

HILO NEEDS SWIMMING COURSE, SAYS CENTER

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fast as they should, but if you divide the boys into age groups, it is more satisfactory. When you see any particular boy is making especially good time, then take him out of the age group he is in and have extra classes such as junior and senior classes. We have started in this manner in Honolulu, and we now have groups for boys under 11 years, under 13, under 15, under 18 and then open.

Shorter Races Urged.

"It is also a good plan to have shorter races for the younger boys, increasing the distance as the boys grow older, for it is bad policy to permit the boys to strain themselves. The youngsters are inclined to overstrain themselves when endeavoring to win from older boys.

"The girls in Hilo are the pick of all. In my mind, this is where Hilo is very strong. More interest is shown by the girls here than in any other place I have been in the world. It was wonderful to see Little Eleanore Rose compete against such enormous odds. It just illustrates the spirit of the Hilo girls. Miss Helen Moses, in my opinion, made the best showing. Not by her performance in the 50 yards race, but by her performance in the 100 yards event. That I consider to be the best she made, and it is more to a swimmer than a win in the short distance. She swam that race with no training and did it in 1 minute 26 1-5 seconds and was not pressed. I think she is the fastest girl in Hilo; she has proved it with no coaching.

Offered Honolulu Place.

"I think so much of her showing that I have offered her a place in the girls' team of the Outrigger Club. Any of the boys and girls who are swimming here unattached can join the Honolulu clubs, but they would have to stay in Honolulu a couple of months before racing. Her big advantage is that she has power and wind and a very heavy kick, and her arm stroke is the only thing that needs to be improved upon.

"In future, when Hilo swimmers are sent to Honolulu to compete for Hilo, I think it would be better for you to hold try-outs here first, so that we shall know we are racing against Hilo's best and those who go down from here will know that they are Hilo's champions. It is fairer to all, regardless of their nationality.

"There seem to be some fine Japanese swimmers in Hilo, or some who need but little coaching. Crossing the Waiakea River bridge the other day I saw a batch of Japanese boys swimming there. At least five of them showed as good a stroke as any of the boys in the meet. Get hold of some influential Japanese and bring these youngsters out.

"Everyone on the committee managing the meet just closed was doing his best to make the meet a success, and I am pretty sure that Hilo should be proud of her committee and officials. It was the first attempt they made and they went ahead in a manner that deserves credit.

"If I am able at any time while in Honolulu, or elsewhere, to do anything for the benefit of Hilo, I will always be willing to do so. I am greatly interested in swimming and I

intend to have inter-club swimming meets in Honolulu every year to bring out our best swimmers."

SWIMMERS SEE VOLCANO; BACK TO HONOLULU TODAY

All the visiting swimmers from Honolulu were taken by the committee that has had the meet in charge to the Volcano yesterday. After viewing the activities of Halemaumau they sat down to a dinner at the Volcano House. Covers were laid for 44.

In a little after dinner talk Trainer Bachrach complimented Hilo on its swimmers and the wonderful showing they had made in this first big contest here. He advised Hilo to have monthly contests for local swimmers and said that he had no doubt both Honolulu and Hilo swimmers would be selected to go with the American team to the Olympic games to be held in Antwerp in 1920.

The company returned to Hilo, arriving at a late hour. They will all go home on the Mauna Kea this morning.

FOOD PRICES ON DECLINE

Two Per Cent Drop on 22 Staple Products.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Food prices are on the decline, the Department of Labor's bureau of labor statistics announced in a statement asserting that the retail price of 22 staple foodstuffs showed a decline of 2 per cent at the end of the month as compared with the previous 30 days.

The decrease, based on statistics from all parts of the country, is the first to be recorded since the world war began with the exception of a decline in June, when food was 5-10 of 1 per cent cheaper than in May. The price of 22 staple foodstuffs, however, is still 85 per cent above the average price for the same foods in 1913.

Five cities of the country failed to enjoy the slight decline, while in Detroit prices were lowered 5 per cent.

Onions and potatoes showed the greatest price decline of 17 and 14 per cent respectively. Cabbage, meats, cheese, flour and sugar also were lower. Raisins went up 8 per cent during the month and were followed in a climb of greater or less degree by rice, eggs, salmon, butter, beans, canned vegetables, coffee and corn meal.

TO HUNT FOR METEORITE

Scientists to Explore Region in Utah.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 13.—Under the auspices of the Maryland Academy of Sciences, an expedition is being organized to explore the region near Garfield, Utah, where a great meteorite fell. John Patton, inventor and engineer, curator of the Maryland Academy, will go with the expedition. Pattou owns the land on which the meteorite fell, having acquired it for the purpose of keeping it intact for scientific investigation.