

“Kilauea Cyclorama”



1893 World's Columbian Exposition



- 27 million visitors.
- 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus.
- Tropes of “discovery,” “settlement,” and “progress”
- 1890 census declares frontier closed.
- Massacre of 300 Lakota at Wounded Knee deemed as the final military defeat of Native Americans.

World's Fairs

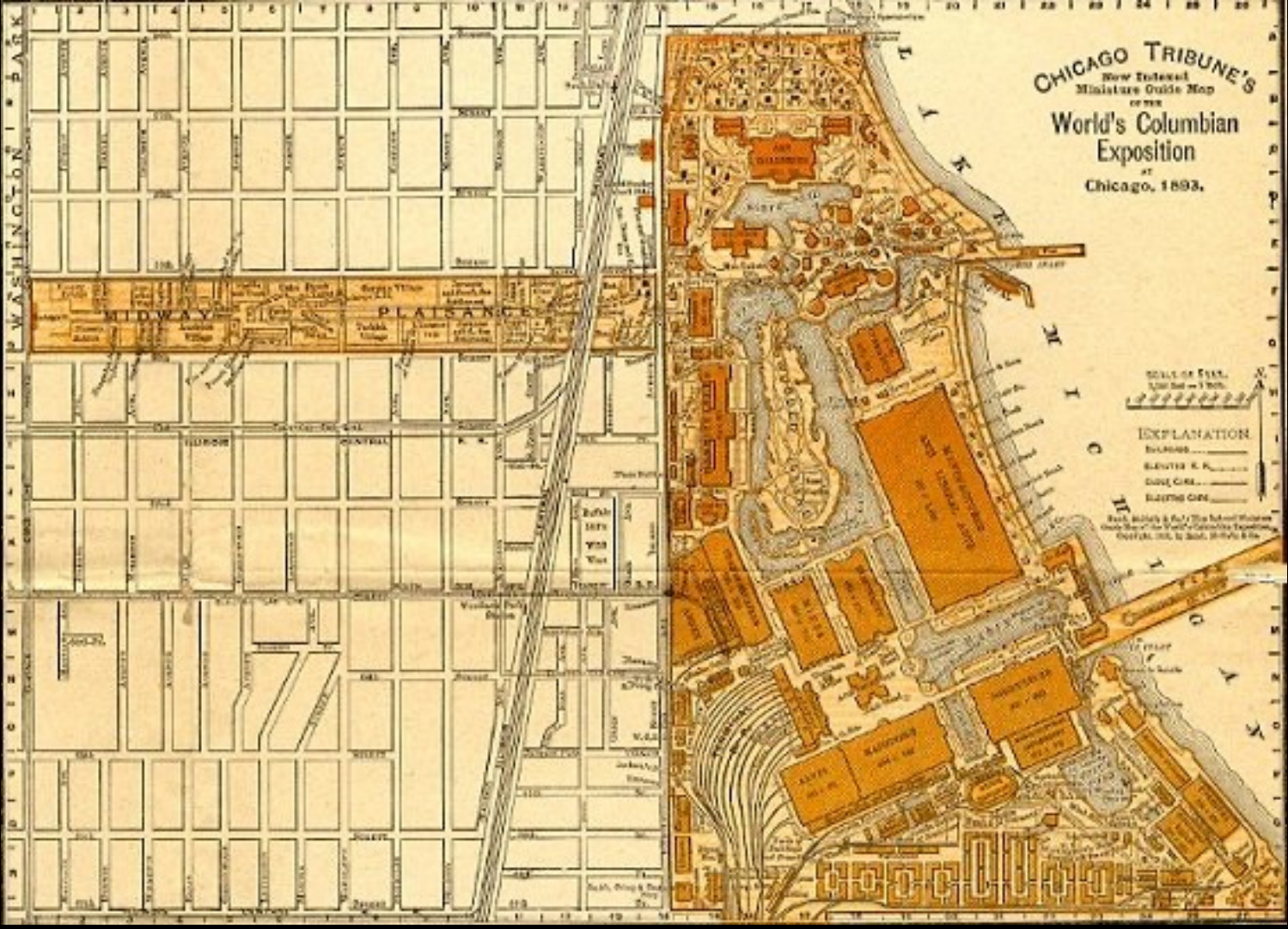
- Beginning in 1791 in Prague World's Fairs were international events: London 1851, New York 1853, London 1862, Philadelphia 1876, Paris 1878, Barcelona 1888, Paris 1889, etc.
- “Increasing industrialization and cyclical industrial depressions, beginning in 1873, resulted in frequent outbursts of open class warfare... Adding to the worries of the times was the discovery of unfathomable multiplicity in the universe. All these concerns gave troubled American Victorians an intense drive to organize experience. And herein lay part of the appeal of the expositions.”
– Robert Rydell, *All the World's a Fair*



