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UNFORTUNATE IN HIS TERMS.

With much of Governor Pinkham's address at the Chamber of Commerce last night no one will differ. He said many true things and appropriate things.

With his criticism of Hawaii's corporation law, particularly with his choice of terms, there will be instant and general difference. One paragraph summarizes his view:

"Hawaii has been so prosperous it has been reckless, and its financial men have operated under the rottenest capitalization law extant. That law is mandatory in that bonds issued must not exceed in amount capital stock issued and outstanding, thus giving an inference the public is being protected, when the reverse is the case. There is no stipulation the stock issued shall have value, for by manipulation it may be wholly wind or water, or both."

Hearing this or reading it, one unfamiliar with Hawaii conditions would be almost certain to gather that the governor sweepingly condemned Hawaii's corporations. Whether or not he meant to do so, that is the tenor of his remarks.

It is true that there have been isolated and occasional instances of reckless capitalization. That happens in every state in the union and under every law that legislators have devised.

It is not true that Hawaii's corporations are "rotten" or that as a whole they have operated rottenly under the law. The corporations of these islands are notably conservative and prudent.

When exceptions to this rule have occurred, the financial penalty has followed, as well as the penalty of condemnation on the part of the public.

That Hawaii's stocks and other securities are not generally inflated or valueless is sufficiently proved by the fact that territorial and mainland banks and fiduciary institutions readily accept the stocks and bonds on the advice of trusted experts. Here again there are exceptions which prove the rule.

The governor was thoroughly unfortunate in his choice of the term "rotten." The law may be loose. But it has not been so exploited as to justify these remarks.

The governor last night said he had hoped the recent legislature would abolish this law. A few moments afterward, he paid a high tribute to the wisdom, harmony, discretion and ability of the 1915 law-making body. He declared it helped to enact "the most efficient legislation."

It is perfectly fair to assume that this able and energetic legislature did not agree with the governor that the corporation law was so "rotten" it should be abolished.

SOUND COMMENT.

Those who have heard members of the congressional party speak have noticed that when Joseph T. Robinson, senator from Arkansas, gets up to talk, he has something to say and says it in a straightforward manner.

Just so did he talk at Central Union church on Sunday night in urging united support for President Wilson in this hour of national crisis. He said:

"We ought all of us to stand solidly behind the president in his efforts to preserve peace. The fate of nations still is decided in the smoke and thunder of their battles. Universal peace will come only when the dreams of childhood are the accepted standards of the world. In some respects the present distorted state of Europe is a reflection on Christianity itself. If all the devotees of the churches of Europe had been loyal to their beliefs, there would be no war today. I still believe the day will come when the better ideals of man shall be realized, but until the times look ripe for my dream, I'm going to work for and support a strong navy. The United States must increase the navy and extend its fortifications."

There is "wisdom and understanding" in this. Senator Robinson preaches good American doctrine.

TOWARD BETTER UNDERSTANDING.

In the free and frank interchange of ideas at the Chamber of Commerce dinner last night, definite steps were taken toward better understanding of Hawaii's problems on the part of the men who legislate for the Union of which Hawaii is an integral part.

Even in the occasional criticisms voiced, the note of frank comment was more important than the difference of opinion. It proved that there is open-mindedness upon which new ideas can be erected as Hawaii's industrial cause is developed more fully.

Governor Pinkham referred to the opportunity for Hawaii to present its case. As a matter of fact, the people of the territory have been at a loss how this case should be submitted to those in control at Washington. It seemed almost impossible for Congress to gain anything like a thorough conception of

Hawaii's needs and conditions at long-range. Hence this congressional party, invited to visit the islands.

The friendship, the frankness, the candor, the appreciation shown by Hawaii's guests, regardless of party, has been a wonderful thing for Hawaii to recognize and to know. It was epitomized in the speeches last night.

This mutual acquaintanceship and understanding is bound to develop and to grow. It will be, we believe, mutually beneficial.

AMERICAN RELIEF WORK IN THE WAR-ZONE.

Americans throughout the war-zone are on errands of succor and mercy. The dauntless physicians and nurses battling against epidemics in Serbia have won the admiration of the belligerents and of the non-combatants. In the western war-arena an Associated Press correspondent says that no ambulance corps at the front is attracting more attention than the American Volunteer Motor Ambulance Corps under the leadership of Richard Norton. Recently, the British Red Cross, with which the corps is affiliated, ordered it to return for service with the British forces from the second French army with which it had been operating since it reached French soil. But in the meantime the whole ambulance organization of the Second French army had been based on the American corps and the French medical department objected strongly to giving it up. The result has been a compromise whereby the corps will be enlarged to work with both armies.

