Guided as it was by these principles in its purpose to make these Islands a White Man's country, it exacted of the Attorney General and he responded to it, the utmost vigilance in driving back the Asiatic invasion. It was not Mr. Cooper, but the community acting through him that forced the unhappy immigrants home. The government must represent the people.

Since that fearful outbreak of indignation against the Asiatics, the community, including the dominant party, has found on a closer and more exhaustive analysis of its lofty principles, that it is a very narrow and "un-American" view of the matter to resist any Japanese invasion. On the other hand, we are under the strongest obligations as humble assistants in carrying the White Man's burden, to give the "open door" to the Japanese. This we are now doing, and if Providence permits, will continue to do, until selfish politicians on the Mainland interfere and arrest the good work.

Mr. Cooper, as he reflects upon the position which he was forced to take by the dominant party, will quite agree with Disraeli when he said that: "There is nothing in which the power of circumstance is more evident than in politics." Another power of circumstance operates with overwhelming force when there is a dollar in sight, but not in hand.

We hope that Mr. Cooper will, in the coming years, be identified with the progress of these Islands, and, if he desires to hold office, will secure it, by reason of meritorious services rendered.

MOISTURE AND SUGAR CANE.

The Planters' Monthly quotes at length from the discussion of the sugar planters of Louisiana, at their annual meeting, on the causes of the different percentages of sugar in cane. In any close competition in the production of sugar, profit or loss will be determined by the difference of this percentage. It was stated in the debate that in Demerara and other countries the percentage of sugar rarely rose above twelve per cent, because the canes were gorged with moisture. In other countries where it is dry, or there is a cessation of moisture, the percentage rises to 16, 17, and even as high as 20 per cent. The same differences in saccharine matter are found in the cultivation of watermelons, and they are due, aside from the chemical properties of the soil, to the amount of moisture. The Southern darky prays for dry weather when his melons are ripening. This effect of more or less moisture on crops, so far as sugar is concerned, is well known to all intelligent planters, but the laymen understand it imperfectly.

The time will soon come when the amount of excessive moisture during the season will become an important factor in calculating the values of sugar plantations.

It is settled, of course, that a plantation with an ample irrigating system, is of much greater value than the plantation that trusts to Heaven for rain, other things being equal. But in the close and even fierce competition in the production of sugar at the lowest possible cost, which must take place whenever protective duties are abolished, a very little difference in

the amount of saccharine matter in the cane will determine the question of profit or loss. A difference of 8 per cent, will, in the case of a 10,000 ton plantation, make a difference of a million of dollars on the value of its stock.

Our own planters are thoroughly alive to the importance of this matter. At the same time, their great success in the use of water by irrigating methods attracts the attention of the sugar cane planters in all parts of the world, and they are educating them to adopt the same course.

It is now said that the best sugar industry of California will be reconstructed, and that hereafter the beets will be grown only upon lands subject to irrigation.

THE PASSING HOUR.

Poor China has no press agent.

It is evident that the latest news from Manila has not yet reached Porto Rico.

The President is keeping a lot of people busy trying to think out what he is trying to think out.

The verse put forth on Kipling's illness and recovery and on the great writer's latest poem will soon equal in measure the rhymes inspired by the war.

Major-General Otis knows the boys of his army when he says that they are all anxious to stay in the field till the last man jack of the enemy has disappeared.

Rev. Dr. Talmage is again a free lance and may once more visit Hawaii and preach a sermon beautifully and store up some sentimental political impressions.

They ought now to charge Gen. Alger with trying to get Admiral Dewey's job. This is about the only possible offense for which the Secretary of War has not yet been arraigned.

The tributes to the memory of the late Judge H. A. Wideman spoken in the Supreme Court were sincere. There was an absence of tone of fulsome flattery and there was earnest acknowledgment of the worth of the dead jurist. There is shown in this single incident that while political feeling here during the past six years ran high, it could not sever old friendships.

Holy Week.

The following union meetings will be held during Good Friday (next) week:

Tuesday—Service at the Christian Church. Speaker, Rev. C. M. Hyde.

Wednesday—Service at Methodist church. Speaker, Wm. M. Kincaid.

Thursday—Services at Central Union Church. Speaker, Wm. A. Gardner.

Friday—Service at Central Union Church. Speaker, Rev. G. L. Pearson.

Communion address.

Balloon Corps at Work.

Deputy Marshal Chillingworth and Ohas. Faneuf made a successful raid on Chinese gamblers last night. Twenty-eight were captured, together with a lot of incriminating evidence.

The den was situated on Hotel street. There was no entrance visible. The Deputy Marshal however heard the click of the bones and was determined not to be baffled. Accompanied by Faneuf he scaled the roof. Before he knew it he crashed through, landing in the midst of the astonished Celestials.

The Gazette (semi-weekly) will be issued this morning in time for the outgoing island and foreign mails.

MINISTERIAL UNION.

Organization Now Complete—Questions at Hand.

The second meeting of the newly organized Ministerial Union was held at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday. There was a good attendance of ministers and others who are connected with Christian organizations. The by-laws and constitution, which had been drawn up by a committee appointed for that purpose, were presented to the members and approved. The constitution was signed by about fifteen of those present.

