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The best piece of good fortune which can come to one is opportunity for intimacy with a leader, in whatever line of life he may be engaged.—Edward Everett Hale.

"VOTES FOR WOMEN" BROUGHT TO HAWAII

Honolulu women,—men, too, for the matter of that,—will be deeply interested in the presence here today and the lecture tonight at the opera house of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, perhaps the best-known of America's equal suffrage leaders. Mrs. Catt is a noted platform speaker and campaigning for "votes for women" is with her a life-work. She has a message in which every citizen will be interested.

Woman's suffrage is just beginning to arouse the people of this territory. It has, in one short year, become a live political issue. Both the Republican and Democratic parties are endorsing it in platform and stump utterances. Congress will be asked to accord Hawaii a chance to say whether or not the women of Hawaii shall be given the ballot.

Mrs. Catt's visit here is particularly timely, and those who foresee the early agitation of equal suffrage here by a territory-wide organization should attend the lecture tonight,—it is a free lecture, by the way,—and hear something of the latest phases of the movement that has swept the states of Washington and California into the equal suffrage fold within the past two years, and will doubtless sweep many others in the next half-decade.

ROOSEVELT NOT HURT BY INVESTIGATION

In spite of all the unpleasant disclosures attendant upon the campaign-fund investigation at Washington, Col. Roosevelt personally seems to have come out of the ordeal remarkably well. The inquirers were not able to fasten upon him the onus of knowing that the very trusts he was fighting were contributing to his re-election fund through Cortelyou, Bliss and the other cogs in the national machine. Whether Roosevelt did or did not know the truth will probably never be fully known, for the committee is not likely to get any further than it is now.

The Washington correspondent of the Star-Bulletin writes this paper as follows:

"Many people believed that Col. Roosevelt would be much injured by disclosures before the Senate committee investigating campaign contributions. On the contrary, the Colonel appeared on the witness stand, and for nearly five hours related his connection with his own election in 1904 and that of Mr. Taft in 1908. Not once did he fall into a trap or make any statements that might be construed to his discredit. He seemingly told a straight, plain tale of past events and did not lose his temper. He had the appearance of being willing to tell all he knew and assist the committee in every possible manner. He was much helped by William Loeb, Jr., now collector of customs at New York, but for seven years secretary to Col. Roosevelt while in the White House. Mr. Loeb prompted the Colonel throughout the ordeal and then took the stand and corroborated all his former chief had submitted in evidence."

PROMOTION WORK FOR MAUI

The Promotion committee is wisely turning its attention to Maui and beginning an organized effort to exploit the many charms of the Valley Isle. There is only one Kilauea, it is true, but there is also only one Haleakala, and the sorcery in the ever-burning fires of the former does not detract from the splendid scenic beauties of the latter.

Hawaii's tourist traffic has reached such respectable proportions that it should be catered to as systematically and as expertly as the sugar planters' experiment station caters to the fancies of highly productive cane. The time is passing when tourists will be ready to go home after an auto tour around Oahu, a swim at Waikiki, and a visit to the aquarium, topped off with the trip to the volcano. Every island of the four largest of the group has great natural attractions. As the tourist traffic develops, the Inter-Island steamship company can well afford to make its schedules include all the islands in tourist trips.

But the activity of the Promotion committee depends directly upon the financial support given it. The Star-Bulletin believes that the committee spends its funds wisely and conservatively in the main and should receive a great

deal more money than it does. If it is to advertise the other islands extensively, if it is to branch out into new fields for moving-picture and lecture material, it must be given the funds to do the work.

Already there are rumors of an attack on the committee in the next legislature. Senatorial candidates on Hawaii are said to be pledged against any appropriation for the committee in the next legislature, the alleged reason for the attack being that one of the committee's main-land lecturers and publicity agents has in the past made slighting references to Hawaiians.

Regardless of the truth of this allegation, regardless of what has happened in the past, any curtailment of the Promotion committee's funds will be exceedingly short-sighted, and the legislators from Hawaii particularly should not allow a grievance of this kind to interfere with the bigger, the greater work that is being done for all the territory through promotion sources. Hawaii simply cannot afford, as a matter of dollars and cents as well as a matter of internal peace, to cherish the quarrels of the past and hold the bitterness of the past as a bar to the advertising of these islands.

Mani's promotion work is well started. Certainly it is evident that the legislators from the Valley Isle cannot afford to side with Hawaii's senators in any attack on the Promotion committee.

CUBAN TROUBLES

Cuba's internal troubles are apparently approaching a crisis as the elections of next month draw near, and the United States finds itself seriously concerned in what may be another revolution unless the elections go to suit the Taft administration,—for there seems no doubt that Washington is favoring the Conservatives against the Liberals.

