

# "OUTRIGGER CLUB" SUGGESTED

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The Seaside Hotel, Moana Hotel, and Waikiki Inn managers, the Hawaii Promotion Committee, and the many Waikiki residents showed an active interest in promoting the Beach and its surf sports; the Myrtle Boat Club, Healani Yacht and Boat Club, Kunalu Boat Club, Diamond Head Athletic Club and the Kamehameha Aquatic Club all were active in aquatics; but there was no Outrigger Canoe at Waikiki on New Year Day of 1908. However, no longer was human-leg power, bicycle, outrigger-canoe, steamer, or horse and mule necessary for the people to visit Waikiki Beach. The electric trolley and automobile made the Beach available to everybody. So, *kamaainas* started to think about a Beach-Club.

## BONINE'S MOTION-PICTURES

R. K. Bonine, an eminent motion-picture maker, arrived in Honolulu. Movies made by him were exhibited at the Opera House on February 15, 1908 for the benefit of the *Hawaii* yacht Fund. Announcements for this Motion-Picture Show were headed "Surf-Riders on the Screen," and they explained that "the view of the Float at Waikiki is really very good." In a plug on February 12, 1908, the *Advertiser* told Honoluluans that "to see themselves as others see them will be the chance given by Mr. Bonine to the Surf-Riders and Bathers at Waikiki."

The Annual Floral Parade on February 22, 1908 was a brilliant success. Palenapa impersonated Kamehameha - the Great in the Hawaiian Tableaux. There were *pa-u* riders, automobile floats and other features. R. K. Bonine was there with his movie-camera and made some fine reel.

## BURTON HOLMES AND A. H. FORD ARRIVE

Burton Holmes, the well-known traveler and lecturer and successor to Charles Warren Stoddard, arrived at Honolulu aboard the *Siberia*, on March 2, 1908, reported the *Hawaiian Star*. "I took the first moving-pictures ever taken in these Islands when I was here ten years ago," in 1898, said Mr. Holmes to the *Advertiser* reporter.

"Yes, I am back in Hawaii," declared Alexander Hume Ford to the *Advertiser* Man on March 3, 1908 as he stepped ashore from the *Moana*. "I left Honolulu last June" (1907), explained Mr. Ford who then asked—"How did I happen to return to Hawaii at this time?" Answer—"She hummed *Aloha Oe*, and that settled it!"

## ELLA WHEELER WILCOX IN HONOLULU

Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox, accompanied by her husband (R. M. Wilcox), came to Honolulu on the *Mongolia* on February 5, 1908. They occupied a cottage on the spacious grounds of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox enjoyed the Beach at Waikiki. Ella Wheeler Wilcox, on her first visit to Hawaii "made a conquest of Honolulu," reported the *Advertiser*, the largest affair in her honor being the big reception on March 5, 1908 "in the rooms of the Kilo-hana Art League." Mrs. Wilcox wrote a lovely poem on Princess Kaiulani which Governor Walter F. Frear read on March 6, 1908 in the ceremony commemorating the death of the Princess.

After Burton Holmes and R. K. Bonine had made motion-pictures of them at the dock, the Wilcox's left the Islands aboard the *Manchuria* on March 7, 1908.

## BONINE AND HOLMES MAKE SURFING PICTURES

"Bonine is to take another picture of the bathers of the Seaside (Hotel) within a day or so," reported the *Hawaiian Star*, March 9, 1908. "The Promotion Committee realizes the benefit that will follow the exhibition of views of Hawaii and are aiding Mr. Bonine to secure the best obtainable."

"The big tripod at the Seaside is being rigged up on the Reef to allow R. K. Bonine to mount his moving-picture machine and obtain some close-at-hand shots at Surf-Riders and Surf-Canoers," explained the *Advertiser* of March 9, 1908.

