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More About the Claims of Mrs. Pratt and Her Heirs to the Crown Lands, Millions In It.

Don Caesar Moreno is still to the fore and is out with counter claims against the ex-Queen, in the Washington Post. The Don adds a few Princesses to the royal family, but the more the merrier. The article in question is headed "A Battle for Millions," and runs in part as follows: "Ex-Queen Liliuokalani is to meet with the determined opposition of rival claimants to the so-called crown lands of the Hawaiian Islands. It will not only be necessary for her to convince Congress that the United States Government should make her some remuneration for these lands, but that she and no one else is the rightful owner of them before she can recover or have the title vested in her. The other claimants to these lands are Princess Elizabeth Kekuanui, the wife of F. S. Pratt, an American from Massachusetts, who went to the Hawaiian Islands in the early days and like Mr. Dominis, of the same Commonwealth, married into the native royal family of the little island kingdom, and Princess Teresa Owana Kaohelani. The latter is the niece of Princess Kekuanui. Mrs. Pratt, and married a native Hawaiian with the Americanized name of Robert W. Wilcox. These two Hawaiian ladies assert that they and not the ex-Queen are entitled to remuneration from the United States Government for the so-called crown lands. They have already taken steps to present their claims against those of Mrs. Dominis before Congress, and will make a stubborn fight for recognition and remuneration.

"The claims of Princess Kekuanui and Princess Kaohelani to the crown lands of the Hawaiian throne are based upon statements, substantiated by genealogists, that they are the only living members of the royal family of the Kamohamehas of Hawaii. The value of these lands is now estimated at about \$6,000,000, but it is confidently expected that in the course of a few years, with the islands as a part of the United States and the anticipated growth of population and trade, they will quadruple in value. The principal holdings are in the islands of Oahu, upon which the city of Honolulu is located; Maui, Molokai, Hawaii, and Kauai. The most valuable portion of the lands lie within the city limits of Honolulu, and they are to a considerable extent improved, although little or no rents have been paid upon them. Large tracts in the other islands are devoted to the production of sugar, and have for years been a part of the enormous land holdings of Claus Spreckels, the sugar king of Hawaii. Should the ex-Queen be decreed the rightful owners of these lands, or be awarded compensation for them by the United States Government, Spreckels will continue to hold the land, as he has for years, without the payment of any rent except what he has voluntarily contributed to her. "The former Queen is now in Washington, and it is said that she is being supported by Spreckels, and her interests and claims to the crown lands are being looked after by Paul Neuman, the chief lieutenant of the Hawaiian multi-millionaire. Her case is being prepared for presentation to the Court of Claims, while the rival claimants and heirs of King Kamehameha III will fight for their interests before the committees in Congress. Their efforts will be directed toward inducing Congress to appoint a special committee to go out to Hawaii and make a careful investigation of the entire matter, and establish the rightful owners of the lands in question. If they can succeed in doing this, they believe there is no question but that Congress will remunerate them for the crown lands or declare the title in them. The palace of the former Queen in Honolulu, now used as one of the Government buildings, is built upon the so-called crown lands, as are several other public structures in Honolulu."

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CAMERA CLUB STARTED.

Nine Members Sign the Charter Club of the Organization.

The Y. M. C. A. Camera club was organized last night with nine charter members. Following officers were elected: Stearns Buck, chairman; H. E. Coleman, secretary and treasurer; C. B. Ripley, B. F. Beardmore and L. E. Pinkham, executive committee.

Plans for a dark room under the gymnasium hall were submitted and adopted. Mr. Ripley drew the plans. Meetings of the club will be held regularly, and some sort of entertainment will shortly be given for the benefit of the treasury.

A meeting for the election of new members and the transaction of other business was called for next Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

WITH THE CRICKETERS.

Cricketers are living in hopes that there may be a team on board the U. S. battleship Oregon, which is now due. With the appearance of so much new material of late in the country the local club has been greatly strengthened, so much so that it would not hesitate to tackle anything that might drop along. The organization of two business men competing teams has also helped the sport.

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