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At six o'clock on Monday morning the 30th clean day will have probably passed and the Board of Health will feel warranted in raising the quarantine. The bubonic plague visited the city on December 12th last and, with an intermission of only a few days, we have been held in the thralldom of a rigid quarantine since that time. Sixty persons, including four Caucasians, died of the malady and sixteen were cured. If the city has been infected in the same degree that oriental cities have, we must thank the Board of Health that the death rate has not been greater. If the scourge has only touched us lightly we must credit our glorious climate for leavening the curse. The evil has been great enough in any event. Everybody has felt. Sorrow has prostrated many homes where the black death crossed the threshold. The strain of anxiety has been intense among the more timid and the community feel they have survived a danger of uncommon magnitude. Business and commerce, the sources of the staff of life, have been seriously crippled and many merchants as well as mechanics and laborers will have to bear pecuniary losses, an estimate of which can never be determined. The Asiatics have perhaps been the heaviest losers. With its dearly-bought lesson Honolulu will enter into a state of cleanliness which we trust will not be impaired by any more infractions of the common sanitary laws.

The Congressional bill making Hawaii a territory of the United States has, without doubt, become a law, which will go into force about June 1st. Like all other bills of great political significance this document has had, at different times in the many stages of its tortuous course through Congress, every hand against it. It has afforded the opportunity which the country congressman so lovingly cherishes of playing to the galleries, without either impairing the bill or compromising himself in the estimation of his constituents. While the eastern and middle west members may know nothing of the needs of the Hawaiian population they accept a bill of this description as something to practice upon, knowing their playful acts can be stricken out by the real business committees of Congress. We will come in as a territory with a good title deed—that is, it will be generally acceptable. The labor clause is satisfactory and so is that of the tariff, which has been a fearful anxiety. In the matter of the suffrage the true essence of Americanism is shown in the granting of a universal right. It was foolish to suppose in

the first place that a Federal territory could exist under a discriminating suffrage law, where a population was composed of civilized people. Only Indians and Asiatics are barred by the Constitution. The Hawaiian Territorial bill is American all through and the residents of the islands, both annexationists and non-annexationists, must begin to learn to live under the new era. Commercial progress started under the formal ceremony of annexation twenty months ago will get a new impetus now.

The little war alarm that was sounded by the last coast mail will probably die away when the next steamer comes from San Francisco. The Sultan will do as he always has done when the coarse ultimatum of war is laid before him. He will pay the bill. If he did not haggle about the claim and stave it off as long as possible he would not be an Oriental. There could be another opportunity offered to Admiral Dewey, who, with an American squadron such as he had at Manila, might repeat the historical act of two years ago by blowing the decrepit Turkish fleet out of the water before Smyrna. There would be no more glory attached to the engagement than to the Manila affair, but it would come just in time to set Admiral Dewey's star again in the ascendancy with the possible chance of eclipsing President McKinley's star. But the world is having enough of war and we have every reason to believe that the Sultan will liquidate.

Continental Europe, particularly France and Germany, is ever holding up to ridicule the so-called hypocrisy that characterizes many American social customs, failing to see some of the glaring indecencies flaunted in its own domain. Germany has at last gone so far in its disregard of public morals that the people have inaugurated a crusade against immorality. We summarize from the Amsterdam *Nieuws van den Dag* the following statement:

"A murder was committed in Berlin, in which certain unsavory elements which form part of the population of every large city figured very prominently. A reform movement set in, and a bill was brought in for the stricter supervision of such people. As a fellow named Heinze had been the chief actor in the drama referred to, the proposed law was named 'lex Heinze.' It would have attracted little attention, had it not been that the Conservatives, Catholics, and Socialists added suggestions for the enforced improvement of morality in general. One amendment provides that the 'age of consent' be raised to eighteen. Another protects factory girls, saleswomen, etc., against the undue attentions of their employers and foremen. A third threatens with heavy fines and imprisonment the exhibitors and vendors of indecent pictures, books, etc. A fourth renders actors and managers of indecent plays liable to like punishment. These last two amendments are the ones which cause all the pother. It is feared that the police and the judges will be too narrow in the exercise of the powers conferred upon them."

A Message on An Egg.

HOW A SOLDIER IN CUBA GOT A BRIDE.

A charming romance has just come to light in Fort Dodge, Ia. It involves the colonial policy of the United States, the Iowa hen, an Easter egg, a pretty girl and a wedding.

