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Success is not only the goal that you do, but also the evil that you hinder.—Anon.

A LAST WORD

A last word on decorations. If Honolulu's residences all bore the national colors, what a difference in the appearance of the city for the Floral Parade! Every flag that goes up means one more effort to help make the carnival a success. Officials and committees cannot do it all. They need the help of a strong public spirit.

And a last word on decorated autos also. It is not too late now to bedeck your car in flags and enter it in the parade. It may not take a prize, it may not be as elaborately designed as some of the entries, but its presence in the procession will show that you are doing your part.

A GOOD DECISION

Director-general Charles F. Chillingworth's decision not to reserve auto locations on Alexander Field for the Floral Parade review tomorrow is to be heartily commended.

Past Floral Parade committees have had a good deal of trouble with this matter. There is room for only fifty autos in the parking section above the field and there are 1100 autos in Honolulu. Each year the demand for one of those fifty locations has been increasing, and each year the autoists who are unluckily too late to get tickets feel that there is discrimination against them.

Director Chillingworth announces that no cars will be allowed on the field, that the space formerly occupied by cars will be used to furnish additional standing and seating facilities for spectators, and that the entire field is now to be thrown open to the general public, no admission fee being charged. Autos may be parked in Punahou grounds or outside the Manoa entrance to the field, from both of which places it is less than a minute's walk to the field itself.

There will be some criticism of the director-general from auto-owners who feel that they should be favored, but considering the general public, the decision is a mighty good one. With space for fifty machines only, no plan for giving every auto-owner an equal chance at locations could be evolved, and it is far better to keep all the cars outside and give the general public—the thousands of people who have no autos—the best possible chance to see the afternoon review.

DEEPER THAN MERRYMAKING

The Floral Parades with which Hawaii makes merry each year are not all done in the spirit of carnival. The occasion is a patriotic one, the birthday of the Father of His Country, and Hawaii's wonderfully cosmopolitan population commemorates a nation's milestone quite as much as a territory's chief holiday.

The participation of the military is a feature of unusual interest and significance. More than three thousand men will be in line tomorrow morning, marching to the stirring music that has kept time to martial feet on many a national birthday and in many a country and clime. It is gratifying to a very unusual degree that one is able to record complete harmony and cooperation between the military authorities and the Floral Parade officials.

Tomorrow morning many hundreds of Honolulu's school children will salute the flag that is their flag, whether they are of Hawaiian, Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese, Filipino, British, French, Spanish blood,—whether their ancestors landed with the Pilgrim Fathers on a "stern and rock-bound coast" seven thousand miles to the eastward, or whether their ancestors toiled obscurely in the tilled fields of the Orient. The flag of the United States is now their flag; its colors are bright and untarnished for them; its guarantee of freedom is a guarantee of their freedom.

To the true American the significance of Washington's birthday does not grow old. And here in Hawaii the emphasis on gayety and merrymaking does not detract from the deep and glowing pride of country that is the American's pride.

KEEP THE COLLECTION HERE

The legislature of 1913 will have brought to its attention many claims for appropriations for private purposes. Not a session passes without half a dozen schemes bobbing up to spend the public money for the benefit of some private individual. Yet occasionally public and private in-

terest join hands, and the Star-Bulletin wishes to point out one of these cases.

J. J. Williams, the veteran photographer, has a set of pictures of Hawaiian monarchs, twenty-six in number, together with some 150 negatives and prints. The whole constitutes a collection that literally cannot be duplicated. It is not a matter of money. Mr. Williams has in several cases the only pictures extant of certain Hawaiian monarchs.

Within the past year private galleries have sought to purchase from him the entire collection. This paper is informed that from Wisconsin there came a handsome offer but that the photographer prefers to give the territory of Hawaii first chance. He believes rightly that the pictures ought to be of more value to Hawaii than to any other county, state or city.

There will be a bill introduced in the legislature appropriating something like \$4,000 to purchase the pictures. This paper does not know whether the price is an adequate one or not; certainly it does not seem unfair. Mr. Williams believes he could get quite as much elsewhere, and he has spent several thousand dollars in making the collection and paying insurance upon his priceless possessions. The legislature ought to make an effort to keep the collection in Hawaii, to hang either in the capitol or in some of the schools. A committee should secure some expert advice on the value of the portraits and draft its appropriation bill accordingly. This is an appropriation that will serve public interest while repaying an individual for private efforts.