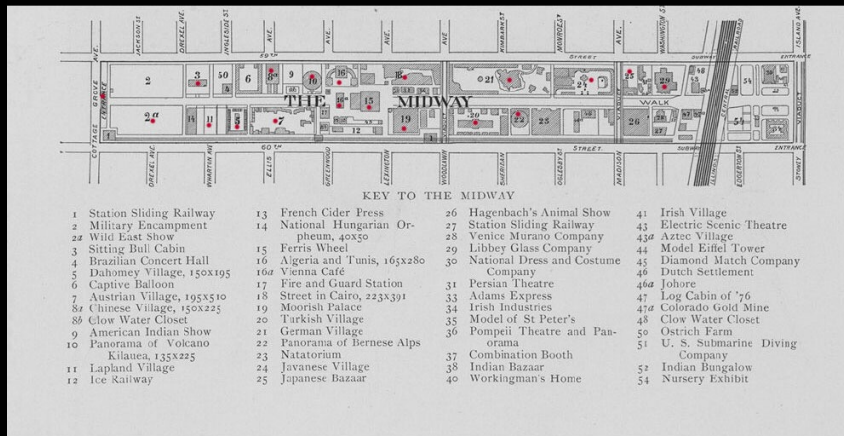
“Depression Diplomacy”



- 1893 Economic Depression – 500 banks closed, 15,000 companies shut down, 4 million unemployed.
- Depression Diplomacy – President Benjamin Harrison administration’s desire to acquire overseas markets to alleviate labor unrest and glut of industrial goods imagined responsible for economic depression.

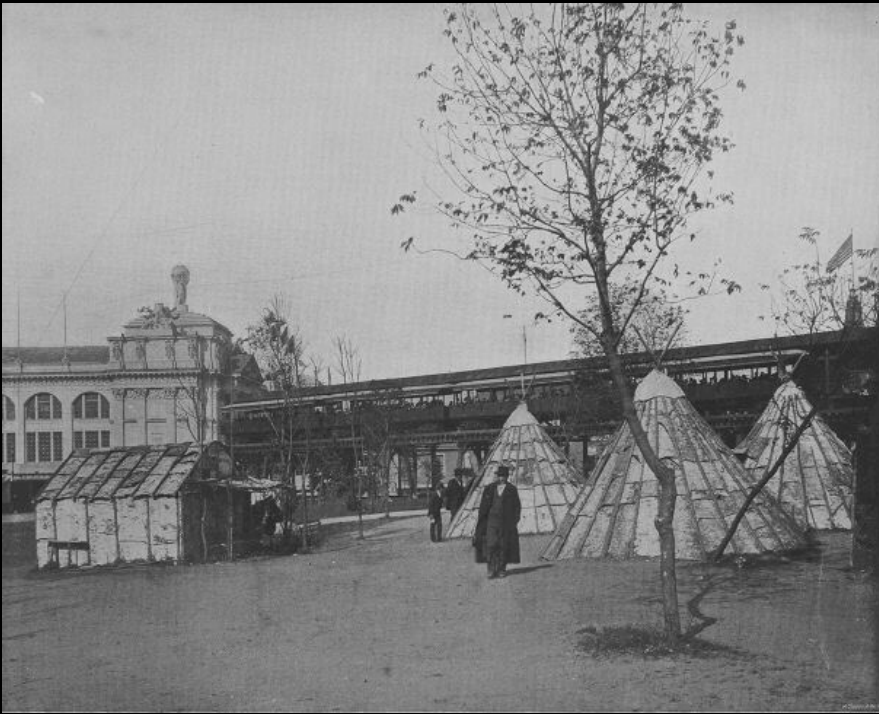


Midway Plaisance



- Otis T. Mason of the Smithsonian argues that there are three primitive groups: Negroid, American, and Malayo-Polynesian
- Hierarchical ranking of race based on their relationship to capitalism.
- Primitive, Oriental, and Ethnic White

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi



- Simon Pokagon, *Red Man's Greetings*, the most popular book sold at the World's Fair.
- Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
- “On behalf of my people, the American Indians, I hereby declare to you, the pale-faced race that has usurped our lands and homes, that we have no spirit to celebrate with you the great Columbian Fair now being held in this Chicago city, the wonder of the world. No; sooner would we hold the high joy day over the graves of our departed than to celebrate our own funeral, the discovery of America.”