The climax of the romance is the wedding of Mr. Charles Percy H. Smith, of the United States Signal Corps, and Miss Lizzie Gilday, of Fort Dodge.

Fort Dodge boasts itself to be a headquarters of the great egg and poultry business. Many cars of live and dressed poultry and thousands of dozens of eggs are shipped annually from there to the Eastern markets. During the shipping season large forces of girls are employed in handling eggs taken from the pickling vat.

In the A. R. Loomis egg house last year one of the young women so employed was Miss Lizzie Gilday. She was very young and pretty. It was Easter time, and although she was not supposed to be preparing Easter eggs, an impulse came into her head to decorate them. She was in a romantic, daring and sentimental mood when she picked up a large, smooth egg and wrote on it clearly with an indelible pencil: "Lizzie Gilday, Fort Dodge, Iowa. May this reach my true love."

The egg was placed in a case with 277 others, but how different was it from ordinary eggs in its possibilities. It was shipped to New York, where it stayed for a time in the cold storage warehouse of an exporter, and then became part of a shipment of fine fresh eggs sent to Cuba.

The benighted Cuban into whose hands it fell was puzzled by the inscription. He did not even know the most pleasing word in the English language. He thought the words might be some sort of black magic that would hurt him if he swallowed them.

As the only precaution he decided to get them translated. He took them to his acquaintance, Senor Smith, of the United States Signal Corps, stationed at Guines. He is known as one of the brightest young men in the service.

He read the words and looked at them long and wonderingly. They went straight to his heart. He was feeling sad and lonely down there, with nothing but black and yellow people to look at.

"Look here, Senor," he said to the Cuban, "you don't want to keep that egg any longer. It's dangerous for you. I'm the only man who knows what to do with it."

The Cuban was only too glad to relinquish the mysterious egg.

"I wonder what sort of a girl it is who sends her address around like this?" mused Mr. Smith, "I hope she is a nice, innocent little thing. Anyhow, it won't do any harm to write her a polite note and ask for her picture."

So he sat down and wrote the following letter, which she received in due course:

"U. S. Signal Corps Telegraph Office,
Guines, Cuba.

"Miss Lizzie Gilday, Fort Dodge, Ia.:

"I am sure you had no idea into whose hands or to what distant land the egg upon which you wrote your name would go. It came with a large shipment from the United States, and was purchased by a Cuban merchant here, who brought it to me for translation. I would be very glad to have you answer this letter, as I am curious to know the one who adopted so novel a method of correspondence. I have a camera, and had a snapshot of myself with the egg in my hand. If you care for one of the pictures, let me hear from you.

Very truly,

"CHARLES PERCY H. SMITH,
Guines, Cuba."

She had almost forgotten the egg. The letter thrilled her. It seemed to her like a direct interposition of Providence to supply her with a real romance. Photographs were exchanged, and a sympathetic correspondence began which rapidly became more ardent and finally ended in an engagement. In one of his early letters Mr. Smith made this statement, which indicates that he is a young man of good common sense and serious intentions.

"I am in the employ of the United States Signal Corps and have charge of the office at this place. I like it here very much indeed. It is a nice, healthy place, and the people treat you well. They think an American is a small god. Now, please answer this letter soon and after we get a little better acquainted, I will write you a more interesting letter than I can now."

The later letters are of too rapturous and sacred a nature, they say, to be revealed to a public that contains many scoffers.

THE DIVINE DODSON.



AS HE IS.



AS HE MAKES UP.

Music and Drama

The Orpheum.

Despite the long and somewhat enforced stay of the Hoganites, Honolulu audiences in no wise seem to tire of seeing them. Variety is the spice of theatrical life and the continued success of Hogan and his funny folk is due in no small measure to the versatility and untiring stage direction of the eccentric Ernest. It takes a good deal of hard work to turn out an entirely new program full of fresh stage business, choruses and songs every few days and the "coons" certainly get it. Hogan rehearses them morning, noon, afternoon and after the performance, the work being doubly hard on him. In the beginning of the week the stage setting was worthy of particular mention, being, while nothing wonderfully elaborate, a creditable attempt at novelty. The scene while perhaps not nautically practical was effectively arranged and the costumes at all events were genuine and "the real thing," as in the last military act. Thursday saw the program augmented and strengthened by the arrival of "Baby Ruth" (Roland) and Dodson. Both of these new arrivals are undoubted attractions. "Baby Ruth," a tiny little atom of femininity, has won all hearts with her songs and dances. In "I'll leave my happy home for you" she has out Hoganed Hogan himself, who accepts his defeat gracefully and falls back on a topical song, bristling with local allusions, to which he contributed the music and Allan Dunn the words. Dodson the divine is a marvelous mimic of the fair sex in voice, walk, gesture and make up. He sings well and his turn is distinctly free from the slightest suspicion of overstepping the line, so often trespassed on by female impersonators. Hogan is as funny as ever and his company kept well up to the mark. Stanley, by the way, deserves praise for the cleanest cut trapeze act yet produced here. His shadowgraphs too are cleverly handled and genuinely amusing. The "Country Coon," written especially for Hogan by Allan Dunn, is in constant rehearsal and well go on in a few days.

