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(From Hongkong Telegraph.)

It will have been seen from the report of the Legislative Council meeting on Monday afternoon that, standing in the name of the Hon. H. E. Pollock, was the following resolution:—"That, in view of the letter which was recently addressed by Mr Jonathan Hutchinson, F. R. S., to *The Times* newspaper on the subject of leprosy being caused by tainted fish, it is desirable that the Hongkong Government should cause some inquiry to be made into the question by its Medical Officers." Although the motion was not proceeded with, owing to the absence of the hon. member, it will, we think, be generally admitted that anything which may tend to rid our territories of this most loathsome disease, and protect us against the danger we run should have the earnest consideration of the authorities. If we remember rightly it was Mr Hutchinson, consulting surgeon to the London Hospital, who, two years ago, made investigations on the spot into the causes of leprosy in South Africa, and the conclusion he arrived at was that the primary cause of the disease is the use, as food, of badly cured salt fish. In his recent letter to *The Times* he points out that, although the fish hypothesis has not as yet been openly endorsed by many of the leading members of his profession, there is no doubt that a widespread impression as to its validity has been produced. When the point is definitely settled, he urges the necessity of Governments' missionary organizations, and all in civil authority, taking action to enforce the adequate supervision of salt fish factories and the regulation of the quantity and quality of salt used. In this connection much might be done in Hongkong, where cured fish is consumed in large quantities by the Chinese community. Such fish is doubtless prepared in the Colony and much is brought down from Macao and neighboring places; but we are not aware that any supervision is exercised to bring about the avoidance of the incriminated article of food. While believing that the use of badly cured salt fish has been by far the chief agent in the diffusion of the disease, Mr Hutchinson thinks that he has obtained conclusive evidence that the malady may, in very exceptional circumstances, be communicated from person to person. He does not believe that it is infectious or contagious in the proper sense of these words, but that it may be communicated by eating food contaminated by a leper's hands. This mode of transference can obviously occur only under the most careless conditions as to taking food, and hence the explanation that the disease never spreads in leper asylums or well-civilized communities. This view of the spread of the dreaded disease presents us with a new and terrible danger in the matter of the handling of food stuff. In Hongkong, and in China generally, the conditions in this respect leave much to be desired. There is practically no supervision exercised over the handling of the food stuffs consumed by the natives which would render contamination by leprosy people impossible, and the danger rendered all the more greater by the fact that contamination may be caused by a person with the seeds of leprosy in his system but in whom the disease has not so developed as to be easily noticeable. The confirmation of the belief that a primary cause of the disease is the use as food of tainted

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TRIAL JURIES WITH LEAKS

Honolulu juries must be becoming rotten, indeed, when a member of one, or any one, will deliberately violate his oath and give away the secrets of the jury when deliberating upon a verdict. Nothing can paralyze every purpose of the jury system quicker than that very thing. In small communities some proportion of this difficulty is experienced. In such places every man is known to every other man, and leaks of the kind referred to are the result of friendships or enmities, as the case may happen to be. Here in Honolulu, however, the cause of leaks is a far baser object. It springs from and has its being in politics. And when politics are allowed to invade the privacy of the jury room, it is about time to shut up shop and quit. The whole scheme of juries becomes rotten from core to the open air.

The case to which we wish to apply these observations is that of the United States vs. Frank J. Testa, accused of sending obscene matter through the mails, which ended its first chapter in a fine of \$100 this morning, with costs of Court imposed. The proceedings in this case were based upon a complaint of Walter G. Smith, editor of the Advertiser. The first cause of the complaint was personal spite, and the second—political effect. In the latter Mr. Smith was not alone, be-

ing supported morally, if not actively, by the hui surrounding the utterances of the morning press and supporting the things for which it stands. Had the thing stopped there there would have been no especial ground for criticism, but, if indications count for anything, it would seem that the political part of the influence not only found its way into the court but through the private council room of the jury as well.

To explain: Yesterday morning the Advertiser, in its article treating the hearing in court and the results, said: "It is said that the difficulty of the jury was over the first count, of which they acquitted the defendant. This appeared to be founded on a reprint article and, in absence of proof in that regard, the jurors were not prepared to hold Editor Testa directly responsible for its appearance in his paper."

