

SPOILING THE WAIKIKI BEACH

How Honolulu's World-Famous
Bathing Resort Is Being
Ruined.

HEAVY REMOVALS OF SAND

Promotion Committee Hears Ex-
plantations Why Coral Makes
Bathing Unpopular.

Thousands of loads of sand removed from the Waikiki beach stretches have caused the present deplorable condition of the bathing beaches.

This statement was made yesterday at the meeting of the promotion committee at which were present Marston Campbell, superintendent of public works; Alexander Young, proprietor of the Moana, Young and Hawaiian hotels, and Clarence Macfarlane, representing the Macfarlane interests in the Seaside Hotel. Much of the enormous amount of sand was removed from the premises of Queen Liliuokalani. In addition, it was stated, the federal government is also removing large quantities of sand to be used for construction purposes, and for every load taken out so much sand from other sections of the beach is washed away, thus laying bare a sharp maw of coral—the terror of the sea bather.

The three gentlemen named were present at the invitation of G. F. Bush, a committee on coral at the bathing beaches.

Mr. Campbell, when asked for an opinion as to what method to pursue in removing coral, said there was one matter which needed adjustment. That was the removal of sand. He said it has been claimed that the superintendent of public works had power to prevent such sand removals. Between high and low water, he had authority, but above high water, he was not sure that he had such power. This is a question, he said, which may have to be settled by the supreme court. He has asked the attorney-general to give him an opinion on the subject. Every load of sand taken from the beach is a detriment to the beach.

Will Supply Labor.

Mr. Campbell said that as far as the removal of coral is concerned, he believed that funds would be forthcoming to prosecute the work. He was of the opinion that prison labor could be used for most of the work, save in blasting, where free labor would have to be utilized.

A swim in the beach at present is a decided disappointment, owing to the sharp clumps of coral which tear bathers' feet, said Campbell. He believed that the matter was of such public interest that the public would back up any efforts to free the bathing places from coral.

Referring to a criticism that the dredging work being done by the Hawaiian Dredging Company was affecting the beach injuriously, Mr. Campbell said he did not believe that this work had the slightest effect on the shifting of sands opposite the Moana and Seaside hotels, as only coral was being pumped by the dredger.

Mr. Young said at this juncture that Father Neptune does not guarantee that any sand will be left here or there on the beach; that sand would be here one day, and there the next.

Would Crush Coral.

Alexander Young said his ideas were in line with those of Mr. Campbell, although he did not believe in blasting. He believed the present pilikia was due to the enormous removals of sand. He believed the reason the coral was now so prominent was because of the removal of so much sand. He referred to the large area of coral removed from opposite the Seaside a few years ago, the place now being exposed with coral. He agreed that bathing facilities were now at a premium.

He said he had entertained an idea of crushing several hundred thousand tons of lava rock to be used as a sand filler and dropped into the space in front of the Moana beach. He thought this might be a substitute for the lack of sand.

Would Pulverize Coral.

Another idea which he felt to be practical, was to pulverize the coral by using a crusher, or pabdriver, and crushing the projecting points. He believed that blasting would excavate holes which would fill with sand that would be better if spread out over more surface. Mr. Young throughout the meeting was opposed to blasting, believing that the "hairhead" knobs of coral could easily be shattered and reduced to a semblance of sand which would aid in filling up the beach. He hoped that this could be done, if the government would not interfere. Mr. Campbell told him the government would not interfere at all.

"I thoroughly believe that this ought to be done for the good of the island," said Mr. Young. "We are all interested in the tourist travel—everybody is deriving some benefit from it, and I believe it is to the best interest of everybody to have the bathing grounds in the very best of condition."

Stop Sand Removal.

Mr. Campbell was very expressive in his statement that the removal of sand should be stopped. The accumulations of centuries and the contour of a beach formed in centuries was being marred by the sand removals of the present day.

Clarence Macfarlane, speaking for his brother, Col. George Macfarlane, though blasting might be a mistake, he referred to the vast quantities of sand removed from the queen's premises and said this was responsible for the poor condition of the beach frontages. He said that care should be taken in removing coral so as not to make any places too deep as this would spoil the surf, and the surf was one of the prin-

cipal attractions for tourists and kama-

inaas alike.

Mr. Macfarlane stated that there has been a falling off in bathing receipts, due on the one hand to the present condition of the beach, and to the organization of the Outrigger Club, which took much of the oldtime patronage away.

A letter will be written to Major Winslow, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., and to the Liliuokalani Estate, asking them if they could not get sand elsewhere than on the beach frontages.

Mr. Campbell will confer with Alexander Young and others interested in the beach betterment and plan out a method of campaign. It is likely that if a pontoon can be rigged that coral reduction will be under way in about two months' time.

BOGUS CENSUS AGENTS ABROAD

Information has been received at the Census office, according to Doctor Clark, to the effect that certain canvassers in Kakaako district are representing themselves as census agents.

The enumeration of population does not begin until April 15th, and any canvassers making such representations prior to that date are imposing upon the public. Two sets of authorized agents are now in the field: Those employed by the Social Survey, who are J. P. Durno, David P. Hanale, En Oi Farn, David Bray, Y. Mikami and Miss Edna M. Helsher. Four agents are gathering statistics of manufactures. These are Walter C. Woodon, W. E. Shaw, Wong Tin Look and Y. Mikami. These will be the only agents employed in field work prior to April 15.



SCENE FROM "IN THE BISHOP'S

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IN THE BISHOP'S CARRIAGE.

In the last act of In the Bishop's Carriage, Margaret Oswald finds an opportunity to display her talents. Through the first of the play the part of Nancy Olden is a rough lead of a soubrette sort and is utterly unsuited to Miss Oswald. The third act offers a little more chance, but it is not until the last act the real opportunity presents itself. When it does come Miss Oswald takes full advantage of it.

In many ways the choice of The Heir to the Hoosak as the opening bill for the McRae Stock Company was unfortunate. Few of the members of the company had any chance to show their ability and probably Miss Oswald suffered worse than any other in that respect. No one could make anything out of the feminine lead in the play. In the Bishop's Carriage gives a little opportunity.

In the Bishop's Carriage is a play which can best be described as "heavy on its feet." There is a lack of spontaneity in the situations and the atmosphere is rather too gloomy. On the other hand, there are some intensely dramatic moments and the bill is calculated to hold the audience until the final curtain.

The play is excellently staged and though an opening performance last night's presentation was eminently satisfactory. The settings were all excellent and none of the scenes dragged. Great care has been given to details in the staging of the play and the "two whorler" which does duty as the bishop's carriage is calculated to make the New Yorker lagg for Broadway.

The appearance of Mr. Rainbridge in the role of leading man last night was decidedly satisfactory. Mr. Rainbridge is a quiet, dignified actor, and his impersonation of "William Latimer," the famous criminal lawyer who devoted his attention to the reclaiming and reforming of thieves, was excellent.

Charles Royal played the part of the sporty old "Edward Ramsey" in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. The part is hardly one which attracts the audience, but Mr. Royal showed himself to be the finished actor that he is.

Miss Edith Elliott had a most unsatisfactory sort of a role but she was altogether charming as she always is. Miss Elliott has remarkable magnetism and is as pretty as a picture.

Louise Melrose gave a most convincing performance and strengthened the good impression which she has already made. Miss Melrose knows her art thoroughly and one can not imagine her giving a poor performance in any role.

Lewis Morrison scored another triumph in the role of "Tom Dorgan." "Tom Dorgan" is a character on the "Bill Sykes" order and Mr. Morrison