There was a large gathering of the local literati at the Open House last evening to enjoy Mr. Hall's concert, which, made up of the elements of poetry and music, presented one of the most gratifying feasts of culture that we have been privileged to participate in for many days. Mr. Hall, who organized the concert, has just completed a work entitled "Poems of the Open Air" and, complying with the request of friends, gave advance readings from the manuscript. The theme of the poet ascends to a contemplation of the thoughts of the Infinite in a part of the work and is of most engaging interest to those who feel for the promises of the unknown. The several selections read by the author himself had the closest attention. The whole work, which abounds in beautiful passages, will be reviewed in the pages of this paper later. As far as the musical section of the concert went there was the best of satisfaction expressed by the audience. Captain Berger and his band appeared for the first time under the reorganization and gave a whole concert by themselves. What afforded the most pleasure and received loud acclaims of praise was the offering of the mixed quartette, "The Sea Hath Its Pearls," in which the voices of Mrs. Howard and Miss Griswold and Messrs. Elston and Lawton were harmoniously blended. Mr. Paul Egry showed his master touch in a difficult part of "Il Trovatore."

On all sides we have heard the Grand Concert Litteraire pronounced a decided success, and in spite of very serious disappointments at the last moment, Mr. Hall, though unaccustomed to the production of the broad effects required in so large a house quite justified his rank as a poet of high order, which has been accorded him by some of the leading critics of England and America.

Their Eighty-First

The years 1819-1900 are the dates that embrace the age of Odd Fellowship. Though the junior of Masonry by many years it has risen in influence and wealth to almost as high a plane as its ancient colleague. The Odd Fellows of this city got up an elaborate concert and ball last Thursday evening in Progress Hall to mark the eighty-first anniversary of the establishment of their order. It was an occasion that will live long as a pleasant memory in the consciousness of those who had the good fortune to attend the function. From "La Viastesa" of the orchestra to the grand Virginia reel it was a whole evening of enjoyment. There were nearly 200 couples on the spacious floor. The musical selections were rendered by some of the best home artists and were fully up to Honolulu's best quality. The anniversary proclamation by Mr. W. C. Parke was full of interest to the Odd Fellows and to their friends as well. Mr. Allan Dunn gave a recitation that was well received. Following is the personnel of the management of the ball:

General Committee—Bro. W. C. Parke, D. D. G. S. Chairman. Excelsior No. 1: Bro. G. J. Boisse, Bro. P. C. Martin, Bro. J. F. Kennedy; Harmony No. 3: Bro. C. T. Rodgers, P. G., Bro. C. Charlock, Bro. G. W. R. King; Pacific Rebekah No. 1: Sister M. Schumann, P. N. G., Sister A. Nicholson, Sister E. Clark; Olive Branch Rebekah, No. 2: Sister A. L. King, Sister A. Herrick, P. N. G., Bro. A. W. Keech; Polynesia Encampment, No. 1: Bro. H. H. Williams, P. C. P., Bro. J. D. McVeigh, C. P., Bro. Hingley, P. C. P.

Reception Committee—Excelsior, No. 1: Bro. E. Lofquist, N. G., Bro. P. C. Martin, V. G.; Harmony, No. 3: Bro. J. D. McVeigh, N. G., Bro. J. Lightfoot, V. G.; Pacific Rebekah, No. 1: Sister L. Dee, N. G., Sister M. Smith, V. G.; Olive Branch Rebekah, No. 2: Sister C. Gurney, N. G., Sister M. Weir, V. G.

Floor Committee: Bro. H. H. Williams, P. G., Floor Manager, Bro. C. S. Crane, P. G., Bro. A. F. Clark, Bro. C. H. Herrick.