"It would be difficult to conceive a greater pleasure than to have Messrs. Bonine and Burton Holmes on the stage at the same time," wrote the *Hawaiian Star*, March 10, 1908. "Mr. Burton

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Holmes is to be at the Opera House" on March 12, 1908, to tell the people in the audience what the pictures are and to say something of his impressions of Hawaii."

"When Burton Holmes and R. K. Bonine get together with a motion-picture machine there is bound to be something doing," reported the *Advertiser*. "Holmes has travelled all over the world; so has Bonine . . . both make pictures and Holmes tells about the countries he has gone through."

### EXHIBITION MOVIES OF WAIKIKI SURFERS

Motion - pictures of Waikiki - surfers, Floral Parade, Panama Canal, and the departure of Ella Wheeler Wilcox were shown at the Opera House by Holmes and Bonine on March 12, 13, 1908. A trial-run was held on March 11 and the *Evening Bulletin* reported that the "picture is a beauty." Advance reports in the newspapers lavishly praised the pictures. "Burton Holmes had been taken out to learn the art of surf-boating by the Princess (Kaiulani), the first day he arrived in these Islands ten years ago," reported the *Advertiser*. "The pictures of surf-riding," Mr. Holmes said, "were the finest taken of that subject up to date, but that it was his hope and Mr. Bonine's to take some better ones before they left."

### HOLMES—"HERO" OF WAIKIKI LADS

"In Honolulu, Mr. Holmes has become the hero of the youngsters at Waikiki Beach," wrote the reporter in the *Advertiser*, March 12, 1908. "They are arranging a Surfboard Carnival for him on Friday afternoon [March 13], while their elders close the sport with an Outrigger Canoe Race."

"Both Mr. Bonine and Mr. Holmes were at the Moana Hotel" on March 13, 1908, "trying to get life-like pictures of the Surf-Riders and Canoes," stated the *Evening Bulletin* of March 14, 1908. "There were many on the Lawn who watched with interest the many canoes and surf-riders."

### WAIKIKI CLUBHOUSE FOR SURFERS

"Honolulu is to have a Clubhouse at Waikiki Beach for Surfboarders and those interested in Canoe-Surfing," an-

nounced the *Evening Bulletin*, March 14, 1908. "Mr. Stout, Manager of the Seaside Hotel and Proprietor Lishman have, at the request of Alexander Hume Ford, granted the site and 'Jack' [A.L.C.] Atkinson has promised to promote and organize the Club. Burton Holmes and E. K. Bonine are registered as the first and most enthusiastic non-resident members."

### BURTON HOLMES AND OUTRIGGER-CLUB

"Splendid Scheme for Making Use of Honolulu's Magnificent Beach for the Greatest Sport on Earth," was the headline in the *Evening Bulletin* of March 14, 1908." Burton Holmes was bubbling over yesterday [March 13, 1908] afternoon when interviewed by the *Bulletin* Man, while looking over the ground upon which he hopes the *Lanai* Clubhouse will grow during his absence from Hawaii."

"The only marvel to me," he said to the *Bulletin* Man on this pioneer date of March 13, 1908, "is that it has never been done before. When I first came to Hawaii, ten years ago [1898], it was Mr. Brown's *Lanai* that was really the home of the Outrigger Canoe Club, as it is today. Here, the Princess Kaiulani ordered her crew to launch her canoe and, seated in the prow, she gave directions as we came sailing in upon the billows, and I was initiated into the grandest bit of sport the world over."

"I believe that the building of a *Lanai* for those who wish to own canoes but have no place to keep them, is a splendid idea," said Burton Holmes on March 13, 1908, as he stood looking at the site of the Outrigger Canoe Club. "And there should be a large non-resident membership." As "no drinks will be sold in the Clubhouse, one man to look after the surfboards and canoes will be the only force needed, so that the surplus from dues, not needed in adding more *hau* trees, can be devoted to cups and prizes and the expenses of conducting Annual Outrigger Races and Carnivals, while an Annual Surfboard Series of Races would not only tend to keep alive this King-of-Sports, as Jack London named it, but should attract visitors from all parts of America."