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GRAND JURY REPORT.

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TO THE HON. GILBERT F. LITTLE,
Circuit Judge, Fourth Circuit.

SIR:—The Grand Jury for the
Fourth Circuit for the January
Term, beg leave to report as fol-
lows:

We find that a man Omori was
in the grocery business at Kalepo-
lepo, from June, 1901, to the month
of December. He occupied prem-
ises owned by Yutaro, a police offi-
cer, in the District of Hilo.

During the month of December,
1901, he transferred his business to
his brother, for which he received
no pay, and the house adjoining
was secured, and the grocery busi-
ness transferred thereto. During
the month of November, 1901, a
Dealers' Spirit License was granted
on the 29th day, to said Omori.
Prior to this a letter was addressed
to Sheriff Andrews, asking for his
approval. On the 26th day of

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Prior to this a letter was addressed to Sheriff Andrews, asking for his approval. On the 26th day of November, he wrote to Honolulu, noting his disapproval of same on account of the character of the party, and the location where the liquor was to be sold, but the license was issued in Omori's name, prior to receipt of Sheriff Andrews' letter.

Mr. Omori being questioned, answered that the business was solely his, and in response to the question regarding funds for running same, he said he had been assisted by one Tomita, who carries on a drug store on Front Street, as on former occasions he borrowed from the same party, for which he gave no security.

In following up our investigation, we learned that outside of the above Omori, a company had been formed, known as the Japanese Wine and Liquor Co., with a capital stock of \$10,000, to be increased to \$20,000 (par value \$50 per

matters in connection with the business of the company, payable to other parties; and on examination of his books as treasurer of the company, we find that same were for the conducting of the business.

We find upon further examination of his books, that officers of the Territory of the United States, located in the town of Hilo, are noted on his books as stock holders, as share holders, and that they have paid up the amount due for their shares.

In further examination of his books, we find a number of Japanese stage drivers, hackmen, and other Japanese who are licensed to carry goods from one district to another, and noted down as having paid the amount of \$25 apiece.

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s. Wine and Liquor Co., with a capital stock of \$10,000, to be increased to \$20,000 (par value \$50 per share), of which the following were to be the officers:

la President.....B. Onome
Vice-President.....Tomita
Secretary.....N. K. Lyman
Treasurer.....C. E. Hapai
Auditor.....Eugene Lyman
No Board of Directors were named.

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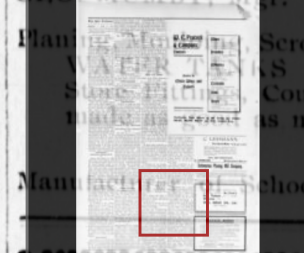
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carry goods from one district to another, and noted down as having paid the amount of \$25 apiece, which amount, we are of the opinion, was to represent their full paid up share, with the service that they are to perform, cartage not included.

We are informed that a special officer has been detailed for the district, to investigate all licenses, and how issued, and to whom, and whether delinquent or not. We are of the opinion that he should be more diligent in his work.

Interviewing the Sheriff's Department, we find that the Sheriff has been on a still hunt, looking into the matter, not taking his deputy into his confidence, to the extent of not allowing information regarding this matter to come through its proper channels.

We regret that officers serving under the Government of the Territory of Hawaii should be so grasping in looking for gain, as to associate in the liquor traffic with



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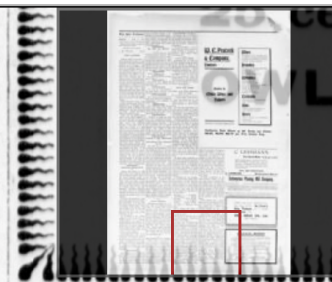
Other cheques were also drawn and signed by C. E. Hapai as treasurer of The Japanese Wine and Liquor Company, for liquors purchased in Honolulu, and for other

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We regret that officers serving under the Government of the Territory of Hawaii should be so grasping in looking for gain, as to associate in the liquor traffic with men of inferior quality, and the inconsistency of a clerk in the Sheriff's office, as well as a clerk in the District Court, and a deputy clerk in your Honor's Court, acting as an officer in a company, the product of which constitutes a greater portion of the cases brought before the District Court, and in many cases before your Honor, after a tedious "seance" before the Grand Jury.

