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TO IMPROVE SUGAR CANE

To those only the least bit acquainted with the development of the sugar industry in Hawaii it is known that the difference between success and failure on many plantations has been merely a matter of the variety of cane planted. Some have tried several kinds before finding the one best adapted for the particular conditions of climate and soil.

From discussions of cane varieties at the annual session of the planter's association, that body long ago engaged in practical experiments in cane growing at its experiment station in town. Space limitations have now induced the association to enlarge its experimental planting very materially. For this purpose a tract of land has been taken on Oahu plantation, where cane-growing experiments will be conducted on an extensive scale.

Hon. W. O. Smith, secretary of the association, in speaking of the approaching annual session of that body, said:

"In addition to the usual interest in the experiment station, great interest will be taken in the large plantation on the Oahu plantation, where new varieties of cane are being developed. The experiment station directors found they needed a larger area of land, and arrangements were made with the Oahu plantation for a tract of land on which experiments are being made.

"As new varieties are developed those which promise the best are distributed for seed cane. The grounds at the main station were so limited that the amount of seed distributed was proportionately small. With this larger area seed can be obtained in much greater quantities, and demonstrations in various localities can be carried out on a larger scale."

The annual meeting of the association will begin on Monday two weeks hence and continue four days. It will be opened by the retiring president, F. M. Swanson, with an address reviewing the past sugar year. The report of the secretary, covering the crop statement of all the plantations will be presented at the same sitting. Following the usual course, the association at the first sitting will elect trustees for the ensuing year, who will elect officers in recess and report the list at the afternoon session, when the new president will take office and conduct the remainder of the proceedings until adjournment on Thursday.

William Vassar of Santa Rosa, Cal., shot and killed Dr. Charles Staags of the same place last night. The two men were fast friends, but quarreled after a drinking bout. Both were prominent citizens.

NEW YORK GOVERNOR ASKS BOY SCOUT COMMUNITY SERVICE

Governor John A. Dix, who has long been interested in the Boy Scout Movement, and who is a member of its National Council, has asked the active co-operation of the Boy Scouts of America in the conservation policy of the State of New York, making themselves available in all emergencies, fighting fires, and in furthering better hygienic conditions. On September 20, just prior to the State Nominating Convention, in which the Governor was vitally interested, he devoted an entire evening for a conference with the leaders of the Boy Scouts of America, who met at his request at the St. Regis Hotel in New York City. Representing the scout organization were John Sherman Hoyt, Finance Committee Chairman; Daniel Carter Beard, National Scout Commissioner, and James E. West, Chief Scout Executive.

As a result of this conference the Scout officers accepted the suggestions of Governor Dix outlining the form which this co-operation should take.

First—it is proposed that the Boy Scouts of America furnish the State with the names and addresses of active Scout Masters in the vicinity of forests where fires are likely to occur, with a view of having arrangements made whereby these scout masters will be subject to the summons of the Fire Warden on duty guarding against fire, and when summoned they will respond with such of their more experienced boys who could render effective service in aiding to put out an incipient fire, or in any other way render service.

Second—it is proposed that the Boy Scouts of America will co-operate with the State officials in securing the services of Scouts in various parts of the State of New York for active work in carrying out the plan outlined by the Governor, for the reforestation of State lands in certain parts of the State, and that cooperation will be given to the Governor's suggestions as to a basis of compensation for the services thus rendered, with a view of paying the traveling expenses and the maintenance of the boys while in camp engaged in tree planting.

Third—it is proposed that plans be developed whereby all the Scout Masters in the State of New York will be furnished with information from time to time, either by way of printed literature, whereby the policies of the State Conservation Commission and its officials interested in the protection of animals, birds and other game will be promoted and enforced. This may lead to an active propaganda in some directions, under State officials, in support of a campaign against the fly, mosquito, injurious insects, tree blight etc. It is believed that a tangible plan

of practical co-operation may be worked out in promoting the good road movement and in securing protection of the great many miles of excellent roads already available in the State of New York. It is also hoped that a great many of our Scouts may definitely commit themselves to the support and promotion of the conservation policy of the State of New York.

Boys who thus enroll themselves as New York State Scouts could be given some inexpensive medal or badge of office, making of each Scout a virtual State official. This it is believed will lead to the development of a spirit of pride in the welfare of the State among boys generally throughout New York, and will prove to be a very valuable investment for the State. It might be advisable to classify these New York State Scouts according to their special interests, for instance, in certain sections boys might be enrolled as New York Good Roads Scouts; in other sections as New York Game Warden Scouts, and so on.

The second mate of the schooner Salvator was knocked into the river at Aberdeen, Washington, by a sling-load of lumber with which the vessel was being loaded. He died at the hospital, unidentified.

DISPELLING OF GLOOM

From the following passage in a letter to the Henry Waterhouse Trust Co., Ltd., written by a New York financial man who has invested largely in Hawaiian sugar stocks, the Honolulu gloom is in order to be dispelled, at least to some extent. It shows that things are not likely to be as bad after the first of the year as anticipated here. The correspondent says:

"I today had a talk with the Cuban manager of the United Fruit Company, and they anticipate somewhat lower prices for sugar, but an upward tendency after the first of the year, and no material tariff changes. I think Hawaiian sugars should be a purchase at this level or on any material break."

"I expect to be in Honolulu in the course of the winter, but shall probably go to Europe first. In the meantime, I would be glad to learn your opinion on the sugar situation in your territory. So far as same concerns the sugar stocks, several of them would appear already to have discounted improbable tariff reductions, lower raw sugar prices and dividend reductions, although there seems to be a considerable discrepancy in the relative prices of several leading stocks."

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