Brig. Gen. Philip Sheridan



“The best way to get rid of the Indian is to destroy the buffalo by which he lives. The more buffalo killed, the better and what good is a buffalo anyway except for slaughter.”

Elimination of the Buffalo

- Bison herds were estimated to number somewhere between 30 and 60 million and seen from Saskatchewan, Canada down to Mexico
- Bison 15 million in 1871 and thirty-four by 1903
- “Many Native people view the historic buffalo slaughter as the time when the buffalo relatives, the older brothers, stood up and took the killing intended for the younger brothers, the Native peoples.” Winona LaDuke (Dakota)
- The death of human to non-human relations is the birth of capitalism



White City



White City Burned



- Unknown who burned the White City down, though most believe it was strikers involved in Pullman Railroad Strikes.
- Expositions used to discipline working class, progress is something inevitable, to large a process for anyone to do anything about.

Japanese Exhibit in White City



- “Orientals” are the measures of progress between traditional and modern (Western). “Primitives” at beginning stages of human progress.
- Imagined to open markets in Asia; Exhibit in White City.
- Japan partakes in colonization – Ainu, Okinawa, Taiwan, Northern China, and Korea.

Kilauea Cyclorama



- Volcano – Hawai‘i at the beginning stages of development, geological signifier of earth at primitive state.
- Hawaiian Bureau of Information – propaganda arm of those involved in the 1893 overthrow.
- Cyclorama – predecessor to motion picture film. Linked to modern visual consumption.

Goddess of Fire

- Pele statue at 25 feet second largest at World's Fair.
- “Her hair is blow wildly back and there is a terrible frown upon her beautiful face, as she prepared to annihilate her enemies.”
- “Venus of the Pacific” – Ellen Rankin