"RATIONAL TARIFF REVISION"

"Rational tariff revision" is handled in an interesting and forceful way by Amos K. Fiske, the noted economist, in the February issue of the North American Review. Some of Mr. Fiske's utterances on the subject are acute. He says:

Notwithstanding all the confusion wrought by agitation over other "progressive" issues, ranging from moderate to extreme radical proposals, and the unwonted and undemocratic devotion to the personal claims of candidates, the question of tariff revision became an influential factor in the last election. The question was more nearly ripe for a rational decision than at any time in fifty years. All parties were ready to acknowledge the abuses that have grown up under the tariff during that period and the need of a remedy.

The problem is one of today and not of a generation ago or a generation to come, and its solution must have due regard to existing conditions. The contest is along the line of the old division between a fundamental policy of a tariff for revenue only and a tariff with protection of American industries against foreign competition as a primary object.

The question is what should and can be done in a sensible and practical way in the revision of the tariff. There will be a wide difference of opinion between those who still cherish the belief that there is advantage to the people of the country in maintaining industries on a basis of artificial cost and high prices, by shielding their products from competition with foreign products of the same kind in the home market, and those who believe this policy to be a disadvantage. With the former, so far as they have no personal interest to serve, it will be difficult to undo the teaching of two or three generations. So far as they have such interest and are honestly convinced that what benefits them is a general benefit, they cannot be persuaded. For the people as a whole it would be a substantial advantage to adjust the tariff upon a basis which would yield the needed revenue at the least cost for collection, with the least interference with the natural course of industry and trade in the country, and with the smallest restriction upon commerce with other nations.

The question of auto-racing for tomorrow's sports at Kapiolani park has been settled in the negative by the grim negative of Death. The accident to a racing driver yesterday might have been at Kapiolani park before the eyes of five thousand people instead of on a quiet country road. Had it been the former, the fate of auto-racing would have been decided for some time. As it is, daredevil and foolhardy contests on the track will probably continue.

Honolulu's suffragettes are not of the militant type, else they would be either breaking up or marching in the Floral Parade tomorrow.

Speaking of this morning's pageant, it is well worth doing again next year and on a much bigger scale.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

[The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space to anonymous communications.]

CONTROL THE AUTOS

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Sir—While it would not be proper to comment on the case which so unfortunately was the cause of the controversy, while it is under investigation at least, you certainly express the feelings of many persons when you urge a change in the laws governing automobiles. It is apparent to anyone

who has occasion to ride on our street cars the danger to passengers getting on or off from passing automobiles. It's a wonder there are not serious accidents every day. Our streets are too narrow to permit "flying" autos to pass streetcars when passengers are alighting, and autos should be required by law to use that caution so many fail to use without law. And the law should apply to motorcycles, too. I have seen a "racing" motorcycle pass a car, when passengers were alighting, that would have knocked a person fifty feet had he been hit. I have seen riders use utter recklessness in this respect. In fact, the writer came within an inch of his life this way at one time. By all means it is time to make the law more strict. X. Y. Z.

'FIRST AID CAR' DEATH COMES AS TO CARRY GAS AND OIL HAWAIIAN LABORS

This is certainly "automobile week" in Honolulu. With the big automobile parade on Washington's birthday every year, interest naturally centers in the automobiles themselves, and the showing which the different machines make. It is a great opportunity for the general public to get a general idea of the different makes and styles of cars, and also to see the ease with which most of the cars are handled.

Automobile dealers have of course a vital interest in this wonderful pageant of cars, and it is a well known fact that the dealers in Honolulu are always ready and willing to contribute liberally towards the success of the Floral Parade.

The Hawaiian Islands are of course too far from the mainland to ever have an automobile show, such as is held in all the big cities on the mainland each year, but the Floral Parade has taken the place of these shows, inasmuch as the highest and best types of cars, as well as some of the smaller cars are all on exhibition, and the course taken by the parade is long enough to permit of a splendid opportunity to compare the various automobiles.

One of the many contributions which the von Hamm-Young Co. will make this year will be the donation of one of their Model 40 Buick cars to be used as a "First Aid" car. During previous Floral Parades there have been slight accidents and frequent delays owing to the lack of water, shortage of gasoline, or oil, or small punctures which have caused a great deal of inconvenience. This year, this big "hospital car," which will be in charge of Mr. Frank Shaner, the foreman of the von Hamm-Young Co. garage will be driven up and down the course of the parade ready to render any assistance that may be required.

