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Poetry is an altar where the sacrament of the passions is exposed to the gaze of the whole world for the consolation of a few communicants.—Francis Grierson.

LEAVING LEGISLATION TO THE OFFICIALS.

The defeat of the initiative and referendum proposals as amendments to the California constitution is significant. It is quite possible that the voters are beginning to grow wary of plans which complicate legislation and add to its expense. The initiative and referendum measures are meant for public emergencies, where the elected officials are indifferent and fail to pass good laws, or pass laws which are obviously inimical to public welfare. Frequent elections, intricate ballots and the impulse of half-baked opinion too often are the results of this so-called "direct legislation." As long ago as 1913 a veteran Republican of Honolulu predicted that the pendulum was swinging away from the "progressive" measures and ultimately would discredit the direct primary. We see no evidence of this latter but there is evidence that states and municipalities are giving less encouragement to the initiative and referendum this year than last.

TOO MANY DEADLY WEAPONS.

On September 22 the Star-Bulletin, calling attention to violent crime in Hawaii, proposed a rigid city regulation regarding the purchase and registration of deadly weapons. The suggestion was made after a casual inquiry at the city hall showed there is no adequate supervision of such purchases. Editorially this paper said:

The supervisors by ordinance could readily change this. They could require intending purchasers of firearms to report to the city clerk and register, there to be given a permit to buy the weapon. Better yet it would be to require the intending purchaser to register at the police station, and the decision should be given the police officers, to refuse permits except in cases where the purchasers are known to be reputable, careful men.

As to the need of supervision there is no controversy whatever. Crimes of violence are increasing rapidly, particularly crimes committed with revolvers, and to a less extent with knives. In many cases deadly weapons are in the hands of men who have no personal responsibility, who are on the edge of lawlessness. In many other cases the weapons are carried by Orientals whose creed is to take life when offended, either their own life or that of a rival or a lover.

Stores which deal in knives and firearms will be glad to cooperate in any plan toward promoting law and order; legitimate dealers will not object; and illegitimate dealers may be punished. When a man is caught carrying a weapon, the police can learn where he got it, and if it was issued without a permit, the seller should be prosecuted.

We are glad to see that Mayor Lane has now reached apparently the same conclusion as to the necessity of checking the distribution of dangerous weapons in the community. He has directed an inquiry to the city attorney's office with the object of having prepared an ordinance which will lay down new and more stringent regulations than the present ineffective rules now supposed to be in force.

The distribution of deadly weapons has been so large, either by legitimate or underground channels, that a campaign to take away the weapons from irresponsible hands should be begun. That this is a difficult matter to accomplish is obvious, but crime has reached such a proportion that drastic measures are imperative.

NORWAY AND SWEDEN HARD HIT.

Every nation at war will in the end be a tremendous loser industrially, say the economists. So, it appears, will the neutral nations. Aside from the trade in war supplies with the Allies, Uncle Sam's European commerce is disorganized and yet the plight of the United States seems lucky indeed compared to that of two neutral nations of the continent—Norway and Sweden.

Associated Press advices from Christiania say that something very close to a panic is spreading over both Norway and Sweden, as a result of the alarming scarcity of provisions and the unprecedented prices which are demanded for the simplest kind of food. Norway is now on the point of following Sweden's lead in prohibiting the export of all provisions of which there is a present shortage, in order

that prices may be brought down within reach of the poorer classes.

The advance in prices in Norway is approximately the same as in Sweden, but in some cases it has been even more marked. Herring, which is one of the main articles of diet among the peasant population, have risen from two to four and a half and five cents apiece, and the present price of oatmeal is 250 per cent higher than it was before the war.

The meat shortage was temporarily relieved some time ago, as it was in Sweden, by the slaughter of a large number of cattle which there was not enough grain to feed, but prices have now advanced again, reaching the highest level ever known in Norway. It is a curious paradox, however, that as a nation Norway's economic condition is better than before the war. Norway's tremendous exports, at the same time they have drained the country of its necessary provisions for home consumption and carried masses of the people to the verge of starvation, have brought a tremendous amount of money into the country, enabled the country to pay all its imports, and left a large surplus to be used for industrial purposes and public loans.

The Bank of Norway—the government's bank—had a year ago twenty million dollars of gold in its vaults. Today it has forty millions. A year ago it had issued paper money to the extent of five and a half million beyond its deposits, while today with the same amount of paper currency in circulation, it has a reserve of three million dollars.

Deposits in private banks are at present thirty million dollars greater than they were a year ago on the same date. These banks had to their credit in foreign banks \$700,000 last year. This year they have ten millions. The war has brought Norway a flood tide of prosperity, and if government action is taken to reduce present prices and provide the poorer people with food, Norway will have little to lose and a great deal to gain from a long war.

Norway's friendship for England and the fact that she has had less to complain of in the restriction of imports than Sweden, have made her trade question a much less serious one than in her sister country. Her chief grievance against Britain remains the English censorship of her mail and cablegrams to America and other neutral countries. Norway is still trying to devise a more direct and speedier communication with America.

