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Friends—those relations that one makes for one's self.—Deschamps.

THE McCARN INDICTMENTS

Indictments have now been found against United States District Attorney McCarn by the territorial grand jury and the federal grand jury.

In the latter case the investigation was carried on before the jury by a special assistant attorney-general, Alexander Lindsay, Jr., appointed by the department of justice in Washington.

The character and standing of the members of both grand juries must dispose of any claims of unfairness, prejudice or partiality, just as the thoroughness of their investigations must dispose of any claims of snap judgment or undue haste.

The charges now officially lodged against the district attorney should be disposed of by trial before court with all possible speed. The district attorney should not be prejudged but it is impossible not to recognize that with these indictments against him, his usefulness as an officer of the law, as a guardian of public order and welfare, is suspended. Such a condition cannot be permitted to continue. The public interest is paramount. The impediments in the path of federal court business must be cleared away. If the district attorney is well advised he himself will insist on a speedy trial.

THEY MUST WAIT FOR THE PLATFORM

Voters and residents of Honolulu anxious to see constructive efficiency in city government will neither admire nor appreciate the stand taken by two candidates for mayor who declined to present their views upon a courteous invitation from the Honolulu Ad Club.

The Ad Club is not a partisan organization. So far as the club goes, it cares not a snap whether the next mayor is a Republican, Democrat, Home Ruler, Progressive, Lahui or an Etcetera.

But it does care about the kind and character of the administration this city is going to get. As stated yesterday when the speakers were introduced, the mayoralty is to a great extent a matter of community advertising. An inefficient, reactionary, lazy, ignorant mayor will give the kind of administration that is unwelcome advertising; an efficient, progressive, intelligent, forceful mayor will give the kind of administration that is good advertising.

On this basis the Ad Club asked prospective candidates for mayor to come before it and state some of their views. There was no restriction placed on what they should say; they were given absolute freedom of utterance; they were not asked to talk as politicians or as party men, but as good citizens addressing other good citizens on matters of mutual and vital public interest.

Mayor Fern and John C. Lane each declined the opportunity, and each gave the same reason—that his party platform has not yet been announced.

The excuse was not only wholly inadequate, but it gives a curiously significant line on the standpoint of these men with regard to public service. Their explanations will be taken as evidence that they are unable to detach themselves from the comparatively few policies enunciated in party platforms. It will be taken as evidence—unless they change their tactics and change speedily—that they lack initiative, independent judgment.

How ridiculous for Mayor Fern, after his repeated terms of office, first as a supervisor and then as the city's executive, to state that he is

unable to announce any policies or views until the Democratic platform is announced!

For nearly two years the frontage-tax law has been on the statute-books. Local improvement under these laws is one of the most important subjects before Honolulu today. And it has been before Honolulu for nearly two years.

And yet Mayor Fern doesn't feel himself called upon to express any views on this subject because the Democratic platform hasn't been announced. So with other subjects. Any candidate of ordinary intelligence should have at least one or two thoughts and be courageous enough to express them.

But the city's major sidesteps.

John Wanamaker says organized labor in the past has suffered from poor leaders. That's true—and so, more than occasionally, has organized capital. Each has developed leaders too drunk with power to observe law or restraint. Labor's worst offense has been the denial of the right to labor to a man not affiliated with the union organization. Capital's worst offense has been the denial of the right to labor to a man who is affiliated with the union organization.

The movement to secure a "citizen-labor" clause on all federal work in Hawaii should not be undertaken without mature and broad-minded consideration of all the points involved. And prominent among these points is the fact that an international question of extreme delicacy is likely to be raised. Is Hawaii, the country that invited Japanese immigration, in a position to meet that question? Will private business do that which Uncle Sam is being asked to do?

The establishment of a national leprosarium is being urged by American medical authorities, and the movement to place the leprosarium on Molokai is being seriously discussed in Congress. Whether the bill will pass at this session or not, Hawaii's protest should be prompt and unanimous.

Postmaster William F. Young was elected to Ad Club membership yesterday to the accompaniment of three cheers. The new federal official has gone to work quietly, vigorously and effectively.

S. P. Correa, who is a candidate for the senate from Oahu, has served several terms in the house and was one of the most valued members of the Republican delegation.

Mayor Fern says the newspapers twist his speeches until he talks like a Chinaman. We are glad to discover just what he really does talk like.

Someone suggests that the need in Mexico is for a quick head, but to most of us it looks as if it's more advantageous to have quick feet.

It isn't strange that the Progressives here call their precinct leaders "captains," when the Army of the Righteous is led by a Colonel.

