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WIRELESS CHANGES.

New Management Takes Hold and Will Extend System.

Honolulu, July 9.—By an agreement reached yesterday, between the creditors of the Inter-Island Telegraph Company and the directors of that corporation, the Wireless concern, the affairs of that company are in a fair way to be adjusted. Then Henry Waterhouse Trust Company will act as the fiscal agent of the concern and will advance the money necessary to place the system in such physical condition as will enable it to take advantage of the subsidy granted by the Legislature.

There were present at a meeting held yesterday morning representatives of all the heavy creditors of the concern. The plans for the arrangement were submitted at the suggestion of the men who have had control of the affairs of the Wireless Company. These contemplate the payment of a substantial advance against the bills outstanding and the provision for the completion of the system. The Trust Company has all arrangements made for the financing of the proposition and as soon as the papers are all signed placing the company in its hands will order the work to proceed.

By the terms of the agreement the Waterhouse concern will take complete control of the working of the Wireless concern. The business will be transacted through its offices and there will be nothing left of the old management. Some such arrangement as this necessary as the Wireless is now without the aid which has been guaranteed for a year past by the business community. This agreement expired with the opening of this month and it now becomes necessary to arrange for the extensions and improvements which will make available the \$1,000 a month, which will enable the system to continue its operation.

The cash needed at once will be about \$1,500, which will pay most of the bills and salaries. Then the work will go on in the putting in of the improvements. Just what these will cost has not been settled. There are still estimates to be put in and until all are at hand, there will be no definite estimate of the total of the cost. The immediate work is the completion of the Nawiliwili station, which will enable the opening of communication with Kauai. There is now a proper pole in place and during the week there will be tests made. The Barber's Point station is ready for work and communication will follow immediately upon the completion of the Kauai station.

The land lines will represent the largest expenditure which will be necessary in the rehabilitation of the system. About 120 miles of line must be built. This will comprise the stretching of the wire from this city to Barber's Point, a distance of thirty miles, and from Mahukona to Hilo, ninety miles. It is understood that the telephone companies have agreed to permit the stringing of the telegraph wires upon their poles, which means the escaping of the heaviest portion of the cost. The land lines are necessary before there can be the proper connection as contemplated in the subsidy bill.

It is the plan to have the permanent stations of the company Nawiliwili, Barber's Points, Molokai, Lahaina, Mahukona, as the Lanai station is to be cut out very soon.

The Irish Color.

Green is universally regarded, says the Westminster Gazette, as the Irish color, but antiquarians says that green as the national flag of Ireland is of comparatively modern origin. The latest authority to express an opinion on the subject is the Rev. Canon French, a learned member of the Royal Irish Academy. He does not accept the explanation that the green flag was adopted by the United Irishmen at the close of the eighteenth century by blending the orange and blue, the latter being then regarded by some as the Irish flag. He asserts that the emerald green standard was used in Ireland in the sixteenth century, but it was not till the eighteenth century that it became the national color.

WONDERFUL RADIUM.

Scientists Evolve New Theory of Atomic Combination.

New York, June 20.—The Sun's London cable says: The world's foremost searchers after the ultimate secrets of the universe have at length committed themselves to a theory, which has for some time been foreshadowed and has now apparently been substantiated by study of the new substance called radium. Professor Crookes, the other day in Berlin, and Professors Lodge and Curie, this week in London, have confidently proclaimed that it is easy to define this great revolution of science in scarcely more than a sentence. To comprehend it, however, is almost as far beyond the power of the human mind as the idea of eternity or infinite space.

The old theory that atoms of elements consist of indivisible units of matter has now been definitely discarded. Instead, it appears that each atom is a whole stellar system of infinitely smaller, but absolutely identical units, all in orbital motion. The hydrogen atom consists of 700 such units or ions. The nature or identity of each substance depends upon the number of such ions contained in each atom, thus 11,200 ions in each atom produces what is known as oxygen, and 137,200 of the same ions, if combined in a single atom, would yield gold.

The nature of these ions is, for want of a newer word, electrical. In other words, electricity and matter are one and the same thing. Professor Lodge and his associates believe that matter is not stable in its atoms as has been supposed heretofore. Thus, water may be separated into oxygen and hydrogen, but it was never before imagined that atoms themselves were capable of disintegration. Professor Lodge suggested that this is a normal process of nature.

Professor Curie, the discoverer of radium, in experiments at the Royal Institution last night showed that radium spontaneously and continuously disengaged heat and gave off emanations similar to itself in constant and even violent streams or radiations. In other words, the 120,000 ions which compose each atom of radium rotated so violently that they flew apart into original units. It has been calculated, however that this efflux from radium is so infinitesimal that a square inch of surface would lose only one grain in ten thousand million years. Lodge surmises this process of disintegration of atoms may constitute the evolution of chemical elements.

The whole theory, in effect, is an astronomical one. Chemistry has, in fact, become the astronomy of infinitesimal. One is led to wonder if the earth and other planets are mere ions forming a single atom of higher universe, where, perhaps, they constitute a speck of dust that worries the careful housewife in the world next above us. At all events, the world is clearly on the verge of the greatest revelation science has yet vouchsafed to mankind.

A Royal Coal Stoker.

The story is current that the Duke of Connaught, when coming home from India in the battleship Renown, determined to inquire personally into the conditions of naval stokers. In spite of protests he descended into the boiler room. Having been provided with a proper kit and a shovel, he proceeded to stoke coal with all the enthusiasm at his command. At the end of half an hour his royal highness confessed he had had enough, and he yielded up his shovel with the admission that naval stokers had no easy time.

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