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Stand with anybody that stands right. Stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong.—Abraham Lincoln.

PAYING-FOR WHAT?

The taxpayers of the city and county of Honolulu are entitled to know what lies behind the sudden move on the part of members of the board of supervisors for a "municipal paper".

Supervisors say that they want to get up a record of the board's actions to present when the legislature meets.

And the supervisors also admit that if the system works successfully they will try to get the territorial legislature to legalize this paper as the official organ of the city and county of Honolulu.

The plan now involves at least one additional salary, for the supervisors are going to employ a special clerk, and he is to get \$100 a month. It also involves payment of \$1 a page for stenciling the mimeographed sheets.

The supervisors confess that the paper they have in mind cannot now carry the city's advertising, because it does not conform to the city charter's requirement that bills and resolutions must be published in a "newspaper".

The whole matter simmers down to this: Are the supervisors warranted in saddling another salary item, possibly two, upon the heap of "overhead charges" under which the city is already staggering?

Are the supervisors justified in their scheme to change the city charter so that hereafter the city's advertising may be carried in a sheet with no paid circulation and no bona-fide circulation of any kind?

There is but one answer to these questions, and that answer is emphatically, No!

The supervisors have not even secured definite figures as to the expense of the plan they launched last night with first reading of an ordinance.

They don't know how much such a paper will cost if it develops as they are scheming for it to develop.

The whole purpose of municipal advertising is publicity. It is publicity that guards the taxpayers against steals and deals and petty politics and back-room bargaining.

Outside of this objection, which is a future probability, the taxpayers certainly do not want the supervisors to hire more clerks to get up reports for them. It is argued that the special clerk will work over the board's acts for the past few months and up to the end of this year, so that his salary will average only \$50 a month.

FROM THE PUBLIC STANDPOINT

the public certainly should know just what are the grievances that have tied up the great sea-transportation company and threaten the most serious inconvenience to passengers, mails and freight-handling.

It is a grave matter for captains to leave their posts, and the Star-Bulletin is loth to believe that they are doing it for the few dollars involved. There is on both sides a firmness that could be dictated by nothing else than belief in a righteous cause.

But the general public knows only that an item of less than \$200 seems to stand in the way of settlement. As usual, it is the public that is suffering most, and it is not getting the frank statement of facts to which it is entitled when a public service corporation fails, even if for no fault of its own, to carry out its implied contract with the people.

DR. ROOSEVELT

Roosevelt's confession of faith" delivered yesterday in Chicago, reads much more like the label on the outside of a bottle of patent medicine.

The doughty colonel is claiming a sovereign remedy for every evil that hurts the body politic, from political headache to political gout, and he has prescribed his patent-medicine as a cure-all.

No such hodge-podge of issues has been submitted to a convention for many campaigns past, if at all. His adherence to the doctrine of recall of judicial decisions was expected, but this is only a small part of the heterogeneous medicated compound that he mixed and labeled "My Policies".

This paper has already given Mr. Roosevelt credit for the service he did his country in arousing the ordinary citizen to a personal interest in the affairs of government and in raising the hue and cry against corrupt wealth, but it has no admiration whatever for opportunism, and certainly his declaration of faith has all the earmarks of a bid for votes by an opportunist.

He may have taken up the exceedingly important question of the tariff, but if so, the cabled advices here gave no mention of the fact, and certainly he could not have emphasized it or made this an effective part of the 20,000-word declaration.

Even should the colonel slide into the White House during this troublous campaign, he would not carry out half of his platform promises, and that is some reassurance. His bark is eminently worse than his bite.

We all like the colonel because he makes our politics interesting; he is a shrewd campaigner, amphibious, ambidextrous and omnivorous, and he is cutting some figure in spite of the evident distrust of his judgment and his subordination of means to ends.