Lakes of Killarney.

Great interest was given to the recent report that the far famed Lakes of Killarney, in Ireland, were likely to be purchased by a foreign syndicate, and the rumor roused intense indignation among the Irish peasantry, some of them seemingly having an idea that the lakes in the event of a sale, would be removed bodily from the Green Isle. No syndicate, however, has bought the property. Of these three remarkable bodies of water, the Middle Lake, known also as "Muckross" and "Torc," is the most tranquil and beautiful. Carlyle speaks of the "depth" of its "very inviting" which abounds on its shores. The mountain looms over its dark and placid waters, and near by a foaming cascade which dashes over a ledge of rocks 65 feet high. A peculiar peninsula of wooded rock separates this lake from the lowest of the three, and two delightfully shaded islands of considerable extent are favorite retreats for the tourist.

Alfred Picard.

Mr. Picard is the Commissioner General of the Paris Exposition, representing the French Government. He possesses autocratic power and has great responsibility. It was he who drafted the plan of the Exposition in 1899, and he was before the Chamber of Deputies to urge appropriations of money and decrees for clearing the necessary ground.

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Retirement Of Our Editor.

MR. FRANKLIN H. AUSTIN, managing editor of this paper, has resigned his position. It is hoped that his retirement will not be for any extended period. By the advice of his physician he relinquishes literary work. For the past five years he has been under a severe mental strain with the result that his health has become shattered. On April 10th he went into the Queen's Hospital, where he has since been lying. Upon recovery he contemplates going to the mountains of Hawaii. While there he will employ his time in preparing a book of short stories, which will be published in the near future.

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THE nomination of Admiral Dewey on the Philadelphia or Kansas City platform will be equivalent to defeat. General Miles ditto.

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"No seat, no fare!" was once a cry in Chicago that compelled the street car companies to bring their capacity up to the public requirement.

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LAWYER HUMPHREYS can find solace in the fact that a man is judged by what he is—not what he was. A whole lot of esteemed citizens of Hawaii, if valued to-day at what they were, would not be esteemed citizens.

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KAMEHAMEHA DAY will be observed as usual. There is no other day like it. Then the soul of the Hawaiian gives itself to joy unconcerned with all cares and entering into the full spirit that good horse racing means. The Jockey Club have named W. W. Parthy, Prince David and C. L. C. as executive committee to superintend the sports. Only six weeks remain in which to bring up the runners and trotters and get the dark horses down from the coast, although some of the unknowns may be here already.

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THE consequential damages of the plague suffered by the residents of these islands are more than the material damages. Charles Brewer & Co., of Boston, who have many tenants among the mercantile class, are the first absentee landlords to sympathize with us in our misfortune. They have allowed a ten per cent. rebate on all their rents for the months of January and February. It is an act that is appreciated.

THE scene on our cover page to-day depicts the Chinamen transplanting rice on a plantation in the suburbs of Honolulu. The harvest is now at hand. The yield will not be as great as in some former years owing to the drouth, which has parched some fields, and the plague, which has caused a scarcity of labor.

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ODD FELLOWSHIP has jumped over the eight-barred gate, as Oliver Wendell Holmes would say, for it celebrated its 81st anniversary last Thursday evening. The late lamented Autocrat of the Breakfast Table truly said regarding himself that the effort became greater with each succeeding vault. With Odd Fellowship, however, strength comes with increasing age and there is every promise of many more decades of life for this popular society. Honolulu has the oldest lodge west of the Rocky Mountains.

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THE historical novels like "Via Crucis," "Janice Meredith," "Richard Carvel" and "When Knighthood was in Flower," which have had such great sales lately, are good money-makers for their authors and publishers and perhaps answer very well for those readers who have perused Scott over and over again. One book of Scott with its virile vigor is worth a whole shelffull of the blazoned works of these up-to-date romancers, who ever fail to grasp the pith of the romance in history. "Richard Carvel" and books of that ilk are made to sell.

A Mechanical Detective.

WHAT THE CENSUS BUREAU IN WASHINGTON EMPLOYS.

On June 1st the census enumerators will commence their work in these Islands. The law will enforce the answering of every question as rigidly as though it were propounded to a witness in a court trial. When the returns are made at Washington there is a very ingenious mechanical device there that will act as a detective in the work of the enumerators. Mr. W. R. Merriam, Director of the United States Census, describes it as follows:

"This transcript of the original returns of the enumerator to the punched card will be done with small machines, something like typewriters, called keyboard punchers. About one thousand of these will be used, and the entire work of transcribing 75,000,000 or more individual records will be done in about one hundred working days, or nearly four months.

