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BOARD OF TRADE.

The report of the year's operations of the Hilo Board of Trade has demonstrated the usefulness of that organization in the town and vicinity of Hilo.

The present officers who have worked so faithfully for the past year are re-elected for the ensuing term.

The Board of Trade does not propose to take any part in politics or political elections and should have no candidates for any political office.

THE HOME PAPER.

Publicity is the watchword. Only a small percentage of the people do not read and it is a rare thing to find an illiterate person in any community, especially in the Hawaiian Islands.

Hilo Federal Building.

President Holmes of the Board of Trade has received the following letter from Delegate Kuhio at Washington, asking for a detailed description of the government land to be used for the proposed building.

Washington, Dec. 21, 1904. Board of Trade, Hilo, Hawaii. Dear Sirs:—It is my intention to amend my bill for a Federal building at Hilo by adding a clause setting aside for a Federal building site the block which has already been selected for that purpose.

My aim in this is to have this ground definitely reserved for this use, so that if there should be necessary delay in commencing a building, the land would not meanwhile be tied up with new leases made by the Territorial government.

To this end I ask that you furnish me at once with a detailed legal description of this entire block, together with the land back of it reaching down to the river, as I understand that it is the wish of your citizens that this part be reserved also as a sort of park, an arrangement which appeals to me as being very desirable.

Very truly yours, J. KALANIANAOLE, Delegate to Congress.

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THE RAT CATCHER BUSY.

An Interesting Report of Work Done During December.

Few people are aware that from fifty to two hundred rats are killed every month in Hilo, under the supervision of Dr. C. L. Stow, representing the Board of Health and the wharf committee.

A considerable fund is being accumulated, which is in Treasurer Lindsay's hands, out of which is paid \$200 or more a month for the expenses of the local health officer in his crusade against rats.

Sanitary Inspector Donald G. Bowman has been working in harmony with the Board of Health agent, although receiving no additional compensation for his work.

The method of procedure of Rat Catcher Joseph Oliva, a part-Hawaiian, who is an adept at the rat catching business, is to set a given number of traps and place at different points beneath a building infested with rats, a number of pieces of poison.

Three days will be spent in one rat-infested section, when it is time to move, for the rat is a wary animal and will fight shy of a locality that appears dangerous to his welfare.

Waiakea has practically been rid of the rodent and lower Front street is now found to be an active field of operations. An instance showing the success of the crusade, in Waiakea where formerly seventy or more rats were caught from forty pieces of poison set out, only twenty-five are now secured.

Sanitary Inspector Bowman said great care should be taken by householders in ridding their premises of rats, especially in the rainy season when the rodents were driven within doors.

provide his back yard with an airtight garbage can, made of galvanized iron. He recommends this as a precautionary measure and is insisting on hotel managers and restaurant keepers providing covered utensils for their garbage.

The work is progressing nicely and soon Mr. Rat will be a scarce animal in Hilo's waterfront and business section.

Millions Saved.

The Department of Agriculture lately issued a statement regarding the effect of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States Monday in the cases of the American Sugar Refining Company and others against the United States, in which the court in affirming the action of the court of appeals for the second circuit sustained the government as to sugar import rates.

The statement says that ever since the present tariff act took effect and the polarization of sugar have been in force importers have protested against the rate of duty paid, saying that the regulations secured a polarization which was too high, and that the Secretary of the Treasury had no right to right to change the regulations or methods of polarization.

The department says that practically all the duties paid on sugar during the last five years have been paid under protest, and adds: "The amount saved during that time has been about \$300,000,000. A conservative estimate of the claims which would have been filed had the decision gone the other way shows the large sum of not less than five and perhaps eight million dollars."

Teachers on Hawaii.

The following changes have been made in the teaching force on the island of Hawaii:

Miss Amy P. Hill, late assistant in the Kaiwika School to be assistant in the Haasheo School, taking the place of Mrs. Annie A. Kai, resigned.

Albert Boscow, to be principal of the Kaiwika School, taking the place of Miss Florence Hill, resigned.

Mrs. M. J. Haven, assistant in the Holoalua School, taking the place of Miss Ida Yowell, resigned.

Miss Le Toler, assistant in the Kalaooa School.

