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Registration Notice.

The meetings of the Board of Registration in Honolulu are discontinued until further notice.

The Board will hold sessions in the various out-of-town precincts as follows:

- Ewa Plantation Store, Wednesday, August 16th, from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m.
Ewa Court House, Thursday, August 16th, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.
Waianae Court House, Friday, August 17th, from 4 p. m. to 8 p. m.
Kaneohe Court House, Monday, August 20th, from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m.
Hanalei Court House, Tuesday, August 21st, from 11 a. m. to 8 p. m.
Kahuku Plantation, Wednesday, August 22nd, from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m.
Waialoa Plantation, Thursday, August 23rd, from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m.
Waialoa Court House, Friday, August 24th, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.
C. T. RODGERS, ANTONIO PERRY, L. D. KELIPIO, Board of Registration, Island of Oahu, 427-4f

Board of Examiners.

The Board of Examiners created by Article 17 of the Constitution (Special Rights of Suffrage) will meet at the same time and place as the Oahu Board of Registration. See itinerary above.

EDWARD TOWSE, CARL BUSCHLAST, F. L. CUTLER, 427-4f

IRIGATION NOTICE.

Holders of water privileges, or those paying water rates, are hereby notified that the hours for irrigation purposes are from 7 to 8 o'clock a. m. and 5 to 6 o'clock p. m.

A. BROWN, Supt. Honolulu Water Works. Approved: J. A. KING, Minister of the Interior. Office Honolulu Water Works, Honolulu, May 25, 1894. 397-4f

WATER NOTICE.

Owing to the drought and scarcity of water, the residents above Judd street are requested to collect what water they may require for household purposes before 8 o'clock a. m.

ANDREW BROWN, Supt. Honolulu Water Works. Honolulu, H. I., July 20, 1894. 404-4f

THE entire State of Iowa came in for its share of Royalist abuse last Friday. The trouble was not so much with Iowa's resolution endorsing the Republic of Hawaii as in the fact Iowans are Americans, and the leaders of the Royalists of Hawaii are anti-American foreigners and republic haters without exception.

Mr. Paine of the tramways is informed once and for all that discussion will result in the political camp of foreigners if he again refuses to awaken Royalist scribes at their hearthstone and carries them somnolent and snoring to Waikiki, through the stilly starry hushes of Saturday nights. The walk back is as lonesome and dry as a rock-hewn grave, Mr. Paine.

THE (at present) Royalist Holomua is quite right, "the passage of the lottery bill and the appointment of the Parker Cabinet" were enough to cause a revolution in Hawaii, without that last straw in the form of the ex-Queen's violation of constitutional law committed on the morning of January 14, 1893.

On another point, however, the (at present) Royalist Holomua is quite wrong. The Republic is not in office "for pell" as alleged by the great disgruntled, but is in office to keep hungry Royalists away from "pelf, power and position" in the general interests of good government. These they hanker after mightily, but through a moderate discretion have lately refrained from grabbing them with both hands, lest they cover themselves and their cause with monkey glory. Their case was long ago thought out by the long-headed Darwin.

AS TO DRUNKENNESS.

A correspondent in this morning's Advertiser laments the amount of drunkenness in Honolulu and quotes the Rev. Mr. Coyle to the effect that he had never seen a city where there were so many drunken men on the streets in proportion to the population as in Honolulu. The instances cited by the writer as occurring last Sunday morning

are such as can be found in almost any seaport where there is a large percentage of sojourners. Honolulu is no exception, though in the cases of native drunkenness it certainly has more than it should.

In discussing the question of temperance reform enthusiasm generally injures the cause by an overstatement of the facts or mistaking particular abuses for general habits.

This is illustrated in the remarks quoted from Dr. Coyle, who has more than likely applied to the whole community the exceptional case seen in Honolulu every Saturday afternoon and night in that portion of town bounded by half a dozen places known as the native saloons. This district will amply bear out Mr. Coyle's remarks, but will hardly bear out the general application placed upon it regarding the entire community.

There is probably no seaport of the size of Honolulu in civilization where the white population does not consume more liquor per capita than here; and there are probably very few similar places which do not have more Sunday drunkenness than Honolulu. There is also somewhat of an injustice in the intimation that Sunday drinking here is caused by liquor selling on that day. There may be exceptions, as there have been in the past, but as a rule liquor has not been sold on Sunday in Honolulu since the overthrow of the monarchy. Up to the establishment of the Provisional Government it was no trick and not even dangerous to buy all one wanted after hours; but now it is hard to get liquor in most cases on Sunday, as the risk is greater than the profit.

