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About the rarest thing in American public life is real moral courage.—New York World.

RICE GAINING IN STRENGTH

Senator Charles A. Rice undoubtedly has been making material gains during the past week in his race for the delegateship. There is no evidence that Kuhio has gained anything and the week ends with the Rice prospects brighter than they have been at any time since he announced his candidacy.

The most significant thing is that on Hawaii, where Kuhio's supporters have been claiming a big majority, there is a much stronger movement for Rice than has been realized.

On Oahu the situation is indecisive. The campaign here has not been fully opened. The chances are that the reports from the other islands, showing unexpected support for Rice, will start on Oahu what may develop into a landslide for the senator.

McCandless is now figured a poor third on Hawaii. On Oahu the big independent vote that went to him two years ago because it was disgusted with Kuhio is now almost entirely in favor of Rice. It is the vote that believes in Rice as clean, energetic, progressive, and devoted to the interests of the territory, and able to represent the territory in Washington.

THE GRAND JURY "GOT RESULTS"

Circuit Judge Robinson's criticism of the territorial grand jury for its investigation of local saloon ownership conditions will heighten rather than lessen the general public feeling that the grand jury performed a useful function in its recent probe and detailed report.

Judge Robinson says: "The grand jury cannot concern itself with the establishing of private rights nor the redressing of private wrongs and I trust that no further investigations of this character will be indulged in by the grand jury."

"Any subsequent investigation similar to that referred to in the report you allude to will be considered in contempt of this court and summarily punished as such. In taking up such private subjects the members of the grand jury not only waste their time but squander public money."

The judge's criticism is one that arouses in the mind of the layman a question whether the grand jury should be prohibited from taking a view of its duties broad enough to warrant probing not only known breaches of the criminal law but matters possibly inimical to public welfare.

The subject was not merely that of "establishing private rights nor redressing private wrongs." It involved law and order in this community—whether the license commission's regulations were being laughed at and defied by a ring of saloon men; whether saloon licenses were being bought and sold and held in fraud and trickery. And there was the further question if a gross cheat had been committed. These are larger matters than private rights or private wrongs—at least to the layman they loom larger.

It may be pertinently asked, how is a grand jury to know if a certain action violates the criminal law unless investigation is made of it? How was this grand jury to know that the criminal law had not been violated, except by investigation?

And it is also pertinent further to ask, Accepting Judge Robinson's view of the jurisdiction of the grand jury, what right have previous grand juries had to look into the administration of the police department, the conduct of the county jail, the operation of the insane asylum, the executive workings of the fire department? What right has a previous grand jury had to look into the city attorney's department, the condition of public schools, and a dozen other public departments and divisions?

The right these juries exerted must have been the right to inquire into matters concerning the public welfare from a broad viewpoint.

The grand jury report on the saloon ownership conditions ventilated a matter that needed ventilation very badly. There seemed no other

way to get at the truth. The grand jury probe got it!

Judge Robinson regards the investigation of the grand jury as a waste of time and of public funds. There will be no quarrel with a laudable regard to hold the grand jury to its proper line of duty, but it cannot be denied that public sentiment—which knows little or nothing of the technicalities of the law—will feel that the jury has gone into a matter of vital public interest at this time and that its labors have achieved wholesome results.

TRYING TO STOP THE AUTO-FIENDS

The expected complaint is coming from auto-owners and drivers that the police are persecuting them in making arrests for trifling infractions of the traffic rules.

There is some truth in the complaints, but not enough to deprive the police of public sentiment in the attempt of the department to put an end to the depredations of the chronic speed-fiends. It is true trifling breaches of the law are resulting in arrest, that a number of "prominent citizens" have been hailed to the police station, that mere boys who have cut corners on their bicycles have been taken in the police net. It is also true that many instances of dangerous speeding go unpunished.

This is all part of the police campaign, and so far as the campaign has gone, it seems to be refreshingly "on the square." Sheriff Rose is living up to his reputation for playing no favorites when it comes to enforcing the traffic ordinance. Under former regimes at the police station, offenders who had a "pull" or who could bluff the officers in charge used to go scot-free, while the poor man, the obscure man, the Oriental, the helpless and friendless, would pay the full penalty. The Star-Bulletin's information, direct from the members of the police force, is that the sheriff is treating all alike. His orders are for the motorcycle officers and others of the force to book every violator of the traffic rules.

