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TACOMA'S EXPERIENCE

Emphasis upon the need of special training for municipal officials is the striking feature of the letter published in another column today from Mayor Fawcett of Tacoma. This letter is third in the series secured by the Star-Bulletin as suggestions for Honolulu's coming charter convention, and is not below the others in point of timely interest and pertinent discussion.

"What is needed today is experts in government," epitomizes the Tacoma executive's idea, and he elaborates it further as follows:

"The one great thing in all municipal advances today, it seems to me, is to get the idea recognized that municipal government is a special vocation requiring special vision, grasp and experience." And he looks on Tacoma's five years of the commission form as a step toward the city manager plan.

Indeed, when a city finds out that it needs expert municipal training in its public officials, the city manager plan follows as logically as day follows night.

Mayor Fawcett's letter is worth while reading, re-reading and reading again. He warns charter-makers against going too much into detail. The details should be left to the wisdom of the city's legislative body, whatever that is to be called. Frame the charter on broad lines. Let the officials take a short cut to results, if they wish to—but demand real results!

That is the view of Tacoma's executive after the Northwest city has had five years of commission government. He believes in the newer charter forms, and even the mistakes of the commission form have shown its superiority to the old long-ballot plan.

MAN NOT MENTIONED

Congressman James R. Mann of Chicago is rather neglected in a recent editorial of the Chicago Tribune on Illinois "favorite sons" who may be the center of presidential booms. The Illinois congressman who recently visited Hawaii is not even mentioned in the editorial. The Tribune says:

"If Illinois is to present a favorite son to the Republican national convention it must be apparent to any one who will take an instant's reasonable view of the situation that there is only one possible candidate in this state. He is Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman. By the simple processes of elimination for good cause of one sort or another every other mentionable Republican goes out and Sherman alone remains.

"There is no one other than Sherman in Illinois who is worth the mention before the next Republican national convention. He may or may not be. He has had long service and has talent and character. He is known. He is not ephemeral. The savvy of the nation might recognize him. It might not. But it will not recognize any other person in Illinois, in our opinion."

LACK OF TEAM-WORK.

Controversy between city officials and certain citizens over recent road-work has now reached the stage of legal verbiage so profuse and profound that the ordinary taxpayer does not take the trouble to follow it.

What the taxpayer realizes is that almost at the outset of their administration the mayor, supervisors and engineer have failed to satisfy a large number of the property-owners of the city in the application of the local improvement laws.

There is division even on the board of supervisors. One member tells the Star-Bulletin he is thoroughly in disagreement with the large amount of city money spent on ostensible "maintenance and repairs," believing that many thousands of dollars were virtually wasted. He is convinced the money should have been conserved for use in paying the city's part of improvements under the frontage-tax law and thus encouraging abutting property-owners to pay their part.

Regardless of the outcome of the so-called test case now in court on an injunction suit, the supervisors must reach a definition of "maintenance and repairs" which will give more assurance to the public that they intend to carry out their platform pledges in a vigorous and progressive spirit. When members of the board continually in private conversation complain that the other members are doing politics, a lack of harmony is indicated which bodes no good. It is this constant failure to do team-work and get results under the present elective system that is swinging more and more conser-

vative Honolulu's toward a charter that will eliminate some of the opportunities for politics. Too many such opportunities are being seized.

"HUMANITY FIRST" IN SERBIA.

"Humanity First," as President Wilson's stand has been aptly epitomized, is surely the watchword of American effort in Serbia.

None of the belligerents but Great Britain could spare time to succor, scarcely even to pity, little Serbia in the midst of awful miseries. It fell to Americans to step into the breach. Now the London office of the Associated Press sends out a statement which speaks very highly of the American work. It is based on the following report from the British Red Cross:

"The work of the Americans already challenges comparison with what the British workers have done and it promises soon to outstrip us. An international sanitary commission, of which Sir Ralph Paget is chairman, has been established at Nish. Under it the general medical and sanitary work of the country has been roughly apportioned between the different co-operating nations. France has charge of the northern half of the country, and the United States of the south. Nish and its immediate neighborhood is under the Russians. The British have had the care of the army and most of the hospital work, except what the Serbians themselves are doing.

"This plan is working smoothly and well; but the share of the burden which the United States is bearing continually increases, and will increase. Dr. Richard Strong, head of the American sanitary commission, is an exceptional man of wide experience, and he has behind him the practically unlimited resources of the wonderful Rockefeller foundation.

"The United States, however, is the only nation which at the moment can spare an almost unlimited supply of doctors. A party of 25 additional American doctors is expected shortly at Salonika. They are the advance guard of a contingent of 150 or more. As they land they will be detached, singly and in twos and threes, to points all over Serbia where they are most needed.

"The typhus has now been reduced to such comparatively trivial proportions that one almost begins to speak of it in the past tense, although there will be many thousands of deaths from it yet. The total number during the winter and spring was well over 200,000.

"There are now 420 British doctors and nurses in Serbia. There have been no new wounded for some five months; typhus and typhoid have declined until they are no longer a serious public menace, and cholera however anxiously awaited, has not yet arrived."