Gen. Mario Menocal, Conservative candidate for president against Gomez, now president, is getting the active support of the Americans in Cuba, even those in official life. The Washington Herald, closely in touch with the Taft policies, goes so far as to declare editorially that the Cuban administration has been warned that a perpetuation of the corrupt regime founded upon the August revolution will not be tolerated.

For three years and a half the Liberals have turned the government revenues to their own ends, which bear every indication of extreme corruptness. Now it appears that the Liberals will bring on another revolution and intervention by the United States rather than allow the Conservatives to get into power on an honest administration platform.

Commenting on the situation, the Washington Herald says:

Convinced of the futility of his appeals to the Cuban authorities Gen. Menocal, over the head of President Gomez, has laid his complaint of unfair treatment toward his party before Acting American Minister Gibson, who informed Washington of the situation which threatens to make the elections a farce. The Conservatives are angered to the danger point, and will not submit to coercive interference in the electoral campaign.

For the benefit of those of our readers to whom it is not clear why Gen. Menocal, and not Gomez, should be persona grata with our state department, let it suffice to state that the former is, so it is reported, willing and prepared to turn over to the United States the collecting of the revenues at the Cuban custom-houses, thus furthering the American government's so-called "Dawsonizing" policy, providing he is elected president of Cuba. As to Gomez, who may be willing enough to do the same for us, he is handicapped by his party, its leaders, and his advisers, wherefore, under present conditions, he can be of no help to carry out the policy of our state department.

Getting hold of the custom-houses of Cuba, of course, would eliminate all chances of speedy annexation of the Pearl of the Antilles, but it would go a long way toward a peaceful ruling and supremacy over the Latin-American republics, doing away with those ever-recurring difficulties between them and European countries or with the United States (for claims due its citizens) and thus—in a manner at least—carrying out the Monroe doctrine. That such action anyway would despoil our little sister republics of their independency is quite another matter.

The New York Herald's test ballots show Roosevelt is gaining, with Wilson so far in the lead that there is little hope of catching him, and Taft a close third. The tests mean much or little, according to which candidate you favor.

Healthy sport is prospering in Hawaii. The Oahu baseball league is closing a successful season, and the opening of the football season last Saturday was auspicious.

With fervent young couples eloping in aeroplanes, we shall have to add a corps of aviators to our reportorial staff.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

FIRE INSURANCE RATES.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir:—A few days ago an article in a San Francisco paper told how, by the aid of Mayor Rolph of that city, the Merchants' Association and the Chamber of Commerce, fire insurance rates were beaten down in that city, a reduction of some 20 per cent. being accomplished. This again reminds us of Honolulu's excessive rates. Just think of it! 7 and 8 per cent. is charged in Chinatown on buildings not fire proof and on the merchandise in the buildings, goods that can be removed in case of fire, and to a certain extent generally are. Do you hear of our mayor fighting for a reduction in rates? Is our Merchants' Association, or the Chamber of Commerce losing any sleep over these burdensome rates—rates so excessive that businessmen cannot afford to insure for half value, or, in cases, not at all? Not much! The membership of both these associations here are in the business. They get the premiums. There is scarcely a large concern in Honolulu that does not represent some large insurance company. It is our own people that fix and maintain these high rates. Our large importers sell goods to the Chinese trade (and to others) and then insure the stock, or both stock of goods and the building! At the high rate charged, the buyer can afford to insure for only a limited amount. In many instances (as in a case that came under my observation a few days since) the merchant insures for only half the value of the goods in stock. The high rates charged (8 per cent.) prevents more insurance, with the result often of the losses falling partly on the creditor, in case of the entire destruction of the goods and property.

Now, Mr. Editor, I claim that rates here, as elsewhere, should be based on the risk. The future must be judged by the past. There have been no big fires in this city in many, many years; in fact, only one in twenty-four or twenty-five years, and that was caused by the government. If no fires, then why these high rates, so high that they preclude protection? If no fires of any consequence in a quarter of a century, why rates so high that a clear profit of A HALF-MILLION DOLLARS is made by the insurance companies annually, as government statistics show? At a reduction of 25 per cent. more insurance would result, with greater profit, probably, as the danger of fires would not increase. Let rates come down. Let our mayor get busy and do what the mayor in San Francisco accomplished. Nothing said, nothing done. Where do our candidates for mayor of this city stand on this very important question? There are many Chinese voters, and they are asking the question. There is no justification for present burdensome rates. They prevent a man from getting fire protection, and also too often cause a loss to his creditors. How is it, Mr. Parker? The government gets \$10 taxes on \$1000 worth of property in the city. The insurance companies get \$80 for the same property per annum in many instances.

