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It is a truly good man who desires always to hear the inspection of good men.—La Rochefoucauld.

TRADE PROMOTION WANTED

Hawaii's direct trade with foreign countries is an important subject to study. Although it has been gaining for some years, its growth is not satisfactory in some respects. An adverse balance of trade with foreign countries of nearly six million dollars, as occurred last year, is too large and can only be reduced by gaining a greater share of foreign markets for Hawaiian products. That substantial progress is being made, however, is indicated by the vastly larger ratio of increase in exports of domestic products, for last year, than that of increase in imports in our direct foreign trade. These exports gained 85.80 per cent over those of 1912, against a gain of 14.83 per cent in the imports. Nevertheless, the exhibits furnished below indicate a magnitude of adverse balances in the cases of many countries which it should be the earnest endeavor of marketing enterprise to reduce.

Making the countries of northern Europe, the southern Pacific and parts of the Orient, it does not appear that so many of them should increase their sales to Hawaii in the large measure shown without, at the same time, buying correspondingly more of what Hawaii produces.

For improving the conditions shown, the game is largely in the hands of Hawaiian producers. It is a case of pushing their goods wherever there is a possibility of extending the demand for them. This is perhaps one of the most inviting lines of effort for Hawaii to secure advantage from the development of world circling commerce through the Panama canal. All that can be learned of the marketing science of other countries should be brought into play for Hawaiian foreign trade achievement. The figures here presented are worthy of profound study.

Imports to Hawaii direct from foreign countries for 1913 showing an increase over the previous year were as follows, values of less than five figures being omitted:

Country.	Value.	Increase.
Japan	\$2,741,099	\$ 66,942
East Indies	933,615	298,162
Germany	665,708	334,641
United Kingdom	663,775	57,940
British Oceania	588,070	194,624
Hongkong	398,741	45,592
Philippines	127,798	11,691
China	31,865	27,434
France	18,447	108
Netherlands	12,700	6,689

Foreign imports showing decreases from 1912 were as follows, with countries sending amounts less than five figures omitted:

Country.	Value.	Decrease.
Chile	\$613,291	\$69,030
French Oceania	25,810	31,553
Canada	22,339	4,235
Belgium	12,861	49,455

Exports of domestic merchandise from Hawaii direct to foreign countries, excluding amounts less than five figures, showing increases in 1913 were as follows:

Country.	Value.	Increase.
Philippines	\$623,063	\$550,804
Germany	119,489	14,127
Canada	66,475	8,832
Netherlands	12,424	5,964
British Oceania	20,376	8,526

In the case of British Oceania, New Zealand took \$542 against \$589 the year before; Australia and Tasmania, \$10,538 against \$8079, and other British, \$9296 against \$3182.

Balances of trade adverse to Hawaii are derived from the foregoing tables as follows:

Country.	Adverse bal.
Japan	\$2,705,888
Germany	546,219
United Kingdom	596,458
British Oceania	576,990
China	20,085
Hongkong	391,390
Chile	613,291
East Indies	932,415

Canada yields a favorable balance of \$14,136 to Hawaii; France, \$5432, and the Philippines, \$495,265.

The position of Mr. McCann in the Thieden divorce case does not measure up to the standard of dignity which the people generally expect to be maintained by the representative of the people in the affairs of the Federal courts. This is

the plain fact of the case and we feel that Mr. McCann more than anyone else regrets having become tangled in the affair at all. And the basis of the whole trouble is the participation in private practice of the United States District Attorney. It will be recalled that other public prosecutors have been criticized for taking up certain private cases, although it is recognized at the same time that the salaries paid such positions are hardly sufficient to allow a man to refrain entirely from accepting private retainers. This paper has not learned the custom of the mainland, but it does know the attitude of this community on this subject. And it is such as to make the course of the prosecuting attorney a rather difficult one to steer; it calls for careful judgment, freedom from selfishness, calm determination and probably financial sacrifices.

Selection of ex-Senator Palmer P. Woods for the office of United States Marshal is a happy recognition of the popular "lone Democrat" of former years and through him of the Hawaiian-American citizens. Let us hope that this action bespeaks an early elimination of petty differences in Democratic dealings with Washington departments and speedy settlement of the appointments that have been held in abeyance for many, many months. We believe that protests have gone out of style in Washington.