Without making the liquor traffic any worse than it is, there is certainly much abuse from it in Honolulu and more than there is any necessity for. It is pretty hard to say just what we are coming to, so often asked, but it is quite easy to point out what we should come to speedily in Honolulu and will come to in time. Practically all prohibition schemes have failed in application and as it is admitted there is no sort of compromise possible, the only feasible plan is for the Government to control the liquor retail evil, just as it does other health matters, largely by prevention.

Let the Government take control of this retail trade, and, as has been done in some other countries, establish one or two licensed saloons under its direct control for the sale of pure wines and liquors to responsible adults, in moderate quantities only, and the first great step towards temperance reform will have been taken by removing the main cause of drunkenness in the form of unrestricted opportunity.

But even if this is not done the present evil abuses among the native population could be directly lessened by the Government refusing to renew the licenses of those half-dozen saloons in the native quarter which are largely responsible for Saturday and Sunday intemperance in Honolulu. This could be and should be done at the earliest opportunity, and if the remaining saloons could be reduced and placed under Government control the nearest position to practical prohibition would be secured.

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POINTS ON CRABBING.

ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING SPORTS ON THE CHESAPEAKE.

How the Toothsome Crustacean is Taken by Those Who are Familiar With Its Nature—Simple Tackle is Used, but Some Skill is Necessary.

Comparatively few persons who catch crabs ever saw one in its native habitat, and there are very many others who would not know one if they should see it. There is no use denying that this delightfully flavored little animal is a British looking creature, and his looks do not belie his disposition, for he is the most aggressive of all aquatic games. Now, of all the sports of the Chesapeake, none is more interesting than crabbng when it is done scientifically, for in this, as in everything else, all depends upon how it is done, and to get at the true live address of crabbng one must learn the ropes. The first thing to be considered is the tide, and just how it is possible well to say, for the information of those not already familiar with the fact that crabs are a tide-water production and are peculiar to salt waters.

The proper time for crabbng is on the flood tide, for then the crabs come in the rivers hungry, and the fun begins if the bait is the proper kind. This is not confined to one particular article, although the best thing is a herring, the head and entrails of a catfish, or being somewhat of a cannibal, to turn, they will eat the body of a less fortunate comrade.

The bait must be tied to good, stout lines several yards in length, depending upon the depth of the water, since the lines must be sufficiently long to allow the bait to touch the bottom. Unlike fishing tackle, the crab lines require no angle, but are secured to the sides of the boat by tying to the carthooks or washboards. A sinker is a necessary adjunct to each line. This sinker may be anything from a nail to an oyster shell. The latter, which is in popular favor on the Eastern shore, has one disadvantage—it is deceiving from its weight, making many a small boy stand on the tip-top of expectation as he slowly and he believes surely draws in a crab, which proves to be the sinker. The vials of wrath are emptied upon the head of the crab which should have been there, but was not. It is interesting to watch the way in which the crabs hold the bait. They do not coquet with it in the manner of their finny neighbors. They grasp it in their claws with a firm grip and feel in the most unconcerned way. It is interesting to feel their vigorous pulling as one slowly hauls the line in, bringing the creature to the surface. The fact is that a second person must be ready with a net to slip him in, for he cannot be jerked nor coaxed. He must be taken gently and with a net. This necessity for companionship in crabbng makes it all the more enjoyable and social looking than does the lone fisherman who can be so sadly happy. The crab net is rather a novel contrivance. It consists of a long wooden handle, at the end of which is an iron hoop, which supports the netted bag made of numerous cords. The entire art of crabbng depends upon the experience with which the dip net is used, for, although the crabs will follow the bait to the surface of the water, they let go at the sight of the net. Some dexterity, then, must be exercised in passing the net under them and throwing them into the boat. What a scrambling time there is, then, if any girls are in the party! The sensation caused by the appearance of a mouse is insignificant in comparison, and justly, for a crab will make himself felt as well as seen if he finds the chance.

