

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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## ONE MERCHANT'S COMMENT.

By way of comment on the results of the Window Display Contest last Saturday, the Star-Bulletin finds nothing more apt than the following extract from the conversation of a retail merchant on Saturday evening:

"I didn't get a prize but I am mighty well satisfied with this contest. My windows were dressed to sell goods, not to make a pretty picture out of material which had nothing to do with my stock, and my theory proved correct so far as the public is concerned. Every clerk in my establishment has been hard at work all day long—this has been a busy, a happy and a profitable Saturday. Furthermore, proving that my theory of window-display is correct—at least so far as my business goes—the people who came into the store bought specially of the lines I was displaying and then followed these purchases up with other things we were enabled to draw their attention to.

"The contest was a splendid thing for every retail merchant. First it was given intelligent and substantial publicity. The people were prepared to look at the windows critically and closely. Second, it brought downtown an all-day crowd, in spite of times when the weather was bad. And, though some merchants may not agree with me, the crowd was prepared to buy—provided the windows made an appeal not merely to their sense of the picturesque and the artistic but to their commercial sense—that is, convinced them that we had especially desirable articles in stock at a fair price. Third, even where sales were not made to spectators, these spectators appreciated the unusual efforts that had been put forth in this contest and thus every contestant made friends for himself and his establishment.

"Fourth and perhaps most important of all: The contest has convinced merchants that it is unmistakably good business to be up-to-date in their window displays. Some of the stores which haven't changed their windows often, have waked up to the fact that any store which displays its stock right has a powerful 'pull' on the buying public. I wager that there'll be more frequent and more careful window-dressing in this town than ever before.

"Yes, as I say, I didn't get a prize, but I am well satisfied. And I believe all the merchants should be."

## SYMPTOMS.

Sylvester Cullen, ex-policeman, and Charles Cash, ex-prisoner, have been sentenced each to three months in jail for their foray by night to intimidate a witness who has testified before the territorial grand jury to scandalous conditions at the county jail.

With these men sent to prison, a beginning has been made at putting an end to the reign of official laxity, incompetence and laziness at the institution presided over by "Joe" Fern. But it is a beginning made at the surface, not at the bottom of this nauseating official mire. Cullen and Cash and their kind are the outward results of the grave evil which the jury is investigating. They and their plan to invade the Riedel home and assault Riedel are the symptoms of the disease. To eliminate the disease itself, the grand jury's probe must cut deep and get at the roots and ramifications of the entire police system under its present maladministration.

When Cash stole an auto that did not belong to him and went with Cullen to the Riedel home at night, Cullen was a member of the police force. He had been a guard at the county jail and must have known of conditions there. The only possible explanation of his attempt to intimidate a grand jury witness is that he was afraid of the exposure of jail conditions. And the fact that he, a police officer,

was one of the principals in this notorious escapade is eloquent testimony to the measure of discipline in the police department.

There are good men and efficient men and fearless men in the department but as against the laxity of administration, their work is well-nigh lost.

The probe must go deep and search wide, but in the end the men who have helped to cut out the evil growth will have done their community a vital service.

## THE PENALTY TO FIT THE CRIME.

Judge Ashford's sentence of imprisonment upon John Marcellino puts the crime of embezzlement back into the category where it belongs in this territory—a felony to be punished with imprisonment. It is a warning to evil-doers of this particular type that they cannot expect to play fast and loose with the money of others entrusted to their care and in the end escape with the payment of a light fine.

The judge must expect comparisons to be made with this sentence and that in two other cases recently before him, in both of which the guilty ones were dismissed with a fine. That incident remains of painful memory and yet we reiterate a previous expression that even with all of its unfortunate features the effect has been salutary. What Judge Ashford himself calls "the moral sense of the community" could not tolerate without protest the imposition of fines for embezzlements of a heinous nature. Once aroused, this moral sense voiced its indignation throughout the territory and then there warning was served upon weaklings with the money of others in their power that in Hawaii men who go wrong must pay the penalty.