Our Oakland friend, Mr. Lavenson, has the right idea of Honolulu and the islands generally. His statements to his home people prove how valuable it is for Hawaii to make friends. If this is true in our relations with visitors, why should not the same principle work out in our dealings with our fellow citizens. Why not try to make more friends, instead of occupying time calling the other fellow names.

That little war in Colorado comes at an inopportune time. It should serve, however, to emphasize the necessity of national and nationwide measures for the settlement of labor disputes. Strikes, even the most peaceably fought out, no matter which side wins, are a fearful drain upon the means of labor, the resources of capital and the wealth of the country.

It is worth while for our citizens to consider seriously how much more value would be gained from eight hundred thousand dollars invested in the promotion of Hawaii, than the same amount "salted" in a Mexican rubber and coffee plantation, handed over to an unknown to run.

Come on with Pineapple Day, and then Rubber Day, and Coffee Day, and Sisal Day, and Willow-basket Day. Honolulu ought to have a diversified industries exhibition every day. No bigger attraction to one particular class of tourists could be devised.

Evidently the big republics of South America feel that government by revolution is past history with them, when they deem it their appropriate function to mediate in the troubles of Mexico. They ought to be able to tell how they got out of the woods.

Citizens holding definite opinions on the frontage tax question should be prepared to present them at the approaching massmeeting. Upon the adoption of a workable policy depends the success of the laws.

Greater effort, Greater unity, Greater enthusiasm, Greater scope, Greater future—all these things are implied in the Greater Honolulu Chamber of Commerce.

The Mid-Pacific Carnival may not yet be a world's fair, as has been sneeringly insinuated, but to make it such is worth trying. Let's shoot our arrow at the sun.

Remember that tomorrow afternoon is the date you should set apart for attending the first meeting of the Greater Honolulu Chamber of Commerce.

Judge Wilder has probably found that he struck Washington in a bad time to give him a hearing on the troubles of the Democracy in Hawaii.

Whoever is going to be president of the Board of Health, he ought to be a good mosquito-masher and fly-swatter.

Huerta denies he intends to leave Mexico. Perhaps he is aware of difficulties against getting away.

Vilfa is such an innocent chap these days.

Letters ON TIMELY TOPICS

The Star-Bulletin carries this and other timely topics in its columns. It is a privilege to be able to discuss subjects of public interest. Communications are especially invited, and will be published if they are timely and pertinent to the subjects discussed.

OHM'S LAW APPLIED.

Honolulu, T. H., April 28, 1914.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: In the report in Washington Post "The cause of the high cost of living is that too many people are neglecting domestic economy to practice political economy" would suggest that the application of Ohm's law, "the little rule of three" be applied to the proposition.

Politics must in order to be just, take into consideration every degree of the human race.

When a man goes out to get work he takes with him three potent factors, electro-motive force, resistance and current. If he does not muster up enough electro-motive force to overcome his resistance he fails to raise the current necessary for his life-ration.

This man is a fundamental unit of the whole business. He must use the world of the world will use him. The idea is to use the world economically.

Very well! In order to do this he has set up a democratic government in America. His machinery has become more complex every minute. He plainly realizes that the instant he abandons the individual he severs connection with his battery and all work ceases.

What do you say?

Let the capitalists of industry think for him!

There can be no electrical current without a circuit of electrical energy.

All right. This volt thus resistance in every centimeter of its circuit. His magnetic field must be increased in order to generate the required electro-motive force to overcome these ohms of resistance with a surplus of current sufficient to maintain the circuit.

What does he do? Who, he cuts a few more lines of force, enlarges his magnetic field enough so as to overcome all impedances, whatever. And, incidentally, all opposing lines of force, rotten conductors, electrolysis in pipes, trouble falls before the troubling ether of this mighty radio!

Ignorance in any conglomeration of philosophical influences will not excuse them.

He lays his hand firmly upon the button, with the speed of light, space is cognized a million of miles.

Who dares—who so bold as to attempt to checkmate this power?

Such is the influence of our democracy because it is the individual himself.

Let those who, like the hermit crab find themselves snug retreats, beware of the fact that the democratic ether is all-pervasive. Solids are no barriers to its pulsations.

And, also let those who conceive themselves possessed of some new-fangled idea in government and order—union or anarchy, socialism or monarchy—realize that their lives are but the infinitesimal ergs that constitute the watt they represent.

In the mean time all order and energy of this realm will continue to pay unmitigated, homage to its centrifugal power at Washington.