Local progressives are rejoicing that Hawaii is represented with a vote at the Bull Moose convention. They are deserving of credit for their pioneer work in this respect, and it is entirely probable that A. L. C. Atkinson's trip to Chicago is responsible for the arrangement in which Alaska and the District of Columbia share the benefits.

While the political party leaders are wrestling over slogans that will catch the votes of the people, some people might adopt the following, which will catch the eye of the politician: "Tempora mutantur et nos mutamur in gillis", which, being interpreted, means "The people are now on the job and won't stand for shady political methods."

Back to the outrigger canoe if they don't like this strike pretty soon.

Colonel Roosevelt's platform looks like a picket fence.

Harmony in the cabinet is spelled with an axe.

Gov. Wilson will not take the stump this fall. There's not room for Taft and himself.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

ARTHUR McDUFFIE—It was ridiculous to say that my detectives had better follow footprints instead of fingerprints. Our detective bureau is second to none in the world.

JAMES JINX—It looks as if the water-wagon had fallen off the water-front instead of somebody having fallen off the water-wagon. To judge from the dust there, however, it may be both.

JOHNNY MARTIN—The people will never know the condition of the Ah Leong block until they visit it. You can read about it and hear about it, but you won't know the condition until you see it.

A. T. WISDOM—There has been much inquiry as to the new bulletin board which occupies a prominent place in the Y. M. C. A. lobby. Secretary Super brought it from San Francisco, where he found it in a Chinese second-hand store.

T. J. RYAN—"Soap Box" Barron did not start that ratification meeting, but I did. If we wait for the organized committees to do anything it will be pulled off about Christmas. I would suggest that some of our very respectable Democrats get a little soap-box steam into their respective systems.

WARREN H. COLSON—My study of stamps reaches back a number of years and has extended to every country on the globe, but I find especially interesting the history of the old Hawaiian stamps, of which I have gathered quite a collection. I shall show these together with rare American stamps at my lecture at Cooke Hall tomorrow evening.

BIG MORTARS

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weights are then marked plainly on the projectiles, which are carefully placed in position for quick handling. The rotating band which circles the base of the projectile is callipered to one-thousandth of an inch, and what is known as the bourrelet, the swell immediately behind the head, which grips the rifling, is carefully scraped and cleaned.

The "blending" of the powder is one of the most delicate and interesting operations, for no matter how carefully this is done originally, some of the powder dries out faster than other portions, under apparently the same conditions, and there are other variations in the same lot of ammunition. To make it as uniform as possible then, the powder is piled in a great heap, and ten men with wooden shovels divide it into ten equal piles. These ten piles are then re-mixed the operation of separation and mixture being known as a "cycle". Several cycles are required to assure the proper blend.

The charges are then weighed down to fractions of an ounce, sewed in bags, and tried out in the mortars, to be sure that they will go in smoothly when required. There have been instances when an entire target practice has been thrown out because it was found that the powder bags did not fit.

The target itself is a small pyramidal one, to be towed 400 yards behind the navy tug Navajo, which has been loaned by Admiral Cowles for the purpose. Any splash coming within a 50-yard radius of the target is considered a hit, the fall of the projectile being taken by the splash.

For some time past the tug James Makee has been towing targets across the zones of mortar fire to give the men in the station practice at tracking its course. Such calibre practice has been finished, and the gunners are now worked up to a state of keen anticipation for the supreme test of the year.

Monday the firing will be in the innermost zone, from 3,500 yards to 4,500 range. Wednesday the target will be towed at from 7,500 to 8,500 yards. On each day's practice there will be four trial shots, and ten record shots fired. The record shots are fired at one-minute intervals, from alternate pits, every mortar being fired once except the No. 1 mortar of each pit, which will be fired twice. The first shot is the only one on which time can be saved, being allowable to fire as soon as possible after the umpire gives the command to commence firing, but after the first shot the others must be at regular intervals of one minute.

Lieutenant Colonel Campbell, adjutant general, is to be the umpire, and as such is responsible for the safety of the firing. Major Timberlake, commanding the coast artillery district, has his command in a high state of "ficiency, and good results are expected.

