

DEATH REMOVES GOVERNOR BUDD IN JAMAICA

California's Executive in 1894—His Career Long and Brilliant.

With 53 Negroes for Each Caucasian, Yet No Race Problem—Land of Limited, but Equal Opportunity—The Island Pest.

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN. (Copyright, 1908, by Frederic J. Haskin.) Kingston, Jamaica, July 26.—Like all of Great Britain's West Indian colonies, the island of Jamaica shows the effect of British rule. Wise statesmanship has given its attention to the building of good roads, and the result is that there is as fine a system of macadamized roads in the island as there will be found anywhere.

Race Problem is Here Solved. England allows the people of Jamaica a small amount of self-government, but in the main the government is in the hands of the crown. The royal power is held by the crown appointees, and their tenure is subject to the pleasure of the crown.

Government Ownership at a Loss. In Jamaica one sees a government-owned railroad. It has a monopoly of the business of the island and is administered as a government department. Everything runs along smoothly, but the freight and passenger rates are as high as the accommodations are better than the average road of its kind operated by private corporations.

ONE HUNDRED ACRES WILL BE RECLAIMED. Regents of Oregon Agricultural College Decide to Drain Some Swamp Land.

Public Land System. There is a crown lands department on the island, and it is very jealous of its lands. In recent years more than 1,500 square miles have been surveyed of their places. Much land is also forfeited for taxes. Every acre is being investigated until all the crown lands are had been investigated, and of this 25,000 acres were forfeited to the crown. The same method is expected to continue until all the land of the island has been investigated. The forfeited land is chiefly located in the interior of the island, and much of it is advantageously located and suitable for new settlement, embracing some of the best coffee lands of the island.

Banks and Penitentiary. The government savings banks have proved themselves to be one of the most important economic features of the island. Now that the island is so poor, the most of the inhabitants of the island are extremely poor there are some 18,000 depositors and the amount of deposits is nearly \$1,000,000. Besides these they have the penny savings banks, conducted by ministers, by school teachers, by teachers, to encourage thrift among the poor. They have 12,000 depositors.

The Pest of the Island. As some one said the foundations for the destruction of millions of dollars worth of growing grain when he introduced the English sparrow into the United States, so in the mongoose the English government brought one of the greatest pests into the island it has ever known. The mongoose had become so numerous and destructive that they seriously injured the sugar crop of the island. In casting about for some means to destroy them the government hit upon the mongoose of India. He is something like the ferret of the United States. That the mongoose did destroy some rats on the sugar plantation is true. And so long as he stayed on the plantation, even though he did eat the planter's poultry and eggs, his services overbalanced his evil ways and all went well. But he and his family gradually

(United Press Leased Wire.) Stockton, Cal., July 30.—After an illness of long duration, former Governor James H. Budd of California died this morning at 8:45 o'clock. The end came peacefully. Yesterday the governor's condition seemed greatly improved. He appeared brighter and stronger than he had been at any time during the past two weeks. Late last evening, however, he suffered a relapse and at 10 o'clock passed into a state of unconsciousness from which he never emerged. The acute poisoning resulting in the last stages of Bright's disease is given by the physician as the direct cause of death. He had been suffering from rheumatism and kidney troubles for years and had made two trips abroad in search of a cure.

James H. Budd was born at Janesville, Wis., May 18, 1851. He accompanied his parents to California in 1858, the family settling at Old Liberty, San Joaquin county. In 1869 he entered the University of California and was a member of the first class to graduate from the institution in 1873. He was admitted to the bar in 1874. In 1876 he was elected a veritable party in 1894, by a Democratic majority of 33,000, was elected governor.

spread all over the island and with their prolific and voracious disposition soon developed into a great pest. Though introduced to exterminate the cane rat, it has never accomplished its task, while it has almost succeeded in exterminating all of the ground-laying and ground-feeding birds of the island. It has made poultry-raising almost an impossible industry. It eats the eggs of the ground turtle, kills young pigs, lambs and kids, eats fruit of all kinds, cures, ground hogs, wild fowl, snakes, lizards and crabs.

Not content with even this elaborate menu, the mongoose digs and other tubercular plants. He has practically destroyed every insect-eating bird on the island, and now takes and eats the ground-flying birds of the island. The government is introducing more birds to take the places of those destroyed, and is putting a price upon the head of the mongoose. The resultant crusade against him is bearing fruit, though the geometrical progression of the increase makes the date of the conquest many years in the future.

Jamaica's Army and Navy. England maintains a strong and well drilled body of troops on the island, and a few rather obsolete but none the less effective gumbons in the harbor. At Kingston there is a large equipment of soldiers, and up in the mountains at Newcastle is another camp, this being the home of the English troops. There are numerous reminders of the strength of the British government, but the islanders forget and decide to throw off the English rule. The constabulary is a large, well organized body of rural police, which generally furnish the nucleus of a government army should the natives ever decide to rebel.

But it is hardly likely that such a thing will happen here. The reign of England is mild and beneficent. Every man on the island, white and black, is given a fair show to surround himself with such comforts and such opportunities to enjoy life as his abilities will allow. The 15,000 white people form the braces which uphold the superstructure of the island's civilization. Contrasted with conditions on the island of Haiti, where neither life, liberty nor property is ever secure, one sees in Jamaica the ideal sort of government for its population. The only change which is ever likely to come is the acquisition of control over the island by the United States through diplomatic channels. There are thousands of the most intelligent people of the island who would like to see the change, as it is no longer a paying investment to England that day may come.

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