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POLITICS AT THE EXPENSE OF HEALTH.

Politics-playing on the part of Mayor Lane should not force, nor should public sentiment permit, the territorial board of agriculture and forestry to drop its campaign for pure milk—a campaign that involves the never-ceasing fight against bovine tuberculosis.

If there has been one public service in which the territorial and municipal authorities have co-operated to the advantage of the community more than another, since the inauguration of county government, it has been in the matter of obtaining a pure milk supply from healthy cows. That is, until the late board of supervisors brought politics into the equation—a course that Mayor Lane seems also determined to follow, with nepotism thrown in to make it still worse-looking. The recent Democratic mayor and board—the appointing power having meantime been transferred from the supervisors to the mayor—appointed as milk inspector an utterly useless political hanger-on, who made milk and dairy inspection a complete farce.

Until that time the milk inspector, Richard, appointed by the board of supervisors that passed the milk ordinance after Mayor Fern successfully vetoed the original measure, had, besides his duties as inspector, been appointed to assist the territorial veterinarian in the testing of dairy cattle for tuberculosis—this in consideration of the engagement of the board of agriculture to issue certificates free of charge to dairymen showing that their cows were not diseased—the ordinance requiring that the supervisors should furnish such certificates free. This was an exceedingly advantageous arrangement for the city and taxpayers, as without it there is no saying how much money would have had to be expended in paying veterinary fees, the owner of a dairy being at liberty to call in any licensed veterinarian to inspect his cattle, with the county paying the bill.

When Richard was let out by the Democratic board, the board of agriculture, having meantime trained him to high efficiency, retained its services, but he was absolutely without authority under the milk ordinance to inspect cows or their product. It was hoped that, in the election of a Republican mayor and supervisors, the old arrangement of co-operation would be restored. The election of the cancanes on the appropriation before the new outfit took office, the amendment of the milk ordinance, now again a super-mentioned that he wished the appointment of Richard, when he was informed that was the purpose, the county and territory to divide the salary payment, but that an additional inspector under the county was also to be appointed, as it was represented that there was work enough to keep two inspectors busy. This statement having been reported to Mr. Waterhouse, president of the board of agriculture, he declared that such an arrangement would be an absolute waste of public money, as Mr. Richard had ample time over from his cattle-testing work to attend to inspection.

The next thing the supervisor in question heard on the subject was when informed by Mayor Lane, a few hours before he sent the nomination to the board, that he was going to appoint his brother milk inspector but would not appoint Richard, as "the board of agriculture was not acting friendly to the city government," or words to that effect.

Mayor Lane's attitude is insupportable on any basis of efficient government and it is open to suspicion of favoritism because he insists on putting his brother in the useless position.

Public sentiment should not permit this to go on. The new mayor has shown himself anxious to learn on a good many features of municipal government. A vigorous expression of public opinion may cause him to withdraw his appointment before the appointee actually takes office.

As the Star-Bulletin stated yesterday, his action in this matter is likely to lead to the introduction of a bill in the next legislature turning all features of sanitary inspection over to the territory—the board of agriculture and the board of health—and depriving the county

of a legitimate function. If that comes to pass, Mayor Lane will be directly to blame.

GOOD NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

On top of the good news that the federal building bill has passed the senate comes the good news that the board of engineers for rivers and harbors has reported favorably on the Kalihi channel project.

That's the sort of news Honolulu likes to get. In fact, it's cheering news for all Hawaii.

Ultimately there will be four or five millions at least spent by Uncle Sam in making the local harbor big enough to accommodate the great ocean-traffic of the future Crossroads. But for the present it is sufficiently encouraging to know that nine points have been won in the fight for a channel and turning-basin on the west side of the present harbor.

Score another for the Optimists!

PRESIDENTIAL COURAGE.

Presidential courage is shown by Mr. Wilson, as it was shown by Mr. Taft, in the veto of the immigration bill because Congressmen insisted upon the inclusion of the unfair and un-American "literacy test."

In Mr. Wilson's case he is risking even more than Mr. Taft risked, for the president is at an extremely critical point in his career. And an over-riding of his veto now in the senate means of course that some of his own party-members turn against him.

The general judgment of the country will not, however, turn against him, even though at the recent public hearing in the White House there was a vast volume of arguments in favor of the test. A survey of opinions by the press of the mainland shows that this literacy test has comparatively few supporters. It was forced through Congress by a small body of extremely active advocates who were able to cut through the half-hearted objections of a very much larger number caring little either way.