Now is the time when the politicians prepare for a "whirlwind campaign"—with the accent on the last syllable of each word.

Ecuador is on the verge of another revolution. Will the United States act as policeman there, too?

Mexico would seem to offer possibilities for Democratic office-seekers anxious for posts.

Well, it took a Shingle to start the federal building!

ARMORY DARK; THAYER BLAMES PROMINENT CIT.

W. W. Thayer, secretary of territory, has a "bone to pick" with one of Maui's prominent citizens, as a result of the obvious effort that was made to keep the Lahaina armory dark on the night when campaign speeches on the \$119,000 bond issue were to be made there last week.

A large crowd had come to town, says Mr. Thayer, to hear the speeches, which were advertised to be given in the armory. But when the speakers appeared the place was dark, except for a little light twinkling through the cracks at the side of the building. Mr. Thayer entered, found a captain instructing a couple of National Guardsmen.

asked the secretary. "Because—because we haven't got paid for the last meeting. We've got a bill against the governor and he hasn't paid it."

Mr. Thayer was a little surprised, and when he pressed him for more information on the bill against the governor, the captain abandoned that defense and adopted some other vague, unsupported one. He finally said the armory was not opened because he hadn't received the required fee for its use, which is about \$10 a night.

Mr. Thayer threw down the \$10, demanded the place be opened, and the meeting was held.

All this does not show clearly where Maui's prominent citizen is involved, but the secretary of territory is convinced in his own mind that this man was really responsible and behind it all, wishing to make the meeting a failure, as he is a leader in the fight against the proposed bond issue.

The Neighbor—I hear you're going abroad. Well, remember when in Rome do as the Romans do. Hi Hardnut—Nobbe I will, but I ain't goin' to try to read by the light of one of them Roman candles.—Boston Globe.

OAHU STOCKHOLDERS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVE \$1,750,000 BOND ISSUE

Stockholders of Oahu Sugar Company, representing 177,000 of the 250,000 shares issued, were present at the meeting this morning in the Hackfeld building which was called to consider the new bond issue. Approval of the bonds was carried by unanimous vote of those in attendance. No other business was transacted.

As previously reported, the issue is of \$1,750,000 six per cent gold bonds, redeemable in ten and payable in 25 years. The proceeds will be applied to the refunding of \$809,000 of the company's bonds now outstanding, the repayment of advances of H. Hackfeld & Co. to the Wholesale Water Co. and the providing of funds for completion of the Waihole tunnel.

With the increased water resources of Oahu Sugar Co. from the tunnel it is expected to add 3000 acres of cane land to the plantation, bringing its annual sugar producing capacity up to 45,000 tons.

Letters OF 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 for anonymous communications.)

PROHIBITION—A LA BIBLICAL.

Wauseon, O., June 6.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir:—Note the letter of "Barleycorn," as also the many suggestive remedies for the estoppel of the drink traffic now running in the current number of "Everybody's Magazine." Indeed the secretary of our nation sets the example with the cordial of grape juice, while the brightest minds have repudiated its exhilarating influences as delusive and "serpent-tongued." Of this the wise man says: "At last it biteth like an adder and stingeth like a serpent."

However, it may be news to many of your readers to know that the first mention of fermentation in human history was in the case of Father Noah after the deluge, his condition being due to ignorance of the change of earth's atmosphere. Prior to that the patriarch freely drank of the vintage with good effect, but how different the result when the "fountains of the deep had broken!" Geology as well as the biblical record show that six rings enveloping the globe fell at certain periods forming the stratas of the planet, the last of which was composed wholly of water, hence the wisdom of the ark and the inundation world-wide. The sudden shift of the planet likewise caused the frigid temperature at the poles. The scriptural hope of the future is the return of the Edenic conditions by a process of re-creation as spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets since the world began. Of this we see faint gleams in the work of Mr. Luther Burbank and others, whose study of plant life fore-see the possibilities of Messiah's kingdom. For instance, this experimenter makes potatoes climb trees instead of growing in the ground, he makes the prickly cactus free from the spine and desirable for animal food. Again, he creates coreless fruits, wormless apples, etc. Indeed, the prophetic prospect is rich with the water-rushers and irrigable machinery which will restore the earth to paradisaic beauty and "fit" for the everlasting home of man as originally intended. Then the cause of fermentation will be entirely removed. Hops, barley, malt and the ingredients of strong drink will fall to waste as formerly and the law of the Almighty's empire will be enforced which reads: "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord who doeth all these things."