That was a secret of the jury room—one of its closest and one of the most important secrets. How did the morning paper get it? The facts must have been conveyed to it shortly after the jury left the court room. By whom? It is this very thing that will make the jury system of Hawaii a howling farce. It is a duty of the Court, as a protection to the community, to demand from the Advertiser the names of the jurymen imparting to it the above information, and to handle such person or persons as the law directs.

Employing Japanese.

In taking its horseshoeing from citizen blacksmiths and transferring the same to Japanese, the Dairy-men's Association has done something that cannot win for it the approval of anybody shaving the good of Honolulu and the Islands at heart. There may be a slight saving in expense to the Association, but this saving is more than offset by the amount of money these same Japanese will send out of the country, and the loss in the end falls upon the public at large. The Rapid Transit has terminated the use of private rigs to such an extent that citizen blacksmiths already have a hard skirmish for a living; and it seems baldly unfair for a corporation, which depends almost exclusively upon citizens for its business, to divert its own patronage into channels notoriously at war with the interests of its own customers. Tactics of this sort ruin business anywhere. In Hawaii, where the citizen workingman is up against a class of labor with which it is next to impossible to compete, there should be no such thing as giving the work of mechanics to Asiatics. This should certainly be the last thought of corporations catering to the native and white public.

The King in Ireland.

King Edward is making a truly remarkable success of his rule of Ireland. His present visit to Erin is but another link in the chain he is forging to bind the people of that land to him and his administration. The Land Bill, while not born during his incumbency as King, became a fact during his reign, and with his hearty support. The latter fact was not lost to the attention of the Irish people, and when the King and Queen visited Ireland the first time

they were received with open arms and tremendous demonstration. The present triumphal reception and tour is the fruit of the happy incidents that have gone before; and it is plain that Great Britain and Ireland are nearer one today than ever before in history—a remarkable and lasting tribute to the ability and diplomacy of the new King.

Fish And Leprosy.

On the first and fourth pages of this issue we reprint an editorial from the Hongkong Telegraph in regard to the causes of leprosy. Just at present this subject is commanding vast attention in China, particularly in view of the fact that noted scientists are insisting upon the theory that leprosy is caused by imperfectly "cured" salted fish. In view of the fact that large quantities of salted fish are imported into the Islands from China and from the Coast, the subject becomes, at once, one of great interest here. It is worthy of special note, in connection with the matter, that leprosy is now confined almost exclusively to countries in which dried and salted fish are used to a large extent.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Wailuku, Paia, Haiku and Spreckelsville plantations seem to find no difficulty in coming up with healthy net profits, while other estates, with apparently better opportunities, are not heard from at all in the way of substantial figures. Can it be possible that the management has all to do with it, or is it the agents?

In going so far as to suggest amendments to the County Act, Chief Justice Frear manifestly knew the contents of the Act in detail. That being the case, why did he not then point out the flaws that he noted some months afterward when the Act came before him in the Supreme court? It seems to us to have been strange work for a man affecting to be aiding the cause of county government.

In taking a hand in the framing of the late County Act, Chief Justice Frear may have been excusable had he seen to it that his work was done properly and, in the interest of the law as the people wanted it. In place of getting a law that would hold water, however, the country received one that was loaded with dynamite. Who put the dynamite in the bill? That little matters. The Chief Justice constituted himself a committee of one to see that the law was in proper form, and he failed to do it.

If our information is correct, somebody has a good chance of making \$1,000 spiece out of the 149 Korean laborers that arrived here yesterday in the China. A gentleman from Chemulpo, who passed through Honolulu some weeks ago, stated that these immigrants had not only been given their passage to the Islands but had been accompanied as far as Kobe, Japan, by the agent who enlisted them, a representative of the Deshler bank, of Chemulpo. The United States law affecting such cases is now in full force and effect.

No obstructions should be thrown in the way of public works. The Government itself has been extreme-

ly slow in getting operations in shape under the Loan Act. As we understood the matter, most of the plans for improvement were completed while Superintendent Cooper was still in office, and it is impossible to understand the prolonged delay now. But as a move has at last been made, there should be nothing from the outside to retard its progress. Let the work go on, in order that the improvements may be realized as speedily as possible and the money come into circulation.