The senate has the votes to over-ride the veto if it wishes to do so. But the president exercises a sort of morally hypnotic influence over his party and the Bourbon senators may not break his spell.

Incipient revolts still threaten the internal peace of China. Oriental newspapers received here say that the revolutionists in Foushan, Kwangtung province, and in several other provinces have been active of late, creating much uneasiness in Canton. President Yuan Shih-Kai is repressing the rebels with stern military measures but the national unrest fostered when Dr. Sun Yat Sen overthrew the hated Manchus will be long in subsiding.

Col. Roosevelt told a New York reporter recently that the people seemed tired of him, and the eastern press immediately joined in the chorus, "Not at all—only tired of your recent company, Colonel!"

Col. Goethals' reluctant statement that he can't guarantee a passage through the Panama canal for the battleships in March constitutes the only time on record when he admitted an impossibility.

Veteran observers of Washington affairs credit the opposition to the ships' purchase bill with having the best of the arguments, though the Democratic advocates of the measure have the votes.

Honolulu is in a fair way to get pure water but a good deal of politics will have to be filtered out of the milk.

Looks as if "Mother" Jones can give the president a few pointers on strike mediation.

Anybody who tears up a "scrap of paper" on the Swiss border is in for a real fight.

Somehow all of Japan's soothing words regarding Tsingtau fail to reassure China.

When will the senate gets its fill of filibustering?

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.)

THE CARNIVAL SWIMMING EVENTS.

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Sir: Since reading Mr. Dougherty's communication published in the Star-Bulletin on Wednesday I have suffered an attack of Cacoethes scribendi which I hope this epistle may alleviate. Mr. Dougherty says he has not been officially communicated with relative to the Cowles matter. Evidently he suffers from lapse of memory for when Mr. Knute Cottrell, representing William Unmack, manager for Miss Cowles, called on him he stated to him that Unmack had asked him to see what the carnival managers could do toward raising \$75 for the expense of Miss Cowles, in addition to a similar amount raised in California. Mr. Dougherty replied that the committee had no money, but if the young lady would come down it would do everything possible aside from furnishing money. This statement is made to me by Mr. Cottrell and I am constrained to believe it is quite true. Also that it was an official visit to Mr. Dougherty and an official request for aid in the matter. Mr. Dougherty volunteered the information or opinion to Mr. Cottrell that "the swimming events were not to be of the same importance and would not have the same drawing power as those of a year ago."

Last Monday Dougherty met me on Bishop street and told me he was dissatisfied with the article that had appeared in the Advertiser the day before, that it was "just nuts for Farrington" who, with the rest of the committee, was trying to get him to call an assessment and he did not care to. I told him it was my opinion that he did not want the swimming event on the program and gave as my

reason that when the program was first mooted both the swimming and baseball were omitted and an announcement made that there would be neither attraction this year. He replied that he wanted swimmers but his committee did not. "Then," I replied, "you had better get a new committee," to which he ventured the opinion that the people could get one pretty soon. "Why, I am on my way now to ask for \$50 for the military events and I do not know whether they will let me have it." After declining to assist to the extent of \$75 toward bringing what is touted to be the best swimmer on the coast to contest honors with Hawaiian girls.

Director Dougherty's economic ideas of running the carnival may meet the approval of the public and they may not. What we should give strangers is a program including some events which are not to be seen on the mainland in midwinter and in which Hawaiians excel. Swimming is the greatest we can offer and will do more toward advertising Hawaii than any single item yet offered.

One objection from Mr. Dougherty seems to be a danger that his program will have to be rearranged. Certainly this is a mistake, for it matters little in the arrangement whether there be three or 15 girls in the various swimming numbers the program will be the same.

I cannot agree with Mr. Dougherty that it is unfortunate that Miss Cowles was not discovered earlier in the season. If she is as good as Mr. Unmack says she is, let her come; the fact that Mr. Dougherty does not want her should not interfere with the public seeing the best that is obtainable in this particular line of sport. And it should not make a bit of difference to Mr. Dougherty whether the carnival directors pay the small sum from the capital of the corporation or whether individuals who want the best show a willingness to pay for the pleasure. Director Dougherty would still have credit for running the carnival on a cheap plan.

Absence of any mention in the press of girls' swimming races impels me to the belief that both English newspapers have fallen in with the opinion expressed in Mr. Dougherty's letter. JAMES T. STACKER.