What is known as a trot line affords rather more enjoyment in crabbng than the usual mode. Instead of fastening the lines to the boat, two poles are driven down about six or eight yards apart, with a strong rope stretched between them. From this rope are suspended as many lines as one may choose, all baited for crabbng. The occupants of the boat then push backward and forward, extending the lines to see if they have any bites, and if all things are favorable they keep pretty busy hauling in and dipping, as the first line is generally ready by the time the last is left. The fashion of crabbng with lines and net is comparatively modern and is decidedly an improvement upon the primitive mode of walking around the shore with a two pronged stick, in which the crabs were pinned to the ground by the ends of the stick, and the wonderful feat of smothering upon them. After fishing them with this improved fork, the sportsman secured the crab by taking hold of his two hind feet. This manner of crabbng was certainly not fraught with the present enjoyment. Soft crabbng, however, is done somewhat in this way, although the fork is used, as they can be picked up by the hand without any danger of being bitten. The reason why they cannot be caught like the hard crabs is that in their soft state they do not move about much and have not the strength to hold on to their hind feet. Perhaps there are those among the readers who do not know that, although so different in appearance, the hard and soft crabs are identical, their relative conditions being entirely effected by the tide and the moon. During the three summer months crabs about the change of the moon, and they are then soft until several tides pass over them, rendering their shells hard again. In the rendering their shells hard, in the process of shedding they are called "busters," rather an appropriate name, as they "burst" out of their shells and are as large again almost when they escape. Indeed one can scarcely believe sometimes that the great fat soft crab lying beside a much smaller shell could have come out of it, but it is so, for this is their manner of growing, and unlike people, when they get "too big for their skin," they discard it and swell out.—Baltimore American.

The Poetry of It. She—'I'd rather be a poet than anything in the world. The Post—You might be the next thing to one. She—Oh, tell me how. The Post—By becoming Mrs. Post. (He got her.)—Detroit Free Press.

A Great Actor. Mrs. Dis—When do you consider the best actor in romantic roles? Mrs. Hicks—My husband. Sometimes his art deceives even me.—New York World.

Never hold any one by the button or the hand in order to be heard out. For if people are unwilling to hear you you had better hold your tongue than them.—Chesterfield.

Red denotes courage; blue, truth; white, purity; green, jealousy; yellow, inconsistency; black, mourning; brown, melancholy; gray, remembrance; violet, sympathy.



IS WORTH FOLLOWING UP

We have an idea that there is considerable artistic taste lying dormant in our midst, which only requires bringing out.

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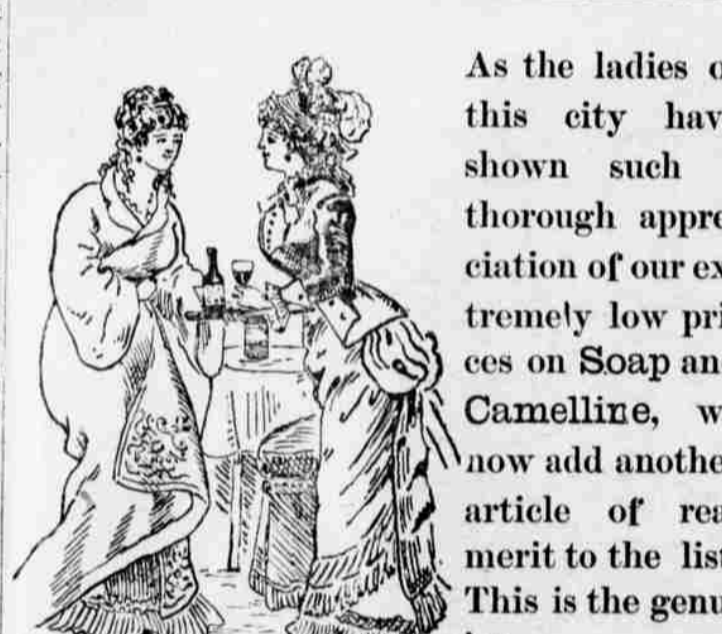
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Honolulu, August 1, 1894. MR. CUSTOMER DEAR SIR:

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A MIDNIGHT SIEGE.

A PAIR OF RATTLES TAKE POSSESSION OF TWO BEDROOMS.

It was not an easy job to dispose of them—a man who knew when it was time to wake up—a traveler tells a story of Texas to his Eastern friends.

Well, it was not in Northwest Texas that I came up with an old acquaintance who has a wheat farm near the Palo Pinto canyon. He was glad to see me, I suppose, because I was something from the old life, and invited me to spend a week with him. I accepted the invitation, but was one day called to the nearest town on business and did not get back to the farmhouse till late. Every light was out, and all the inmates had evidently retired, so I determined to gain my room without arousing them, if possible. Fortunately I found my window open, and without lighting a lamp I addressed and crawled into bed. But I could not get to sleep, and finally I concluded to try a cigar as a soothing tonic, so got up and began to walk over to where I had left my clothes for my coat, in which I had put my cigar case.

