

## Liner Took Turtles To the Coast

On the last trip of the steamer *Wilhelmina* to San Francisco she took up 25 live turtles, which are reported to have arrived in good condition.

The turtles were consigned to a San Francisco restaurant by a hui of local Chinese who intend, it is said, making regular shipments of turtle to San Francisco and northern ports where live turtles are a comparative rarity.

It is understood that the 25 turtles shipped by the *Wilhelmina* fetched \$50 each, which makes turtle-shippping a decidedly lucrative enterprise. The turtles sent up by the Matson boat were large specimens.

A few years ago a request came to a local man from the proprietor of a large London restaurant for information relative to the local turtle supply and the chances of obtaining regular shipments of live turtle. As far as is known nothing was done in the matter.

During the last few months more turtle have been caught off this island than for several years past, and in consequence, turtle-meat has been a drug in the local market.

## PHYSICIAN FINED IN POLICE COURT

### Doctor Yoshimura Fails To Report Two Tuberculosis Cases To Authorities

Doctor Yoshimura, a Japanese physi-

## QUEEN GIVES BIG TORTOISE TO ROTHCHILD

### Liliuokalani Sends Rare Gallapagos Reptile To London In Interest of Science

**F**AR from being a manuwahi gift on the part of Col. Curtis Iaukea to a casual traveling collector, the Gallapagos tortoise which used to eat the fallen mangoes in the Waikiki grounds of Prince Kuhio is a royal gift to science, presented by Queen Liliuokalani to Lord Rothchild of London and suitably acknowledged.

The fact of the gift on the part of Hawaii's Queen was made public Tuesday, following an intimation on the part of John Colburn that Colonel Iaukea had handed over the testudinate live stock, "value \$10,000," of his own bat, as it were, under circumstances that might have to be looked into. This intimation, seeing print in *The Advertiser* yesterday, brought a statement from Colonel Iaukea.

#### Rothchild Agent Here

Thomas Gerrard, under a commission from Lord Rothchild, came to Hawaii on a search for tortoise and was told of the big Gallapagos fellow which John Wise was keeping an eye on. He was informed by Colonel Iaukea that the tortoise belonged to the Queen and was not for sale, but that, in the interests of science the Queen might have the reptile sent to London with her compliments. A request was made of the Queen and the gift was made. At the time, Mr. Gerrard stated that the money value of the shell bearer was probably four or five hundred dollars, although there were no market quotations to go by.

#### Letter of Acknowledgement

On August 6, Colonel Iaukea received the following letter from London, from Mr. Gerrard:

Dear Sir—In fulfilment of my promise, I am arranging for a pair of handsome birds to be sent to Kapiolani Park in return for the kind gift of the tortoise to Lord Rothchild. As I have been traveling, I have not yet heard of its arrival in England. The birds are a pair of *Saurus* cranes, which are to leave Sydney on the *Ningara* and full particulars will be forwarded to Mr. Wise, to whom I have already written by this mail. Trusting that the birds will prove to be an ornament to your beautiful park, and that they will arrive in good condition, I remain, yours very sincerely,

THOMAS GERRARD.

#### Cranes Sent In Return

"Before Mr. Gerrard left he arranged with John Wise to send us something for the park, not as a trade, but as a return courtesy," said Colonel Iaukea. "The cranes are at the park now. We have tortoises here in the sea, while the cranes are novelties, so as far as the park is concerned it benefits. The Queen, too, has the satisfaction of knowing that she has done something for science, as the acknowledgement received from Lord Rothchild shows."

This letter says:

Dear Sir—Mr. Thomas Gerrard has written to me to tell me of Queen Liliuokalani's great kindness about the tortoise. I hasten to beg of you to convey to her my most grateful and respectful thanks for her great generosity. Owing to the elimination of these creatures in a wild state it is extremely difficult to get specimens for study, so that I am much indebted to Queen Liliuokalani for her kindness in letting me have the one in question.

I remain, yours respectfully,  
ROTHCHILD.