EJIGE L. KIRK.

1st Class Pvt. Signal Corps, U. S. A.

are very much cheaper to operate and maintain than the heavy ones, and this is the chief economy consideration.

—"CUPID" BARREWE: I think I got taken in recently by an ancient Chinaman who came around for a marriage license on behalf of his son. He had a big red automobile waiting, and I allowed myself to be persuaded to accompany him away out into the suburbs, where I issued a license to a happy couple. I had expected that my time would be considered worth a little, but all I got for the loss of about two hours, was my dollar fee. Then instead of the big red automobile, I was sent back to town in a rickety hack with a spavined horse. I'll be wile to this marriage game sometime—maybe.

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Observer points out how Hawaii has been a focus for conflicting forces in the Pacific for generations. Spanish galleons on their voyages from Mexico to the Philippines in the fifteen hundreds knew the islands. Toward the end of the eighteenth century Capt. Vancouver of the British royal navy pronounced the archipelago a British protectorate.

In the 1830's—and this point is one which most Americans don't know—the United States and France came nearly to war over French claims upon the islands. A vivid picture of the war excitement of those days is given in "Two Years Before the Mast," when the ship on which Dana was sailing along the California coast expected from moment to moment to be attacked by a French man of war.

Then there was the revolution against Queen Liliuokalani, with the aid of the American marines, under the administration of President Harrison. But shortly afterwards President Cleveland made one of the undoubted mistakes of his administration when he sent Commissioner Blount to the islands to hand down the American flag.

In 1897, a new treaty, to provide for the annexation of Hawaii to the United States, was signed. "Against this treaty," says Observer, "the Japanese government promptly protested on the grounds, first, that the good understanding of the Pacific powers necessitated the independence of Hawaii; second, that the rights of the Japanese in Hawaii would be endangered; and, third, that it would mean the postponement of the settlement of the Japanese claims against Hawaii."

1897 was three years before the Japanese had dispatched their expedition and seven years before their

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—MAYOR FERN: My late appointment, the janitor of the municipal building, did not turn out very well.

—JOHN W. CALDWELL: I am anxious to see the supervisors prepare for the transfer of the water and sewer works.

—SIDNEY R. JORDAN: It's a great relief to get away from town for a few hours and go fishing on the other side of Diamond Head. They're biting great at Black Point.

—SPENCER BOWEN: There seems to be no decrease in the ranks of Honolulu's unemployed. Yesterday the Associated Charities office was in receipt of more than 150 calls.

—RUFUS W. ROBINSON: The new Polk-Husted directory of the Territory will be out this year somewhat earlier than usual. Part of it is already on the press, and we hope to have it ready for delivery by June 1.

—EMIL A. BERNDT: From all indications we are to have three lean years in the pineapple business, the first of which has begun. The crop next year will be bigger than this, and still bigger for 1916. It is the heaviest blow that has yet been dealt to small farming.

—ACTING MARSHAL HARRY HOLT: We are exceedingly disappointed in the marshal's office at present, but I do not feel justified in appointing another deputy, since the regular appointment to the marshalship may be made any day in Washington, which would let the new man out.

—A. T. LONGLEY: The business of the Territorial Marketing Division continues to grow. It will amount to over \$500 for this month against \$400 for March. Our correspondence is getting heavy—40 to 50 letters per day—and besides our selling business, we are now being called upon to make many purchases for farmers throughout the territory.

—R. W. BRICKONS: The Republican party is lining up in fine shape for the coming campaign in Hawaii, and we shall make a clean sweep this fall. Word from the outside dispatches indicates that we have strong candidates for all offices. According to my last advices the Democrats have 98 different factions clashing in fine shape. I haven't heard since Saturday, but there are possibly several more by this time.

—GEORGE WELLS: Hard times is what sells cheap automobiles. It is really surprising how many people in Honolulu have sold or laid up their big cars and purchased light runabouts or touring cars of the gentler class. It isn't altogether the lower original cost, but the light machines

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If Hawaii were free now and the United States tried to annex it, Japan would probably go to war with us before consenting.

There is a lesson from this. Chicago must be made impregnable.—Chicago Tribune.

Georg Rodiek was appointed guardian of the property of Hans Pfothenhauer and Francis Pfothenhauer this morning by Judge Whitney. His final accounts as administrator with the will annexed in the estate of William Pfothenhauer were approved by the court, and he was discharged as such administrator.

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