In retaliation for an Italian aviator's visit to Trieste, Austria birdmen bombarded Venice and succeeded in destroying historic art objects. Trieste is understood to be a fortified city, and is the objective of a military campaign. The bombardment of Venice does not strike the neutral observer as a retaliation justified by military tactics.

Another murder is chronicled in the police calendar. Another man who was "carrying a gun." There are too many such in Honolulu and the sooner police and city hall authorities take some action to round up the gun-toters the better it will be for law and order in this community.

"Going Some" will be the motto of the Promotion Committee on the trip to Maui. As a matter of fact, the committee has been going some recently on its Honolulu stamping-grounds and will be in good shape for the endurance test on the Valley Isle.

Collier's Weekly prints a long article about Col. Roosevelt as the most interesting American. This and other signs point to the colonel's tossing his hat into the 1917 ring before many moons have waxed and waned.

We are now assured that the Republicans in Congress will not oppose the maintenance of a cent per pound duty on sugar. It's a certainty the Republicans in Hawaii will not.

Witnesses steadily multiply to tell the grand jury of alleged scandalous doings at the county jail. There is safety as well as corroboration in numbers.

Turkey's defense of Constantinople is certainly very disappointing to the Allies. But think how the Sultan must like it!

Meanwhile the minority in the charter convention gets larger and larger—or is the majority too confident to attend?

Uncle Sam's persistent attack on the biggest corporation in the country is another case of "Thou Shalt Not Steel."

PRESIDENT THANKFUL FOR PEACE

Proclamation Points Out Many Blessings of U. S.

WASHINGTON, October 21.—President Wilson today, in a proclamation designating Thursday, November 25, as Thanksgiving Day, called attention to the fact that the United States has been at peace while most of Europe has been at war. "We have been able to assert our rights and the rights of mankind without breach of friendship with the great nations with whom we have had to deal," said the president. The text follows:

"It has long been the honored custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for his many blessings and mercies to us as a nation. The year that is now drawing to a close since we last observed one day of national thanksgiving has been, while a year of discipline because of the mighty forces of war and of changes which have disturbed the world, also a year of special blessing for us.

"Another year of peace has been vouchsafed us; another year in which not only to take thought of our duty to ourselves and to mankind, but also to adjust ourselves to the many responsibilities thrust upon us by a war which has involved almost the whole of Europe. We have been able to assert our rights and the rights of mankind without breach of friendship with the great nations with whom we have had to deal, and while we have asserted rights, we have been able also to perform duties and exercise privileges of succor and helpfulness which should serve to demonstrate our desire to make the offices of friendship the means of truly disinterested and unselfish service.

"Our ability to serve all who could avail themselves of our services in the a gracious Providence by more and more abundant crops; our ample financial resources have enabled us to steady the markets of the world and facilitate necessary movement of commerce which the war might otherwise have rendered impossible, and our people have come more and more to a sober realization of the part they

THIRTY-FIVE SALOONS IN TIA JUANA, WHICH HAS 200 POPULATION

"If any Bartlett or McGraths were living around the Mexican village of Tia Juana we didn't have any inkling of it," says George W. Ashley, treasurer of the Schuman Carriage Company, who with Chester Irwin and Robert McKague of the Honolulu Plantation Company was recently in the border town during a trip to the southern end of California.

"I'll admit that I didn't have a very favorable impression of the place, and did not care to stay there long, but it wasn't because I had heard of any old Honolulu people having been or being there. We never heard a word of either McGrath or Bartlett," says Ashley.

Tia Juana is not exactly a church city. It has about 60 buildings, according to people who have been there, and of these 50 about 25 are saloons. Gambling is rife, with bull fights, and any other amusement which is shut out from the United States naturally creeps across the border. The town boasts a population of some 200 souls.

Personal Mention

REV. SAMUEL KAMAIPIPI left for Maui in the Mauna Loa at noon today, where he will spend a few days looking over the missionary field.

WILLIAM H. HEEN will arrive in Honolulu from Hilo tomorrow morning to take the position as deputy in the attorney-general's department, succeeding Leslie P. Scott, resigned.

MRS. F. E. BLAKE, wife of the manager of the Hawaiian Electric Company, will leave for San Francisco in the Wilhelmnia next Wednesday morning to visit the exposition. She expects to return to Honolulu before the holidays.

WILL B. PITTMAN, brother of Frank K. Pittman of this city and of Senator Key Pittman of Nevada, has been appointed by Collector John F. Haley as deputy collector in the local internal revenue office. Mr. Pittman succeeds Otto A. Berndt, whose resignation was tendered recently. He will arrive from San Francisco Monday on the Ventura.