It is inevitable that some slight infractions will be detected by officers who happen to be on the spot and some gross violations go undetected. The police force is not a large one. But the point is that Sheriff Rose and his men are trying to put an end to lawlessness in whatever degree manifested, whether it is on the part of a drunken, joy-riding driver or the "prominent citizen" who has an office on Fort street or Merchant street and who is simply careless in overstepping the speed limits.

Sheriff Rose and his men should be given public support in their efforts and that support should be shown first of all by the prosecuting and judicial officers before whom the offenders go for trial.

The first and last commandment in earth road maintenance is to keep the surface well drained. To insure good drainage the ditches should be kept open, all obstructions removed and a smooth crown maintained. Except for very stony soil the road machine or scraper may be used very effectively for this work. The machine should be used once or twice a year and the work should be done when the soil is damp so that it will pack and bake into a hard crust. Wide and shallow side ditches should be maintained with sufficient fall and capacity to dispose of surface water. These ditches can in most places be constructed and repaired with a road machine.

Attorney Withington's summary of political conditions in the states is extremely interesting. It bears out the indications drifting here from time to time that the Progressive party without Col. Roosevelt is considerably less important than a rendition of "Hamlet" without the immortal Dane stalking the stage.

Has somebody hypnotized Charlie Frazier? He is reported as believing that the Progressive party in Hawaii is going to swamp both the Republicans and Democrats.

It is about time for someone to suggest that the X Y Z powers mediate in Europe.

Uneasy lies the head that wears a European crown.

ans and was very cordially received on the big island.

Making allowance for his natural feelings as the father of a candidate, he says that he is convinced Rice will get a very large vote among the young men of Hawaii and will carry hundreds who supported McCandless two years ago.

"Our trip was a pleasant one and we were very pleasantly received," he said this morning. "In a number of precincts it is certain that Charley will win with a good majority."

"I do not believe that Mr. McCandless will run better than third on Hawaii. In several places all of his vote will be cast for Rice this year. Notley will remain in the field and will hold his vote of two years ago with some exception and if he loses any it will be to Rice."

Supporting Rice. The Kohala Midget, discussing the political situation, says: "Our personal choice between the

Letters 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.)

CURBING THE SPEED-MANIACS IN ENGLAND

Honolulu, July 24, 1914. Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Sir: As the papers here are at least trying to stir up reform in many ways and making suggestions to deal with the "speed maniacs" and drunken "joy riders," amongst other plagues we suffer from, I just thought I would enclose a clipping I took from a Hull (England) newspaper which chanced to come my way. It is interesting to hear once in a while how some of the peoples we are so inclined to think so far behind ourselves, have ways of showing us "wrinkles" well worth copying at times. Of course my opinions are valueless as I am, A VOTELESS ONE.

DOCTOR SENT TO GAOL IN TOXICATED WHILE IN CHARGE OF A MOTOR CAR.

"Dr. Ramsay Sibbald was sent to prison for a month in the second division, without the option of a fine, at Liverpool yesterday, charged with drunkenness while in charge of a motor car.

"Counsel pleaded that the accused was overworked and was very much affected by the liquor, of which he had had very little.

"The Stipendiary said he could not differentiate between the accused and an ordinary taxi-driver. An educated man was even less worthy of consideration.

"Defendant's license was suspended for three months."

Republican candidates for the delegate's position is easily made. Rice is the man.

"Aside from the race issue Kuhio has little ground under his feet on which to claim the position. The argument that the office belongs to the Hawaiians is as flimsy as cheese cloth—it belongs to the man who represents all Hawaii. Because a man has the misfortune to have white blood and own property, he should not have slammed in his face the door of "representation without taxation" for which our colonial forefathers fought and bled."

The Maui News this week publishes the following news story:

"Even the most optimistic friends of Senator Charles A. Rice have been surprised at the strength he has been able to develop in his ten days campaigning trip in Hawaii county, the generally conceded stronghold of Kuhio. In the remaining districts of the big island he feels hopeful of polling a large vote also.