I had taken only a few steps when I heard the sharp rattle of a rattlesnake. The sound is unmistakable, and I was aware that these creatures often creep into houses in that region and sometimes show fight when an attempt is made to drive them out. I did not wait to investigate his snakeishness, whereabouts, but grabbed my bed without touching the floor at all, I believe. I then hastily opened my hostess by my movements in coming in, in spite of my caution, for I now heard her sitting on her husband—their bedroom was not to be used with only this lath partition between them. "Oh, John, there's a rattlesnake in Mr. Richardson's room," I heard him say. Then falling to arouse him, she called to me: "Where is he? Do you see him?" I answered that I did not.

The lamp was a yard or two from me, and if I had had to go without a light from then until now I do not believe I would have set my bare foot to the floor to have got one. But I did not say this, however, to the lady. There's never any use in owing you are a coward. People will find it out soon enough. She wanted to know then why I did not get up and kill him. "Oh," I said, "I do not object to his being here." She began to scream then and to try again to awaken her husband, but while I am firmly convinced that she was wide enough awake to take in that situation, not a word could she get out of him.

I then began to get mad. The sacred laws of hospitality demanded that John should arise and free his guest's chamber of all horrors except such as he himself introduced there from good spirits, and I said to Mrs. John, "You are not, however, view the matter in this light, and flatterly refused to allow John to run this risk, John still taking no part in the argument, but like the fly or rabbit, kept on saying nothing and saying "ho." In the meanwhile for the snake had again composed himself for slumber, leaving Mrs. John to get on with the thing as she might, until a mouse must have run over him in the dark, for we heard him sound his alarm, and the next moment a sharp shriek of agony proclaimed that Mrs. John of again, and she insisted that the intruder must be killed. "With all my heart," I said emphatically. "Will you do it?" This silenced her for a time, when John's snore grew to be something beyond all records of such things, and I was then invited to grow interested, and I could picture that mottled demon of the plains crawling toward me in the dark, stealing noiselessly up the leg of the bed on to it and—but here Mrs. John asked, "Mr. Richardson, are you going to kill that snake?" I took in every part of the situation and replied yes, if she would hold the light. To my surprise she said she would. And in another moment I saw the gleam of light in the next room, and the commencing door was thrown open, and Mrs. John, with an extra adornment of a gaily colored patched quilt over her shoulders, hung over the foot of her bed with a lighted lamp in her hand. The rays were thrown into my room, and by them I saw a monster rattler coiled up within three feet of the bed.

I slipped my hand under my pillow and secured the revolver I had got into the habit during my stay in that part of the country of never allowing to be away from me for a moment, and drawing it out cocked it. Here Mrs. John gave a new and special sort of scream—a woman is more afraid of firearms than of anything else on earth—and said: "Oh, Mr. Richardson, don't shoot. You might kill John." "If I could do that, madam, I would feel that I had not lived in vain," I asserted in a deadly, cold, heavy villain tone, but repeated it for Mrs. John nearly fell back into bed with the lamp and my hopes of ridding my apartment of my roommate. But she recovered sufficiently to sit up once more and hold the light in a wobbly, hysterical sort of way, and I fired. The snake, which I did not hit, as I only wanted to make him lift his head so that I could dispatch him with a single shot, now furiously threw himself into a coil and raised his ugly head, and I, aiming as carefully as Mrs. John would let me, fired again and sent the snake down with a bang through his brain.

Ha, but what was this? From the next room, from under Mrs. John's own bed, there sounded a second rattle like a note of defiance. And simultaneously John awoke with suspicious suddenness. I lay back with the happy consciousness of duty performed and drained the sweet cup of vengeance with it. "Arise, John," I said in calm tones, "and slay this menace to thy happy home," and, I blush to say, he again so forgot the laws of hospitality as to let his guest hold his tongue.

Mrs. John had collapsed and could only utter indistinct moans. John now eyed me with a look in my eyes, which I at first declined to do, feeling drowsy, but at last consented, and showered blows, sprays and riding whips on Mrs. John's prostrate form. John gathered these up and in turns showered them under the bed. At first the snake refused to be dislodged, and, like all reptiles, it only kept its tongue under the bed to remain master of the situation. But growing angry under this fusillade it coiled and recoiled, striking again and again, until at last it came from under the bed to thrust forth its head at a boot. John seized his chance and gave it the contents of his revolver, which tore it all to pieces.—Philadelphia Times.

A Sensitive Plant. The company are seated at the dinner table. Enter Baptiste—a servant—haggard, excited and exclaiming: "Quick, quick—a glass of wine!" People stare at each other, and at last the wish is complied with. Baptiste drinks off a glass of wine which has been poured out by the mistress of the house, who inquires what has happened. "Oh, madame, I've been dreadfully upset! Ah, that wine has done me good! I feel better now. Only fancy, I have just managed to break both the large Sevres china marmalade dishes!"—Pacis Voltaire.

