



HAWAIIAN GAZETTE.

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BY AUTHORITY.



VALUABLE REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

The well-known premises at Mahiki, for several years occupied by Messrs. Ogden for a boarding school, are now offered for sale by the Board of Education, on very liberal terms.

For particulars, apply to JAS. SMITH, Secretary of the Board of Education, Education Office, Feb. 23, 1899.

It has pleased His Majesty the King, to appoint Frederick S. Lyman, Esq., a Circuit Judge for the Island of Hawaii.

It has pleased His Majesty the King, to appoint Hon. William P. Kamahala to be President of the Board of Education.

By Order of the Board of Health.

At a meeting of the Board, held Dec. 24, 1898, it was Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to request by Circular letter, and advertisements in the Hawaiian Gazette and Ke Au Owea, all managers of plantations, ministers of religion, and others having authority and influence, to cause a general vaccination to take place, each in his own neighborhood, the Board assisting by all means in their power.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The attention of every household, keeper of a boarding or lodging house, or master of a vessel is called to the following Section of the Civil Code:

SECTION 301. It shall be the duty of every household, keeper of a boarding or lodging house, or master of a vessel, to report immediately to the Board of Health, or its nearest agent, any person in or about their house, or vessel, whom they shall have reason to believe to be sick, or to have died of, the small pox, or any other disease dangerous to the public health, under a penalty of not less than five, nor more than one hundred dollars, for each offense.

By order of the Board. EM. FERNAND, Secretary.

Honolulu, Jan. 8, 1899.

QUARANTINE REGULATIONS.

AND RULES ADOPTED BY THE HAWAIIAN BOARD OF HEALTH AT THEIR MEETING ON JANUARY 22d, 1899.

1. On the arrival of any vessel at any port of this Kingdom, from a port known to be infected with the small pox, through no case of small pox may have occurred on board during the voyage, neither passengers nor crew shall be allowed to land, unless a period of fifteen days shall have elapsed from the time of her sailing.

2. On the arrival of any vessel at any port of this Kingdom, having had or still having any person sick of small pox on board, the vessel shall be detained in quarantine, and the sick shall be sent to the quarantine hospital, and the crew and passengers shall be submitted to a quarantine of fifteen days.

3. No person shall leave or visit any quarantined vessel, or any person on board, unless he has been set apart for quarantine purposes by the Board of Health, unless by written permission of the Board.

4. Under no circumstances shall be allowed, shall clothing or personal baggage be taken on or ashore, before having undergone such disinfecting process as may be ordered by the Board of Health.

5. When any vessel shall arrive, having had on board during the passage, a person diseased with small pox, the whole, or such parts of the ship as may be ordered by the Board of Health to be disinfected, shall be fumigated, or otherwise disinfected, in such manner as may be ordered by the Board, and not until this has been done shall any cargo be discharged from the ship.

6. No small pox shall be landed from any vessel having small pox on board or having had small pox on board during the passage, except by written permission of the President of the Board of Health.

7. Sections 285, 287, and 294 of the Civil Code of this Kingdom read as follows:

SECTION 284. Notice shall be given by the Board of Health of all regulations made by it, by publishing the same in some newspaper of the district, or where there is no such newspaper, by causing them to be posted in three public places of the town or district; and such notice of said regulations shall be deemed legal notice to all persons.

SECTION 285. Every person who shall violate any regulation of the Board of Health, after the same shall have been published, as provided in the last preceding section, shall be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars.

SECTION 286. The quarantine regulations so established shall extend to all persons, and all goods and effects arriving in such vessels, and to all persons who may visit or go on board of the same.

SECTION 287. Notice shall be given of such quarantine regulations, by publication in the manner provided in section 284; and after such notice shall have been given, any person who shall violate any such quarantine regulation, shall be fined a sum not less than five, nor more than five hundred dollars.

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President of the Board of Health.

The steamer Kilisea was offered for sale last week, in such a manner, that she must, of necessity, have been broken up.

Her hull being offered at an upset price of twelve hundred dollars, independent of her machinery, would have, undoubtedly, found a purchaser at that price, or an advance upon it.

This would have divorced the hull from the machinery, and, as a matter of course, they never would have been brought together again.

The vessel is a most superior one, being built of the best of materials, and in a most workmanlike manner.

Her solidity has been demonstrated by the fact, that three severe accidents have not weakened her, in the least.

The master of steam communication, between the islands, is a most important one.

It may well be doubted, whether it is not absolutely essential, to our continued prosperity.

What is to be done with the Kilisea, is yet a matter of uncertainty, nor are we advised that the Government, or any members of it, individually, have any definite plans, on this subject.

It was thought unwise, to allow the vessel to be broken up, when the way, by which steam communication is to be secured in the future, is not only not clear, but it may be said, is not at all apparent.

It seems to be very certain, that no foreign company will undertake to run boats here, except with a subsidy, that would make their pecuniary success absolutely certain.

When we take into consideration, that the effort has been made for ten years, and, as it is said, not only has not resulted in a profit, but has made a loss—

it would be rather a sorry tale, and poor recommendation, wherewith to go to foreign capitalists, to enlist them in such an enterprise. Let the most silver-tongued man, go to Money Bags, and explain to him, that the want of success was in consequence of mistakes, which Mr. Silver-tongue proceeds to point out, old Money Bags will look at him, askance, button up his pockets, lock up his check-book, and put himself in a position to guard his safe-door, and inquire why don't you correct your mistakes, utilize your experience, and proceed to make the money yourselves, which you are so anxious for me to make? Certainly you can supervise your own business, when you are at home, much more effectively, and much more economically than I can at this distance. So that it may be taken, as certain, that no foreign company, or one based on foreign capital entirely, will undertake to run inter-island steamers here, on any terms, which the public treasury can reasonably pay. They are not to be expected to run them at a loss, and if they are to be run for an assured profit, why should not our own citizens realize that profit.

