

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

LOYAL COURTESIES—FULL REPORT OF THE FESTIVITIES AND REGATTA.

November 16th dawned with rather depressing weather for the festivities attendant upon the celebration of His Majesty's birthday. Rain was falling intermittently up till about 10 o'clock. At sunrise Captain O'Connor, of the Queen's Own, directed the firing of a royal salute from the shore battery, Kakaako. This was repeated at noon and at sunset, the detachment of the Queen's Own on each occasion, headed by its life and drum band, being marched to and from the fort by the captain. Their accurate marching and military bearing, notwithstanding their youthfulness, compelled the universal admiration of all beholders. In the intervals between salutes Captain O'Connor furnished a guard of honor at the Iolani Palace and took his men to enjoy the regatta.

Among the first calls made upon His Majesty was that of the Police of Honolulu, led by Deputy-Marshal Dayton and Officer William Tell and headed by the Reformatory School Band. Then came the Chinese Benevolent Society. Their spokesman, Mr. W. C. Akana, presented His Majesty with a handsome silver service. His congratulations were cordially responded to by the King. The pupils of the Royal School marched to the Palace, headed by the Royal Hawaiian Band, and greeted the sovereign with songs in honor of his birthday. Below we give a full report of the regatta, that has become the main feature of this holiday. Its various events passed off with remarkable smoothness, and the scene—made up of joyful crowds on the water front, and the shipping beautifully decked with hunting—was a very animating one. The Royal Hawaiian and the Reformatory School bands alternated in playing inspiring music from morning to evening.

THE REGATTA.

Officers of the regatta were as follows:—Committee, C. P. Iaukea, James G. Spencer, E. W. Purvis, J. Camara and J. F. Brown. Secy. to Com., Jos. E. Wiseman. Judges, A. Fuller, A. McIntyre and J. A. Hassinger. Time keepers, A. Spear and F. L. Clarke.

1—Yacht Race—First Class—1st prize, \$30; 2d prize, \$15. Open to all. Course—From starting line passing out the channel, keeping between the buoys, leaving Spar and Bell Buoys on port side, thence to and around Flag Boat off Waikiki, keeping it on the port side in rounding to a Flag Boat off Quarantine Grounds, keeping it on the starboard side in rounding thence to Spar Buoy, keeping it on the port side, keeping between the buoys in the channel, back to starting line. Healan, His Majesty's Chamberlain, Red, White and Blue; Kahihilani, W. F. Williams, Blue; Pokii, W. F. Williams, White.

In starting the Pokii led, and the Healan brought up the rear, but before getting out of the harbor the Healan went ahead, and finally won the race. Healan, 1h., 31m., 45s.; Kahihilani, 1h., 39m., 9s.; Pokii, 1h., 56m., 44s.

2—Two-oared Boats—Stationary Seats—1st prize, \$20; second saves stakes. Open to all. Course—From starting line to and around the Can Buoy off the Marine Railway and back to starting point. Everytime, Dan; Benicia, E. H. Mahuka; Alvina, Eclipse Boat Club, Red, White and Blue; Puallii, Knickerbocker Boat Club, White, Blue and Pink. Three boats came to the line:—Alvina—W. Gregg, stroke; Horace Lyle; J. Dower, coxswain. Puallii—F. Fearar, stroke; J. Camara; F. Fratis, coxswain. Benicia—G. M. Mahuka, stroke; J. M. Mahuka; Nahi, coxswain.

The Eclipse and Knickerbocker crews took water at about the same instant, the odd boat following and being distanced very soon. The Eclipse boys gained the lead from the start and increased it, leaving the Knickerbockers far in the rear at the finish. Alvina, 7m. 10s.; Puallii, 7m. 45s.

3—Six-Paddle Canoe Race—1st prize, \$10; second saves stakes. Open to all. Course—Same as in No. 2. Mokauea, His Majesty's Chamberlain; Ohuli, both manned by natives.

This was a very interesting race, the way the paddlers "dug in" being exhilarating to witness. It was, besides, a closely contested race throughout, the Mokauea beating by two lengths in 8m. 20s.

4—Whaleboat Race—Six Oars—1st prize, \$35; 2d prize, \$15. Open to all. Course—From starting line out the channel to and around individual Stake Boat off Spar Buoy, same on the port side and back to place of starting. Lanai, F. H. Hayselden, Red, White and Blue; Homai, Iolani Boat Club, Blue and White.

