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No man is born into the world whose work is not born with him; there is always work to do and tools to work withal for those who will, and blessed are the horny hands of toil. The busy world shoes angrily aside the man who stands with arms akimbo set until occasion tells him what to do. And he who waits to have his task marked out shall die and leave his errand unfulfilled.

—Anonymous.

THE FIGHT IS DESPERATE.

Let no Republican make a mistake—the Democrats of Oahu are not going to be tamely beaten.

Honolulu has never seen a more far-reaching and desperate attempt to swing an election than the Democratic managers are making in these closing weeks of the campaign. They are not only fighting desperately, they are fighting together and fighting with effect. They have systematized the misuse of road-funds to a fine point. They have brought the use of road-laborers and other municipal employees to a fine art. The road-funds are squandered to build up a huge body of city employees. The city employees are ordered here and there, massed and deployed, like soldiers on the battle-field. Democratic meetings are "packed" with paid runners and with municipal employees whose working-day is cut short so they may do politics and whose presence at the meetings is assured by orders from headquarters and a system of paid carfare and use of municipal autos. Republican meetings are broken up when possible; for instance, at Kalihi a night or two ago the Democrats sent free busses to the scene in an effort to get the audience to take a free ride to the Democratic meetings.

It is good campaigning—of a sort. The Republican party is spending practically no money—it has no money to spend and it has taken a pronounced stand against the lavish distribution of money simply to influence votes. It is campaigning on the real issues of the day. Its meetings have not been well attended, with few exceptions.

As a consequence of the tremendous effort that the Democrats are putting forth, by money, pressure and false promises they will undoubtedly influence some votes next Tuesday. Republicans should realize fully, and the big body of independents should realize fully, that this is not going to be a "Republican year" merely because people in a vague sort of way want the Republicans to win—that it takes personal voting on election day and that the only sure way to beat the Democrats is to wake up and work.

WHEN "BILLY" SUNDAY COMES.

Wherever "Billy" Sunday goes for his evangelistic campaigns the whole life of the community is instantly crystallized about the meetings and the moral and religious conditions of the town greatly stirred. For that reason, if for no weightier reasons, it is a superlative thing to have him come to a city as he is coming to Honolulu.

For example: Two weeks ago last Monday there were one hundred and sixteen cottage religious meetings held in Denver, all at the same hour. Consider what such a monopolization of interest as that means to Christianity in that place! The influence of such a tide cannot be dissipated.

Then shop meetings, meetings in the high schools, meetings for men, meetings for women, meetings here, there, yonder, in somewhat remote cities like Greeley and Boulder, and all concentrating on the night meeting in the vast tabernacle.

One of the wholesome, yes, one of the most necessary, things brought to the life of communities when Billy Sunday comes is the tremendous emphasis on the Christian life in practice; Christian morality in civic affairs, in politics, in home life, as well as in individual transformation, stand out in mountain peak prominence.

"Fall of Teutonia Seems Imminent." In other words, last month's prediction still holds good.

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IS JOE FERN "SAFE"?

It is not an unusual thing to hear among a group of men discussing the political situation this comment:

"Well, Joe Fern is honest and he is safe. I know what he will do if he gets back as mayor. He will be a curiosity, of course, but then he won't do any harm."

The political events of the last three weeks should have pretty thoroughly dispelled such an idea as this from the minds of voters who think for themselves and who know what is happening around the city hall nowadays.

Joe Fern is the backbone of the system that is now being put to the most desperate use to reelect the supervisors and the mayor. A good precinct campaigner, personally likable enough, shrewd in local politics, it has been Joe Fern who for years has exemplified the patronage system in municipal affairs. Fern is a very active and essential part of the present Democratic machine. His encouragement and aid has helped to "put over" the rotten system now being used on the roads to tie up 800 votes to the Democratic ticket. Fern's constant use of municipal autos for campaign purposes is only an indication of his general attitude that the mayor's office is to be used for petty, partisan politics.

Yes, Joe Fern is a good fellow, but the fact that he is not only deep in a profligate system of vote-getting but one of the mainsprings of that system ought to convince the voters that though Joe is personally honest, his misuse—and non-use—of the mayoralty does not make him a particularly "safe" man for mayor.

LANE'S STAND.

John C. Lane's declaration upon the frontage-tax, at a meeting of interested citizens—taxpayers—in Manoa last night constitutes a manly stand and one that will be generally appreciated in the Fourth district.

Lane declares himself ready to abide by the law passed by the legislature of 1913 and give the local improvement or so-called frontage-tax law a thorough trial in those sections of the city where the property-owners desire it tried. "I am standing squarely on the Republican platform and that is part of the platform," he said.