In conclusion we quote the poetic formulae of John Barleycorn. It echoes the sentiment of all sane interpreters. It reads: "Rot of barley, Rot of corn, There's where alcohol is born, Rotten malt, And rotten juices, Nothing else but rot produces!" Glad to send some interesting data upon inquiry.

Very respectfully,
JOSEPH GREIG,
Wauseon, O., Box 832.

JUDGE WHITNEY'S SPEECH.

Schofield Barracks, June 23, 1914.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir: I wish you would find room in your paper for this:
I have just read Judge William L. Whitney's speech in regard to the school boys of Honolulu. It is what I call a sermon. Oh, if I was only one of the school boys and could have listened to his speech! And to know he was talking to me! Once when I was a school boy Governor Wilson of Kentucky gave a lecture to the boys of Lincoln Institute, and it was almost as good as Judge Whitney's. It gave me great delight to read his speech, if I had just done what Mr. Wilson said, I would have been able to deliver a speech like Mr. Whitney's. I got army "dope" in my head and so I found myself a soldier. Little did I get out of what I learned at school; so I hope you boys of Honolulu will take what Judge Whitney has said and make the best of it. And don't go in the door that opens each way—what most boys do when they have finished in school. Mothers and fathers will find better work for their dear sons. If all boys would listen to mother it would make life much better.

Thanking you for the space in your paper,
LINOLD CHAPPELL,
E Company, 25th Infantry.

(The Star-Bulletin has received a letter from Fort Shafter, signed "Soldier," and dealing with police matters, which cannot be published because it bears no authenticated signature.)

VERY CURIOUS

Curious, isn't it?
That the States or Territories legislate; the liquor commissioners regulate; the public and private schools educate; while many of the people dissipate. Why not cut out the legislation and the regulation and let education lessen the dissipation.
JOHN POP-CORN,
Honolulu, T. H., June 22, 1914.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—D. KALAUKALANI, JR.: No one can say the supervisors don't meet enough. Looks like they meet every night.

—W. W. THAYER: The interest in the coming Maui plebiscite is growing constantly. A strong campaign is being made.

—JEFF McCARN: I have left my defense entirely in the hands of my attorneys. Whatever they do is agreeable to me.

—ALEXANDER LINDSAY, JR.: I suppose the grand jury is glad it has finished its work. It has been a long session for it.

—D. L. CONKLING: It looks like I am getting ready to start for Washington for the bond issue work. I may be off at any time.

—A. L. C. ATKINSON: Let the "best man" propaganda have full swing in September and November, and the friends of good government will have nothing to fear.

—JOEL COHEN: My campaign for the office of mayor of the city and county of Honolulu will be conducted in the open. It is not so much what you may say at a public meeting as it is to be able to impress people that you are capable of delivering the goods.

—JULIUS ASCH: I am willing to add another \$25 to the reward already offered for the recapture of R. J. Ritchie. The sum now offered is large enough to make it worth while for some one to try for it.

—CAPTAIN OF DETECTIVES McDUFFIE: A night patrol of the local Chinese and Japanese section of the city is having its effect in keeping the gambling fraternity from participating in any large games.

—W. R. FARRINGTON: This subject of employing Oriental labor on public work is bigger than appears at first sight. Here's an instance: Less than fifteen minutes after the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors yesterday afternoon, a man who rates his as one of the small houses of the city, came to my office and asked that the Chamber of Commerce take up the matter of the large citizen-firms parceling out their small jobs to Orientals in place of the citizen firms. He mentioned a concern—which I understand believes in citizen labor—that sent a piece of work in this man's particular line to a non-citizen Chinese shop. And this he claims has become a custom. What is the answer to that problem?

CONNIE MACK ON EFFICIENCY

"Connie Mack is probably the greatest baseball manager the national game has yet produced. During the past 13 seasons the Athletics, of which he is the manager, has won five American League pennants and three world's championships. McClure's Magazine for May has a story in which Mr. Mack talks about red liquor and the failure it has created in baseball history. Mack's games were won on a total abstinence basis. His players didn't drink. He has this to say about players who did drink:
"Who puts the ball player out of the game? You would naturally say 'the umpire' wouldn't you? Well, all the umpires together haven't put as many ball players out of the game as has Old Man Booze.
"Now, don't get off on the wrong foot. Boozing is not common among the high-grade ballplayers. It was common 20 years ago; but today it is rare in the majors—boozing. Keep in mind, though, that steady 'moderate'—drinking gets a ball player in the end just as sure as boozing. Alcohol slows a man down inevitably, and slowing down is the reason for

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