Vistas of Kilauea



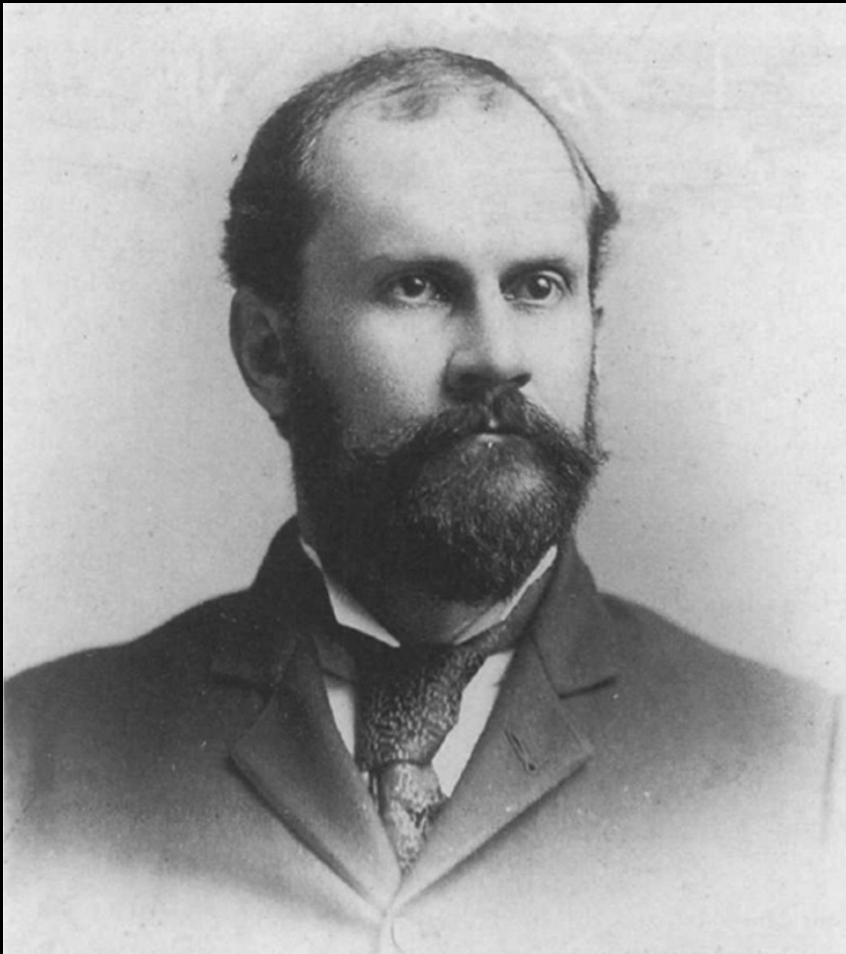
VISTAS OF KILAUEA

Cyclorama Narrates Overthrow



- Pele and Lili‘uokalani are uncontrollable belligerent women. Thurston, “Dangerous woman”
- Demand pacification for order to be restored.
- American press reports her attempt to have Thurston and others beheaded.
- Queen responds beheading as a form of punishment never used in Hawai‘i.

Lorrin A. Thurston



“It is no longer a question whether Hawaii should be controlled by the native Hawaiian, or by some foreign people; but the question is, ‘What foreign people shall control Hawaii.’”

-1897

Kepaniwai Heritage Gardens



- County Park across 6 acres.
- Reminiscent of World's Fairs—primitive, Oriental, and white
- 1940s, Maui Hawaiian Women's Club prevented this land from being sold as luxury homes. County land swaps and a \$2,000 dime campaign turned it into public lands.
- Designed by Richard Tong, brother of then Aloha Airlines owner Rudy Tong.
- Celebrates the racial diversity of modern Hawai'i, aiming for world peace.

Edward L. Bernays and Hawai'i Statehood

- 1950 Edward Bernays a visiting professor of public relations at UH Mānoa.
- Hawai'i's racial diversity should be showcased not diminished.
- Prove to US citizens that diverse people could live together.
- Disprove communist accusations of U.S. colonialism.