JURY FINDS PENNANT FOR SALE INDECENT

After deliberating about 15 minutes, a jury in federal court today found C. Kam Moon, proprietor of Kam's Variety Store in King street, guilty on the fifth count in an indictment charging him with keeping obscene pictures for sale. He was declared to be not guilty on each of the other four counts. The attorney for Kam entered a motion for a new trial. The pictures in question consisted of five pennants containing both writings and pictures

DWELLINGS FOR RENT

FURNISHED		
Lunalilo St.	3 bedrooms	\$55.00
Green and Victoria Sts.	2 "	75.00
Wildier Ave. and Spencer	6 "	30.00
Central Ave., Kaimuki	2 "	25.00
Prospect St., Pensacola	2 "	30.00
Park Ave., Kaimuki	2 "	30.00
Lanihuli Drive	3 "	70.00
Tantalus Heights	3 "	45.00
UNFURNISHED		
811 Lunalilo St.	6 bedrooms	\$60.00
1522 Hastings St.	4 "	75.00
1475 Thurston Ave.	5 "	40.00
1221 Pensacola St.	4 "	40.00
1940 Young St.	2 "	35.00
1231 Lunalilo St.	2 "	35.00
2355 Oahu Ave.	5 "	70.00
Center Ave., Kaimuki	2 "	15.00
Kunawai Lane	3 "	30.00

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PAGEANT BOOK IS COMPLETED FOR PUNAHOU

With the completion of the Pageant Book for the Punahou Pageant to be held next June, 1916, and its acceptance by the anniversary committee, one of the biggest tasks in connection with the celebration of the 75th anniversary of Punahou has been successfully accomplished. The book was written by Miss Ethel M. Damon, a graduate of Punahou, and at present a teacher at Punahou on leave of absence, assisted by Miss Mary P. Winne and Mrs. Isaac M. Cox. In its representation of Punahou life and its polished literary form the Pageant Book will be a real contribution to Punahou and Hawaiian literature. Mrs. Cox, who will have charge of its presentation, speaks of its dramatic possibilities with great enthusiasm.

The general anniversary committee, acting under the leadership of A. F. Judd, chairman, is also getting busy on other plans for the celebration. Tentative arrangements for the celebration week at Punahou include a dignified academic program with distinguished speakers, "Punahou and Community Days on the Campus," a Hawaiian and an Alumni evening, and, of course, the pageant, which will be made the chief feature of the celebration. The dates that the committee has definitely set aside for the celebration are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 20 to 22, 1916.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. MARY SHEPHERD

With a large number of relatives and friends present, funeral services for Mrs. Mary T. Shepherd were held from her former home in Pensacola street at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Rev. A. A. Ebersole, associate pastor of Central Union church, officiating. Interment was in the family plot in the Makiki cemetery. Beautiful floral tributes were in evidence.

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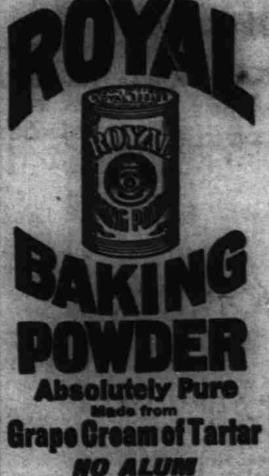
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1124 Lunalilo	4 "	70.00
Cor. Green and Victoria sts.	6 "	75.00
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2658 Oahu ave., Manoa	3 "	60.00

UNFURNISHED

Hackfeld and Prospect Sts.	2 "	27.50
14 Mendocna Tract (Liliha St.)	3 "	20.00
1713 Kalia Rd., Waikiki (partly furnished)	2 "	25.00
770 Kinaw St.	4 "	32.50
1004 W. 5th Ave., Kaimuki	4 "	16.00
1020 Alohā Lane	2 "	18.00
1239 Wildier Ave.	4 "	40.00
1562 Nuuanu Ave.	5 "	50.00
Luso St. (near School)	2 "	20.00
Thurston Ave.	2 "	25.00
1312 Center St., Kaimuki	2 "	25.00
1818 Beretania St.	2 "	25.00
2015 Lanihuli Drive (Manoa)	3 "	40.00
Waiatae road, bet. 6th and 7th Aves.	15 "	125.00
Hyde and Oahu, Manoa	2 "	35.00
2355 Oahu Ave., Manoa	5 "	70.00
1124 Lunalilo (partly furnished)	4 "	50.00
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1317 Makiki St.	2 "	25.00
1205 Wilhelmnia Rise	2 "	25.00



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REV. W. D. WESTERVELT IS PUT ON LIBRARY BOARD

Rev. Dr. W. D. Westervelt was yesterday appointed by Governor Pinkham as a member of the board of trustees of the Library of Hawaii for a term ending April 30, 1917. Dr. Westervelt succeeds A. Lewis, Jr., whose resignation was handed in some time ago, and represents the Hawaiian Historical Society. The board of trustees of the library is now made up as follows: Rt. Rev. Bishop Henry Bond Rostathick, John R. Galt and Mrs. Elizabeth Cartwright McCandless for the Territory; Frank E. Blake, Charles H. Atherton and Judge Philip L. Weaver for the Honolulu Library and Reading Room Association, and Rev. Dr. W. D. Westervelt for the Hawaiian Historical Society.