

the knowledge that the public are convinced that Hon. John Wadmaker is determined to have a model department.

Very respectfully,
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DAMAGING INSINUATIONS AGAINST MARSHAL YOUNG.

The following sensational article appeared in the Salt Lake Tribune, Tuesday morning, October 27th:

"Ugly rumors to the effect that Chinese gamblers have paid the head of the police department for the privilege of running their games have been in circulation for the past two weeks, and those who have investigated them are inclined to believe that the rumors are constructed on more facts than on fiction.

These stories have been repeated to the government officials by Chinamen who claim to be in the deal, and one proprietor has unburdened himself of a story which he will be called upon to repeat to the grand jury. He has stated that he has been in the habit of paying Marshal Young \$25 on the first of each and every month for the privilege of running his establishment, and that he is advised when it is safe to run wide open or when it is necessary to go slow. The untutored Mongolian believes that it is a license fee, although he wonders if all the money he claims he has paid has reached the city treasury.

Another Chinaman stated that the chief had informed him that he would have to close his place of business, as the "Gentle" court would make it warm for those who gambled. The meek-eyed foreigner thereupon visited a deputy marshal at his residence and made a proposition to him which showed how much money there was in the pot if the deal was worked properly. The visitor offered to pay for protection, as he called it, and declared that nine Chinese houses contributed \$500 per month for the purpose, \$350 going to John M. Young and \$150 to the go-between, Jim Ling, whose opium den was recently raided. This, the emissary said, would be paid to the marshals if they would agree to keep their hands off. The deputy tried to convince him that the bribery game would not work, and as the Mongolian persisted, he made an appointment to meet him the next day in the United States marshal's office. The meeting was had and the story was repeated to Marshal Parsons. That official became interested at once, and made another appointment to talk the matter over. For the third time the Chinaman repeated his story, and his audience consisted of Judge Zane, Foreman Devine of the grand jury, Marshal Parsons and others. Since then other well-known citizens have been taken into the confidence of Chinamen, who claim to have paid John M. Young for favors rendered.

A News reporter called on Marshal Young today and asked him if he had read the foregoing article. He replied in the affirmative.

"Can you afford to remain silent in the face of such statements?" asked the reporter.

"I cannot see where there would be any advantage in either affirming or denying them. They are now before the public and will only be accepted for what they are worth."

"I will say this, however," he continued, "that I have had more or less business with the Chinamen of this city, but none of the character mentioned. I am acquainted with most of them. Some of them I have known since my boyhood. I have recently

had occasion to visit them in their haunts, on business, but it was for the Custom House officials of San Francisco. I have known for some time that they were being closely questioned by the grand jury regarding myself, and I do not doubt that false evidence has been secured; neither do I doubt that certain Chinamen will give testimony against me; but I do not believe their accusations will bear the sunlight of truth. The grand jury have left no stone unturned. They have descended to the depths of the sewer in search of whatever information would have a tendency to bring me into ill-repute before the public.

"What do you consider has prompted them to resort to such methods, if they have done as you say?"

"The motive is purely political," was the reply.

"Did you appear before the grand jury?"

"No, sir, I did not. A subpoena was issued citing me to appear before that body but was not served on me, as I was ill at the time and confined to my room. One of my men called upon Mr. Devine and informed him that I was willing to impart any information that I could that would assist the jury in searching out lawlessness. Word was sent me that I could appear and defend myself if I chose. I want the public to pin this to its memory—that I do not deny having been approached by gamblers and others who have offered me 'privilege money,' but I do deny emphatically ever having received a cent from any one in any illegal manner."

HAWAIIAN CONFERENCE.

The semi-annual conference of the Sandwich Islands convened on October 4th, 5th and 6th, President W. E. Pack presiding. On the stand were sixteen foreign Elders. A fair representation of the several islands were present. A goodly portion of the time was devoted to the giving of general instructions to the people by both foreign and native Elders.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

After the usual exercises the representatives reported favorably.

A report for the past term was read. Brigham Johnson exhorted the officers and members of Sunday schools to be diligent in their work. The officers for the ensuing term were Brigham Johnson, president; John T. Giles and Jos. J. Johnson, counselors; Moke Nakuau, secretary; Kanihonui, assistant secretary; W. E. Pack, treasurer.

Y. M. M. I. CONFERENCE.

W. H. Allen presided. Delegates reported the success met with during the past six months. President Allen reminded all present what the Lord demanded of them. Officers sustained for the ensuing term are: M. F. Horne, president; S. S. Hammoud and A. J. Davis, counselors; Moke Nakuau, secretary; Kanihonui, assistant secretary.

RELIEF SOCIETY CONFERENCE.

The following officers were sustained for the ensuing term: Nellie Grace president, with all the foreign sisters and Kekuewa Nakuau and Kahahu as counselors; Kekuewa Nakuau secretary. The general authorities of the Church were presented and sustained.

Appointment of foreign Elders: Brigham Johnson president of the island of Oahu and Honolulu branch; A. J. Davis president of the island of Kauai, Jos. J. Johnson, assistant; John T. Giles president of the island of Maui, Molokai and Lanai, Hyrum De Fries assistant; Irvin F. Fieher president of Hilo, Hamakua and Kohala, J. B. Hawke assistant; S. S. Hammond president of Kau, Puna and Kona.

General officers: W. E. Pack president of the Hawaiian mission, C. D. Harding Church recorder and clerk of the conference, book-keeper and store-keeper, John Brown, engineer, Isaac Grace, assistant engineer, Joseph B. Thurber, school teacher, C. D. Harding.

Late Branch: J. M. Horne president, Joseph B. Thurber and Isaac Grace counselors. C. D. Harding, clerk of branch and recorder. Moke Nakuau, president of S. S., J. B. Nainoa and S. N. Kanihonui, counselors. S. N. Kanihonui president of the Y. M. M. I. A., Kahlonia and M. K. Kou counselors. Kapo president of the Relief Society, Kai and Nawanolooa counselors.

W. H. Allen was honorably released to return home after an absence of three years. Through his aid three of the Elders speak quite fluently in the native tongue.

Elder M. F. Eakle also returns home, honorably released, having performed a good and faithful mission. The greatest part of Brother Eakle's time has been spent at Laie, assisting in the management of the work upon the plantation.

During the past six months 248 souls have been added to the fold of Christ in this land.

C. D. HARDING.

SIMPSON D. HUFFAKER.

Brother Simpson D. Huffaker, of South Cottonwood ward, whose death, as already announced, occurred last Sunday evening, was buried yesterday, the funeral service being held in the family residence, according to his expressed wish, and the place of interment being in the family cemetery, near by. The speakers on the occasion were long-time friends and intimate acquaintances, among whom were Counselor Joseph E. Taylor and Bishops Joseph S. Rawlins and S. M. Molen, the last mentioned being a nephew of the deceased.

The deceased was of German extraction, his grandfather, Michael Huffaker, who was born in Germany about the year 1700, having migrated to America and settled in Virginia when about twenty years of age. One of his sons, Jacob, subsequently removed to Wayne County, Ky., where his son, the deceased, was born July 23, 1812, and where he lived until he was seventeen years of age, when he migrated to Morgan county, Ill. There he married his first wife, Susannah G. Robinson, February 25, 1836. He afterwards removed to Bureau county, Ill., at which place he heard the Gospel and joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, September 25, 1842. He settled in Nauvoo in the spring of 1845, and there his wife died, leaving him with five small children.