"These punched record cards are then counted, or tabulated, in the electrical tabulating machines. These machines are provided with a circuit-closing device, into which the cards are rapidly fed one by one. The holes in the card control the electric circuits through a number of counters, which will, as desired, count the simple facts as to the number of males, females, etc., or the most complicated combination which the statisti-

cian may ask for. After the cards for a given district are thus passed through the tabulating machine, we know the number of native born, white males of voting age, the number of white children under five years of age born in this country with both parents native-born or the number of such children with one or both parents foreign born, or any other information contained in the enumerators' sheet which the statistician desires tabulated. In short, it is only necessary for the statistician to decide upon the information wanted, and for the electrician to make the proper connection from the counters and relays to the circuit-controlling device into which the cards are fed. The methods employed for checking the proper workings of the machines are ingenious and interesting. If the card is not completely punched, or not properly fed to the machine, or is placed upside down, or if some item has been overlooked, or, in fact, if everything is not all right, the machine refuses to work, and the card is rejected. Neither will the machine work if the circuit-controlling device is operated without a card in place. Such a machine also has the advantage that it will not make mistakes because it is tired or does not feel well, or because the weather is warm, or by reason of the thousand and one causes which will upset the human machine."

Three New Things.

1000 MILES ON A MOBE.

The Automobile Club of London, has just issued a detailed program of the motor car trial which is to be held from April 23 to May 12th. The course is from London to Edinburgh and return, and includes one day exhibits at Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester, Edinburgh, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sheffield and Leeds, and shorter exhibitions at other places. The vehicles will be classed as follows: A, with a selling price of \$1000 or less; B, between \$1000 and \$1500; C, between \$1500 and \$2500; D, over \$2500; E, vehicles for public service. A number of prizes will be given, and more than 60 vehicles are expected to complete. The start will be from Hyde Park at 7 A.M. on Monday, April 23d.

NO PREFIX ON VISITING CARDS.

The fashion long in vogue among men of having no prefix to the name on visiting cards has been adopted by the "political set" in Washington. The wife of one of the foreign ministers introduced the mode, and "Margaret Blank" is now the approved form for the card. It should be engraved in old-fashioned script, such as the social world used twenty-five or thirty years ago.

CLEAN PATH FOR THE BICYCLE.

The path in front of a bicycle is cleared of substances which would puncture the tires by an attachment, comprising clamps for suspending a small circular brush in front of the forward wheel, with driving wheels to revolve the brush rapidly on the ground.

WAR.

From hill to hill he harried me;
He stalked me day and night;
He neither knew nor hated me;
Nor his nor mine the fight.

He killed the man who stood by me,
For such they made his law.
Then foot by foot I fought to him,
Who neither knew nor saw.

I trained my rifle on his heart;
He leaped up in the air,
My screaming ball tore thro' his breast,
And lay embedded there.

It lay embedded there, and yet
Hissed home o'er hill and sea
Straight to the aching heart of her
Who ne'er did wrong to me.

—Arthur Stringer in Ainslee's Magazine.

ROUND ABOUT.

The latest *Kobe Herald* says the result of the test of wireless telegraphy held in Awa province is kept secret by the authorities. They are preparing to hold another test between Funabashi, Chiba Ken and Tsukijima, Tokio.

"There is nothing like the Orpheum for a dinner chaser," said a *bon vivant* last evening as he sauntered outward through the vestibule of the theatre to the strains of the Star Spangled Banner, wafted into the out-door air by the orchestra. "A terrapin lunch will have no after horrors if two or three hours are subsequently devoted to the society of Hogan's Minstrels," continued he. The Orpheum is a cure for gastronomical troubles as well as a source of amusement.

By the courtesy of Mr. Alatau T. Atkinson, Special Agent in Chief of the Hawaiian census, we are handed a pamphlet setting forth a description of the great work of the twelfth Federal census written by Director William R. Merriam. It is concise yet comprehensive and throws some new light on the methods employed in "toting up" the number of Uncle Sam's people.

Residents of the fashionable part of Young street were disturbed last Thursday evening by a party of young roisterers who took possession of a *maison de joie* in that quarter to "vex with mirth the drowsy ear of night." The arrival of the patrol wagon broke up the wine party and a scathing lecture on temperance, delivered by Judge Wilcox yesterday morning, furnished the climax.