"Senator Rice's campaign manager on Hawaii is Governor Baker, who has been doing some effective organizing for his candidate. The senator has also had very material assistance from his father, Hon. W. H. Rice, who made a big hit with the big island Hawaiians through his mastery command of the Hawaiian language.

"In a seven days' tour through the Keolu, Keolu and Puna, Senator Rice made 20 addresses, and was the guest of honor at five luaus."

Editorially the Maui News says: "There shouldn't be any feeling in the delegate's matter—least of all race feeling, which some irresponsible would try to stir up. The only thing that should count with the citizens of this territory is efficiency. In short Hawaii should send to congress the most capable man she can find. Nothing else should have any weight. Nobody would dream of accusing the Hawaiians of not being efficient, but few who are honest with themselves can claim that Kuhio has shown even passing ability as a delegate during the past four years. The honor of the islands is at stake. Here in Hawaii we know Kuhio and can excuse his short comings. Back in Washington he must stand for the whole Hawaiian people. He has not been a credit to his race. To send him again to represent the territory would simply convince the mainland people that the Hawaiian people don't care for their own reputations.

"It is too bad that there is not a man of Hawaiian blood in the field that everybody would delight to support—a man who would not reflect discredit upon a race that has, time and again, shown itself to be capable of the highest type of accomplishment. But there is not. Those who might fill these requirements have for one reason or another been prevented from running. But this is sentiment at best, and it is not sentiment that should be considered in the pres-

ent matter. It is plain, hard business. It should be plainly a question of fitness between J. K. Kalaniana'ole and Charles A. Rice. Kalaniana'ole has demonstrated nothing but unfitness for the high place he holds. He is not a credit to Hawaii or to the Hawaiian people. On the other hand, Rice has made a record of accomplishment in both houses of the legislature, that should win him the confidence of every voter in the territory. He is a worker. He is a convincing talker, and best of all he has a way of getting what he sets out to get. He has not used his abilities to further his own personal ends, but the legislation which he has framed and engineered through the legislature, already stands as a monument to his honest endeavors on behalf of the whole territory. There isn't a doubt that Rice will be a man in Washington of whom every resident of Hawaii can be proud. Moreover, he is a native of Hawaii by birth, as were his parents before him. He has the traditions of the islands at heart, and probably no man from Kauai to Hawaii is better fitted in every way to reflect credit upon Hawaii and her people."

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Personal Mention

MR. AND MRS. LESLIE C. CLARK of Honolulu are guests at Hotel El Capitan today.—Merced, Cal., Sun.

LESLIE P. SCOTT, deputy attorney-general, returned to Honolulu in the steamer Mauna Kea this morning after a business trip to Waimea, Hawaii.

SENATOR JAMES L. COKE of the Hawaiian Territorial Assembly returned yesterday from Denver, Colo., where he has been attending the national convocation of Elks, and is at the Palace.—San Francisco Chronicle.

R. C. LYDECKER, librarian at the territorial archives, will leave for the mainland on the next Wilhelmina for a two months' visit. He is planning to visit Detroit, Washington, New York and other large eastern cities before returning to the islands.

REV. GEORGE WALLACE, an Episcopalian pastor formerly located in Honolulu, is expected to arrive here tomorrow in the Persia from Tokio, Japan, for a brief visit in this city. During his stay here he will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Schaefer at Rosebank.

WADE WARREN THAYER, secretary of the territory, leaves for Hilo on the Mauna Kea next Wednesday. He will attend the meeting of the Hawaii board of supervisors, at which time there will be a discussion of matters pertaining to the proposed widening of Front street at Hilo.

FRANK PLUMMER, of the Merchants Bank, will leave for Honolulu in a short time. For some months past Mr. Plummer has not been in the best of health, as a result of his close confinement in the banking institution. It is thought that rest and recreation, together with a sea trip, will prove beneficial. It is Mr. Plummer's intention to make the trip on a schooner leaving this port for the islands, and he will return on the same vessel. While the craft is discharging cargo, Mr. Plummer will put in the time visiting the many places of interest on the island.—Port Townsend Leader.

