

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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### BURNS.

The man whose birthday is being celebrated the world over today never reached fortune, nor, in his lifetime, more than provincial fame, yet he stands as one of the few poets really loved by every generation since his own time, and by every class and degree of mankind familiar even slightly with his works.

Scotland proudly claims him as her bard, but he is a son of the world—the creation of its passion and delight; the heir to its failings; the exemplar of its high ambitions; the troubadour of its loves; the penitent of its follies. Even in their broadest dialect his lyrics sing the songs common to all human hearts. "The Cotter's Saturday Night," "The Two Dogs," and "Highland Mary" are universal in their appeal. These and an hundred others reveal a kindness, a breadth of sympathy and of understanding which make Robert Burns pre-eminently a poet of the people, and they illustrate how much more enduring are sincerity and love than any quality of mere brilliance or polish, or any depth of erudition.

This deep humanity that is the essence of Burns and his songs causes even the strictest to forgive his excesses and his manifest flaws. His life, with its many unhappinesses, has made the world better. One hundred and fifty-seven years after his birth, and nearly one hundred and twenty years after his death, he has a stronger hold on the world's affections than when as the "Boy of Ayr" he was the literary lion of Edinburgh.

### JAPANESE AIDING THE CARNIVAL.

Thanks to the ill-advised activities of one or two agitators moved by personal reasons, the Japanese community was given some undesirable and undeserved publicity in reference to the 1916 Carnival.

An effort was made to show that the community so disapproved of Governor Pinkham's policies that it would not cooperate with the Carnival management in getting up the annual lantern parade and attendant features of the February playweek. The effort was combined with a plea for prejudice, but it entirely failed of its purpose. The Japanese community as a whole, and the representative men as leaders, soon showed that they resented this effort to involve an issue of the past—and never an important issue at that—with the annual Carnival participation. There was no reason for doing so and plenty of reasons for not doing so.

Now the Japanese community, through capable and representative committees, is going rapidly ahead on plans for the most elaborate features of the kind ever shown. The Japanese lantern parade, with its procession of fairy floats, is always one of the big features of the Carnival, peculiarly attractive to the visitors. Artists in form and color, with a delicacy of fancy and a felicity of execution, the Nipponese always produce miracles of illumination which stir the crowds to thrills of delight. And the Japanese never forget that on the day they have chosen for this parade—Washington's birthday—it is fitting to do honor to the father of their adopted country.

The "haoles"—resident and tourist alike—will look forward with pleasure to the Japanese parade and the residents are particularly glad to know that the effort to stir up race prejudice, with the Carnival as a basis, has been properly rebuked.

### GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP RAPPED.

Government ownership as suggested by various members of the present administration is getting a good many raps from the press of the country. Two of these suggestions—that in the president's message concerning the merchant marine, and that in Postmaster-general Barleson's report concerning the federal ownership of telephone and telegraph lines in Hawaii and other territories—have aroused much criticism.

The Boston Herald under the title "One Piece of Kolly" thus comments on that part of the president's message referring to the merchant marine:

"When, we wonder, have the lessons of all commercial enterprise been so completely disregarded as in the 'merchant marine' argument of the president's message?"

"When the risk has passed and private capital begins to find its way in sufficient abundance into these new channels the government may withdraw. But it cannot omit to begin." This is the president's text. What inference does he wish us to draw?

"When Alexander Graham Bell was struggling to place the telephone on a commercial basis, when telephone stock was nearly worthless, did the omniscient federal government think it necessary to intervene, to take the initial risk? Certainly not, and we thank heaven today that it did not take the risk."

"When, in the history of the United States, has the public money been made a pneumatic cushion for business risk? When, as the federal treasury was facing a deficit, and heroic measures were necessary to meet huge military and naval demands, has the government dared to suggest assuming a task too risky even for private capital? When has the entire population been forced to become stockholders in a concern too venturesome for millionaires to manage?"

"Capital," says the president, "cannot accomplish this great task of a sudden." Is the capital of the government so different from other capital? Are the proceeds of radical internal taxation less truly capital than private resources? And are we to think for an instant that the president's amateur cabinet is more competent to its self-assigned task than the keenest business minds of the country? Give capital a fair chance, Mr. Wilson. Has it ever limed from a reasonable risk?"

"I am tired of having things read into my reports that were never written," says Engineer Whitehouse and in the next breath he continues: "Every supervisor got a copy of that report and it has been read four times at open meeting. Half of the supervisors say I favor concrete roads and half of them say I condemn 'hem.'" Isn't that a delicious comment on the character of his report—the supervisors themselves differ as to what the reports mean! What wonder "things are read into them" that he didn't write!

The very pro-Teutons who a few months ago were roundly berating the American press for telling Dr. Dernburg to go home are now lamenting that Dernburg came to the United States and saying that it was a diplomatic blunder to send him.