This was a fine race, the Lanai taking water first, but falling behind almost from the start. The Homai was several lengths ahead in turning the spar buoy, yet, to the finish, the Lanai crew rowed pluckily. Homai, 18m., 1s.; Lanai, 18m., 31s.

5—Six-oared Boats—Senior Crews—Prize, Silver Cup; value, \$150. Also framed photos of Winning Crew, presented by J. J. Williams. Open only to Clubs of Association. Course—From starting line out the channel leaving Spar Buoy on port side, thence to and around individual Stake Boat on a line with Bell Buoy, keeping same on the port side in winding and back to starting point, keeping Spar on starboard side. Alice M., Myrtle Boat Club, Scarlet and White; Poomaikelani, Iolani Boat Club, Blue and White.

Alice M.—J. Savidge, A. Lyle, A. Branch, C. Purdy, H. Robinson, O. Branch, stroke; J. L. Torbert, coxswain. Poomaikelani.—R. Parker, J. D. Holt, Awana, Kaulabao, Kaulahine, Kaki, stroke; Welau, coxswain.

There was intense interest bestowed upon this race, the main event of the day. Winning the toss, the Iolanis took the inside position. They also took water first, but had lost ground when the lighthouse was reached, the Myrtles then slightly leading. This order was shortly after reversed, but it was a close race to the turning line. At that place, the Myrtles experienced the full disadvantage of the outside position. So great was the detour they had to make to round their stake boat, that spectators on shore thought they had gone away out of their course. They were, however, only obeying the orders of the judges, who afterward told them they might have turned the other buoy by taking the risk of fouling. A heavy sea shipped by their boat added to the Myrtle crew's embarrassment, and they were badly beaten on the home stretch. Poomaikelani won in 23m., 1/2s.; Alice M., 23m., 15s.

6—Swimming Race—Prize, \$5. Free to all. Entries open to all until start of race. E. H. Mahuka, David Kuia.

The original entries were defaulted, but Kueamaka, Poepee and Moki responded to the bugle. The course was from the judges' boat to the I. I. S. S. Co.'s wharf. The three swimmers approached the wharf in triangular order, Kueamaka and Poepee abreast. The former touched the wharf about one second ahead, but with big right and left arm strokes increased the distance by about a length on the return, and reached the winning point a half second in advance of Poepee. Time, 2m., 32s.

7—Single Sculls—Shells—Prize, \$10. Course—To be set by the Judges on day of race. Weather permitting. No Name, H. Y. & B. C., Blue and White; Pet, Myrtle Boat Club; Waikiki, Myrtle Boat Club, Scarlet and White.

Owing to rough water, none of those entered would consent to row, and the race was declared off.

8—Six-oared Boats—Junior Crews Prize, Cup valued at \$75. Open only to Clubs of the Association. Course—Same as in No. 4. (Individual Stake Boats at turning points.) Alice M., Myrtle Boat Club, Scarlet; Kaiulani, Kaiulani Boat Club, Red.

Alice M.—J. L. Torbert, A. Robertson, Chan. Wilder, C. J. McCarthy, E. Wodehouse, A. Brown, stroke; W. F. Love, coxswain.

The circumstances of this race were much the same as those of the senior six-oared race, the "King's Crew" getting choice of position with all its advantages. There was a notable contrast between the respective physiques of the crews. That of the Kaiulani was composed of strongly built young men, while the Myrtles were mainly slender youths. The Kaiulani boat had gained the lead before the lighthouse was reached, increasing it to the end of the race. Winning time, 16m. 53s.; 2nd, 17m. 53s.

Intermission was reached shortly before noon, the preceding races having all been despatched with remarkable precision and promptness. Now came a race between crews respectively drawn from the blacksmiths and the machinists of the Honolulu Iron Works.

Blacksmiths—J. Kealoha, James Mansard, Jos. McKechnie, Charles Crozier, W. Fredenberg, Jas. Crow, and T. McGuire, coxswain.