Honolulu cannot ask any more than a thorough trial of the local improvement system. Its advocates desire nothing more, for they are convinced that a thorough trial will bring it into general favor. And in saying that the system will be applied where the people wish it applied, Mr. Lane touched the very core of the matter. The basic principle of the local improvement plan is that before it becomes operative a petition signed by 60 per cent of the affected property-owners must be filed in favor of the project.

If this plan ever gets a fair trial in Honolulu, there need be little fear that some sections will have to pay for their improvements while some will help themselves from the general funds. All of the sections will be improved under the frontage-tax plan or not at all.

Lane's declaration on the eve of election required some backbone in view of the fierce and unprincipled fight that the Democrats are directing against any Republican candidate who says that he will help enforce the laws. If anything were needed to insure Lane's election his statement to the Manoa voters ought to do it.

Col. McCarthy's record in the county treasurer's office has seemed to give pretty general satisfaction. It is too bad that just at the close of his term his office should be mixed up in the desperate politics-playing of the board of supervisors.

The Sick Man of Europe is in another war. It has been Turkey's fate for five hundred years to be driven further and further out of the Continent. One more losing war is likely to cost her Constantinople.

Reelection of the present board of supervisors means two years more of defiance to the will of the legislature—two years more of refusal to give the local improvement laws a fair trial.

About this time of the year Turkey always gets into the limelight.

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 for anonymous communications.)

CITY AND COUNTY FINANCES.

October 29th, 1914.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir: As many articles have been published lately regarding the financial condition of the City and County of Honolulu, I would like to make a statement to the public so that each taxpayer may form his own conclusions from the facts.

When a reporter from the morning paper called at this office we gave him the following figures showing the balances in the funds named, but they were not published:

General Fund	\$23,708.29
Road Fund	29,095.12
New School Buildings	14,173.82
Preservation Game Birds	1,455.93
Water Works	21,048.43
Total	\$89,481.59

The city and county has registered warrants to the amount of \$83,067.50.

On Saturday next, October 31st, the city and county will have to pay its elected officials, clerks, etc., of the circuit court, and those officials who are employed by the month, which payroll will amount to approximately \$20,000. These must be paid from the general fund.

Road laborers will be paid from the road fund which has a balance of \$29,095.12. Employees of the water works fund, which has a balance of \$21,048.43; so that if that were all there would be no difficulty to face.

But the auditor has some vouchers which have been approved by the Board of Supervisors, the amount of which I do not know.

I asked the auditor to try and hold up these latter until after the first of the month to avoid paying interest on them, as they would otherwise have to be registered.

It does not strike me as being a very great hardship for any Honolulu merchant to wait a week for his money. The business man himself

would certainly ask his creditors for such accommodation.

The last half of the taxes will be paid in November and when we get this money we will take up the registered warrants and leave a balance in the treasury for the next administration.

The taxes collected last November amounted to \$274,899.45, of which amount \$200,000 was paid to the city and county in November and the balance on December 9th.

I have particularly avoided politics in this letter and have simply given the facts which can be proved by the books in the city and county treasurer's office and any taxpayer is hereby granted the privilege of making a personal inspection.

Thanking you for publishing this letter, I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,
C. J. MCCARTHY,
Treasurer City and County of Honolulu.

A UNIQUE IDEA FOR "NEWSPAPER DAY."

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin,
Sir:—"Newspaper Day" is a splendid idea, tried out with success on the mainland. Let Hawaii add something original; we have two great dailies and two great boosting organizations; why not have the promotion committee produce and edit one of these journals on "Newspaper Day" and the Ad Club the other? Both organizations believe in advertising Hawaii, rather than their own organizations, and there would be added the friendly zest of rivalry as to which would produce the most attractive and alluring output. The promotion committee has five members, the Ad Club 700, so that necessarily the "boosting" of Hawaii will be approached from different angles, and the great effects should be produced. As the promotion committee merely wishes to advertise Hawaii, I suggest this little friendly rivalry with the 700 enthusiastic advertisers of the city, believing that it will produce results and incite ambition, at the same time giving the young blood of the town a chance to get in for a little practice work in promotion, and let us give the young men a chance.

Sincerely yours,
A. H. FORD.

BEN HOLLINGER STANDS STRONG FOR PROGRESS

In Public Statement Candidate for Supervisor Sets Forth His Policies

Ben Hollinger, candidate for supervisor on the Republican ticket, in a statement to the public takes his stand squarely in favor of progressive methods of city administration, including the local improvement or frontage-tax plan. His statement says:

"During the campaign now nearing its close I have daily made speeches or banded myself in personal work which has to a large extent made the voters of Honolulu familiar with the policy I intend to pursue should the people be kind enough to consider my candidacy favorably at next Tuesday's election. There are, however, many voters who do not attend public meetings, and as it is impossible to meet all personally, I would ask that you grant me space in your paper to place before this 'silent vote' the aims and ambitions which I cherish for my native city.

