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Thou must be lord and master of thine own actions, and not be a slave or a hireling.—Thomas a Kempis.

THE SPIRIT OF THE INVESTIGATION

"The public is welcome."
That is the spirit in which there began today Secretary Fisher's investigation of the charges that Delegate Kuhio has made against Governor Frear. At the outset of the investigation, Mr. Fisher gave evidence that he regards this issue as eminently a public matter, to be settled fairly and squarely before the people of Hawaii. And with this announcement Hawaii may have perfect confidence in the sincerity of the probe.

Of this morning's hearing, little can be said, for it but skimmed the surface of the matter. That Secretary Fisher is establishing certain fundamental facts on which to advance, his own mind clear as to what he wants, is evident. His questions this morning turned largely upon the possibility of handling Hawaii's lands in small tracts and by small individual holders. He is getting at the root of the present industrial system. His purpose, as he stated frankly in the beginning, is to find out what the chief executive of this commonwealth should be able to do toward progressive administration, and then to ascertain if the chief executive has been rightly using his office and his powers.

The investigation has been begun in an admirable spirit. It starts on an even keel. And that is the quickest and surest way for Secretary Fisher to get the results at which he aims,—an impartial estimate of Hawaii and what Gov. Frear has been doing.

From this hearing and the manner in which it is carried on, the people of Hawaii may gain an invaluable education, for it involves the whole territorial policy, particularly with relation to the land laws and their administration. The Hawaiians may learn very much of the greatest importance to the future of this territory, and the publicity to be given Secretary Fisher's procedure furnishes an unparalleled opportunity for securing a broad survey of Hawaii's pressing public questions.

A JOKER IN THE CAMPAIGN DECK

Campaign speeches, both of the common or garden variety and the spread-eagle kind, may be seriously interfered with by the recent discovery of a "joker" in the laws relating to campaign expense publicity. Attention has been drawn to this joker to the great alarm of some 200 members of the House of Representatives, who were calculating on indulgence in stump-oratory to their heart's content.

The provision in the bill which many members of Congress are supposed not to understand fully requires that the four itemized campaign expense accounts required under the latest federal publicity law have to be sworn to in the district in which the representative is a candidate or in the state in which the senator is a candidate. However, if Congress is in session, the affidavit may be made in Washington.

If a silver-tongued representative from a western state is pleading the political cause of the presidential candidate in the far east somewhere about ten days before election next November, he will have to board a train and take a transcontinental journey for the simple sake of swearing to a list of expenses. At that time, Congress not being in session, he is required by law to make the affidavit in his own district.

The federal publicity law was passed only last year. It requires that political campaign committees in the states shall file in the clerk's office at the House of Representatives not more than fifteen days and not less than ten days before election day an itemized statement of campaign expenses, and on the sixth day after election a supplemental detailed statement shall be filed.

It further requires that every candidate for nomination at the primaries or for election shall not less than ten nor more than fifteen days before the election file with the clerk of the House of Representatives an itemized statement of campaign expenses; and then, not less than ten nor more than fifteen days after election, a supplemental expense list must be fixed. That would be a very easy thing to do by mail if it were not for this little joker:

"Every statement herein required by law shall be verified by the oath or affirmation of the candidate, taken before an officer authorized to administer the laws of the state in which he is a candidate for representative, or the state in which he is a candidate for senator in the Congress of the United States." This is followed by

the provision which allows a congressman to make the affidavit in Washington if Congress is in session. However, Congress will probably not be in session in November. Hence the fear that many orators will have to leave the stump hurriedly and go home.

JUDICIAL REFORM

America's lawyers should be curbed and America's trial judges given enlarged powers.

Such are the conclusions of Judge J. D. Lawson, of St. Louis, a noted member of the American bar. A statement made by Judge Lawson in London has attracted wide attention both in Europe and this country, because of its fearless advocacy of a change in American court procedure. It was made as a result of an inspection of French courts.

Appeals, he contends, ought only be granted on the grounds of a miscarriage of justice and not on the present technical rules of procedure. The Judge will recommend these reforms both for the association and the Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology.

