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He whose goodness is part of himself is what is called a real man.—Mencius.

HARD FACTS—OPTIMISM.

The U. S. Geological Survey deals in hard facts—literally and figuratively.

And here is what the director of the department says of business conditions in an address before the American Mining Congress:

"Evidence of business betterment is before us on every hand, and the reasons for optimism are many. The United States farmer has harvested a five billion dollar crop and there is a high-price market for all our surplus food stuffs; already our grain is pouring across the Atlantic. The millions of men who are fighting are not working, and yet these hordes of soldiers must be clothed and equipped as well as fed. Foreign orders have started factory operations which at once tends to relieve the stagnation in the steam-coal trade, the steel situation has turned from serious depression to rapid improvement, and the whole mineral industry may soon expect to share in this general business improvement.

"Today the financial horizon is so nearly cloudless that the prophets of bad weather have little upon which to base their predictions. The new federal banking system makes the money reserves mobile as never before, and extension of credit is now possible, without the veto power remaining in the hands of a small group of big men. Still another reason for belief in business betterment is the recognition, now becoming widespread, of the general interdependence of big business and the general public. On the one side, the people are realizing that they are and have been in reality the silent partner in big business, and now that there has come the promise of some regulation that will in large part prevent monopolistic centralization, the people are interested in getting their share of returns that can come only with operation at a profit. On the other hand, the managers of the large corporations, the trustees of the investing public, are beginning to see that a certain financial security goes with public confidence, and that the attitude to the public so tersely expressed 30 years ago by a pioneer in railroad financing does not pay dividends today."

A correspondent writing to the Advertiser urges that "our people should insist on the Irwin site, now that the Mahuka site is turned down." The arguments for the Irwin site are many and potent, but about the best thing for Honolulu to do now is to "let Nature take its course." That's what the commercial organizations of the city agreed to do in putting the whole matter up to the treasury department for settlement after years of local bickering. The chances of local expression influencing the treasury department's choice at this late date are about as nil in a thousand. The choosing of the site may be delayed but hardly swayed.

The grand jury investigating gambling will probably find that it was Captain of Detectives McDuffie himself who launched the raids against the Gulick avenue joint and that McDuffie and his men were the first to conduct the crusade against the gamblers.

Under Dr. Wadman's energetic administration the Anti-Saloon league is doing a great deal of constructive work and doing it in a good-tempered, broad-minded way.

Norway, Sweden and Denmark are beginning to feel that neutrality is a doubtful status. Each has lost half a dozen or more shops, blown up by mines.

Russia certainly has delivered an awful wallop at old John Vodka.

DR. FERGUSON'S DEATH IS BLOW TO 'DRY' CAUSE

The members of the Anti-Saloon league at a meeting yesterday paid a tribute to the late Dr. Wilbert Perry Ferguson and his work with the local temperance forces in the passage of the following resolution:

league expresses their appreciation of Dr. Ferguson's work with us, for which, through his interest in the league and his wider interest in the cause of world-wide temperance, he was most eminently fitted. Resolved, that the league extend their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family, and that a copy of these resolutions be inserted in the minutes of this meeting and kept on file; also that a copy be sent to the family of Dr. Ferguson.

GUSSIEGARDNERISM.

John O'Keefe, the gifted Irishman who writes for the New York World editorial page, has coined a new phrase, "gussiegardnering." This refers to the activities of Congressman August Gardner, who conjured up a Japanese spectre yesterday in Congress and trotted it out before his presumably startled and impressed hearers.

"Suppose the Japanese do approach us some day with a demand for equal treatment. What are we going to do?" shouted Gardner.

What men of common sense would do—that the United States will do if the jingoes don't get into power—is to handle the delicate problems of Oriental relations so effectively that Japan would never need to come to Uncle Sam "with a demand for equal treatment." Men like Dr. Sidney Gulick and Dr. Shailer Mathews, through intimate and sympathetic study, are on the path to a solution of the problems. They work night and day to preserve cordiality, and then along comes a gussiegardnering statesman who betrays an apparent contempt for Japan that is entirely unjustified.

The problem of Japanese-American relations will never be solved if it is approached on the premise that America is somehow peopled by an entirely superior race who look down upon the rest of the world. Of course that isn't a general sentiment in America. It is a gussiegardner sentiment.

Japanese leaders understand that gussiegardnerism is not an American characteristic, just as American leaders understand that the rabid jingoism found in Tokio is not a Japanese characteristic.