Other Way Round. She—I cannot think what induced Jack to marry again after his first unfortunate experience. Once bitten, twice shy, you know. He—Perhaps if he had reversed it and been once shy he wouldn't have been twice bitten.—Brooklyn Life.

A Novelist's Ill Fated Nephew. Withered Hawthorne, the young man whose mysterious shooting at Ardnamoan, Scotland, created a great sensation a few months ago, was a nephew of Helen Mathers, she well known English novelist.

THE TWINKLING STARS.

How Far Are They Away and How Many Are There?

Of the 100,000,000 or more stars which are visible with astronomical instruments, the distances from the earth of only a very few have been measured with even an approximation to accuracy. Most of the stars appear to be so far away that the change in their apparent place caused by viewing them from opposite sides of the earth's orbit—and that orbit is about 186,000,000 miles across—is so slight that it escapes certain detection. Only about 60 stars have thus far yielded definite results in the attempt to measure their distances, and even those results are too often exceedingly conflicting and uncertain. The nearest star thus far discovered is one of the first magnitude, not visible from the United States or Europe. It is the star called Alpha in the constellation of the Centaur in the southern hemisphere of the heavens.

The distance of this star appears to be something like 29,000,000,000 miles, or about 215,000 times as great as the distance of the sun from the earth. The next successful star, as far as known, is a little sixth magnitude twinkler, barely visible to the naked eye, in the constellation of Cygnus, popularly called the northern cross. The distance of this star, which is known to astronomers as 61 Cygni, is variously estimated at from 40,000,000,000 to 60,000,000,000 miles, or two or three times that of the bright star in the Centaur.

The distances of the stars, as we have them, is, then, no measure of their comparative distance. A very bright star may be much more distant than a very faint one, the difference in brilliance being due to the greater magnitude of the more distant star. Sirius, or the dog star, for instance, which scintillates so splendidly in the winter sky, is more distant than the little star 61 Cygni, the latter being in fact a very much smaller star than ours, while Sirius is a far larger one. It thus appears that, while the efforts to measure the distance of the stars have not been very successful, they have resulted in giving us a wonderful insight into the arrangement of the universe of suns in the midst of which we dwell. They have proved that the stars and suns are scattered through space at various distances from one another and from us; that the dimensions of the blazing bodies which we call stars, or suns, vary to an enormous extent, and that our own sun, great, glorious and overpowering as it seems to us, really belongs to a quite inferior rank.

But it is possible that before many years our knowledge of the distances of the stars may be greatly extended. Spectroscopic investigation in the case of binary stars, as those are called which circle in pairs around their common center of gravity, is beginning to help us a little in this direction.

Recently, for instance, Mr. G. W. Colles, Jr., has calculated, from the results of such investigation, the mean distance of the stars situated in the northern hemisphere of the heavens, and he finds it equal to the distance which light would travel in about 150 years. That distance is not less than 270,000,000,000 miles, or more than 43 times as great as the distance of the nearest known star, Alpha Centauri.

Yet, enormous as such a distance is, it is nearly certain that the average distance of all the stars composing the visible universe is still greater. And here another spectroscopic investigation in the case of binary stars, present black and apparently empty spaces through which we seem to look out from the bounds of the visible universe into fathomless depths beyond.

But is there any thoughtful mind which can avoid asking itself the question, "How are the stars held together? What is the outermost star of the universe, what then?" That is a question which even astronomy, with all its marvelous wealth of discovery and achievement, has not yet answered—at least not yet.—Youth's Companion.

Remarkable Memory. There is a man in the senate wing of the capitol who has no system, who has never made a study of the memory, who does not confess to even a remote interest in mnemonics—who can give the professors of "memory system" a double discount and beat them at their own game. And his specialty is the most difficult feature of mnemonics—memorizing figures.

You can ask Amzi Smith for appropriation bills or tariff bills or bills of any other kind; for bills of the congress, or of the last congress, or of the congress of 10 years ago, and you will be pretty sure to get a quick and accurate answer. If you give him a particularly puzzling problem, he will rest his forehead on his finger and his elbow on his desk for a minute. Then the little wheels will go round somewhere out of sight, and presently he will look up at you with, "Let me see. That was in the Fortieth congress, first session, I believe, and the number is—2,572."

Then he will go back among the files and burrow for a time, and presently he will come out again, smiling and holding the bill that you asked for in his hand.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

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