Machinists—Wm. Roe, coxswain; Hugh McMillan, Harry Drysdale, Jos. Kela, Kahulu, Hookeamaha and Kalohi. This was a hard contest of developed muscle well applied to the oar. The blacksmiths took the water first, but the machinists took a slight lead for a short distance; but their heavy boat began to tell against them. The blacksmiths gained the lead before the lighthouse was passed, and maintained it, and were ahead about a minute at the turning buoy. The machinists on the home stretch partly closed up the gap, and the regular uniform strokes of both boats made a pretty picture viewed from the main stand. Rounding the lighthouse and in the remainder of the course the blacksmiths increased their lead and came in just one minute and five seconds ahead. Time, 21m. 15s., and 22m. 10s.

9—Yacht Race—Second Class—1st prize, \$25; 2d prize, \$10. Free to all. Course—From starting point out the channel to Spar Buoy, keeping it on the port side in winding to Bell Buoy, tack around the same and return to starting point. In passing Spar Buoy, leave it on the starboard side. Kuliakauu, Hon. J. A. Cummins, Red and White; Kaloakalani, U. Napoleon, Red; Pokii, W. F. Williams, Blue; Mabel, H. J. Mossman, Green; Pauline, H. Y. & B. C., Blue and White; Lena, Myrtle Boat Club, Scarlet and White; Commodore, John Dower, Red, White and Blue.

This was a very pretty, if not an exciting race, throughout. It resulted as follows: Pokii, 37m. 17s.; Pauline, 37m. 43s.; Mabel, 42m. 57s. How a yacht that sailed the first-class race could contest the second-class one was something nobody seemed to understand.

10—The Racine Canoe Race was declared off on account of rough water.

11—Four-oared Boats—Senior Crews—1st prize, \$50; second saves stakes. Open to all clubs of Association. Course—Same as in No. 8. Alf Rogers, Myrtle Boat Club, Scarlet and White; Poomaikelani, Iolani Boat Club, Blue and White.

Alf Rogers—A. Branch, A. Lyle, H. Robinson, O. Branch, stroke; J. L. Torbert, coxswain. Poomaikelani—J. D. Holt, Awana, Kaulabao, Kaulahine, stroke; Welau, coxswain.

This time the Myrtle crew secured choice of positions and took the inside. The Poomaikelani's led from the start and maintained their position until near the Spar Buoy, when the Myrtles passed them, and held the lead during the remainder of the race, and came in 3 1/2 seconds ahead. Time, 17m., and 17m. 38s.

12—Canoe Sailing Race—Prize, \$15. Free to all canoes. Course—Same as in No. 2. Fleur de Lis, H. Y. B. C., Red, White and Blue; Mignon, H. Y. B. C., Blue and White; Tippecanoe, H. Y. B. C., Red, Blue and Yellow.

All the above made default, but the canoes Mokauea, Awai, and Kahohino came to the line. This race created a furore of fun and excitement. The Kahohino had not sailed far until she was so badly left that she gave it up. uproarious cheers greeted the remaining contestants from every point of observation. Off Wilder's wharf the two were coming in about even, raising the excitement among the spectators to the screaming pitch. Half way between Wilder's and the I. I. S. N. Co.'s wharves, the leading canoe lost wind and headed for the shore. Getting righted she was about starting on her course when a similar mishap overtook her competitor, upon which the two boats fouled and spent some time in getting disentangled. The Mokauea's bow got within about five yards of the line, when she again cranked, and her rival coming up threatened to pass, but she too cranked, and both getting righted about the same moment, crossed the line together—the Mokauea about one yard in advance. Owing to the foul the judges ordered both canoes out again, when the Mokauea won the race over again in 11m. 27s.

13—Diving Contest—Prize, \$5. Free to all. Open to time of contest.

Palahu, Poepee, and Kaukahaka entered.

Palahu is a venerable-looking native with a long gray beard, the other two contestants are young men of evidently good lung and muscle development. At the word "go," three brown figures were seen turning a short somerset in the air and going into the water head first. After what seemed a long wait to the spectators, Poepee's head appeared above water near the boat, and Kaukahaka's curls showed up in the sunlight at a considerable distance off, but, as yet, Palahu had not reported himself. The information brought up by Poepee was that the old man was holding on by the buoy chain. Going down a second time to see how Palahu was getting on, he returned with word that he was there still. The spectators, by this time, began to get nervous. When it seemed settled that Palahu had surely determined to stay to dinner with the mermaids, his gray beard made its appearance on the surface, and he was, of course, greeted with rousing cheers and declared the winner of the diver's prize. He had been under water two minutes and 24 seconds.