Well-informed mainland papers are irritated but not incensed at the action of British cruisers in stopping American vessels which are proceeding to European ports under certificate of British consuls in American ports. The newspapers say that it is nothing more than exhibitions of stupidity. Great Britain has officially declared herself willing to let such vessels proceed to even German ports, but apparently the fleet commanders interpret orders much as do the censors. The "friction" between Uncle Sam and John Bull is too petty for any international alarm.

A quarry foreman who hands out figures for the purpose of discrediting his chief—the figures being repudiated by the road department statistician—deserves to be fired. If his figures stood the test of criticism, there might be some excuse for his action. Otherwise it looks plainly like an attempt to play in with the new engineer.

Honolulu is getting to be a "good show town." The theater-goers can see a new production every night in the week and the variety is constantly growing.

As consolation for the spoiling of the "Honolulu movies" is the fact that the beautiful new city hall and magnificent federal building were not filmed, anyway.

Schofield Barracks repudiates the talk of "boycotting" Honolulu on account of the army auto tax, which rather puts the yarn up to someone else.

France relies on "inexhaustible patience," but it must be supplemented by several millions of men willing to hurl themselves into the gulf of death.

"Fresh Air Raids Urged," says a headline. The Fresh Air movement must be popular even among the belligerents.

Gen. Villa is pronounced high-handed and insulting. He probably is a disagreeable sort of chap to have around as a steady thing.

TO THE RECENT ADMINISTRATION.

Results of last election Are manifestly clear: New beams a bright expression, Where once we got a tear. New clerks are learning quickly Of when and where and why; So while your tears drop thickly, Just kiss your job good bye.

Daniel H. Fowle, one of the best known hotel keepers in New England, died at Newburyport, Mass., after a brief illness. He was 58 years old and the father of former Representative James K. Fowle.

Letters OF THE WEEK

(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.)

SELLING MUNITIONS OF WAR.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Sir:—The strictness with which we, that is, the mainland, buckles on her accoutrements of neutrality in this great world struggle is a feature to be proud of by every American citizen, and our, that is, the mainland's business acumen is worthy of all praise when this war in Europe is looked at from a purely business standpoint. We, that is, the mainland is handing out millions of dollars worth of ammunition to "all concerned" with the Teutons getting their share. Of course we, that is, the mainland, are not actually putting this ammunition right on board the fighting ships and in the blood-soaked fields, but it seems to be reaching the "right spot" through neutral countries of which there are still a few left in the Old World.

Of course, if we, that is, the mainland, is charged up with a few deaths indirectly in this war it will make no difference. Are we our brother's keeper? Who can contradict the fact that we, that is, the mainland, is doing more than its share to relieve the sufferings of the widows and orphans over there? At the same time are we, that is, the mainland, not making a big profit out of the business of furnishing ammunition to the fighters, and are not thousands of workmen in this country, that is, the mainland, being given work and making good wages? Did we, that is, the mainland, not send recently a shipload of provisions to the starving people of the warring countries? Sure we did; and at the same time we, that is, the mainland sent forward six or seven shiploads of ammunition, and did we not send the "Jason" overloaded with Christmas cheer?

Let us, that is, the mainland, not slack up for a second with the ammunition factories. Keep them running day and night so that we, that is, the mainland can keep these warring nations well supplied with death-dealing projectiles and bullets. Cannot Hawaii get in on this grand commercial coup? But, then, business is business.

AN AMERICAN.

Personal Mention

MR. and MRS. VICTOR HURD are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

MR. and MRS. OTTO A. BERNDT will be among the Mauna Kea's passengers for Hilo tomorrow afternoon.

WILLIAM J. RICKARD, deputy sheriff of Hamakua, Hawaii, will return in the steamer Mauna Kea tomorrow afternoon.

MR. and MRS. G. FRED BUSH are today receiving the congratulations of their friends upon the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of their wedding.

HENRY W. KINNEY, superintendent of public instruction, will leave in the steamer Mauna Kea for Hilo tomorrow afternoon. He expects to return to Honolulu in a week or ten days.

DR. J. H. RAYMOND will return to his Ulupaiskua ranch in Maui in the steamer Mauna Kea tomorrow afternoon. He has been in the city the past week for the meetings of the land board.

MISS BLANCHE WENNER, a mainland teacher, who spent a year in Hawaii, and has written an interesting book about the islands, is now in Boston studying dramatics and elocution. She intends to take the lecture platform as a vocation.