Kepaniwai and 'Īao Valley

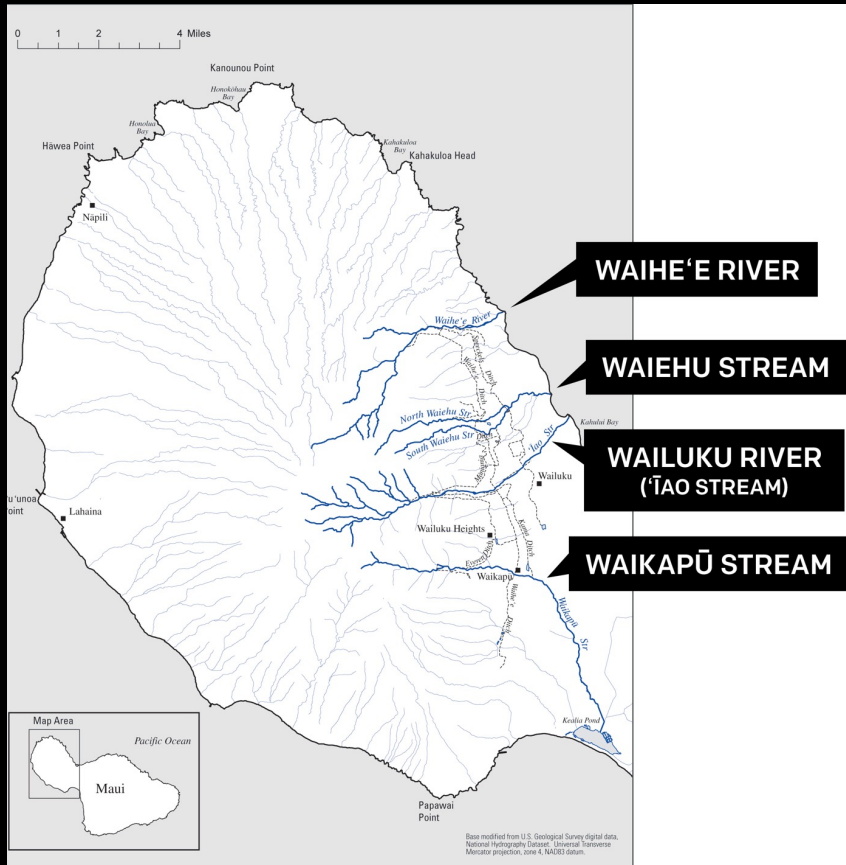


- 1790 site of a battle between Kamehameha and Kalanikupule. Kepaniwai translates as the “damming of the waters” caused by slain Maui warriors.
- 1970, outcropping profile dedicated to John F. Kennedy, who stated prior that “Hawai‘i is what the United States is striving to be.”
- It is the profile of a kahuna named Kauka‘iwai who guarded the sacred burials in the valley.
- 1924, anthropologist J. F. G. Stokes learned, “Flesh was stripped from the bones, burned to ashes which were placed in a deep pool in the upper stream. The pool was called Kapela. The bones were dried on a large rock called Kapili-o-Kakae, and then wrapped in tapa and encased with braid.”

Central Maui Hawaiian Civic Club

- “We were amazed to learn that the reclamation of forestland now in progress is to build a Japanese Tea Garden. We appreciate Japanese art, and are glad to assemble the art of the entire world BUT... the tombs of the greatest Ali‘i are still hidden in sacred ‘Īao Valley. It is a sacred valley hallowed by deification ceremonies and burial of Hawaiian Kings... We do not feel that anything but a Hawaiian Garden would be appropriate in a Hawaiian Temple of the Dead!”
Maui News, July, 1960
- Tell the story of Kapiliokaka‘e refusing to be removed. *Honolulu Advertiser*, July, 1960.
- “Hawaiian Group Meets Tuesday on Garden Plan,” “suggestions for the Hawaiian garden and pavilion of the Kepaniwai Heritage Gardens in Iao Valley will be *so heated* at a meeting scheduled Tuesday night in the Iao School cafetorium.” *Maui News*, July, 1967

Kaulana Nā Wai ‘Ehā



- Comprised of four streams/rivers.
- The largest continuous area of taro farms in all of Hawai‘i.
- Considered the pinnacle of Hawaiian agriculture.
- Area so productive that it fed other islands.

Enclosure of the Water Commons



- Sugar planters argue that water traveling from the mountains to the ocean is wasteful.
- Divert this water away from watersheds to arid areas of the island.
- Doctrine of prior appropriation – “he who is first in time, is first in right.”
- Water in Hawai‘i is a public trust asset

Wailuku River

- “DESPAIR! WAILUKU IS BEING DESTROYED BY THE SUGAR PLANTATION—A letter by S.D. Hakuole, of Kula, Maui arrived at our office, he was declaring that the land of Wailuku is being lost due to the cultivation of sugarcane. Furthermore, he states the current condition of once cultivated taro patches being dried up by the foreigners, where they are now planting sugarcane. Also, he fears that Hawaiians of that place will no longer be able to eat poi.”

- *Nūpepa Kū'oko'a* (1866)



Mauka to Makai March organized by the Hui 'o Nā Wai 'Ehā



- 2004, Hui 'o Nā Wai Ehā taro farmers in this area petition for the return of water
 - to grow taro
 - restore ground water sources,
 - restore stream life particularly to diadromous species whose life cycles require migrating between fresh and salt water.

Hui 'o Nā Wai 'Ehā - Nohoana Farm



- HC&S argued that return of water would mean laying off 800 employees.
- “I may not be able to employ 800 people, but I can feed 800 people—if I was able to grow on all of my land.” Hōkūao Pellegrino
- Pellegrino’s use their lo‘i to teach to preschool and university level students.

1951 Lānaʻi Pineapple Strike

Three Committees: fish, hunt, plant



- First organizing meeting. Pedro de la Cruz asked the workers to organize themselves into three committees.
- “Those who know how to hunt, those who know how to fish, and those who know how to plant.”
- Each committee was responsible for feeding the workers.
- Built a bamboo pavilion where 300 people could share meals.

Second Longest Labor Strike in Hawai'i History

- 201 days later, the Lāna‘i workers win their strike.
- You could smell the rotting pineapple from the West side of Maui.
- Workers described this period as a “happy strike.”
- Strategy comes from Visayas in the Philippines used against the Spanish.



Statehood and the Cold War

