

# VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

## THE BATHING BEACH.

Editor Star: Everyone, I presume, has read the criticism of Mr. J. Fitzmaurice of the Waikiki beach, and mostly everyone knows that what he has said is true, and pity 'tis true. But what Mr. Fitzmaurice did not know, and what the public at large do not seem to know, is the fact that most of the rubbish, broken bottles, etc., found along this beach is not thrown in there, but is brought down by the stream that passes through to the Outrigger Club's grounds.

This stream is not only responsible for much of this trouble, but it brings down all the filth that accumulates along the stream and which is something enormous. And this filthy water with its sickening stench comes down in such vast quantities that it extends almost out to the breakers, and to almost all of the bathing resorts of this beach.

That this is a fact that everyone can learn who cares to take the trouble but can not be denied, and it is a shame and a disgrace that this beautiful beach, whose fame is worldwide, should be contaminated with this filthy water and with objectionable

rubbish which is almost as bad.

If this state of things were unavoidable it would be some excuse, but when it is stated that this stream could be shut off at no great expense and a ditch made to carry the water farther along the beach where it could do no great harm, there seems to be no excuse why it should not be done.

Indeed, it seems little short of criminal carelessness that this greatest of all Honolulu assets and attractions should be left to the mercy of every shower or heavy rainstorm that chances to come.

There is no doubt that this state of things is to a large extent responsible for the small attendance, for when the bathers go there expecting to find the clear, pure sea water, and in place of that find the water discolored and filthy, while the bottom of the beach is scarcely safe to walk upon for a single yard, it is not surprising that they do not care to go there again.

Of course, it is the exception rather than the rule to find the beach in this state, but if we are to keep up the fair name of this bathing resort it should never be permitted to get in this condition.

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