The corps consists entirely of volunteer workers, who not only give their own services but provide automobiles as well. Both have distinctly made good, the French authorities having paid the warmest tributes to the efficiency of the workers and their cars. The squadron of motor cars represents many types, with American cars proving the favorites as their clearance gives them a distinct advantage in traversing the rough battle fields and wrecked roads. Among these cars the small American types have rendered extremely useful service by providing what might be termed the light cavalry of the ambulance service. While not being able to carry a heavy load, these small cars bring the wounded from the fields where the big ambulances cannot venture.

One ambulance of the corps carries a steam-heating plant and tubs for supplying the wounded with hot baths. The corps has placed this work in charge of A. E. Kemp of Paris and it has proven so successful that he is appealing for funds to increase the number of cars equipped with this apparatus. Inspector General Dzewonski of the sanitary department of the Second Army has written to Mr. Kemp thanking him for the tubs which have been successfully tested, one tub giving from 25 to 30 baths daily.

"The general fact remains that our army is over-married," says Maj-Gen. Corbin. "Marriage of army officers who make no proper provisions for assuming the responsibilities therefor is hurtful both to the army and to the officers themselves. I am firmly of the opinion that no officer should enter the marriage relation without first getting the authority of the war department." This brings up a new aspect of militarism for discussion. We should like to hear from Secretary Daniels about it.

One writer says that the clearest proof that Russia is not a highly civilized country is that she has so large a birth rate.—San Francisco Chronicle.

China accepts Japan's latest terms with the glad alacrity of the patient just told by the surgeon that he's going to lose only his foot instead of the whole leg.

After the rest of the world has settled Germany's policy in the present situation, Berlin is likely to have a few last words.

Wonder if Mr. Barnes is going to probe into that charge up San Juan hill?

Headquarters of the Ananias club moved to Syracuse for the summer.

Congressional compliments certainly do sound mighty soothing!

Europe's most effective artillery appears to be the water-wagon.

Portugal also is headed toward the maelstrom.

Letters OF THE WEEK 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.)

ROADS.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Sir: "When Broadway Was a Trail" is the title of a movie photo-play that has been recently shown here at one of the theaters. It was quite interesting and caused people to harken back to the early days. But what will grip the people of this city more than all else would be a "movie" entitled, "When Beretania Avenue Was a Street." No particular emphasis on the word Beretania, the name of any old street in the city may be substituted for it and it will not lose its interest.

We have the camera fiend, the dope fiend, the speed fiend and now we may add to that category the road-building fiend. Every male inhabitant of this city has an idea that he can build a better road than has yet been built in this city, and the writer is about ready to believe that is true.

The road-building experimenter's paradise. That is what Honolulu is. There is entirely too much experimenting in road work here. Each election places a new set of supervisors in power, consequently a new head to the road department follows naturally. The new road department head has all kinds of theories on road-making and he starts right in experimenting with them. The result is that we have a bunch of road building experiments, each and every one having proved a failure, and because they mark the opening between the houses we let them pass for streets.

A gentleman, who was a delegate to the roads conference in London last year, passed through here recently, and was by no manner of means impressed with our streets, that is, not favorably. He stated that it was generally accepted as a world-wide axiom that the condition of the streets of a city indicated the spirit of the people in 99 cases out of a possible 100. We do not know why he made the exception of one and if he came to any conclusions along those lines of reckoning he must have put us down for a set of savages.

I am a citizen of this city, have been one for a good many years and expect to be one for a good many years to come. I love Honolulu from "Kiver" to "Kiver," and at the same time I will say, as everyone else is saying, the streets of this city are a disgrace to the fair name of Honolulu. I am not picking any particular street for they are all in a most wretched condition. In the same breath I wish to state that the truth about anything is never a knock.

In all of the promotion literature that is sent out by the Promotion Committee can you find a line that reads: "Come to Hawaii and bring your automobile." Not on your Paris panel.

There seems to have been considerable joking and levity in connection with the "molasses" road that was tried as another experiment some time ago. It was referred to as a "candy" road and "taffy" road and other sweet names. In fact, there was so much fun poked at it that it seems to have died aborning. Now, I am told by parties who have seen it with their own eyes that the roads that have been made with molasses in Australia are finest in the land, especially the government roads. That these molasses roads stand all kinds of traffic, and with little care are kept in the finest of condition.