When the German government is made to realize that the president does not really mean in his attitude that the submarine warfare must stop, except against American ships and our citizens, it is reasonable to expect that Germany will concede our contention. I am quite sure she will, after due reflection.—Henry Clews.

Big strikes in Chicago and New York have recently been settled by arbitration. It would be a good thing if public service corporation franchises in Hawaii should provide for compulsory arbitration in case of serious labor disputes that reach the point of strike or lockout.

Members of the Bar Association have a right to feel gratified that the attorney-general agrees with them in recommending reappointments to the Hawaiian bench. The Association's indorsements are non-partisan and fair.

This is the week for the president's conferences on national defense. Logically it is also the week for the pacifists to howl.

Democratic efforts to make the income tax yield more will be received with but doubtful enthusiasm.

Evidently Attorney-general Gregory sees a difference between the bench and the pie-counter.

Question: Can Edison invent some way of applying a Maxim silencer to Bryan?

Russia's "strategical retreat" is rapidly going to extremes.

"Deserving Democrats" must continue to be deserving.

Naturally the war-babies loose a terrific howl.

JOHNSON COMES FROM CAPITAL TO EXPERIMENT

Maxwell O. Johnson, appointed chemist of the federal agricultural experiment station here in place of William T. McGeorge, who has gone to the coast, has arrived and taken up his work.

Mr. Johnson comes from Washington, D. C. where he has been employed in special analytical work for the department of agriculture. He is a graduate of Purdue University of Lafayette, Ind., and also has a degree from the George Washington University of Washington, D. C.

Agent J. M. Westgate says the office is running short-handed now because of the fact that several of the employees have gone on vacations or have changed to other places of employment. F. A. Clowes of Glenwood, Hawaii, has gone to Lahainaluna as instructor in the schools. His place is to be filled by J. B. Thompson, who will come from the coast.

J. E. Higgins is in the states and is at present taking his vacation. His first month after leaving here was spent in an investigation of various methods of cold storage for pineapples and other Hawaiian fruits.

LEILEHUA SHOW HOUSE CROWDED FOR SUNDAY NIGHT PERFORMANCE

Under the management of William Prestidge of the Bijou theater, the Schofield officers, soldiers and some citizens of Honolulu last night witnessed a vaudeville show at the Leilehua show house such as is not very often seen in the territory.

The first person on the program was Miss E. Mellor of San Francisco, who sang and won extraordinary applause. She was obliged to sing four other rags as encores. One reel of motion pictures was thrown on the screen and then the clever Aflague Sisters walked out on the stage.

The Aflague Sisters are well known at Leilehua, having made several appearances there before on Sunday nights. They sang "Dancing the Blues Away," "I'm On My Way to Dublin Bay," and other favorites.

After the next two reels of pictures the Aflague Sisters, to please the crowd, sang a couple of Hawaiian songs, accompanied by a ukulele played by Miss Lucile Aflague.

Bob Cunningham of San Francisco showed his ability as a comedian last night. He cracked some very good jokes and sang some comical songs.

Next on the program was Rob Smith, with very strong jaws, who pulled out nails that were tightly driven into wood, bent iron rods and did various other stunts with his teeth.

CAMP AT PENINSULA CONTINUES POPULAR

"Halolopus," the Y. W. C. A. summer camp at the Peninsula, continues to be a very popular place for vacation stays and week end trips, according to Miss C. B. Chandler of the women's association, who leaves this afternoon to relieve Miss Leonora Andersen, the physical director who is in charge of the place.

Others who are leaving for the Peninsula today are Miss Anetta Dieckmann, the new educational secretary, Miss Hilton, Miss Gomes, Miss Buck and Mrs. Cooper.

Among the over-Sunday guests were Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Jackson, Mrs. Gage, Mrs. Keating, Miss Ethel Keating, Miss Anderson and Miss Then.

It is the plan of the association officers to keep the camp running until after Labor Day if possible. Swimming, tennis, croquet, canoeing and yachting are all helping to make the days and nights delightful.

ROUND TOP ROAD PASS
TO BE GIVEN ONLY TO
MOUNTAIN RESIDENTS
Assistant Superintendent of
Public Works A. C. Wheeler announced this morning that residents on Round Top and Tantalus will be the only ones to whom passes will be issued to travel on the new Round Top road.
These passes are now ready for distribution. A gate has been built at the start of the road and only those with passes will be allowed on the highway.
Those getting passes must sign their willingness to bear all responsibility for accidents while on the road. Superintendent Forbes said today that in a few days the Round Top road will be connected with the Tantalus road.

Personal Mentions

L. J. Warren of the law firm of Smith, Warren and Sutton is in Hawaii on business.

JUDGE DOLE, in company with Deputy Clerk Davis and Court Reporter Soares, has gone to Hilo.

W. W. THAYER, secretary of the territory, will leave next November for San Francisco on a business trip to the Hawaii building at the Panama-Pacific exposition.

