

Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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WHAT IS YOUR SUGGESTION?

Every Mid-Pacific Carnival should strike home its lesson for the next Carnival.

Every passing fete should furnish material and experiences for a "bigger and better one" next year—not necessarily bigger in size, but in facilities for enjoyment, for Honolulu is still learning how some of the things should be done.

For constructive suggestions addressed to the Carnival directors, or the public generally, the columns of the Star-Bulletin are open.

We want your views—the more definite they are the better. Mere "knocks" are of course valueless. Criticism, even if sharp, is valuable if there is concrete suggestion of a way to improve upon past mistakes.

These suggestions, we hope, will not be confined to residents. The views of visitors are very welcome, indeed, for visitors can see the Carnival here with a perspective the resident does not have. From several visitors the Star-Bulletin has already received kindly and helpful suggestions.

Two proposals have been put forward on which we should like to hear some lively discussion.

The first is a proposal for a permanent executive manager for the Carnival. As most people know, the director-general is chosen from year to year, and when the director-general of the 1916 Carnival resigned a few months ago, the Carnival directors continued the work as a committee. The proposal for a permanent executive officer was made three or four years ago and renewed after each Carnival. It would seem that if there is merit in the plan, it should be adopted now and made operative for the next year. It is undeniable that the Carnival is getting to be such a big undertaking that few men of caliber can be found willing to spare the time necessary from their businesses to plan and carry it out, so that a first-class businessman as permanent executive manager is the only adequate solution for a problem each year more pressing.

This proposal does not include the abolishment of the position of director-general. That position should be retained. The director-general as the official head and official host of the Carnival is a position with which to honor Honolulu who are distinguishing themselves, but such men cannot be expected to give up most or half of their time for three or four months each year to detailed work that should be handled by a paid executive.

The second proposal is that among the Carnival equipment there shall be a permanent equipment for decoration. This year the decoration was scant and much of it was cheap. Many merchants were dissatisfied with the system for decoration suggested previous to the Carnival and preferred to do their own jobs, some of which were adequate and some of which were not. If some plan were evolved for equipment which could be mostly preserved from one year to another, it would help to insure each year that the decoration would be in keeping with the occasion and its importance to Honolulu.

There will be many suggestions no doubt on minor but still important details. Yet on the whole there is no question that visitors as well as Honoluluans believe the 1916 Carnival was "a good show"—well worth the money, and that the various committees and those associated with them, and the various participants, deserve the hearty thanks of the public.

So now for suggestions. What is yours?

PROHIBITION FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

The preliminary skirmish in the senate between the wets and the dries resulted in victory for the dries. The senate by a vote of 35 to 23 adopted the Gronna amendment to the Philippine bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor in the islands, with the exception of native drinks. Many of the prohibition senators took occasion to denounce the liquor traffic in scathing terms, and the general attitude of the upper house was such as to cause rejoicing among the temperance forces and dismay among the pro-liquorites.

Speaking of a serpent in Eden, what of the "war plot" in the Isles of Peace?

PERSONALITIES

GEORGE M. COLLINS, city engineer, went on an inspection trip of the improvement work being done on the Fall road at Hakipuu and at Kailua today.

H. THEODORE BURLAY will be an outgoing passenger on tonight's

Kinau for Kaula, having been summoned as a witness in the Reichelt embezzlement case.

J. WALTER DOYLE was to leave for the mainland in the Sonoma this afternoon to be gone about six weeks. Mr. Doyle intends to recruit theatrical talent for local playhouses.

J. D. TUCKER, land commissioner, is cleaning up his desk in the capitol preparatory to leaving Saturday, when

his term expires. He is going to spend some six days in the country resting, he says, and then return to Honolulu. He has no plans beyond that.

MRS. F. TROWBRIDGE and child, accompanied by Miss Eva Decker, will sail for Kaula this afternoon at 5 o'clock on the Kinau, to the former's home in Liliue. Mrs. Trowbridge arrived here last Sunday from Kaula to spend Carnival week in Honolulu.

DESERVED PRAISE FOR THE SOLDIERS.

Brig. Gen. John P. Wissar, commanding the Hawaiian department, has ample reason for the satisfaction he expresses in the appearance and conduct of the troops on Oahu during Carnival week.

Townpeople as well as soldiers commented again and again with enthusiastic appreciation upon the alert military appearance of the enlisted men in Honolulu for the week; upon their good conduct off duty as well as their martial bearing in the parade and elsewhere; and upon the heartiness with which the army organizations entered in the Carnival spirit.

No Carnival in Honolulu could now be considered anything like complete without the participation of the soldiers. This year they took part to a larger extent than ever before. Not only were they in parades and athletic meets, but they did their splendid bands furnish splendid music, but soldiers acted efficiently as ushers and in other capacities and to a greater extent than ever before the khaki and the civilian dress mingled at many functions.