14—Whale Boat Race—Five Oars—1st prize, \$30; 2d prize, \$10. Free to all. Course—Same as in No. 4. Lanai, F. H. Hayselden, Red, White and Blue; Homai, Iolani Boat Club, Blue and White.

To the above the Naonao was added, entered, after the programme was issued, by the Kawaihae Boat Club of Hawaii.

The Naonao's led off at the start, but had not pulled far until they were distanced by the Homais, who continued gradually increasing the gap between them and the others until the finish. The Naonao's did not come back to the line, having abandoned the contest on the return, before reaching the lighthouse. The Homais crossed the line 3 1/2 seconds

in advance of the Lanais. Time 17m. 52s.; and 18m. 32s.

15—Four-oared Boats—Junior Crews—1st prize, \$10; second saves stakes. Open only to clubs of Association. Course—Same as in No. 8. Alf Rogers, Myrtle Boat Club, Scarlet and White; Kaiulani, Kaiulani Boat Club, Red.

Alf Rogers—J. L. Torbert, C. J. McCarthy, A. Brown, A. Robertson, stroke; W. F. Love, coxswain. Kaiulani—Polaka, Holi, Nihau, Kahoemauna, stroke; Paia, coxswain.

The Myrtle crew gained inside position, but being overmatched in size by their opponents rowed a losing race from start to finish. Kaiulani won in 15m, 52s.; Alf Rogers, 16m. 12s.

16—Single Sculls—Shore Boats—1st prize, \$10; 2nd prize, \$5. Free to all. Course—Same as in No. 2. Novice, F. Godfrey, Blue; Flying Fish, Alex. Smith, White; Everytime, John Ka, White and Blue; Benicia, John Moses, White.

Everytime was not there at the time of starting. The other three boats pulled out in fine style, two of them making so close a contest as to cause a foul, when the bugle sounded on the judges' boat and the racers had to return and start again. The race was ultimately won by the Benicia in 13m. 09s.

17—Launch Race—1st prize, \$30; 2nd prize, \$15. Free to all launches. Course—Same as in No. 5. Kuliakauu, Hon. J. A. Cummins, Red and White; Hanakeeki, His Majesty's Chamberlain, Blue and White.

This race attracted a great deal of attention. Many of the spectators who had up to this time, kept their seats on the stand, got up and pressed forward to the front. Others stood on chairs and boxes, and progress was reported about every minute by those having the advantage of glasses or of good eyesight. The Hanakeeki had the inside position, and led out to the lighthouse; and had gained about a length at that point. The Kuliakauu, however, soon closed the gap, and took the lead. The contest was pretty close, but the race was spoiled by the stake boat near the bell buoy having been removed, so that Mr. Cummins had only an imaginary turning point to go round. Col. Judd claimed that his opponent had not turned the bell buoy, but simply waited for the Hanakeeki to do so, and then bent his oars for the home stretch. The judges, boat was passed by the Kuliakauu in 27m., 45s., and the Hanakeeki in 27m., 55s.; but the judges declared the race null and void.

The band then struck up Hawaii Pono, which the crowds accepted as a notice to disperse; and the great Hawaiian Regatta of 1885 was over.

AGASSIZ'S DECLINATION.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—The following correspondence between the secretary of the treasury and Prof. Agassiz explains itself:

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22, 1885.

Professor A. Agassiz, Cambridge, Mass.: Sir—I am authorized by the president to offer to you the office (now vacant) of superintendent of the United States coast and geodetic survey, and to express to you his most earnest wish that you will accept the offer and give to the government the benefit of your scientific experience and business energy.

I beg leave to add for myself an equally urgent request that you will accept the place. The bureau needs, at this moment more than ever, the care and guidance, not only of superior scientific faculties, but of the very best executive ability. We are convinced that you can satisfy both of these urgent needs, and be a worthy successor of even the most distinguished among the very competent and illustrious men who have been at the head of its forces. Useful and important as the work of the bureau has been, much and even more useful and important work remains to be done. Your acceptance of the office now tendered to you, without solicitation on your part, will be an assurance to the country, we hope, that while prosecuting its great purposes with judicious economy, a scientific intelligence of the broadest and highest order will surely mark the progress of the bureau. May we not hope, if you shall hesitate about postponing for a little your present work at Cambridge and the pursuit of the specialty which so much interests you, that you will, before making a final decision, come to Washington, and by a personal conference with the president and myself, be convinced how urgent and exceptional it is at this moment, both for the government and the real interests of American science, that faculties and reputation such as you happily possess may be at the head of the coast survey. Very respectfully yours, DANIEL MANSING.