Reports were then read by ministers and heads of religious organizations. Japanese and Chinese missions, Salvation Army, Y. M. C. A., and many other subjects came up for discussion. The promoters of the Union are very much pleased at the success with which their efforts are meeting. They think that it will be a great power toward creating unity and harmony in the many different branches of Gospel work. It is intended to map out a course of study of theological and sociological questions. Many other plans are in contemplation with a view toward creating interest in the work begun.

Drink PURE WATER.

If the advice given in those three words is heeded, good health will follow. City water is not good for many reasons, principally, because it is contaminated with vegetables and putrid matter of all descriptions. A simple analysis shows this to be a fact.

EXERCISE

Our doctors are busy treating patients who are suffering from complaints, more especially malarial disorders, which will be materially benefited if they drink a water that is pure and possesses curative features, as does Bartlett Spring Water.

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Ask your family physician about the water, and if he is honest he will endorse its use.

All who have drank the water speak in the highest of terms for it. This climate demands the use of such a water and you cannot afford to be without it.

VIGILANCE.

We will serve free of charge a glass of this wonderful natural Spring water at our Soda Counter to all who care to come and test its virtues. We deliver the water to your home in case lots at \$6.50 for 50 pints, \$9.50 for 50 quarts.

HOLLISTER DRUG CO. SOLE AGENTS.

Almost Blind "Pacific Heights" Notice.

Scrofula Affects the Eyes—Little Boy Treated by an Oculist Without Relief—But Now He Is Well.

"When my little boy was three months old his eyes became very sore and he was almost blind. I took him to an oculist who treated him for six months, and left him as bad as he was at the beginning. Finally Hood's Sarsaparilla was recommended and I began giving it to him. In less than three weeks he was able to go into the sun without covering his eyes, and today his eyes are perfectly well, and his ears and nose, which were badly affected, are also well. Hood's Sarsaparilla has certainly done wonders for my boy." Mrs. JAMES H. PAINTER, Amador, California.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla

TIMELY TOPICS

March 20th, 1899.

Our advertisements for the past month have been directed, generally, to the housewife, but we have things in our store that will be of interest to the wife as well as the husband. No doubt you heard about the runaway a few weeks ago. A man was riding down Fort street, his horse suddenly got frightened at some object, became unmanageable and started to run away. The man tried every effort to check the horse, but without avail. A man happened to be coming up the street on his bicycle and before he could get out of the way, the horse, vehicle and all were upon him. The bicyclist was seriously hurt and was confined to his bed for some time. Now who do you think is to blame for that accident? We blame the driver, as he should have had one of

Whitman's Riding BITS

for his horse or A RACKING, or RACING DRIVING BIT. A gentle pull on the reins will check the wildest spirited horse living. Besides these bits we carry a full line of curry combs, the Dandy Horse Brushes, Black Snake Whips and Horse and Mule Collars of all sizes.

The Hawaiian Hardware Co. Limited. 307 FORT ST

Applications will be received at the office of Bruce Waring & Co. for the purchase of Lots on

PACIFIC HEIGHTS,

situated on the magnificent hillside between Nuuanu and Pauoa Valleys and commanding a superb marine and scenic view stretching from Diamond Head, over Punchbowl to the Waianae Range of Mountains.

A broad, winding Boulevard giving access to the property is now in course of construction and Choice Lots of sufficient area for magnificent homesteads will soon be available.

On the Nuuanu side of the Hill is a pali protecting it from the high winds and heavy showers of the Nuuanu Valley, ensuring a salubrious climate.

The elevation of the property is from 150 to 750 feet above the sea level.

Applications will be numbered and filed and choice will be allotted according to the number of the application.

Only \$1,000 for a Lot 100 by 200 feet. Terms easy.

BRUCE WARING & CO.

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TOBACCO, SNUFF, AND

Smokers' Articles.

Fine Grades SMOKING TOBACCO a specialty.

Cor. Fort and Merchant Sts. - - - Honolulu.

Mosquitoline

Will Drive Mosquitoes Away.

Cures the Bites!

Brings Comfort!

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BENSON, SMITH & CO.

—LIMITED—

Fort and Hotel Streets.

We Have Just Received Another Shipment of 125 CASES OF BEAUTIFUL DRY GOODS

Direct From the Leading Factories of Europe and Will Open Them Up on

Saturday Morning, March 18, 1899.

EVERYTHING : NEW : AND : HANDSOME !

Elegant New Prints in tasty patterns, thirty yds. for \$1. Ten thousand pieces New Dress Goods, 50cts per yd. and upward. Valenciennes Laces in great variety of design, twelve yds. for 25cts.

—BARGAINS.—

LADIES' UNDER CLOTHES at special prices. LADIES' STOCKINGS at special prices.

Millinery In Great Variety, STYLES, SHAPES AND COLORS.

Five hundred different styles of Trimmed Hats \$1 each. Magnificent Easter Hats, direct from Paris that are dreams of beauty. To see them means to buy, as they are irresistible.

This is the place to get your Easter needs in Hats, Dress Goods, Laces, etc. The choicest are always taken first. The wise come early.

Queen Street, Near Fort. L. B. KERR, Dry Goods.