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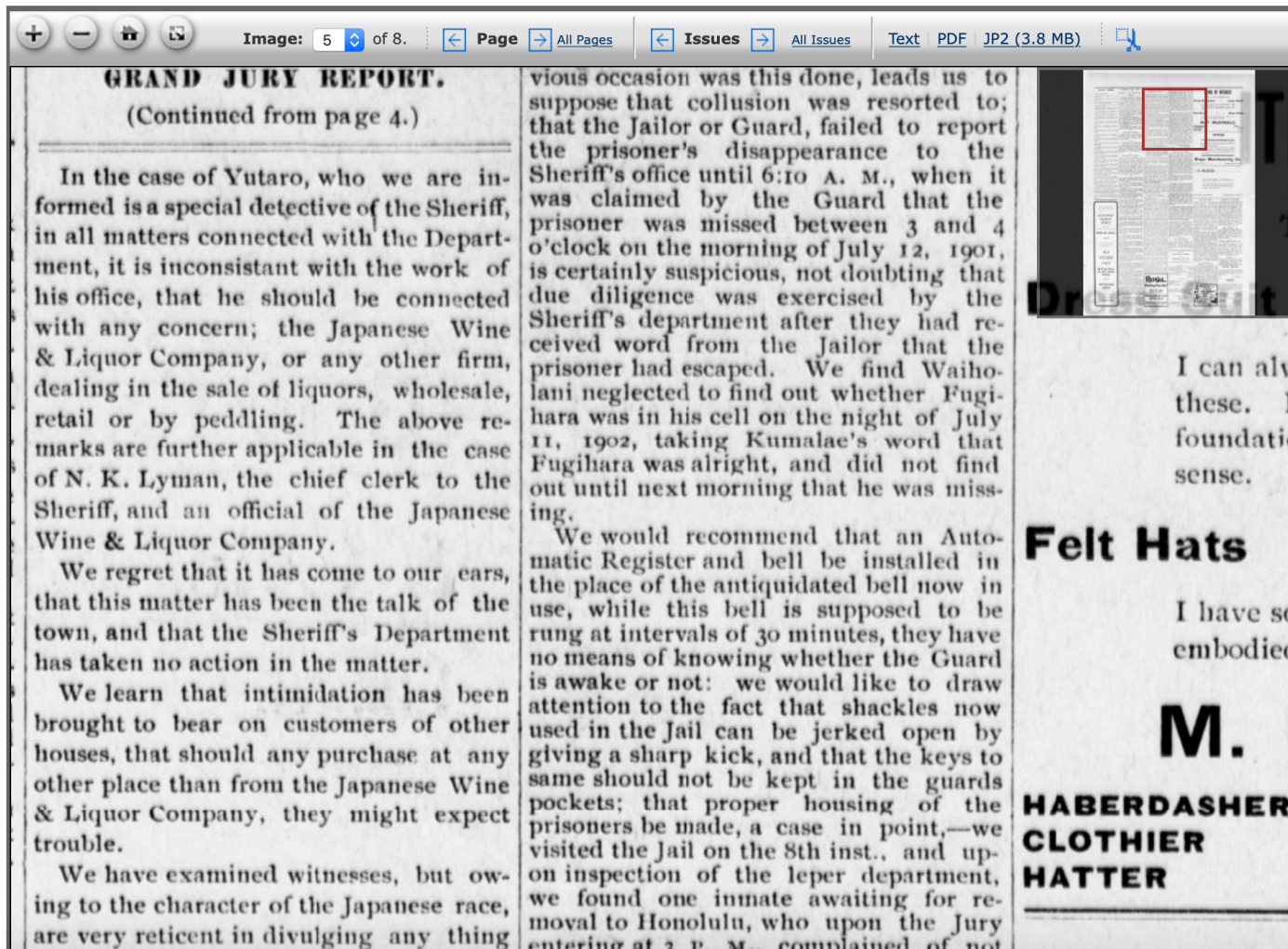
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GRAND JURY REPORT.

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In the case of Yutaro, who we are informed is a special detective of the Sheriff, in all matters connected with the Department, it is inconsistent with the work of his office, that he should be connected with any concern; the Japanese Wine & Liquor Company, or any other firm, dealing in the sale of liquors, wholesale, retail or by peddling. The above remarks are further applicable in the case of N. K. Lyman, the chief clerk to the Sheriff, and an official of the Japanese Wine & Liquor Company.

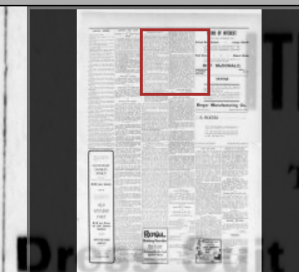
We regret that it has come to our ears, that this matter has been the talk of the town, and that the Sheriff's Department has taken no action in the matter.

We learn that intimidation has been brought to bear on customers of other houses, that should any purchase at any other place than from the Japanese Wine & Liquor Company, they might expect trouble.

