

Comment and Exchanges

in their thoughtless advisers. Mighty and powerful United States afford to make an enemy of Germany, but for the small, weak neutral states to follow her example would be suicide. They have a painful recollection of what happened to Romania, Serbia and Montenegro. It would take Germany about three months to swallow Holland, Switzerland and Denmark. In 1864 she took most half of the latter country, Schleswig-Holstein, and would undoubtedly be delighted to be given the opportunity to take the rest.—*Halluku Weekly Times.*

For Small Farmers—The Haku Farmers' Association, of Maui, has prepared a number of bills which will be submitted to the legislature at the coming session, the idea being to protect and promote the interests of homesteads. In general the schemes seem to be well worth attention. On this island the present homesteads are now pretty well "lined out," but very shortly large tracts of land will be opened to settlers, so that Kaula is very much interested in any legislation that may be planned on the homesteading subject. A statement of the reasons for the proposed legislation has been issued more or less generally by the Haku Farmers' Association to members of the coming legislature and others, together with copies of the proposed measures. The following is the initial statement:

"There is a strong and very well founded sentiment in Hawaii that something is wrong with small farming and that something ought to be done. There have been many reasons advanced for this unsatisfactory state of affairs, and there is truth in all of them. But the one fact that should never be lost sight of is this: There is no condition inherent in the islands that prevents small farming from being a success. The difficulties are such that they can be removed. The matter of securing the establishment of a contented and prosperous rural population can be approached with full confidence that the end desired is attainable.

"There is need for unselfish single-mindedness of purpose on the part of the leaders in the territory, and a willingness to give of their time and thought to the work.

"There is need of a willingness on the part of the government to try new things if there is good reason to believe that attainment of the desired end may be furthered thereby. There is need of willingness on the part of the government to abandon old things and old policies if they have proved inefficient. There is need of a willingness to spend money when necessary, to further the cause, for the end to be attained is worth any reasonable expenditures.

"But above all there is need, on the part of both the leaders outside of government employ and those in the government, never to acknowledge defeat but to go on through experiment and perhaps temporary failure, confident that the end can, and determined that it must, be attained."—*Garden Island.*

SPORTING SPOUTS

Honolulu Tennis

Young Eklund of Ewa showed good form in the big tennis tournament in Honolulu last week, but the mainlanders had the drop on him from the start. The young Oahu player has plenty of time to develop his game and to climb to the heights of tennis later on in life. The lad plays a fine game and he must have learned a lot during the recent tournament.

Johnston, the Californian player is a dandy and his reappearance on the courts in Honolulu took people back in memory to the first time Johnston ever visited Hawaii. That was the time that he and Maurice McLaughlin passed through while on their way to contest the Davis Cup in Australia. Johnston became a favorite in Honolulu then, and he and the genial "Mac" played a number of sets against different Oahu pairs. One match at the Country Club is still remembered by those who saw it. The go was between McLaughlin and Johnston and A. L. Castle and Billy Roth. It was some match to witness and the four players showed many brilliant strokes. The whirlwind "Mac" was at his best when serving, and the manner in which he slung the ball over the net with terrific pace and with a "screw" on it that made the sphere twist every old way, was a treat to see. The Californians defeated the Honolulu pair by two straight sets but, all the same, there was a fine struggle from start to finish.

Duke's Troubles

That Duke Kahanamoku will not compete in the swimming races during carnival week seems pretty well assured. It seems a shame, but the Hawaiian knows his own business best. The general public can, of course, form its own opinion about the matter and, judging from many remarks heard in Honolulu recently, Duke is looked upon as foolish to say the least of it, to decline to compete in the swimming events. But then Duke has been foolish for years, for he would not avail himself of opportunities to make much money through his skill as a swimmer and has consequently, suffered financially.

Some people say that Duke is scared to compete with his former conqueror, Percy McGillivray, because if the mainland again took the Hawaiian's measure, the value of the latter as a vaudeville star on the mainland would decrease considerably. Other people say that Duke has a hard and fast contract with Benjamin, the sports promoter and "angel" of special feature athletes and that if Duke competes with McGillivray, the

contract which is supposed to be in existence, would be all off.

Duke is a wonder over the 100 yards, blue ribbon course, and it is a pity that he cannot be induced to take part in the swimming races during the Carnival time.

There is every hope expressed by the lovers of baseball that the Portland club which is coming to Honolulu this month may be induced to visit Hilo and play a couple of exhibition games while in this city. The club will bring nearly forty men to Hawaii and there will be ample material for two good teams that could show the local boys how real ball is played on the mainland.

The two tennis players from Manila, Church and Throckmorton, made a good impression in Honolulu recently. Both men play good tennis and they proved that the game is progressing in the Philippines.

It will be remembered that, some years ago, Edwin Gee, a fine racket wielder who resided in Honolulu for a couple of years, went to Manila and became champion of that city. Before leaving Honolulu Gee won the championship of the Hawaiian Islands.

The New Gymnasium

As soon as the new gymnasium hall is opened down on Front Street, at Waiolama, there should be a big rush of business men to join the affair. The thought of being able to get some real exercise in a gym, to be able to throw the medicine ball around, take a go at dumb-bells, swing the clubs and do a few other strenuous stunts, appeals to many people and the consequence should be that the gymnasium should be a success from the start.

The basketball players and the indoor baseball fans will be able to enjoy themselves to the limit and many interesting struggles are being looked forward to.

The only thing that can possibly block the scheme now is the failure.—*(Continued on page 5)*

By Authority

Notice to Candidates for County Offices

A primary election for the purpose of making nominations for County Officers, for the County of Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii, being requested by law to be held on April 1917, attention is called to Sections 23 and 25 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii, 1915, as well as other sections pertaining to elections.

Section 20, R. L. 1915, reads in part as follows:

"The name of no candidate shall be printed upon any official ballot to be used at any primary election unless at least twenty days, prior to such primary, a nomination paper shall have been filed in his behalf as provided in this chapter."

"Nomination papers for candidates for County Officers shall be signed by not less than fifteen qualified electors of the district for which the person nominated is a candidate."

Section 22, R. L. 1915, reads in part as follows:

Nomination papers shall be filed

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