MUSEUM OF COMPARATIVE ZOOLOGY, CAMBRIDGE, MASS., SEPT. 29, 1885. To the Honorable Daniel Manning, Secretary of the Treasury: Sir—I cannot feel but highly flattered at the offer of the position of superintendent of the United States coast survey, made to me on behalf of the president, in your letter of

the 22d. In declining this offer, tendered in such a cordial manner, I have given all possible weight to the reasons urged in favor of my acceptance. It would be a pleasure to me to express to the president and yourself my thanks in person for the honor conferred upon me, which I must, however, respectfully decline for various reasons. As I am neither a professional mathematician nor physicist, I do not think my appointment would be acceptable to my scientific colleagues as head of the coast survey. There are, if I am not mistaken, two gentlemen, at least, in the service of the government, and two civilians who are eminent specialists well fitted for the post. Except in one case I am unable to speak from any knowledge of their executive ability. Under these circumstances I do not feel it my duty to take your proposition into consideration, even were other reasons which kept me at Cambridge at present such as could be ignored. But I may add that I have charge of important interests on which my scientific future depends, and which I could not honestly jeopardize. My health is such also that I am compelled every winter to absent myself for at least three months, so that the little time I have at my command for scientific work would be completely sacrificed were I to move to Washington and begin anew in a field which is not my own. While I am forced to the decision, which must be considered final, I cannot refrain from expressing my gratification at the interest shown by the administration in the appointment of a worthy successor to the former superintendent of the coast survey.

That I should be named in this connection is a proof of confidence which I value highly. Unquestionably, it is essential at this moment, both to the government and the interests of science throughout the country, that the head of so important a scientific bureau should be possessed of the highest scientific capacity, honesty and executive ability.

I am extremely obliged for your cordial invitation to visit Washington. Were I to accept it, however, sensible as I am of the force of the arguments so kindly urged upon me by the president and yourself, I could only apply them in order to press the claims of others, and assist, if possible, in making an appointment satisfactory to the administration and to the best interest of science.

I remain, very respectfully, Your obedient servant, A. AGASSIZ.

—Worcester Spy, Oct. 8th.

Y. M. C. A.

The monthly meeting of this organization was held last evening, Mr. J. B. Atherton in the chair. The Treasurer reported receipts of the month \$100.45, and the net balance on hand at present \$109.44. The collection taken at the meeting amounted to \$15.75. An elaborate report was given by the General Secretary Mr. Fuller of his recent visit, as delegate, to the California State Association and of what was said and done there. A brief report was also given by Mr. Henry Waterhouse, associate delegate. One associate and one voting member were elected. The average number, per week, of visitors to the Reading Room, during the month, was three hundred and two. Over three hundred papers have been sent away by the Morning Star. Three German and one Portuguese papers have been ordered. A letter was read from Miss J. H. Spurgeon, Queen's Hospital, saying that she wishes to make a large scrap book for the Hospital, and requesting, generally, contributions of pictures, cards, moses, ferns, and particularly of an old ledger of a large size or two of moderate size, and other materials suitable for the purpose. Orders were also solicited for making gent's smoking caps, window lambrequins, wall bags, mending and other light work. Mr. P. C. Jones reported that the temperance committee are keeping an eye on Rev. Mr. Noble, and expect to have him here in April, when there will be a slaking up, in Hawaii, on the temperance question.—[Nov. 20th.]

FIRE AT KILAUEA.