We have examined witnesses, but owing to the character of the Japanese race, are very reticent in divulging any thing

vious occasion was this done, leads us to suppose that collusion was resorted to; that the Jailor or Guard, failed to report the prisoner's disappearance to the Sheriff's office until 6:10 A. M., when it was claimed by the Guard that the prisoner was missed between 3 and 4 o'clock on the morning of July 12, 1901, is certainly suspicious, not doubting that due diligence was exercised by the Sheriff's department after they had received word from the Jailor that the prisoner had escaped. We find Waiholani neglected to find out whether Fugihara was in his cell on the night of July 11, 1902, taking Kumalae's word that Fugihara was alright, and did not find out until next morning that he was missing.

We would recommend that an Automatic Register and bell be installed in the place of the antiquated bell now in use, while this bell is supposed to be rung at intervals of 30 minutes, they have no means of knowing whether the Guard is awake or not: we would like to draw attention to the fact that shackles now used in the Jail can be jerked open by giving a sharp kick, and that the keys to same should not be kept in the guards pockets; that proper housing of the prisoners be made, a case in point,—we visited the Jail on the 8th inst., and upon inspection of the leper department, we found one inmate awaiting for removal to Honolulu, who upon the Jury entering at 3 P. M. complained of not



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& Liquor Company, they might expect trouble.

We have examined witnesses, but owing to the character of the Japanese race, are very reticent in divulging any thing of the nature, though having spoken freely prior to being called before this body.

We are of the further opinion that there are other officers in the employ of the Government, having a live interest in the above named concern, of which Yutaro appears to be the principal promoter.

We are of the opinion that there should be a wash day at the Sheriff's office.

In Regard to the Complaint from Residents of Waipio, Hamakua, Charging Hamakua Road Board With Having Paid Bill of Supt. of Public Works (Boyd) for Travelling and Hotel Expenses in Hamakua District.

We have examined into this, and find that said Board have not paid this Bill, but we do find that they were in receipt of such a bill for \$247.00, but refused to pay it.

We also find that a like bill was sent to South Hilo Road Board for \$250.00, which bill was claimed to be due Boyd for travelling and other expenses incurred while

pockets, that proper housing of the prisoners be made, a case in point,—we visited the Jail on the 8th inst., and upon inspection of the leper department, we found one inmate awaiting for removal to Honolulu, who upon the Jury entering at 3 P. M., complained of not having any food since breakfast, (9 o'clock). Apparently he had been forgotten; that said Jail is not a proper place for prisoners of a desperate character. The doors, gates, fence and wall, is very flimsy; the stench from manure and closets is bad; the bathing pool is dirty, and in a general way, things might be improved.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) C. C. KENNEDY.
Foreman Grand Jury.