The casual observer may say, "The poor and comparatively unimportant man was jailed; the others went free." This comparison is not a fair one, for it deals with these three cases alone, and does not recognize what Judge Ashford specifically acknowledged in pronouncing sentence—that the moral sense of the community demands adequate punishment for such offenses; and in making his statement the jurist acknowledges his duty to observe this moral community sentiment and act upon its dictates now and in the future.

The newspaper advertising columns are the shop-windows for all Honolulu. And the merchant doesn't have to wait for the buyer to pass his store—he can take the show-window right to the prospective customer by advertising in the newspaper which goes to the home.

Big-league baseball is just over, football has sped through a swift season, pretty soon it will be Christmas, then the Carnival will be on, and next it's time for baseball again. Half a year gone and nobody noticed it.

Gorizia, the Austrian stronghold against which the Italians have been battering, defies all the known laws of gravitation. It has been falling for months—and hasn't reached the bottom yet.

It is now assured that no effort will be made to discharge all the federal employes who committed on the president's engagement.

The progressive merchant is the man who doesn't need a contest to stir him to window-dressing.

Among the list of thankless jobs we may now put down that of judging a window display contest.

By the way, what has become of Bryan's European trip?

Judging by Saturday's score, Yale was a trifle off form.

## 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.)

### A FIGHTING PHALANX NEEDED IN HONOLULU.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Sir: Your editorial of Thursday evening on "No Reason to Quit" hit the nail squarely on the head. It is the clarion call to intelligent voters in this city and a request that others join the ranks of common sense and the absolute certainty of future success.

The day is fast drawing to a close for the petty, bickering, job-bartering political ward heeler no matter whether he be malihini, kamaaina, Republican or Democrat. I will not say that his sun is entirely set but it is a long way on the road to the horizon.

Conditions of incompetence for which the ward politics system inaugurated by Republicans and perpetuated and further exemplified by the Democrats, have reached such a stage that as by common consent a fighting phalanx is forming in this city and it is certain to win because its position is fundamentally right.

The present system is founded on most everything that has served to discredit and destroy democratic government. It cannot endure. If the people of this city do not wake up they will be waked up.

This afternoon I happened to run across a copy of the Missionary Herald issued in 1832—don't assume from this that I am a missionary. That issue had a long article on the Sandwich Islands. Among other things it spoke of the interest Hawaiians showed in education. The school attendance numbered thousands.

That shows the old-time Hawaiians were quick to grasp the opportunity for more light. If the Hawaiians of the present day will follow the lead of their ancestors they will respond to the men of education and sincerity who tell them that the present trend of cheap politics is leading them to a more certain and immediate governmental hell than was ever put before the old timers by the missionaries' teaching hell fire. The results of incompetence and public trust as an office to be traded are already in evidence. The Hawaiians are being taught that they have a right to all the offices, and while I would not deny them that right, one thing is absolutely certain, if they have all the offices they also bear the responsibility for giving an administration in keeping with the opportunities which our position offers and the responsibilities which our position demands.

Neither haole nor kanaka can bluff this situation off as one long lulu.

There is a day of reckoning coming and unless there is a radical change that day is not far removed. In this I refer to the national phase of it.

So far as a considerable number of voters is concerned that day of reckoning is shaping up every 24 hours. I will not attempt to predict what the result will be on election day but you can bank on it that the spirit of your editorial is the guiding thought of a steadily increasing number of men who have done things here, who can do things here and who will do things here.

So keep up the good work. We are with you heart and soul, and not all of us are by any means green at the political game or ignorant of the inside of the workings at the present time. DETERMINED.

Honolulu, Nov. 22, 1915.

### PAYING FOR PREPAREDNESS.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Sir: I note that the governor is to address the militia on the subject "Pay Not Patriotism, the Keynote of Preparedness." This seems to me an unkind stab from an appointee of a Democratic administration, which is struggling with the question of providing means to pay for preparedness, a struggle which does not attract the attention of the horde of editors shouting for the cause. The fact is overlooked that if we follow the path of preparedness the cost for the army alone, if brought to the peace standard of Germany, viz., 800,000 men, an increase of eight to one, would involve a biennial expense of \$1,500,000,000 which would be nearly 25 per cent more than the billion and a quarter appropriated by the last Congress for the entire needs of the country, and that, too, with war taxes proving insufficient to supply the revenue on a peace basis.