JACK ("BANZAI") DOYLE of the Oahu Railway Company received a letter from his brother, William Doyle, yesterday in which the latter says that he had been elected a member of the Boston board of aldermen on the Democratic ticket. The writer jocularly volunteers to give Jack a city position, even if a vacancy has to be provided on the police force, if he will return to Boston.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—JOHNNY MARTIN: I wonder which little boy or girl in our public schools can name all the Mexican presidents.

—W. CORY tourist: What a pull you people must have in Washington. You get all kinds of money for federal buildings and sites with no apparent trouble whatever. In my home town, a city with a population nearly ten times as large as Honolulu, we have been fighting tooth and nail for several years for \$200,000 for a new government building, and it is not in sight yet. How do you do it?

—TOM MERLE: The road builders of Honolulu might take a look at the paving the Rapid Transit Company has placed between its rails on the Waiakae road, and then ask those people how they did it, and then be very careful that they don't attempt to build any just like it, for the roadbed that the public utility company has placed there looks to be and really is the best piece of roadway this island has ever seen.

ROSE GROWN BY ELECTRIC LIGHT ON EXHIBITION

In the window of the Promotion Committee with the pictures of Kaula is one of the most magnificent specimens of the rose that has been grown in Honolulu. It has the name "The Electra Superba" and was reared by electric light under the care of Mrs. Edward Towse, Eleventh avenue, Kaimuki.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Towse are outdoor enthusiasts and in an area of 10 feet by 10 feet they are demonstrating that it is possible at the cost of two cents a night to conduct a rose garden that produces flowers without a bluish tinge. Not a rose is attacked by the Japanese beetle, for this insect, which begins action promptly at dark and feeds for two hours, retires to his hole in the ground before 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Towse turns on the electric light just before dark and turns it off before 10. The Japanese beetle will not feed in the glare of the electric light and the result is that perfect roses are produced. It is said by Mrs. Towse that anyone may in this way produce in Honolulu the rarest and most perfect kind of roses without any fear of the Japanese beetle.

Others in Kaimuki are now beginning to grow roses by gas light and as but two hours of light a night is needed, the cost is small. The Electra Superba is the first rose grown by electric light to be exhibited in Honolulu.

SCHULTZE HONORED ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY WITH H. HACKFELD & COMPANY

In recognition of 25 years of faithful and effective service with H. Hackfeld & Co. a silver pitcher was presented today to H. P. F. Schultze, treasurer of the company. The presentation took place at noon in the office of George Rodiek and was attended by a large number of those connected with Hackfeld's.

On the pitcher is the inscription: "H. P. F. Schultze, presented by his co-workers, January 22, 1915."

WOODWARD TO SERVE AS CLERK OF HOUSE

Edward Woodward, secretary to Mayor Lane, will serve as chief clerk of the House of Representatives during the coming legislative session. Members of the Oahu law-making body have urged Woodward to accept the position, which he held in four sessions, because of his experience.

Woodward refused because of his recent appointment as secretary to the mayor, but was finally prevailed upon to accept provided Mayor Lane gave his consent. Clarence Cooke and Norman Watkins, a delegation from the house, called upon Lane yesterday and the mayor gave his consent to allow Woodward to serve in the legislature. Woodward said this morning that he would accept. His leave of absence will be without pay and he will resume his position as secretary to the mayor at the close of the session.

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PIZZARO'S TREASURE AWAITS LUCKY FINDER

That a portion of the treasure of the Incas, made famous by writers and story-tellers, still waits in its hiding place for the coming of some lucky explorer is what Thomas Sedgwick, vice-consul for Spain, told his audience in Cooke Hall, Y. M. C. A. building, last night. He lectured on "Peru, Land of the Incas."

Mr. Sedgwick told the story of his extensive travels through Peru, coloring his narrative with excerpts from the tale of Pizarro and the Incas. He said that he, too, had searched for the treasure of the Incas, but his luck had been that of explorers before him. The speaker predicted a splendid future for Peru.

Rattlesnake venom as a cure for epilepsy failed in official tests conducted by the state of Kansas.

What is Best For Your Boy and Girl

Now that the Christmas toys and most of the New Year resolutions have been broken and discarded, it is well worth the while of every parent to consider whether breakable, expensive toys are the best form of Christmas remembrance, or whether it would not be far better for the boy or the girl and the parent that a share or two of gilt-edge investment stock, carrying with it a quarterly dividend of \$1.50 would not be a much more desirable gift than anything else. A single share of the First Preferred Stock of Pacific Gas & Electric Company of California may be bought for \$82.50, par value \$100. This stock has back of it one of the largest public utilities in the United States; perpetual franchises, and every desirable feature which properly belongs to a high grade stock. It is for sale by

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