What he saw in France convinces him as to what he saw in England two years ago, that the great difference between European and American procedure is the part played by lawyers in the United States, where they are practically everything. In France the lawyers are almost eliminated. They only address the jury; they do not cross-examine the witnesses. The judge does that. If, when the judge has finished, the lawyer for the defence thinks that some points have not been covered he asks the judge to put such a question to the witness.

Judge Lawson went on to say that while the French system was adverse to the Anglo-Saxon ideas in many respects there was a good point, such as an endeavor to ignore technicalities and get at the truth. Under the present French system, he said, it is practically impossible for the guilty to escape, while at the same time numerous safeguards are thrown about the innocent. He continued:

"What struck me was the rapidity with which the cases were conducted. I sat on the bench during a sensational murder trial which in the United States would have lasted for weeks. It was that of a woman who was charged with murdering her husband. The case opened at noon. I had an appointment at 4 o'clock, yet the case was heard, the verdict rendered and the prisoner sentenced and I arrived to keep my appointment half an hour ahead of time. I must say the verdict was fair and the sentence just."

"There was one instance of how French methods result in the production of the truth. There was a dispute between two women in regard to a certain conversation. The judge simply placed them side by side and said: 'There is a dispute; which of you is telling the truth?' Then he let the women argue the point. At the end of a few minutes he said 'That's enough,' and the jury were able to make up their minds as to which was the truthful witness, because being unhampered by technicalities the women simply acted human and the truth came out. I think our system is too technical; there is too great anxiety to prevent anything relevant but possibly inadmissible getting before the jury. Yet these irrelevancies might help the jury really and justly to decide. I also believe that with us it has become not so much a matter of getting justice as a contest of ability between lawyers. Each wishes to win irrespective of the guilt or innocence of his client."

Though an excitable Canadian member of parliament declares that Germany and Great Britain are now in a state of war, there's not even a ruffle of excitement about it in the Pacific ocean.

Those who hope for peace on the Rapid Transit paving question may rely upon it that there will be no peace while the board is dominated by such men as Murray and his fidus Achates with the Ingersoll movement.

Well, if the Nicaraguan revolution fades away and that Havana mix-up turns out insignificantly and the Mexican attack on Americans peppers out, we can always get up a political scrap.

Four thousand horses near Topeka have fallen victims to a strange disease. Probably jealousy of the Kansas Bull Moose.

Honolulu's Four Hundred may hereafter be referred to as Twenty.

Secretary Fisher seems to be a disciple of the new "direct action."

In Wales, they are beating up their troublesome suffragettes.

PERSONALITIES

MISS ALBERTA WHOLLY left for the Coast on the Logan last Thursday. She will visit with friends on the Coast for several weeks.

JAMES B. SHAND, carpenter on Ewa plantation, left on the Ventura last night for a visit of indefinite length to Scotland, his native land. Mr. Shand has lived in these islands a long time, and his "brithers" of the Scottish Thistle Club and many other friends will wish him a good time and a safe return.

NEW DISPENSARY NEAR COMPLETION

The new dispensary for Palama Settlement is being rushed to completion and will be finished and ready for occupation sometime next week. The settlement has been without a dispensary for almost six weeks, and on account of the increased amount of work now being done, work on the new building was rushed so that it might come into use as soon as possible.

The settlement dispensary in the Funchow district has been sold and plans are now on foot for a new one, which will probably be located on the grounds of the Royal School providing the school authorities will donate the small piece of ground which they have promised.

J. E. Rath, head of the settlement work is now busy with the anti-tuberculosis campaign and has written for a large number of Red Cross Christmas seals to be sold here, the proceeds of which will go into the campaign.

It has also been planned to put on a series of lectures in six of the public schools on personal hygiene during the coming winter.

THE COMING HILO TRADE CONFERENCE

Among the subjects to be discussed at the commercial conference called by the Hilo board of trade, to meet in that town the latter part of this month, are the following:

1. The fundamental principles underlying civic progress.
2. Revision and amendment of the statutes relating to local self-government.
3. An improved system of highway administration and finance for the Island of Hawaii.
4. Promotion work and tourist traffic.
5. Hawaii and the 1915 Panama Exposition.
6. Future of the Islands in relation to the Panama Canal.
7. Economic and political aspects of municipal government in Hawaii.