It may confidently be expected that Turkey will regret her ignorance of the fact that Uncle Sam had taken a stand on the submarine campaign. She had only read it in the papers, you know—not been officially advised.

We gather from the testimony of the military experts that what we really need for defense is an army, a navy, some guns, ammunition—and no strings to any of it.

If Emperor Josef is as ill as the German emperor was recently, the poor old man won't be able to sit in the saddle or direct battles more than 20 hours a day.

The king of Montenegro is now without a throne, but that need not worry him. Didn't he help the Allies win a great diplomatic victory in the Balkans?

One of the really amusing things is to hear a man who confesses he is a warm sympathizer of one side or the other attack the neutrality of someone else.

Wonder if the peace advocates and military expansionists couldn't club together and get excursion rates on their projected speech-making trips?

A reader wants to know why city finances so often refer to "overhead." Doubtless because city finances are over the heads of most of the officials.

But then nobody really hoped the income tax law would be knocked out in court. Did you ever know of anything reducing taxes?

"Lusitania Tangle May Be Unravelled," reports Washington. More of the knitting circle busy.

Thanks to King Booz and the weather man, the wet states are dry and the dry states are wet.

One swallow will not make a summer, but it often suggests the time to skate.

As a topic for real conversation, good roads isn't in it with bad roads.

No ornithologist will ever mistake the Turtle for a dove of peace.

### LETTERS

(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.)

#### "SAFETY FIRST."

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Sir: I do not think that the slogan "Safety First" is being given the consideration that it should by the public, especially those who do not ride in autos, and while Honolulu is extremely fortunate in not having many accidents on her streets, and the public is educated to observe the caution that is demanded from it, automobile accidents will surely find a place in the records.

The authorities do not allow automobiles to climb up on the sidewalks, should they not also prevent pedestrians from going out on the streets at will? The majority of the accidents of the present day are the results of pedestrians crossing the streets carelessly, without exercising proper caution. One cannot stand on any downtown sidewalk for five minutes without seeing a person start across the street some place in the middle of the block, paying no heed to possible approaching traffic that has the undisputed right to the street at that point, and are brought out of their dreams by the furious honking of an automobile horn close to them.

Carelessness on the part of the pedestrian rather than on the part of the chauffeur is the prime cause of nearly all the accidents. Quite a number of cities of the mainland have ordinances forbidding pedestrians to cross the streets in the middle of the blocks or diagonally or anywhere except at crossings. Such an ordinance would work well in Honolulu. It would be no hardship on pedestrians, as the cross streets are so close together one would have but a few steps to go to cross a busy thoroughfare under the protection of a traffic officer, and along the lines of "safety first."

#### CHAUFFEUR.

## EXCLUSION ACT HELD AN INSULT TO RACIAL PRIDE

### Nippu Jiji and Hawaii Hochi Urge Foreign Minister to Change Policy to U. S.

The Nippu Jiji in an editorial yesterday gave its verdict of the exclusion act proposed in the present Congress. In summing up the situation it says:

"The Pan-Pacific International Exposition held at San Francisco last year, and participated in by Japan, helped to bring closer relations between Japan and America. On the other hand Congress is trying to repeat what the California legislature did several years ago. The state legislature tried to place the Japanese in disfavour by passing an act prohibiting Japanese to hold land. Now Congress tries to regulate Japanese entry into America.

"We dare say that this move on the part of Congress is an insult and a maltreatment of the Japanese. We fear that this will destroy the good work done by the exposition. The Japanese government has so far been very weak in its stand on this question. It stood the limit in relation to the immigration question. We blame the Japanese government for the present movement. We must urge our foreign minister to change his policy toward America and take a stronger stand on these questions."

Hochi Takes Same Stand. The Hawaii Hochi in its editorial of yesterday takes practically the same view as the Nippu Jiji, declaring that it is an insult to the Japanese. They say:

"The movement in Congress to pass an act which prohibits Japanese from landing in the United States is an insult. Those who have national honor or racial pride cannot keep still. We do not care what one or two congressmen say for the anti-Japanese movement, but we must know that the action of these congressmen represents a large majority of the thoughts of the people."

"We find that the feeling of the United States toward Japan is getting more and more strained, and we feel that this feeling is bound to bring very bad results in the future."

INCOME TAX FAVORED. BOSTON, Mass.—A report recommending an income tax has been filed with the legislature by a special commission of taxation. This was in response to a decisive popular vote favoring such a constitutional amendment.

### LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—GOVERNOR PINKHAM: I have had no word yet from Maui in answer to the cable I sent them offering aid to the stricken people.

—HERMAN RAPHAEL: I had a letter from San Francisco yesterday, and among other things I learned that business is pretty dead in that city. I guess it is due to the closing of the exposition.