The enlisted men of Oahu showed during the past week a number of things that the soldiers can do for Honolulu, and they appeared to have a good time doing them. Nor was the good time all on one side. The soldiers are consistently winning friends.

MARCHING ON.

"Thirty years ago," says Senator Cummins of Iowa, who is well known and whose opinions are respected in Hawaii, "I should have said prohibition was impractical. Under the conditions that existed then, it would have meant putting in the field two unregulated saloons to the one regulated saloon. But the world has marched along in these thirty years until now there is sentiment enough in the United States to abolish the saloon. The United States ought to abolish it and will." The Washington correspondent of a Chicago daily calls attention to the fact that "Albert Baird Cummins, a man feared and respected on the floor of the United States Senate, is dead against booze, and is the first presidential possibility of a major party that ever came out flat-footed in favor of prohibition on a national scope."

Henry James, born an American, died a naturalized Englishman with the respect and liking of the citizens of both nations. Compare his situation with that of William Waldorf Astor, now "Baron of Hever." The latter is generally execrated in the United States and his recent accession to title was given a cool reception in the land of his choice, though he had virtually purchased it with princely contributions to various war funds. Henry James gave up his American citizenship because of forty years' residence in England, because he felt far more akin to Great Britain than to the United States in essential sympathy and understanding, and particularly because he wished by a concrete act to manifest his definite support of the cause of the Allies.

Without pressing the United States to yield any right under international law, Americans may well help to keep their country out of trouble by declining to travel on armed passenger ships. Some errands abroad may be so necessary that they cannot book except on a belligerent vessel, but in the great majority of cases Americans can do their travelling on neutral ships.

Oregon's governor and his daughter are coming with the Portland Rosarians. Additional reason for a mighty hospitable welcome when they arrive.

Official announcements from Paris and Berlin concerning the battle of Verdun contain the usual irreconcilable contradictions.

As an explanation for their financial tangle, the supervisors advance the high cost of the courts.

From the supervisors' point of view, the high cost of living is largely the high cost of the courts.

Letters of 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.)

JUDGE WILDER'S REJOINER.

Honolulu, Hawaii, Feb. 29, 1916.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: In an editorial in your paper of yesterday headed "Bring On the Facts," you state, after a little "hot air," that I will be doing the community a service in exposing the Metzger land lease matter as soon and as completely as possible.

To show my good faith, I have engaged an attorney at my own expense in order to have the facts in connection with this Metzger land deal exposed and exposed before a federal grand jury on the theory that there has been a violation of the United States statutes.

I am willing to say that the deal is as rotten and raw as has ever come to my attention since we have been doing business as a territory. I notice that you, however, do not agree to publish the facts when they are brought out. Is it possible that you want to know in advance whom these facts will hit before you agree to publish them? In view of your recent address made in this town on the "Freedom of the Press," I can hardly believe it, and yet what else is there to believe?

Have you attempted to have the facts run down, or have you been satisfied with the declaration of Governor Pinkham that he had no time to carry such minor details in his head?

You know that I do not mind gentle sarcasm, in fact I do not mind anything gentle, but the time will come when you will not treat this land deal with sarcasm, gentle or otherwise.

A. A. WILDER.

CARNIVAL SUGGESTION.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: During the Carnival there reached my ears a number of criticisms on the management, some of which came very close to being "kicks," and in a couple of instances were quite justified.

It seems to me that if happenings, over which the directors of the Carnival have no direct control, caused any dissatisfaction, now is the proper time to speak up about it. But let it be constructive criticism, that it may stand as guide posts to the directors of coming carnivals, for there will be many more.

Strong criticism, and rightly so, was made of the inefficiency of some of the ushers to prevent non-ticket holders from standing in front of the bleachers at the entertainments given on the Capitol grounds, thereby cutting off the view of hundreds of tourists and others who had purchased tickets with the expectation that such a contingency would be prevented, else they might as well have not bought tickets. When complaint was made to the ushers they acknowledged their inability to relieve the situation. I said "some of the ushers" for there were other ushers who did keep the space in front of the bleachers clear, or at least, caused those occupying the space to sit down on the grass.

Another criticism was the fact that at the majority of the entertainments the gates were kept closed until the crowd without became a seething, swaying, and one could almost say struggling mass of humanity. There may have been a reason for it, but Missouri was pretty well represented. Many they were who went a few minutes early to avoid just such a condition of affairs, but found that they were up against the same senseless proposition, and they refrained from attending any more of the "shows."

As stated above, this is all constructive criticism referring to shortcomings that can easily be avoided in the future.