Delegates from the Honolulu commercial bodies will be as follows: Chamber of Commerce—F. L. Waldron, chairman; A. Gartley and C. C. von Hamm.

Merchants Association—P. A. Swift, chairman; Ed. Towse and G. F. Bush. Besides these as many of the business men of Honolulu as can be induced to go will attend the conference. The Hilo people will provide a scheme of entertainment, including a trip to the volcano and an inspection of the railroad extension. Mr. Swift is quoted as saying: "Should this convention prove successful, as I hope it will, similar conventions will be held at Wailuku, Maui, 1912; Kapa, 1914; Honolulu, 1915—the year of the San Francisco exposition."

DULL SATURDAY ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Although Oahu is exceeded by Omea in number of sales recorded on today's stock exchange sheet, it was the only thing touched on the board. The price remains 28 for 10 shares in recess and 10, 20 and 10 on the board. Ewa is steady at 31.25 for 20, 30 and 5 shares. Omea has one sale unchanged at 59.50 for 10 shares, but 100 sold a quarter point below that figure.

Sales of stocks and bonds for this week, Monday having been a holiday, amounted to \$103,557.

HIGH SCHOOL FALL TERM BEGINS MONDAY

The McKinley High School will begin the fall term on Monday, September 16. Two new teachers have been added to the force to accommodate the new students who will enter from the grammar schools. The entering class will be a large one, running up into the hundreds. The building formerly used by the College of Hawaii as a library will be utilized by the High School as a class room.

Many a theatrical advance agent makes a show of himself.

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- KINAIU STREET—3-Bedroom Furnished House 50
- MAKIKI STREET—2-Bedroom Cottage, furnished 55
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- YOUNG STREET—2-Bedroom Cottage 35
- MAKIKI STREET—3-Bedroom House 40

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CONGRESS MAKES PROVISION FOR HAWAII STATION

By C. S. ALBERT
(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 27.—Provision is made for the establishment of an agricultural experiment station in Hawaii in the budget recently signed by President Taft. The sum of \$30,000 is allowed. This amount must cover the erection of buildings, the preparation, illustration and distribution of reports and bulletins, and all other necessary expenses. The secretary of agriculture is authorized to sell such products as are obtained on the land belonging to the agricultural experiment station in Hawaii, and to apply the money received from the sale of such products to the maintenance of said station. An appropriation of \$15,000 was made for an experiment station on the Island of Guam.

MAUI NOTES

A small Portuguese boy with a little girl beside him drove down the lao Valley road a few days ago. His wagon was loaded with bananas, and in trying to turn the corner into High street, he ran his horse straight into the People's Store at the corner. The crashing of the glass, which could be heard a long distance away, attracted a big crowd. The window was completely demolished, even the heavy iron bars being bent out of shape. The children escaped uninjured, but the horse was badly cut up.

A serious fire has been burning above Olinda for the last few weeks. It started probably from the carelessness of the laborers in throwing matches or cigarettes into the grass, which up to two weeks ago has been like so much tinder on the whole of the mountain side. Fully three hundred acres have been burned over. Worth O. Aiken's Idlewild home was in great danger of being totally destroyed, but was saved. The fire worked its way into old stumps and dry mountain moss, so that the smoke from some of the holes in the ground could be seen for weeks after the fire was apparently all out. Fires last a long time on the mountain side. The heavy rains of the Makawao side of Haleakala usually put out the fires quickly, but in the Kula region a fire has been known to last for two months, and sometimes longer. The fire holes are very deceptive, and frequently a bullock is lost in one.

The Women's Aid Society of the Wailuku Union church gave a delightful picnic to the children of the Sunday school last Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Leslie West. A large number of the children of the school were present, and had a most enjoyable time, playing all kinds of children's games. The mothers and visitors who were present entered into the fun and were children once again. The prizes were won by the little people, however, as most of the games were for them. Mrs. George W. Wilbur, in the potato race for ladies, won the first prize. Lucy Makai won the potato race for girls. The contest was close, and the four best in four separate games fought for the final prize. The refreshments were delicious and were prepared by the members of the society.

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