—A. K. VIERRA: Our new motor grass cutter is surely a success. It is a pleasure to watch it go rolling along and eating up three or four times as much at a swath as did the old Armstrong machines.

—HURON K. ASHFORD: I am going to try a little singing into that new dictaphone machine of mine. If that works, I'm going to try two or three ukulele solos. Might as well get a little pleasure out of the machine.

—GEORGE E. LARRISON: We abandoned use of the rain gauges up in the mountains along the trails because it was impossible to keep them in order. Hikers who had nothing else to do would pour out the water, break the gauges, and throw the funnels away.

—JUDGE W. L. WHITNEY: With the new policies worked out by the industrial schools board in effect, the boys at the Waialea reform school ought to be happy. In several instances, the board has followed out suggestions made in the report of the 1915 grand jury.

—AUDITOR JAMES BICKNELL: It was all very well for the judge to sentence the men who forged a pay slip in this office, giving him a week in jail and a \$200 fine, but just the same the auditor had to go down in his own jeans and dig up the \$16 that was passed over on the strength of the warrant.

—L. W. DE VIS-NORTON: The publicity commission is endeavoring to arrange that all parties of visitors to Hilo and the Volcano districts shall be accompanied by a guide whose services will be free, and who will not only be able to point out the more interesting features of the journey, such as the various trees indigenous to the island, the unique features of the crater floor, but who will also be able to relate some of the ancient legends concerning such places as the Rainbow falls and boiling pots.

### PERSONALITIES

MRS. R. L. HALSEY of Honolulu and her son, C. A. Halsey of Martinez, California, were in Santa Cruz, California, on January 6, according to the Santa Cruz Surf. They formerly resided at Santa Cruz and planned on spending a month there.

H. C. MYLES, British consul at El Paso, Texas, and Mrs. Myles are scheduled to arrive in Honolulu on March 10 in the City of Mars, according to information received by Collector Malcolm A. Franklin. Mr. and Mrs. Myles will go to Japan from Honolulu.

JOHN CLINTON GRAY, a New York broker, is expected to visit Honolulu and the Hawaiian islands soon, according to the San Francisco Chronicle. Gray is a son of the late Appellate Judge John C. Gray, who served 15 years on the bench of the New York circuit court of appeals.

### MORNING ON 'CHANGE

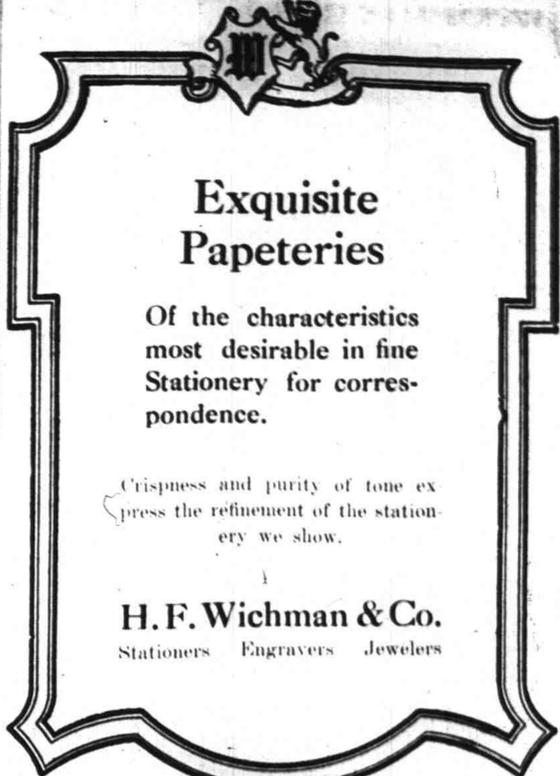
Olas continues practically unchanged since yesterday, with only a slight weakening of 1-8 in most sales. Yesterday's sale of the stock totaled 1466 shares. Those listed today total 1450 shares, the majority at \$11.75, though many were made at 11 5-8, and the closing offerings were at 11 3-4. Total sales listed on today's change sheet are 5371 shares. McBryde has been very strong at \$9.75, an advance of half a point over last previous sales. The stock closed offered at that level, with bids at \$9.50. For the first time in weeks McBryde was more active than Olas, the deals totaling 2090 shares. Waialea has gained a fraction, as has Onoona.

DEFENSE NOT LOCAL MATTER GOVERNOR'S ANSWER TO CHARGES Governor Pinkham's answer to the editorial printed in the Maui News regarding his "conscriptive" letter and preference to National Guard men in filling territorial vacancies is brief. The governor wrote it out this morning for the Star-Bulletin, as follows: "The governor says national defense, of which the National Guard of Hawaii is a part, is not a local matter, but a broad national matter of national emergency."

## DWELLINGS FOR RENT

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