Of course we should not be less prepared than Germany; we are a much larger and more exposed nation; we have not a single friend; our imitator and admirer, Japan, has been alienated at the behest of a few irresponsible demagogues; Mexico hates us, and we

can expect no assistance from Europe. When we add to this the appalling sums required for naval preparedness, no wonder the present administration is staggered by the problem with which it is faced.

I cannot accept Bryan's doctrine, for it involves the assumption that the evil in human nature has been eradicated, and this is not a safe assumption even in religion. Unitarianism does well enough for the "unco guid," like our friend Judge Dole, but the ordinary sinner, like myself, feels the necessity of a touch of orthodox hell fire now and then. But Bryan's plan, like that of the Germans, is at least intelligible, while the plans of the advocates of preparedness are as the policy of Great Britain, which she is still using in actual hostilities, of "muddling along."

DAVID L. WITTINGTON.

November 22, 1915.

### LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—FRED L. WALDRON: If it keeps raining as hard as it has done recently someone may start a ferry from the harbor up Fort street to the Young hotel.

—JOHN F. NELSON: I had planned to spend my Thanksgiving vacation at the Punahoa resthouse on the windward side of the island, but the recent wet weather and the overgrown trails in the mountains will probably lead me to change my mind. Rainy weather is a habit on top of the Koolau range.

—A. L. C. ATKINSON: Saturday's window-display contest was the biggest and most successful advertising stunt in years. It showed Honolulu that their merchants have goods as varied and beautiful as may be found in the largest stores of the mainland. Such displays help us overcome the provincialism that island cities are sometimes afflicted with.

### JOHN BAKER GOT TIRED OF BEING HUMAN STATUE

John Baker has come to San Francisco to be a human being for a change, instead of a statue, says the Daily News of San Francisco of November 10.

"Baker has made his home in Honolulu for many a year. In the islands he is a most famous character. For it was Baker who posed for the celebrated statue of King Kamehameha, because of the strong resemblance he bore to the ancient ruler of the tropic isles.

"But when tourists saw the statue and then saw him, it often became uncomfortable, for he was frequently taken for the real article by those who did not know that the Kamehamehas have long since ceased to walk the earth."

## ALOHA! What To See

(For the benefit of tourists and arrivals from the mainland, the Star-Bulletin publishes a brief directory of a few of the scenic and historical attractions of Hawaii. Additional details will be given on inquiry at the rooms of the Hawaii Promotion Committee in the Alexander Young hotel building.)

Take Walkiki Car. Aquarium. Surfing and bathing at Walkiki.

Take Kalia Car. Bishop Museum, daily except Wednesday. Fort Shafter. Moanalua Gardens.

Ten Minutes' Walk from Business Center. Old Royal Palace. Old Throne Room. Old Coral Church. Old Mission House. King Lunalilo's Tomb. Washington Place.

Outside the City. Walks in Tantalus Hills. The Fall, by motor. Coral Gardens, 12 miles by auto, daily.

Haleiwa Hotel, by motor or rail. Wahiawa Hotel, by motor or rail. Pearl Harbor, naval station.

On Other Islands. Volcano via Hilo, by steamers Wednesday and Saturday.

Haleakala on Maui, by steamer, Wednesday, Saturday, Monday and Friday. Waimea Canyon, Kauai, by steamer, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.

## UNLAWFUL TO REMAIN HERE, BUT CAN'T LEAVE

### Lee Tai Released After Two Attempts to Get Away Prove Failures

Like a human football, Lee Tai, former federal prisoner, is being booted about on the field of uncertainty with U. S. Marshal J. J. Smiddy and Immigration Inspector R. L. Halsey acting as chief "punters," and with their respective offices as the opposing goalposts. The Chinese first came into the limelight when he walked off a steamer here with some diamond rings in his pocket. He had come from China. He was arrested and tried on a charge of smuggling, but was adjudged not guilty by a directed verdict.

Then the federal authorities stepped in again and arrested Lee Tai for being unlawfully in the country. U. S. Commissioner George S. Curry found that he was unlawfully in the country and Marshal Smiddy received orders to have the Chinese deported.