The plantation bell sent forth an alarm last evening about 7 o'clock, which induced everybody to turn out. From an illumination in the skies it was self-evident there was a fire, which proved to be in Mr. Macfie's dwelling house. The family had just partaken of dinner when they were surprised by a China boy rushing in crying out, "Fire." Mrs. Macfie looked to her children, while Mr. Macfie immediately repaired to the scene of the fire, when he found the roof in full blaze. In a few moments afterwards nearly every luna and man on the plantation were there, and each and everyone set about the work before them in a business-like manner. In less than an hour the flames were subdued, the fire having been confined to the kitchen and adjoining room. It happened the fire broke out on the lee side of the house, otherwise the

whole building would have been swept away, as a smart breeze prevailed at the time. Too much praise cannot be accorded to everybody who took part in the work to be done, and which they accomplished successfully. The premises, I understand, are insured and the damage is covered by insurance in the Sun Fire Insurance Co., G. W. Macfarlane & Co., Agents.

Kilauea, Kauai, Nov. 14th.

GOVERNOR KANOA'S FUNERAL.

The late ex-Governor of Kauai, Paul Kanoa, K. C. K., K. C. H., and Member of the Privy Council, was buried with military honors on Sunday afternoon. Besides the military companies, there was a large attendance, consisting for the most part, of natives. The military were commanded by Major R. H. Baker, and lined the street along the route from the church to the cemetery gate. A funeral service was conducted within the Kawaihae Church by Rev. H. H. Parker. The procession from deceased's residence to the church and thence to the cemetery was accompanied by the Royal Hawaiian Band playing Handel's Dead March in Saul and popular hymn tunes. Following is the order of the procession:—

Undertaker, Platoon of Police, Mr. J. H. Soper, Marshal of the Kingdom.

Kaumakapili Y. M. C. A., Major R. Hoapili Baker and Aids, Royal Hawaiian Band, Honolulu Rifles Drum Corps.

Queen's Own, Honolulu Rifles, Mamalahoa, King's Own, Prince's Own, Rev. H. H. Parker, Ahahui Peola, Ahahui Opiopio, Hearse.

Pallbearers—Hons. Samuel Parker, W. C. Parke, H. M. Whitney, John A. Cummins, D. Kahanu and W. P. Wood, Governor P. P. Kanoa and Mrs. Kanoa.

Mourners, Carriage of His Majesty, Colonel Curtis P. Iaukea, of His Majesty's Staff, His Excellency the Governor of Oahu, Majors Rosa and Holt, of the Governor's Staff, Colonel Chas. H. Judd, Chamberlain.

Friends of Deceased, General Public.

The remains, enclosed in an elegant coffin of koa, were deposited in the family vault in the Kawaihae cemetery.—[Nov. 18th.]

PRIVY COUNCIL.

There was a meeting of the Privy Council of State at the Iolani Palace on Saturday last. The Hawaiian Hotel Company was granted a charter. Pardons were granted to the following prisoners: Russell Germaine, S. Erickson, Friday a native, and two Chinamen. Germaine was spared two months of a two years' sentence for robbery, and he left on the steamer Mariposa that day. Friday had served ten years for manslaughter, and one of the Chinamen was paralyzed. The Privy Council passed resolutions of condolence to His Majesty and the widow and relatives of the late Hon. P. Kanoa.—[Nov. 18th.]

ISLAND NOTES.

Mr. D. M. Crowley has just returned from a business tour of the Kau district, and reports the season's sugar interests to be unusually promising and the mills commencing to grind the largest crop yet raised in the district.

At Palaha the only threatened drawback was want of water, caused probably by the force of the trade wind on that bend of the Island increasing evaporation. There is, however, an unlimited supply to be had by tapping the mountains.

At Palaha, Hilea, Hanuapu and Naalehu plantations the labor is chiefly Portuguese, and the people appear contented and happy, but they appear to have the most comfortable residences and best lots at Palaha of any of the other places.

The Japanese at Honuapu are giving so much satisfaction that they will be in request, and probably supplant some of the Portuguese at Hilea and Naalehu.

One of the principal troubles managers have to fight is drink, and the Portuguese are adepts in brewing a beer that tickles the native palate and draws their spare quarters, besides unfitting them for steady work. One Portuguese brewer was just sent from Palaha to the reef for six months. The cry of every manager is, "Keep the drink away."

Mr. Crowley lectured on temperance at Waiohinu, Naalehu, Hilea and Punaluu and showed Dr. Kellogg's ten charts of the physical effects of alcohol and tobacco. At Honuapu the natives propose erecting a new church, which is much wanted. They have collected \$80, and hope for outside help, as they are poor.—[Nov. 17th.]