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Interview with Captain William C. Bruhn, of 2.J. "Kilaues", Inter-Island Steamship Company, Ltd., Honolula, W.F.

He said he was 61 years old; left Denmark when he was 8 years old, and arrived here whon he was 16 years old. His home is 1889 feenumoku Street, Laass Lane. He said he was bern in August, 1861.

About the year 1079, he was a soilor on board one of Frank Cooke's sobconers, the "Julis" if he remembers rightly, on his way to the Jouth Jeas, to recruit labor. They found themselves becaled off Focker Island and he volunteered with others to take a best and row sahore. We remembers landing on a shelf of a soilff, and recognises the place by the photographs I showed him.

He went up to the first hill with two of the Heweilans. He rebehars easing the platforms, and eave they were just the same in the photographs that I showed him, as they were in those days. From his semery he thinks he new sround him about four or

five idols. He plaked some of them up and examined them, and wanted to take them on base1, but the Hawaiians protested and said that it was sure death to more them. They were so superstitious over them that they didn't bring any on board.

He remembers also meeting a few stone sizes, probably two or three, lying around on the ground. They didn't bring any. Another thing he clearly remembers was a stone shaped like a rough dambell, two rough ends with a handle to clutch with the hand, like getting hold of a durbell. The ends were only roughly herm but the handle was undoubtedly carved down. This of course was of stone. The Hermitians said that when sharks were lured to the shallow places that this dumbell was used to kill the shark by besting it on the beed. I brought the dumbell with me

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and left it in Sen Francisco with a family nemed Weisenheld, who was ohief engineer of Wieland's Brewry, who lived meer the corner of 28th and Dolorea, in the Mission. We gave it to one of the daughters, Late, he believes was her name.

Sefare the because Queen, Liliuokalani went to Secker in the "Emals," I believe, I was aboard. Charlle Eillinns' wife went to he had better be seen. There were so many sharks and the landing was no had that Liliuokalani didn't go schore. The purpose of visiting the Island was to got feathers from the Boa'n birds for Eahlis.

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