While I do not profess to know any more about building a road than a cow knows about a drug store, I cannot for the life of me understand, when a piece of road is to be rebuilt, why it is necessary to plow up and cart away the best part of the old foundation. It would seem that, after a street has been in constant use for several years by heavy drays and other teams, no better foundation could be obtained. It will certainly last longer than a new one unless the new one is of solid concrete. I have noticed that wherever the Rapid Transit has built any road between its rails it is built in a manner that makes it stand up under any and all traffic, while the rest of the road melts away.

I don't know why we have to put up with such miserable apologies for streets and roads throughout this county. A gentleman tried to answer that for me the other day. He said that when all the assistants, sub-assistants, clerks, sub-clerks, sub-sub-clerks, ordinary clerks and a lot more that I have forgotten have been fattened up with salary there is not much left for the roads and streets. Perhaps he was right.

Right or wrong, "we have with us this evening" a bunch of streets that

are positively a disgrace to this city or to any city. Where is the remedy? M. P.

COMBINED GLEE CLUBS TO GIVE FIRST CONCERT

Bishop Hall Place Chosen By Punahou Musical Organizations For Friday Night

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence.) PUNAHOU, May 18.—Next Friday night in Charles R. Bishop hall at 8 o'clock the combined glee clubs of Punahou Academy will give their first public concert. This concert will be given under the direction of L. G. French, who is in charge of the school singing this year at Punahou. He is trying to put the singing of the school on the same high basis as all the other school activities.

The glee clubs have worked hard, and have shown great interest in this concert, while Mr. French has proved an exceptional instructor. Punahou is planning to make this entertainment a big success, and all who are interested in the academy activities should be sure to attend.

Each club will sing several selections alone, and the two clubs will combine in two songs. As well as this, John Gifford will play a violin selection. Everyone in Honolulu knows of his fine playing, so no special mention need be made. He will be assisted by Arthur Brown, another Punahou violinist. Eddie Hutchinson will give several numbers on a guitar, with a steel, assisted by Lorrin Thurston. This steel playing on the guitar is more or less of a novelty, and this number will prove interesting. Stafford Austin will do a clog dance, and a quartet will sing some favorite Hawaiian songs. Miss Sutherland will be the accompanist.

The proceeds of this concert will go to the Punahou school paper, the Oahuian. The tickets are in the hands of the Punahou students and will be reserved at the Honolulu Music Company. The concert promises to be well worth the moderate price asked, which is 50 cents, and a large crowd is anticipated.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—SENATOR CUMMINS: I get lazier every day I spend in Honolulu.

—"UNCLE JOE" CANNON: Well, we have been doing some sight-seeing in the past two weeks, but I feel as spry as ever. I am now a Chief of Hawaii and intend to try the effects of my mandates on some of those "Suckers" back in Danville.

ORDERS OF THE HAWAIIAN DEPT.

May 17, 1915. Special Orders, No. 103. 1. Pvt. Elmer R. Barlet, Troop E, 4th Cavalry, Schofield Barracks, H. T., is transferred to the Quartermaster Corps at that post. (DQN-4097-475.) 2. Corp'l Otto D. Brown, Company I, 2nd Infantry, Fort Shafter, H. T., will be discharged from the army by purchase, under the provisions of General Orders, No. 31, War Department, series 1914. (11374.)

FORT SHAFTER CONCERT.

Under the direction of Francis Leigh, the aerodrome orchestra will give the following program tonight at a concert at Fort Shafter, which will begin at 7 o'clock: March—On Desert Sands.....Allen Rag—Rag-a-Tag Rag.....Brown Fox Trot—Bayside.....Winne Overture—The Dramatic Keler Bela Waltz—Merry Madness.....Allen Intermezzo—Nuvada.....Claypoole Polka—Nutmeg.....Tobani Selection—He Came from Milwaukee.....Jerome Rag—Rhinoceer.....Young Two-Step—Sweetest Girl in Dixie.....Adams Waltz—On the Shores of Italy.....Plantodosi Novellette—Young April.....Cobb Caprice—The Whistling Minstrel.....Morse Two-Step—Que Voulez Vous.....Gumble Tango—Ectasi.....Obrero

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2222 Kalia road, Waikiki.....	2 ".....25.00
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Diamond Head road.....	3 ".....60.00
College Hills.....	3 ".....45.00
Tantalus Heights.....	3 ".....45.00
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1148 Lunallo St.....	3 bedrooms.....\$30.00
1112 9th Ave., Kaimuki.....	3 ".....25.00
1224 Palolo Hill road.....	3 ".....30.00
1065 14th Ave., Kaimuki.....	3 ".....30.00
1028 Green street.....	4 ".....40.00
2146 Gulick Ave., Kaimuki.....	2 ".....40.00
1475 Thurston Ave.....	4 ".....40.00
1301 Auld lane, Palama.....	3 ".....25.00
Kunawai lane, off Liliha St.....	3 ".....20.00

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Personal Mention

FELIX BRUGHELLI, the Hilo liv- erman, leaves for San Francisco by the next Enterprise.