Last year there was some trouble with the target, which became entangled in the towing apparatus, and the record practice was up to the best standards. Everyone at Fort Ruger is anxious to make the coming shooting as nearly perfect as possible.

CAMP JOYS ON MAUI

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence) WAILUKU, Aug. 6.—The slopes of Haleiaka are most popular as a summer resort this year. More people from Honolulu and Maui are visiting the delightful resorts than ever before.

The family of W. O. Aiken has been occupying its house at Idlewild since the middle of July. F. E. Harvey has his family in the same region, and goes back and forth over the Olinda road every day to his work for the government. Mrs. D. B. Murdoch is at the Olinda house, and Mr. Murdoch gets up usually for over Sunday. Mrs. Arthur C. Alexander and two of her sons, with some ten or twelve boys, are breaking camp at a point just above Olinda this week.

They have had a splendid two weeks' outing. At the James' B. Castle place several of the Kamehameha teachers have been enjoying a vacation. Miss Ida M. Pope, with her sister, has now left for a tour around Hawaii. Mrs. Jonathan Shaw of Honolulu camped with Mrs. Alexander for a few days, and then both ladies went to the Olinda house to be with Mrs. Murdoch. Miss Ida G. MacDonald and several friends spend the month of August at the Castle mountain house. At the Pookela parsonage, in Makawao, Rev. and Mrs. Collins G. Burnham of Lahaina are spending the month of August. Rev. Dr. John F. Cowan spent two days at the Kulu-manu home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cooke, where the family of Rev. R. B. Dodge is spending the months of July and August. Mr. Dodge has so far been able to spend a few days in Kula, but expects to have the last week in August.

PERSONALITIES

GEORGE ANGUS of Kewala street was among the returning Shriners last week.

MRS. ARNOLD and child, of Lunalilo street, are leaving shortly for San Francisco.

KARL VAN HARLINGEN left for the Coast yesterday evening on the Lurline. He intends to go into business at Prince Rupert, B. C.

MRS. THEODORE LANSING, who has been spending some time on the other side of the island, has returned to her home on Lunalilo street.

MISS GOOCH, one of the popular young Latin teachers of the Pasadena High School, who has spent several pleasant weeks at the Moana, is leaving August 10 for the Coast.

DR. AND MRS. MORRIS E. GROSSMAN, two children and maid, returned yesterday on the Wilhelmina from a three months' pleasant visit with Mrs. Grossman's mother, Mrs. Shepherd in Chicago.

MISS NOBLE of San Francisco who has been in the islands for several weeks, greatly enjoying her vacation, is spending some time on Kauai this month previous to returning to the coast.

J. B. McSWANSON left on the Lurline last evening for San Francisco. Mr. McSwanson will go into business on the Pacific Coast and has resigned his position as advertising representative of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

THE HONOLULU STAR-BULLETIN

When two good newspapers like the Star and Bulletin combine, something exceptionally good is expected. And these expectations have been fulfilled. By leaps and bounds the Star-Bulletin is pressing to the front as the leading newspaper in Honolulu and all Hawaii.—Maui News.

CORNER IN SILVER MADE IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY, India, June 25.—Some interesting information has been furnished to the Times of India by Churnilal Surya, the leading spirit in the Bombay silver group, with regard to corner in silver made by the latter.

The group, it appears, was formed a year and a half ago, some 30 persons being concerned in it, and investments were made to the extent of 20,000,000 reits, 20,000,000 reits more being afterwards available. Twenty million reits of stock were disposed of gradually, and the remainder was sold quite recently, the profit on the whole transaction, after paying interest, being no less than 2,500,000 reits.

The stock disposed of is now distributed among about 100 stockholders, and according to Churnilal Surya, all the loans in Bombay on silver have now been paid off, the effect being that the shares of the Indian Specie Bank have risen from 52 to 65.

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