SERGEANT AND MRS. WILLIAM H. LOPER, residing at 1255 South King street, celebrated quietly with their immediate and personal friends the 24th anniversary of their marriage at West Point, N. Y., on August 15.

DR. GEORGE H. HUDDY, who has figured in territorial politics for many years, is in Honolulu preparing to embark on the Mauna Kea steamer tomorrow for the mainland. Dr. Huddy will attend the dentists' convention in San Francisco and at its conclusion, September 10, he will start on a tour of the United States. He expects to return in about four months.

ADOLPH F. GERTZ has been appointed district deputy supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias for the territory, in the place of A. B. Angus, whose term of office has expired. Mr. Gertz is past chancellor of the William McKinley Lodge No. 8. The Pythians have been negotiating for the use of the seven-reel story of Damon and Pythias, produced by the Universal Film Company, and expect to show it here during the latter part of September.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—SHERIFF ROSE: No, I haven't answered Gen. Carter's luau letter yet.

—MAYOR LANE: I have not forgotten that park proposal of the Bishop estate and this morning I held an informal conference over it with my advisers.

—C. K. AI: By next week we should begin getting letters from the Chinese of the flooded districts, telling us of the work done by the first money we sent to help them.

—J. A. M. JOHNSON: I am announcing that on and after Wednesday, September 1, 1915, I will be with the Schuman Carriage Company of Honolulu, where my friends can always find me with a smile.

—D. L. CONKLING: When I look at the amount of money I have collected in license fees this year, I feel satisfied, but if the supervisors will give me that "tin Lizzie" I asked for, I will increase the fund by \$35,000 more of paid-in license fees.

—DISTRICT JUDGE MONSARAT: It is often that a district magistrate must face the problem of what is the best way to dispose of a case involving domestic troubles. Often, however, I find it better to throw the case out of court and advise the parties to go home and forget their differences.

—MISS C. B. CHANDLER: The Y. W. C. A. "Homestead," which was filled temporarily by girls attending the territorial summer school, is becoming empty again. We hope to have a large enrolment of girls through the winter months, and are ready to receive applications at any time.

THRUSTS HAND INTO CITY'S STRONG BOX AND FINDS ONLY AIR

The city treasurer opened his safe this morning and then plunged his key into the lock of the vault reserved for general fund money. The vault was empty of everything but air and the treasurer's reaching hand. There had been no robbery. The treasurer, D. L. Conkling, remembered then that he had paid the city's last general fund dollar out Saturday in cashing a pay voucher, Saturday being municipal payday.
So the treasurer started to register warrants this morning and expects to continue raising the cash in this manner until the second-half taxes start to come in next November. The first warrant to be registered this morning was for \$1950 for the Schuman Carriage Company, for three automobiles sold to the municipality.

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FILIPINOS TAKE SWIM CLAD ONLY IN SMILES

Battle raged at Dranga's camp, Pihonus, Hawaii, a few days ago, under circumstances resembling Kipling's classic "The Taking of Lungtungpen." One Japanese rancher executed a flank attack on a party of Filipinos who, clad in a bright smile and imitating September Morn, were using his water flume as a bath tub. However well he lived up to his nation's reputation for putting up a stiff scrap, the Japanese was outnumbered. A hurry call for the police resulted in a speedy discontinuance of the fray, and saved the Japanese life.

A great crowd of Japanese celebrated yesterday the eighth anniversary of the consecration of the Isumo Oyashiro shrine, in Leleoa lane, near King and Beretania streets. There is but one shrine of this sort in the territory.

A cozy bungalow, on an excellent lot in "Makiki Beautiful," can be secured by a first payment of \$500, the other payments to follow regularly at the rate of \$48 monthly. The total cost of home and lot will be \$3450, plus interest. There are just 5 of these opportunities.

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959 Prospect St.	2 "	30.00

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Four new cottages "Royal Grove (August)"		\$35.00 and \$40.00
1325 Palolo Valley Rd.	2 bedrooms	20.00
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1704 King St.	2 "	30.00
Cor. Kamehameha Ave. and Manoa	2 "	40.00
Hackfeld and Prospect	2 "	27.50
1004 W. 5th Ave., Kaimuki	4 "	16.00
1313 Makiki St.	3 "	30.00
1205 Wilhelmina Rise, Kaimuki	3 "	25.00
770 Kinai st.	4 "	32.50
1329 Wildier Ave.	4 "	40.00
1877 Kalakaua Ave.	3 "	29.00
1317 Makiki St.	3 "	25.00
2144 Lanihuli Drive, Manoa	2 "	40.00
2130 Kamehameha Ave., Manoa	3 "	40.00
Lower Manoa Rd. and Hillside	2 "	37.50
1913 Young St.	2 "	25.00
Kewalo St.	3 "	40.00
1058 14th Ave., Kaimuki	2 "	30.00
12th and Mauna Loa Aves., Kaimuki	2 "	15.00
1562 Nuuanu Ave.	5 "	50.00
40 Beach walk	3 "	35.00
1028 Pihoi St.	3 "	30.00