The "First Aid" car will have a large barrel of water, plenty of oil, gasoline, etc., to help any of the entries who may be in trouble.

COMIC CASE OF POISONING

Threatening to take salve for his wounded spirits instead of for a sore finger—in other words to swallow it as a poison—David Pio alarmed his wife this morning. Sensible woman that she was she called his bluff—likewise called the police—and David had a joy ride in the patrol wagon to the station.

After he had been cooling in a thermos compartment about an hour, Dr. Emerson paid him a visit. Pio told the doctor he had bought the salve at a Japanese store on River street, but the information was not material inasmuch as he further said that he had not swallowed any of it. This, however, contradicted his wife's statement. A small sample of the stuff was sticking to the bottom of a battered tin box secured by the police as "exhibit A" in the case. It was totally odorless and Dr. Emerson did not think it would have hurt the would-be suicide much had he eaten it.

David's desperate resolve was uttered after a period of quarreling with his wife, he having returned home last night tanked up tensely with square-face.

I read it in the Star-Bulletin. It must be so.

Henry Mehoain, an aged Hawaiian in the employ of the city and county, was stricken with heart failure at a quarter before eight o'clock this morning while working on Beretana avenue between Makiki and Punahou streets, dying a few moments later.

According to the story told by his fellow workmen, Wehaolu came to work as usual this morning laughing and talking with the men and seemed to be in good spirits. He and another workman were engaged in shoveling dirt into a wagon, when Mehoain was heard to suddenly cry out. He stood upright for a moment and then fell forward on his face. The workmen rushed to his side and by the time they had taken him over to the curb and laid him on the grass, he was dead. The workmen say that as they were carrying him over to the curb, he pressed his hand to his heart and muttered "auwe." His body was removed by the police ambulance shortly after eight o'clock. He has been in the employ of the county for a long time. He is survived by a wife and son.

HONOLULU WOMAN ENTERS THE LISTS AGAINST SUFFRAGE

Mrs. A. B. Arleigh of Honolulu, contributes a poem to the anti-suffragette side of the Sunday New York Herald's suffrage letter contest. It is in the issue of January 26 and reads as follows:

WHEN SALLY ANN TURNED SUFFRAGETTE My mother was a good housewife, She gave us all her life; The baby was a darling dear And never shed a tear. Our Bobby was a model lad And made his teacher glad. Our home was cheery all the day, For mother liked our play.

But a suffragette got mother's ear And stuffed it full of fear That life is not a daily song And women's votes must right the wrong. Then mother joined a suffrage club That shouted freedom from the tub, And often went away from home And left us kids to roam.

Now daddy is a patient man And never raised the sand. He helped us kids to fix the grub And bathed the baby in the tub. But while he was down town at work From duty we did shrink; We never thought of aught but play And let poor baby squall all day.

The house became a sight to see; We called it our menagerie. Now daddy is no slick fur coat, But such things got his goat. He says hen he came hom at dark, "If mwother will not quit this lark I'll have to quit my job And care for you and Bob."

Then off he went to a lawyer hold And all things to him told— "Now two it takes a home to make, And neither can his duty shake; One down town must work all day, One at home must surely stay. Sally Ann her choice may take, She may earn or she may bake."

Then daddy quit his job all right; He worked at home for morn till night. When mother saw the deed so bold I know her feet grew very cold; The suffrage chaff flew to the wind. We looked at dad and grinned And shouted "Suffragette, Suffragette!"

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ALEXANDER HOUSE IS SCENE OF MUSICAL

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence] WAILUKU, Maui, Feb. 19.—Last Saturday afternoon at the Alexander House in Wailuku a delightful musical was enjoyed by a large number of ladies who were invited through the local papers to attend. Mrs. Louise Chisholm Jones spoke

informally about the life of Charles Gounod, the famous French composer, dwelling particularly on his two best works, "Faust," and "Romeo and Juliet." Mrs. Jones also sang from these selections, thus more fully interpreting the spirit of the great composer. Miss Mary E. Hoffman played from Gounod, and accompanied Mrs. Jones. After the musical, refreshments were served. The afternoon was most enjoyable.

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