Of course, the ultimate winding up of an enterprise, makes one to look back over the track, and consider what have been the conditions of success, or the contrary.

It has been the fashion to call the ship the "old Kilisea," and condemn her slowness; one giving a valuable opinion on propellers in general, as compared with side-wheel steamers; another, on the particular construction of the propeller, which is in the stern of this particular ship; another, on her boilers; another, on her machinery; another wants her cabin, and misses his champagne lunches and hot suppers, which, to hear him talk, you would think was his customary and luxurious way of living, at his own home.

With regard to rapidity, people are always more or less unreasonable. There is no way of getting speed out of a steamer, except by using fuel, and any steamboatman would smile, on being told that a ship used eighteen tons of coal in steaming three hundred miles, making several stoppages in the meantime, and that people complained of, and condemned the ship for her slowness. It may be, nay, it is certain, that the ship needs new boilers. Well, why not put them into her? It is certain, that Government is ready to assist any private company, that can give assurance of running this, or any other steamer, to the extent of the authority granted by the Legislature, and to co-operate, most fully, with any feasible plan, to secure the desired object of steam communication.

But let us pause a moment in our fault-finding, and ask those, who have been compelled to go down to the sea, in schooners, of late, in their voyages between the islands, whether they get to windward, on an average, as quickly, as in the Kilisea.

Let them go on board of the Kilisea, in her present dismantled condition, even, and see whether the fine accommodations on board of any of our nice coasting schooners, are comparable, in air, light and room; and does any one of the neat, handy and accommodating stewards, of the coasting sailing fleet, supply one's necessities, when sea-sick, better than our old friend, "Bob" Hernandez, who is now steward at the American Club.

Steaming, it is a matter of feel. Suppose, therefore, that you should use up two tons of coal more, and get into Lahaina at three o'clock in the morning, instead of six o'clock who would be benefited by that.

No one can go on shore and rouse up their friends; and no cargo be landed or taken off, safely and profitably, either to carriers or shippers, before morning. If the ship were to run alongside of a wharf, it might be a very different thing. But even then, the general convenience calls that work shall be done by daylight, and not in the darkness of night.

Further, the running of a steamer is advantageous to the schooner interest. This may appear heterodox, but it is a fact. Regularity of communication and facilities generally, have a direct effect to stimulate enterprises, and increase business.

In the same way, as it is of no use to spend coal, burn up your furnaces, wear out your machinery, and shake your vessel to pieces, for the purpose of getting to a place three or four hours before it can be of any possible use, so, likewise, it is equally unadvisable, to employ a vessel with cabin accommodations equal to a Canadier, for the purpose of carrying eight or ten passengers. Who ever was crowded, in the matter of cabin accommodation, on board of the Kilisea? Her owners would have liked to have seen such an event, and seen it repeated, every trip in the year. But the writer of this article has made many trips in her, and does not remember an instance, when he did not have sufficient room, for himself and all his belongings.

The questions, therefore, before the public are: Is steam communication desirable? If it is, are you likely to get better ships than the one we now have? And if so, how? If we are not likely to get any better, how is this one to be run? Now that she is withdrawn, is the public better served? Does any communication promote prosperity, and make people better acquainted, and more contented with one another? If so, how can the Kilisea be put on again? Will any individuals, or association of individuals, undertake the enterprise, based upon the idea of such assistance as may be properly given them from the public treasury?

Rev. Thomas K. Beecher declares the difference between Presbyterianism and Congregationalism to be of a little account as that between twelfth and twelfth, and laughs at the mutual jealousies of the two denominations.

The Board of Education has, for some months past, had their attention directed to the establishment of a school, in this city, for the benefit of those children, who, in their domestic life, use the English language only. There are now, among us, a great many children, both of whose parents are foreigners, as well as a very large number, who are of a mixed race, to whom the English language is, in effect, as their mother tongue. It is necessary to provide for the education of these children, and though the Royal School, for boys, and Millard School, for girls, are most excellent, and the progress made by the pupils, is a subject of just pride to the parents and teachers, and to the friends of education generally, yet much time is necessarily spent in drilling into the children, who are of the native race, even, the sound of the letters, in English words. This is a most laborious and irksome task for the teachers, and tedious to bystanders, who happen to be not in need of that kind of tuition. It is a well settled fact, that public schools are better means of instruction than private ones, since they are more susceptible of a regular course of discipline. The teacher of a public school is free from the necessity of heeding the whims of the parents, and very often of children too, through apprehension of losing his scholars, and thereby making his too often narrow domestic circumstances still narrower. The good public teacher feels that if he does his duty well and fearlessly, he will be supported, and his pay does not depend upon the caprice of so many different persons. He is consequently free from the anxiety, incidental to seeing his numbers decrease, notwithstanding his best efforts, and from the necessity, after having earned his money hard, of going to collect it, and too frequently having the mortification of listening to the unflattering comments of parents on the want of progress of his pupils, whilst he reflects on the warring retortations of his own instructions, with a thought of how careless the parent has been until the poor teacher calls for his little pittance, which he, not unfrequently, does not get. It is to be hoped that all parents and friends of education, will give this matter their attention and encouragement. The Board are very desirous of hearing suggestions, from those interested. For the present, it will be necessary for children of both sexes to attend together, as there are not enough of each sex to constitute a school, which, by reason of numbers, would justify a fair salary to the teachers of two schools. Many are of opinion that this joint attendance of the sexes is advantageous to both. Whether it be so or not, it is believed to be necessary at present, and hereafter experience—the bringing together of a larger number of children, perhaps, than are now thought to be available,—will suggest what alterations, if any, may be advisable in this respect.

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