INQUIRER.

WHISKEY THAT DID IT.

Honolulu, Oct. 27, 1912.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir:—My only excuse for sending this communication is that it may provide a little food for thought.

Conboy drifted into Frisco along in the eighties; he brought with him a rich Irish brogue and a magnificent physique. Weight 195 pounds, 5 feet 11 inches, comprised part of the description entered opposite his name when he was appointed an officer on the police force. Absolutely honest and fearless, with the sunny nature of a child, we all soon learned to love him—loved him for his quaint Irish brogue, for the straight, manly way he had of looking you in the eye when addressing you for the queer stories he told around the station stove—stories of the "ould" country, of the Ban-shee cry and the death-wail. Loved him because to him the "ould" country was Ireland, and Ireland meant home; and home was a little humble cot, where a white-haired woman stood in the doorway at eve shading her eyes with her hand, looking longingly down a narrow road for her returning boy. Conboy was by nature a peace guardian; he never forgot a face. At a glance he would read what was behind it like an open book. Quick and impulsive, charitable to a fault,—such is the Conboy I shall ever remember. His promotion was slow. First a sergeant, then a lieutenant, and at last the coveted position as captain of police.

And then the fatal day of the tragedy, when, at the end of a drunken carouse, he slipped, falling to the floor; a friendly hand reached to assist him to arise. Crazed by drink, he fired the shot which ended a life, and for which crime he is serving seven years in a California state prison.

'Twas in the small hours of the following morning when I entered the

cell where, crouching on the edge of a cot, sat Conboy. Convulsively, he raised his eyes to mine as I approached him. Placing both hands behind his back, as I stood with outstretched hand, he said, "No, Charley, my hand is not for the likes of you, and with a piteous look in his streaming eyes, exclaimed, "Charley, you know I didn't do it. I couldn't do it. It was the whisky that did it! Whisky that did it!"

Two years and more have passed since that dreary morning and oftentimes I have asked myself the question, Was that crime committed by Conboy? By Conboy, the great, noble-hearted, generous creature? By Conboy, whom I have seen shed tears as he tenderly carried the bruised body of a street gammon to the patrol wagon! By Conboy, the fatherly adviser of many a wayward youth and maid! By Conboy, the pacifier of many a family brawl; by Conboy, who would not harm a single living creature in his sober moments!

Or was it as he said, "Charley, I didn't do it. It was whisky that did it!"

Yours truly,
CHARLES REYNOLDS.

HE URGES CARE IN CHOOSING A HUSBAND

"Choosing a Husband" was the subject of the second of a series of sermons given by Rev. Robert E. Smith of the Methodist Episcopal Church last night. These sermons have created considerable interest and a large gathering was present to hear the discourse on this important factor of life. Choosing as his text "The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband"—Ruth 1:3; he spoke, in part, as follows:

"Only a few days ago a friend said to me that he could not understand what I could get out of this subject, inasmuch as the women had no choice whatever. But this is a mistake. True, a woman does not have an active choice, but she can choose to refuse any man who is not worthy of her. In other words, her own destiny is in her own hands. Man may choose, but she can refuse. Man may propose but she may dispose.

"It is not as necessary in these days for a woman to marry as it was in the olden days. There are many avenues of support open for a woman which were closed to her only a quarter of a century ago. She has now penetrated most of the professions, trades, arts and industries. She has discovered that she can do almost everything that a man can do and do it well. Wise parents of the present generation are recognizing the duty of preparing their daughters to earn their daily bread. Every girl should learn to do something well in order that they should not regard it necessary to get married merely for a living.

"In my sermon on 'Choosing a Wife' I emphasized the prime importance of a man studying a woman very carefully whom he proposes to marry. It is equally important that a woman should study a man very carefully before consenting to marry him. There are too many women who are too easily satisfied with the characters of the men who offer themselves in marriage. With them it is not a question of 'the man,' but simply 'a man.' The only perquisites which some women seem to desire in a husband is that he wears man's clothes, has a man's name, is willing to smile coquettishly, and propose. Some women who would not think of engaging a servant without making a careful investigation and insisting upon good recommendations will accept men as husbands without any investigations or recommendations.

"If physical health is highly essential to a successful marriage, what shall I say to moral health. Above all things, God pity the girl who marries a moral leper. He may have a prepossessing appearance and be dressed in the latest fashion, while his thoughts are lewd, his ideals sordid, his tastes vitiated, his heart rotten. If I were a girl I should prefer to marry a rattle snake, because I would have hope of deliverance by a speedy death. Many a woman is enduring a living death with a moral leper. There would be many less unhappy marriages if all good girls would only have courage enough to refuse to keep company with any man who is not morally and physically clean.

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