F. M. C.

NO MERGER FOR PAAUHAU SUGAR AND HONOKAA CO.

Despite continued rumors on the coast rumors which have been given double column headlines in the newspapers, to the effect that Honokaa and Paauhau sugar companies would be consolidated, no such merger is under way or even contemplated.

The merger, according to coast reports, was to be completed upon the arrival in Honolulu of Henri St. Goar, the San Franciscan, well known here. Mr. St. Goar arrived here today, and though the Honokaa annual meeting took place this morning, no consolidation was effected. Official announcement that the merger is not being considered was authorized this morning from the offices of F. A. Schaefer & Company, Ltd., agents for Honokaa. C. Brewer & Company have the Paauhau agency.

Honokaa has outstanding 100,000 shares of stock of the aggregate par value of \$2,000,000, in addition to \$600,000 bonds. The company has paid no dividends since September, 1910, but it has made many improvements since that time and has been getting in better producing condition.

Paauhau is capitalized for \$2,000,000 divided into 100,000 shares, and has no debt. The company is now paying 30 cents a month.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—ED TOWSE: I am glad to see that they are putting in some street drains on upper Waialae road. Now if they will only put those drains on Eleventh avenue, I'll be even more pleased.

—MARSHAL J. J. SMIDDY: Making an opium raid, handling the "war plot" case and acting as a witness in a couple of petty drug cases kept me on the jump all day yesterday. These are sure busy days.

—W. LADD ROSA: In spite of present handicaps, I would like to see the McKinley athletes get out and make some sort of a showing in the various meets this spring. I think there is some good material at the school, and a little training might bring it out.

—ALEXANDER HUME FORD: I hope that President Hagens of the Carnival committee will serve next year.

CHORUSES WILL BE FEATURE ON FRIDAY EVENING

Among the attractive features to be given next Friday night at the performance for the benefit of the Free Kindergarten and Children's Aid Association are several very pretty dances and choruses in addition to the Peacock Ballet, the gorgeous tableau which is to be repeated.

The program is divided into two parts. Part I includes "cello numbers" by Prof. J. Demetrio, violin numbers by Mr. Edwin H. Ideler and piano numbers of Miss Pearl Sutherland. There will be also the pretty "Mountain Dance" by 35 Chinese girls of the Kaula School, in Chinese costume. The Children Players of Palama Settlement will give the Newsboys' Chorus, a new and original production for which the words are now being written.

Part II will be the Peacock Ballet. The performance is to be given in the Opera House, beginning at 8:15 p. m. Tickets are now on sale at the Territorial Messenger Service, at \$1, 75 and 25 cents.

MARSHAL SMIDDY, IN OPIUM RAID, SECURES DOPE VALUED AT \$200

Opium valued at \$200 was confiscated in a raid made by Marshal J. J. Smiddy late yesterday afternoon at Aala and King streets, opposite the railroad station. The place where the raid was made is said by officials to be owned by a Chinese named Lin Kwal. The cache consisted of two tins of No. 1 Hongkong opium, worth about \$100 a tin. Marshal Smiddy placed the dope in charge of the customs authorities pending an investigation.

Customs Inspector Gilbert McNicoll made the seizure, after searching the house on a search warrant.

He is a man who actually comes around and expresses appreciation of work accomplished. He is the kind of man I want the privilege of supporting next year in Carnival work, and all along the line I find everywhere a similar sentiment. President Hagens has made a thousand new friends by his splendid efficiency and by his courtesy to his fellow workers and expressed appreciation of their efforts, while his old friends are more proud of him than ever. Give us President Hagens for another year and watch us take off our coats with him and get to work.

An Unusual Evening

CENTRAL UNION PARISH HOUSE

TONIGHT

at 7:30

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HUNTINGTON RETIRES FROM DIRECTORATE OF CALIFORNIA HAWAIIAN

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the California & Hawaiian Sugar Refining Company, held at San Francisco on February 19, W. H. Huntington, an old-time director, tendered his resignation and retired from the board of directors.

Andrew Welch of Welch & Company was elected as his successor. The officers and directors for the ensuing year comprise the following:

R. P. Rithet, president; Wallace M. Alexander, first vice-president; Warren D. Clark, second vice-president;

and J. F. Humburg, Frank B. Anderson, Donald Y. Campbell and Andrew Welch.

P. A. Drew was elected secretary, treasurer and G. M. Rolph, general manager.

Waterbury—No more "loose" milk is to be sold in Waterbury after April 1. The course was adopted by the board of health upon the recommendation of the milk inspector, who stated that he had found some of the cans in filthy condition. The only proper way to distribute milk now, Dr. Keely said, is to sell it by the bottle. It is the sanitary way, he stated.

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