Always a Republican.

First and foremost, I have always been a Republican, and believe emphatically in the doctrine and platform of the party. Experience has taught us that under this party only has the United States enjoyed prosperity and advancement, and our local interests are so closely identified with the principles of protection that to cast a vote otherwise denotes to my mind a desire for industrial suicide. Practically, we have but one crop to sell; a blow at this industry strikes us all, no matter what sophistry or reasoning or selfish interest persuades us to argue otherwise. So much for my national politics.

Local Politics Defined.

Not only ourselves, but our visitors will benefit, and with our matchless climate and hospitable reputation, the growth in our tourist trade will within a few years largely pay the yearly cost of good streets. This has been

ty government, and this, I believe, peculiarly fits me for giving the city and county an efficient and economical administration.

I believe the city and county should be given full powers; that, especially, taxes should be levied and collected locally. A business done at long range falls often to attract the care and attention so necessary to success.

Would Interest All Voters.

By bringing this most important function of government close to the people, I believe we can cause to take interest in our primaries and elections that large class of responsible citizens who now take such little interest in the early preliminaries of election and so often cause political upheavals by their November vote. The Republican party stands for good government, and with the interest of the people awakened and the proper cooperation in September primaries, I believe it is always possible to give Honolulu such a government as the city should have and really wants.

I am a firm believer in good roads, and feel that true economy means permanent roads wherever possible. At present we are reaping the harvest of poor streets built in the past years, and the largest part of our revenue today is being spent in frantic maintenance of streets built under cheap methods during previous years.

Better Roads Essential.

Present methods of transportation rapidly ruin roads considered first-class a few years ago; consequently today Honolulu is face to face with the problem of renewing many of the streets built within the past 12 years, the period during which Honolulu emerged from dirt roads to macadam pavements. Under our present system of financing this work, little real progress can be made, and we always will be confronted with the fact that additional streets wearing out and various new streets requiring to be opened will make such drains as our available current revenues can barely stand. Consequently we must proceed under the frontage tax if we desire to bring our streets up to the status of a city and give that proper enjoyment in the beauty, economy, comfort, pleasure and pride which clean, well-paved and well-kept streets awaken in any city.

Bugbear to Democrats.

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demonstrated in other places much less favored than Honolulu.

The street improvement assessments have proved a bugbear to our Democratic friends, who, after having said law passed by the legislature and promising to proceed under its provisions, now assiduously disseminate false statements as to the intent of the law. I believe the city and county should pay a proper proportion of the cost of the street improvements, but where conditions require either extremely costly payments, as on main highways, or where public convenience requires permanent streets in localities where the value of the property does not itself justify the expense. For an ordinary street frontage the cost per lot would probably not reach more than \$150 for a suitable pavement, and this cost spread over 10 years would certainly in very few cases prove a burden. The Democratic candidates are telling the less educated voters that the street improvement assessments must be paid in one installment and by every one, irrespective of whether they are owners of property, and that it will thus become a heavy burden on all.

Law Is No Burden.

Any man to whom I have explained the real scope of the law has become an exponent, and in nearly every case I have been told that his previous understanding of the law was absolutely contrary. With the gradual extension of this street assessment law, ample city funds would be available for many necessary purposes which today cannot receive proper attention. Matters pertaining to police, fire department, school park and recreation, county hospital and public buildings could then be properly looked after. Also, as the largest single item of our present

expenditures is that of roads, the gradual reduction in this expense should eventually result in a decreased tax rate.

Municipal comfort and sanitary conditions require extensions of the electric light, sewer and water systems, and I will give proper attention to such matters.

Elections Should Be Divorced.

Our local election should be divorced from the congressional and legislative campaign, in order that extreme attention may be focused upon our immediate needs and county candidates. While a party man, I believe that anything resulting in the success of the best interests of the city and county should receive the support of all.

Changes are needed in our county act, and such should be along the lines as will best fit the needs of a progressive, up-to-date city. I believe these changes should be considered by either the public bodies or by a proper representative convention, and then submitted to the people for acceptance or rejection.

A department of purchases and supplies, through whose sole agency city supplies would be obtained, would, I believe, soon prove its worth.

Stands for Square Deal.

Hoping that I have not taxed your patience by this rather lengthy statement, I desire to emphasize in closing that, if elected, I stand for a policy of fair dealing towards all classes, whether residents of the fourth district, or the fifth district, and for such an administration as will merit the good will, esteem and friendship of the people of Honolulu.

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM W. LINDNER,
Republican candidate for supervisor.

Own a Lot In Manoa

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