A charge of negligence has been laid against Ewa plantation in the matter of a Japanese laborer who was fatally injured by a locomotive. It seems that the victim through his incautiousness tried to cross a track before a moving train and was knocked down and run over, receiving injuries on his hand and foot. He was sent in a passenger car to the Queen's hospital without a physician's attendance and lost so much blood on the car that he could not survive the necessary amputation at the hospital.

The official gauge records nearly fifteen inches of humid precipitation in Manoa valley this month.

Attention is called to the change of advertisement of H. E. Hendrick, who, undaunted by the cremation movement, offers a new line of monumental pieces for burying grounds.

Since the last issue of the WEEKLY there have been three notable deaths in the city. James Campbell, John Winter and Henry Roberts crossed the divide. They were men who filled their places most worthily in their respective spheres.

The wireless telegraphy plant is expected next week. The installation of this system will be hailed with delight by the merchants. The rapid growth of the sugar industry demands a communicative medium of greater expedition than the postal service can give.

Some of the residents of School street are interested in a bit of animal life in which a mongoose figures as nursing a litter of kittens. The mother cat was killed by a dog and the kits would have starved had not the mongoose rendered them her maternal attentions.

The Custom House and Post Office forces are to be increased and brought up to the efficiency required of them. This is good news to the many patrons of these offices who have suffered somewhat from the inconveniences which a lack of help occasions. Honolulu takes pride in the administration of these two important bureaus, which have had no end of troubles to combat from plague causes, from reduction of the labor staff and from Washington interferences. There are rumors of a general sweep-out of present employes to make room for friends of political workers in the States, but it is hoped these rumors are unfounded.

Ratoons.

Many a man gains a reputation for popularity by keeping his troubles to himself.—*Philadelphia Record*.

Delaware's pretty girls say the annual failure of the peach crop is a libel on them.—*Philadelphia Record*.

The horseless carriage is a thing
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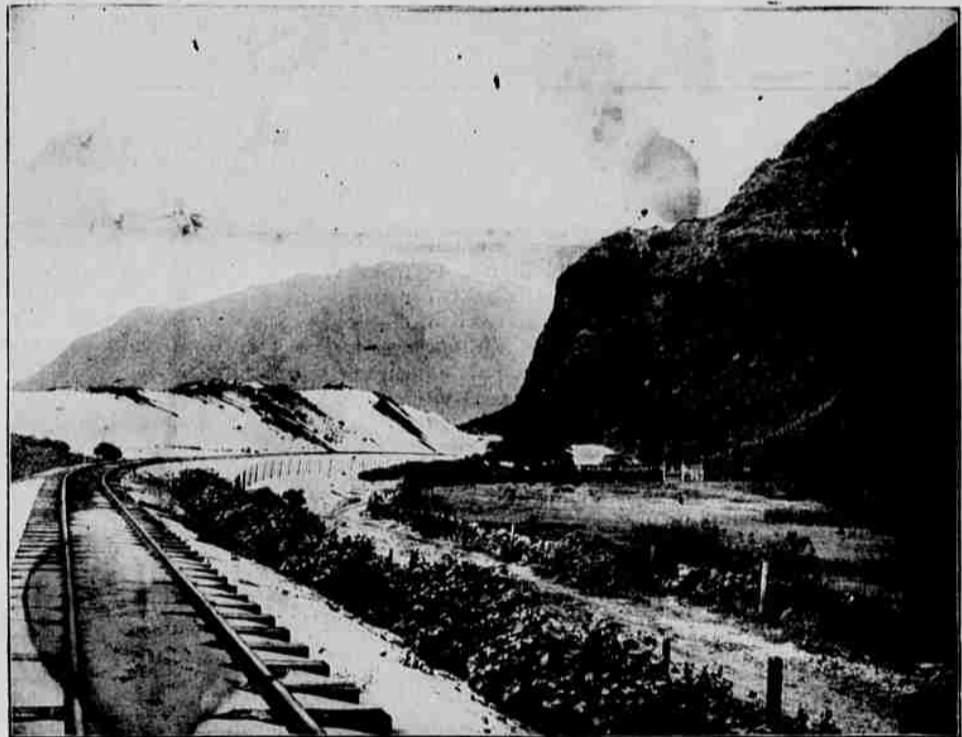
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