R. I. LILLIE has completed a busi- ness tour of the big island. He re- turned in the steamer Kilanea.

D. LYCURGUS, Hilo and Volcano hotel man, is in the city on a business mission. He arrived this morning in the Kilanea.

J. M. GOUVEA of Hilo, is in town on his way to San Francisco. After visiting the exposition, Gouvea plans a trip to San Miguel.

J. D. TUCKER, commissioner of public lands, is back from an official tour of Hawaii. He was a passenger in the steamer Kilanea.

SAM JOHNSON, the Hawaii lum- berman, is in the city to bid bon voyage to the visiting Congressmen. He was a passenger in the Kilanea.

F. G. DA ROSA and sister of Olan and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. de Gouvea, Jr. of Hilo, Hawaii, are leaving in the Wilhelmina tomorrow for San Francisco.

PROF. T. A. JAGGAR of the vol- cano observatory station is in the city for a few days. He will return to Hawaii in the steamer Mauna Kea.

O. BLACKSTADT of Waimaea ar- rived in Honolulu last Saturday and will remain until June 1, the date of the wedding of his daughter, Miss Olga Blackstadt.

MISS ELEANOR L. HOLT has suc- ceeded Miss Harriet E. Wait as sten- ographer in the department of public instruction, the latter having resigned her position.

CHARLES R. FORBES, superin- tendent of public works, will leave in the Wilhelmina tomorrow for San Francisco on official business and will travel as far East as New York.

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A. G. PRESCOTT of Honolulu ap- pears among a group of Standard Oil men seeing the exposition at San Francisco and at the same time particip- ing in a series of conferences.

EDWARD R. BACON of San Fran- cisco arrived on the Ventura and is registered at the Pleasanton. Mr. Ba- con will spend a few days in the Pa- rade of the Pacific and then return to the coast.

W. L. CHURCH of New York ar- rived on the Ventura and is staying at the Pleasanton hotel. He is to pay a short visit in Honolulu on business around the different plantations. Mr. Church will sail for Hilo on Wednes- day.

JOHN R. DESHA, private secretary to Delegate Kahilo, will leave for Hilo in the Mauna Kea tomorrow for a visit with his father, Senator Stephen L. Desha. The secretary will remain in Hawaii until July, when he will return to his official duties in Wash- ington.

Amended so that it shall not apply to stolen goods, the Ohio senate passed a bill to provide for the re-issue by the state or political subdivisions of bonds lost or destroyed.

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Waikiki.....	3 ".....	40.00
Kinau and Makiki Sts.....	3 ".....	50.00

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1028 Piikoi St.....	3 bedrooms.....	\$30.00
Royal Grove, Waikiki.....	2 ".....	30.00
1270 Matlock Ave.....	3 ".....	32.00
2295 McKinley St., Manoa.....	3 ".....	45.00
1579 Piikoi St.....	3 ".....	37.50
2116 Lanahuli drive, Manoa.....	3 ".....	45.00
1454 Thurston Ave.....	2 ".....	30.00
1313 Makiki St.....	3 ".....	25.00
1205 Wilhelmina rise, Kaimuki.....	3 ".....	35.00
1328 Kinau St.....	4 ".....	32.50
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1148 Lunallo St.....	4 ".....	32.50
1877 Kalakaua Ave.....	3 ".....	20.00
1126 King St.....	5 ".....	50.00
2015 Onu Ave., Manoa.....	2 ".....	30.00
1317 Makiki St.....	3 ".....	30.00
2144 Lanihuli drive, Manoa.....	2 ".....	40.00
702 Wylie St. and Puunui Ave.....	4 ".....	50.00
1251 Lunallo St.....	3 ".....	45.00
2130 Kamehameha Ave., Manoa.....	3 ".....	40.00
Lower Manoa road and Hillside.....	2 ".....	37.50
Mendonca Tract, Liliha St.....	3 ".....	20.00
Kewalo St.....	3 ".....	40.00
Adams Lane.....	3 ".....	35.00
Mokaua and Colburn Sts.....	3 ".....	15.00