According to Lee Tai back to China in the Tenyo Maru, which sailed Saturday, Lee Tai, says the marshal, was rushed down to the federal immigration station to be placed in the custody of the officers there, as is the usual custom.

"But Inspector Halsey refused to take the Chinese into custody," says Marshal Smiddy. "He said that my office should pay the expenses of the deportation; that is, a ticket to China for Lee Tai."

Upon arriving at this state of affairs Lee Tai was trundled back to the marshal's office. The marshal decided

that he would have to write to Washington, D. C. for the funds for the ticket, and, in the interim, Lee Tai would have to stay in Oahu prison.

R. W. Breckons, attorney for Lee Tai, strenuously objected to this line of procedure. He intimated that he would reopen the case. Whereupon Commissioner Curry gave to the marshal an order for the release of Lee Tai.

A short time after this—on Saturday—Halsey called up the marshal's office and wanted to know where Lee Tai was. The marshal promptly informed the inspector that the Chinese had been released.

"Halsey fumed and fretted and wanted to know why Lee Tai had been released," said the marshal to day. "I told him it was because he had refused to take custody at the immigration station."

While all this controversy was going on the marshal says that Lee Tai went down to the Tenyo Maru and tried to make arrangements to work his way back to China on that steamer. The steamer officers refused to let him work his way unless he could get the written permission of some local government officials.

### SPANISH VETERANS' SCHOOL OF OFFICERS GETS U. S. BACKING

SEATTLE, Wash.—The National Veteran corps, organized in Seattle by veterans of the United States War Veterans, with a view to schooling its members for service as volunteer officers in the event they are needed by the government, has been given the endorsement of the war department, in a letter from Henry Breckonridge, acting secretary of war, who wrote:

"I believe that the purpose of your organization, as expressed in your constitution, is worthy, patriotic and deserving of the moral support of the government. I would suggest that you have as many members of your organization as possible take the examination for commissions as volunteer officers."



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**PERSONALITIES**

ANGUS McPHEE is visiting in Honolulu.

W. J. CONROY, a traveling salesman well-known here, arrived this morning on the Sonoma on one of his annual visits to this city.

H. BERTELMANN, JR., one of Honolulu's well-known young men, was a passenger on the Sonoma coming back to this city today.

S. OZAKI, a prominent Japanese merchant of this city, returned to Honolulu this morning in the Sonoma from San Francisco, accompanied by Mrs. Ozaki.

H. CUSHMAN CARTER, associated with Sam Walker, the stockbroker, was a passenger on the Sonoma, returning here today. He has been on the mainland on business.

CHARLES H. BROWN will leave for the mainland in the Wilhelmina on December 1 to visit in San Francisco and Washington, D. C.

REV. A. A. EBERSOLE, associate pastor of Central Union church, was the speaker last night at the union vesper services of Mills school and Kawaiahaio seminary.

MRS. T. J. HEENEY, wife of the federal inspector of boilers, has received information of the death of her mother, Mrs. J. K. Thomas at Eureka, Cal., at noon last Saturday.

MR. and MRS. JOHN HALL of San Francisco arrived today on the Sonoma. Mrs. Hall is a sister of Mrs. Quinlan, wife of Chief Engineer James H. Quinlan of the Mauna Kea.

WILLIAM G. OGG, manager of the Hawaiian Agricultural Company's plantation at Pahala, returned today on

the Sonoma from a business trip to the coast. He left here on the Wilhelmina November 3.

J. H. FISHER, territorial auditor, and Mrs. Fisher will leave for the mainland in the steamer Lurline tomorrow. Mr. Fisher will wind up the affairs of the Hawaii building at the Panama-Pacific exposition.

HAROLD H. YOST, farm manager at Mills school, Manoa, will leave for a short trip to Waimea, Hawaii, next week. During his stay on the big island Yost will select high grade cattle for the school farm. He may also take a trip up Mauna Kea from the Waimea side.

E. A. DOUTHITT, a prominent Honolulu attorney, returned today on the Sonoma from San Francisco and New York. Mrs. Douthitt, their son, and Mrs. Douthitt's mother, Mrs. Annie Alden of San Francisco, returned here with Mr. Douthitt, who has been away eight months.

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