Miss Emma Porter to be assistant in the Kaiwika School, taking the place of Miss Amy P. Hill.

Unique New Years Card.

W. S. Terry, of the Hilo Coffee Mills is sending out to his various patrons a unique New Years souvenir in the shape of a postal card made from coffee wood. The wood is smoothly polished, showing the grain and part of the bark of the tree.

Advertised Letters.

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R. G. Henderson, J. H. Raymond, J. H. Mackenzie, Mrs. G. L. Desha, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Saunders, M. D. Hall, A. Ahrens, Mrs. Geo. C. Beckley, Miss Janita Beckley, Mrs. E. G. Carrera, Andrew Lindsay, Adam Lindsay, Geo. C. Beckley, Henry P. Beckley, S. Parker Jr., A. W. Carter, Miss J. Renwick, C. Ah Sing, C. Ah Gett.

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LAWSON'S DENIAL.

Declares He Was Not in a Deal With Rogers

A dispatch from Boston says: In reply to an article published by a local financial paper Saturday, purporting to be a full expose of "Lawson's Manipulations," in which the writer accused Thomas W. Lawson of being a part of the "system which he affects to expose, but carefully conceals," and of being used, wittingly or unwittingly, to further stock jobbing in Wall street, Mr. Lawson says: "I spoke my piece on Amalgamated fairly and squarely in the open. It was true, and Amalgamated smashed; that was all there was to it."

"Still, as a mighty effort is being made to make it appear that it was stock jobbing and manipulation that brought about the smash instead of the people selling their inflated securities, because they know there is worse coming, I will clench what I have said."

"First—I caught the 'Standard Oil crowd' loaded. "Second—Caught the plungers and bulls loaded."

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"If I sold a share of Amalgamated stock during the entire panic, that is, from Tuesday morning until Friday night, directly or indirectly, or did anything in the market in Amalgamated in any way manipulative or otherwise, directly or indirectly, except to buy every time the market got dangerously weak, or if I had connection directly or indirectly with any plungers or bears during the time of the flurry Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, or if I have seen Henry H. Rogers or any one connected with Standard Oil, or directly or indirectly had any connection with them looking to a trust or patch-up or ending of my fight, or if I ever do in the next hundred years, I will, as soon as any proof to that effect is produced, pay over to any committee of editors of the leading dailies \$1,000,000, to be used in any charitable way they may deem best, and will give bonds to that effect at once."

Consumption of Sugar.

The sugar consumption of the United States in the current year seems likely to exceed that of any previous year, both in quantity and per capita. The total quantity of sugar brought into the United States in the nine months ending with September, 1904, is 4 1/4 billion pounds, against 3 1/4 billion pounds in 1903, the high record importation of sugar in the corresponding period of earlier years. Of this enormous quantity of sugar brought into the United States during the nine months practically one-fourth came from the non-contiguous territory of the United States—Hawaii, Porto Rico, and the Philippine Islands; more than one-half came from Cuba, and the remainder chiefly from other islands of the East and West Indies.

The value of the sugar brought into the United States during the nine months, ending with September, 1904, is \$101,116,717, of which \$32,223,075 was from the island territories of the United States, \$23,139,212 being from Hawaii, \$9,083,863 from Porto Rico, and \$342,440 from the Philippine Islands.

One especially interesting fact shown by a study of the figures of the imports of sugar is that the second largest importation (omitting from the consideration the sugar brought from the noncontiguous territories of the United States) was from the East Indies, chiefly Java, the largest being, as already stated, Cuba. The total imports of sugar into the United States under the title of "East Indies" during the nine months ending with September, 1904, amounted to 259,774,777 pounds, valued at \$4,319,463, and this is chiefly from Java. The imports of sugar into the United States from the Dutch East Indies have increased very greatly during recent years, the total in the fiscal year 1893 being 183,492,432 pounds, and in the fiscal year 1903, 891,758,090 pounds.

THE HILO TRIBUNE'S MAIL CHART

JANUARY, 1905.

MAILS ARRIVE IN HONOLULU AND DEPART AS FOLLOWS:

Table with columns S, M, T, W, T, F, S and rows of dates and ship names like Mongolia, Alameda, Nebraska, etc.

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