CELEBRATION OF FEB. 22 FEATURE FOR CARNIVAL

One of the big patriotic events of the Mid-Pacific Carnival will be a gathering in the opera house the evening of Washington's birthday. The plan is to have two strong addresses on patriotism; one dealing with the patriotism of peace and the other with the patriotism of war. The speakers have not yet been selected. The committee in charge of this event, of which Paul Super is chairman, will meet early in the coming week to perfect arrangements.

The boxes will be reserved for Governor Pinkham, Queen Liliuokalani, Maj.-gen. William H. Carter and Rear Admiral C. B. T. Moore and their parties. Prominent local citizens will be on the platform.

The committee also has in charge the arrangement of a proper observance of Washington's birthday in the local churches.

The work of this committee is to emphasize the fact that patriotism consists not only in cheering the big parade as it goes past, but in developing a genuine spirit of loyalty to the country," said Chairman Super today. "The plans of the carnival committee include this idea as well as the spectacular and enthusiastic features."

PROMOTION COMMITTEE ACTS ON DELAY IN MAIL

The failure of the Oceanic Steamship Company to sign its mail contracts and the orders received by the local postoffice to despatch no further mail on the vessels of that line were to be discussed at a meeting of the Promotion Committee this afternoon with a view to making recommendations in the matter for consideration by the Chamber of Commerce, in compliance with instructions the Honolulu postoffice sent no mail in the steamer Sonoma, which left for the mainland last night.

Municipal collection of garbage without expense to individual citizens is being considered by Mayor Lane and may be acted upon seriously.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—FIRE CHIEF THURSTON: The income tax should not apply to salaries. Salaries are the outcome of labor.

—E. C. PETERS: Assurance of the Kalihi channel project means some local dredging companies are practically assured considerable business.

—CAPT. McDUFFIE: The detective department has placed three offenders against the opium regulations under arrest within the past week. In each instance they have forfeited a large bail.

—G. H. GERE: Coffee-raisers in the Kona district are getting somewhat low prices but many of them, by raising most of their food on their plantations, are able to make some money in the industry.

—JOHNNY MARTIN: There are some people residing within the Arctic circle who will not hear about the great European war until next March or April. And there are lots of people nearer home who envy them.

—C. G. CRAWFORD: The school system is wrong. What's the use of spending years teaching youngsters arithmetic when twentieth century machines can do it 10 times quicker? Teach them to run the machines.

—BANDMASTER BERGER: The sendoff that we gave the Sonoma last night was close to the limit. After I sized up the different nationalities going away on the ship I played a piece for each. If I left any out you will have to show me.

—JOHN C. ANDERSON (Probating Officer): The supervisors' finance committee should report favorably on my request for an automobile. It really is necessary to have an automobile in my work of rounding up delinquent children over all parts of the island.

—C. A. COTTRILL: One doesn't appreciate a good cigar until he forswears its enjoyment. I know, for I have not smoked one since the day after Christmas. If my will-power holds out I shall refrain from the habit for six months—under my doctor's orders.

—CITY ENGINEER WALL: The present reservoirs up Nuuanu valley, with one exception, are built on the

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That's a pretty new Waltham Watch, as numbers go. Still, someone had to have a high number.

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wrong principle. The intake valves at present are at the bottom of the reservoirs instead of at the top. The water at the bottom is dirtier while the water near the top has to a certain extent been purified by the sun. The intake valves should be changed.

—J. MAURICE PEEBLES: The very short stay at Honolulu allotted through passengers in the British steamer Makura is a matter that should be taken up immediately by the local promotion interests with the management of the steamship company. More than 100 people en route to Australia were yesterday deprived of an opportunity to view even nearby points of interest in this city when the vessel steamed for Sydney within two hours after it touched the wharf.

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WANTS PUBLIC ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP OF TUBERCULOSIS LEAGUE

An endeavor to change the status of the Anti-Tuberculosis League from an organization in which certain civic bodies alone are represented to one in which the entire public has a voice was to be undertaken at a meeting of the league in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon.

This proposed method includes the creation of an open membership, the yearly dues for adults being \$1. It also is planned to have a juvenile membership with annual dues at 25 cents. Under the new system officers would be elected by the entire membership.

Risking her life by crawling over a thin piece of ice from a distance of 100 feet, Miss Josephine Hower, of Locust rescued George Labarre, 14, who had broken through the ice while skating.

Of 2200 persons arrested in 1914 in Topeka, Kan., capital of a prohibition state, on 91 different charges, 661 were charged with drunkenness. This is the largest number arrested for any single offense.