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the outboard passenger train on the Hilo-Paaulo railway line at Kawili Tuesday afternoon, but no one was seriously injured and the damage to the passenger engine and the flat cars was nominal, the latter not leaving the rails.

Yoshida, a young Japanese employed at the Hilo sugar mill, fell from the Wainaku cliff last Sunday morning, striking on the stones below and receiving a fracture of the skull from which he died at 9 o'clock that night. No one knows precisely how the affair occurred, though Deputy Sheriff Martin after an inquiry is convinced that it was accidental.

Word was received yesterday that Malcolm Argyle Franklin, the new federal customs collector at Honolulu, expects to arrive at Hilo Sunday on the U. S. revenue cutter Thetis. He may be accompanied by Judge A. S. Humphreys. Franklin is making a tour of all the ports in the islands, and probably will call at Mahukona, either en route to Hilo or on his return trip homeward.

Contractor George E. Marshall, accompanied by his sons, W. Marshall and G. B. Marshall, was among the passengers arriving on the Mauna Kea yesterday morning, and announces that he has come to stay awhile. Active preliminary work was begun Monday at Waipio for the construction of a 300-foot breakwater, by which Marshall says he expects to be able to navigate the rough water and work the Waipio quarry for at least a portion of the rock to be used in the Hilo breakwater.

The death of Mrs. John de Souza occurred at the family home in Hilo at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. She was a kamaaina of the islands, and was 65 years of age. She came to Hawaii 24 years ago and had resided at Hilo ever since. Besides the husband she leaves seven children, all married and all residing at Hilo. They are Manuel de Souza, Mrs. Maria Gaspar, Frank de Souza, Mrs. F. G. Serrao, Mrs. Virjino de Souza, Antonio Souza and Mrs. Gloria Quil. Thirty-five grandchildren and one great-grandchild survive her. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from the Catholic church.

[By Latest Mail] WASHINGTON.—A report of the department of agriculture reporting board estimated the condition of winter wheat July 1 to 94.1 per cent against 81.6 per cent July 1, 1913, and 80.2 for the 10-year average on July 1. Condition of spring wheat July 1 was estimated at 92.1 per cent, compare 1 with 73.8 per cent last year and 84.4 for the 10-year average.

Condition of corn July 1 was estimated at 85.3 per cent, against 85.9 per cent last year and 84.7 per cent for the 10-year average.

Acres of corn this year was 90.2 per cent of 1913, and estimated 105,067,000 acres.

The total 1914 production of winter wheat was estimated at 655,000,000 bushels, against 523,000,000 last year; spring wheat production was estimated at 275,000,000 bushels, against 240,000,000 bushels last year and the 1914 corn yield was estimated at 2,868,000,000.

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HILO NOTES

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]

HILO, July 31.—County Treasurer Swain announces this week that Hawaii county's indebtedness at least in the matter of registered warrants outstanding and unpaid, has been reduced to \$20,000.

This does not mean the commonwealth is within sight of the end of its strict economy program however, for it is understood there are outstanding bills for which warrants have not been authorized, which total an equal amount, while the bills for the current month and for the succeeding months will pile up the debt again. It is figured that a deficit of something like \$80,000 will be facing the county until toward the end of the year, when receipts will begin to reduce the debt materially.

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CAMPAIGNERS BACK FROM HAWAII SAY RICE WILL CARRY ISLAND

Believe McCandless Will Be a Poor Third—Hawaiians Welcome Visitors

"I am not a betting man, but if I were I would wager that Charles A. Rice gets a larger vote on the island of Hawaii than Kuhio."

This declaration from W. H. Rice, Sr., at the end of a tour of the big island, together with week-end reports that Rice's campaign for delegate is gaining unexpected strength on Maui and elsewhere, gladdened the Rice supporters immeasurably this morning

and heightened the confidence they save shown from the first.

Senator Rice and his father returned on the Mauna Kea this morning from the island of Hawaii, where they have been addressing voters for some time. Their own reports of a cordial reception and strong support there are confirmed by unbiased reports from other sources that came today. As a result, the politicians on Oahu are coming to believe that Kuhio's strength on Hawaii has been much overestimated.

W. H. Rice, Sr., is a veteran campaigner and popular with the Hawai-