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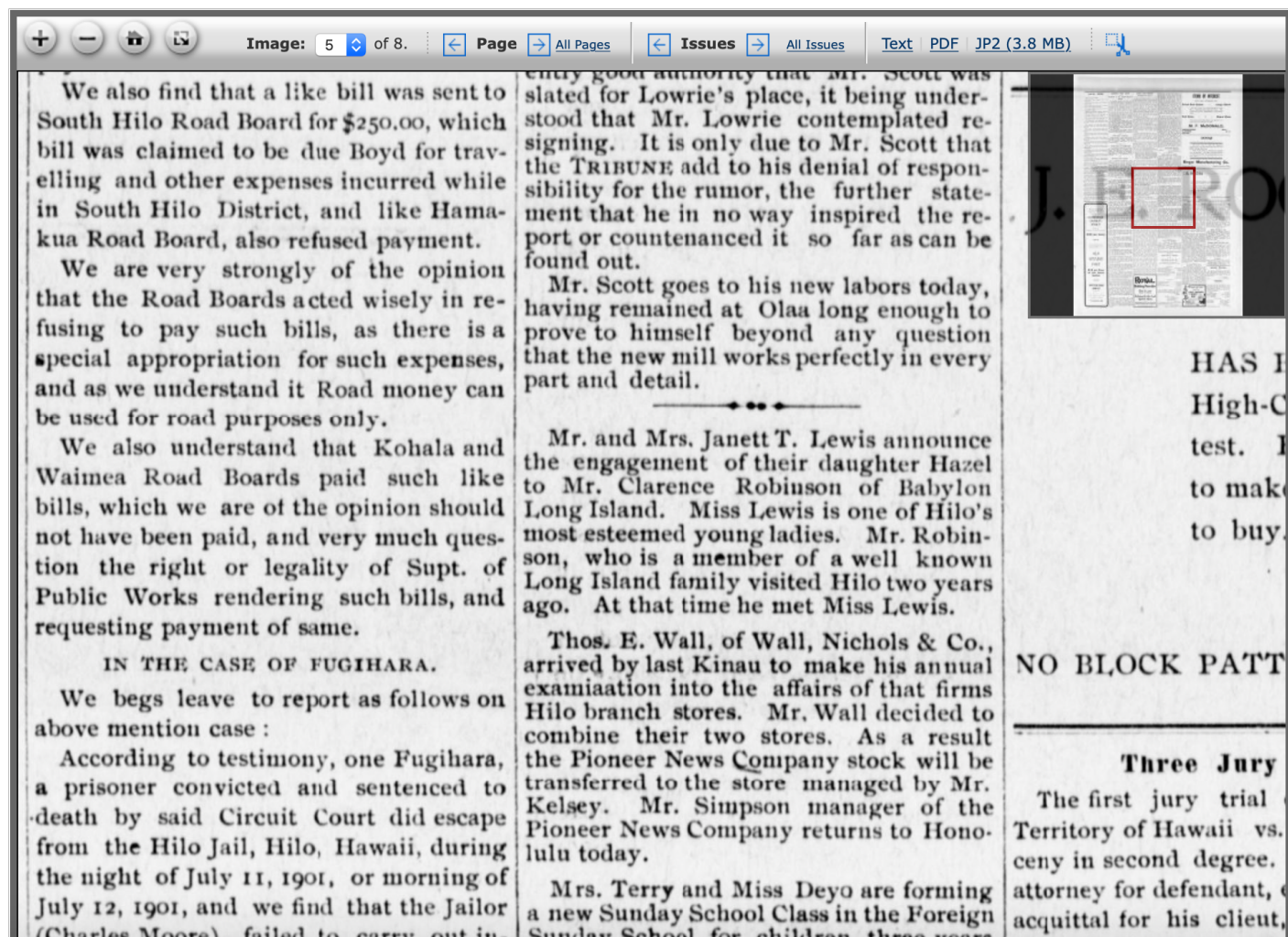
James Scott, who goes to Maui today to take the management of the Kihei plantation, denies flatly that he ever made any remark to any person whomsoever, which might be construed to mean that he possibly would succeed J. W. Lowrie as manager at Spreckelsville plantation. The statement was made in the TRIBUNE a few weeks ago on apparently good authority that Mr. Scott was slated for Lowrie's place, it being understood that Mr. Lowrie contemplated resigning. It is only due to Mr. Scott that the TRIBUNE add to his denial of respon-

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We also find that a like bill was sent to South Hilo Road Board for \$250.00, which bill was claimed to be due Boyd for travelling and other expenses incurred while in South Hilo District, and like Hamakua Road Board, also refused payment.

We are very strongly of the opinion that the Road Boards acted wisely in refusing to pay such bills, as there is a special appropriation for such expenses, and as we understand it Road money can be used for road purposes only.

We also understand that Kohala and Waimea Road Boards paid such like bills, which we are of the opinion should not have been paid, and very much question the right or legality of Supt. of Public Works rendering such bills, and requesting payment of same.

IN THE CASE OF FUGIHARA.

We beg leave to report as follows on above mention case :

According to testimony, one Fugihara, a prisoner convicted and sentenced to death by said Circuit Court did escape from the Hilo Jail, Hilo, Hawaii, during the night of July 11, 1901, or morning of July 12, 1901, and we find that the Jailor (Charles Moore) failed to carry out in-

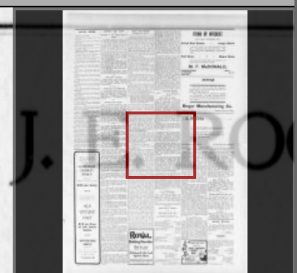
entry good authority that Mr. Scott was slated for Lowrie's place, it being understood that Mr. Lowrie contemplated resigning. It is only due to Mr. Scott that the TRIBUNE add to his denial of responsibility for the rumor, the further statement that he in no way inspired the report or countenanced it so far as can be found out.

Mr. Scott goes to his new labors today, having remained at Olaa long enough to prove to himself beyond any question that the new mill works perfectly in every part and detail.

Mr. and Mrs. Janett T. Lewis announce the engagement of their daughter Hazel to Mr. Clarence Robinson of Babylon Long Island. Miss Lewis is one of Hilo's most esteemed young ladies. Mr. Robinson, who is a member of a well known Long Island family visited Hilo two years ago. At that time he met Miss Lewis.

Thos. E. Wall, of Wall, Nichols & Co., arrived by last Kinau to make his annual examination into the affairs of that firm's Hilo branch stores. Mr. Wall decided to combine their two stores. As a result the Pioneer News Company stock will be transferred to the store managed by Mr. Kelsey. Mr. Simpson manager of the Pioneer News Company returns to Honolulu today.

Mrs. Terry and Miss Deyo are forming a new Sunday School Class in the Foreign Sunday School for children, three years



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