DEMOCRATS ATTENTION.

A meeting of the Democratic voters of the Fourth precinct, Fourth District (voting at Emma square) is called for Friday evening, April 29, at 7:30 o'clock in Shamrock hall, Nuuanu street between Hotel and King, for the purpose of organizing a precinct club and transacting other business.

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The Alameda will fall due on Friday from San Francisco.

The bark Annie Johnson sails this afternoon for the Coast.

Tonight's concert by the band will be at the railway depot in Palama.

Miss Prescott's paper, The Honolulu Times, for the month of May, has been issued.

The S P Hitchcock also sailed today for Delaware Breakwater with a load of sugar.

The China did not get away until considerably after 7 o'clock last evening for the Coast.

Dr H V. Murray, who returned yesterday from the Orient, will likely relocate in Honolulu.

The funeral of the late Mrs A A Haelele will take place from Kawaiahae church at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

A curious marine find was found a few days ago out Waikiki way in the shape of a peculiar fish, so it is reported.

The Gleaners' Lawn party this year will be held on the grounds of W R Castle in place of at Haelele lawn. The date is May 7.

The Odd Fellows of Honolulu observed the eighty-fifth anniversary of the order by a literary program and dance in Progress hall last evening.

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It is believed that the freighter Oregon will arrive at Delaware Breakwater in a day or two, which will be just in time to catch the big rise in sugar. She carries 7,896 tons.

The naval supply ship Supply sailed this morning for the Midway Islands and Guam. Yesterday afternoon a concert was given aboard ship as a compliment to Captain Pond and officers.

A cablegram received yesterday states that the revenue corvette Thetis did not get away from San Francisco until last Monday. This should bring her along here about next Tuesday.

Senator McCandless had to take steerage passage on the China for San Francisco. Before leaving, however, he succeeded in swapping his berth for that of an officer of the ship for a handsome "consideration."

Bonnie Lemon and "Bob" French are striving this week to make the Mint saloon, Nuuanu street makai of Beretania, the most attractive in the city. The best of liquors at popular prices.

Jao I Silva, the merchant of Elele, Kauai, returned last evening to his business cares after spending over a week in this city attending to certain business. He was in attendance on the Republican Convention last Monday week.

The house of W Henning, the sugar boiler at Pioneer Mill, Lahaina, was burned yesterday afternoon. Mr and Mrs Henning are in Honolulu and the fire is supposed to have been caused by sparks from the mill. All of the effects were saved.

Lieutenant Humphreys will be expected here by the Alameda on Friday to begin the construction of the new army post at Kahauiki. It is possible, however, that he waited over for the transport which is due to leave San Francisco on May 1st.

It is rumored that the purchaser of Kalihii camp will give up the investment, on account of an intended coup by the Board of Health to compel the putting in of sewer connections and other sanitary improvements, thereby imposing a very material hardship.

Sentence Imposed By Federal Court.

Frank J Tests, or rather F J Tests, as he is known to us, was up in the Federal Court this morning for sentence. Judge Dole asked defendant if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced, and Attorney Robertson addressed the Court in his behalf, claiming that there were other publications on the Mainland far more obscene and have the privilege of going through the mails. He named the "Police Gazette", "Vanity Fair", "Town Talk" and other publications and that the same was in England and other European countries. He asked for a lenient fine, being the first offence of the kind ever brought up in this country. Mr Duane, Assistant U S District Attorney, on being asked by the Court, said that he could not add much more to what the previous speaker had said, only to say that the case was brought for the sake of society and the community. And he also asked that leniency be meted out to the defendant, and would act as a warning to other publishers.

By the Court, after touching on the remarks of the attorney for the defence, said that he could not agree with all that was said with regards to Mainland publications. It showed that officials there remiss in their duties towards the public morals of society. This is the first time that this law has been applied in this country and it would serve as a caution to other publishers, to be more careful hereafter, of what they published. A lack of knowledge of the law is no excuse.

Then he imposed sentence, the minimum penalty, fining the defendant to pay \$100 and cost of proceedings, referring him to the custody of the Marshal's office, until paid. On repairing to the Marshal's office he was allowed to go, by District Attorney Breckons, to arrange matters and to report later. Costs in the matter would come to about \$75.00, or thereabouts.

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