

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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## NOTE "YES" ON THE BONDS.

Absolutely the only argument now advanced against the issuance of municipal bonds for waterworks and sewers is that Honolulu should wait until the legislature meets and ask for legislative relief.

The other arguments have been demolished—scattered to the trade-winds, and this argument of legislative relief is also fast being demolished.

Superior Hatch has shown that the legislature cannot possibly raise taxes high enough to secure the fund imperatively needed. He has shown why a bond issue is not only the wise way, but the only way that guarantees the money needed.

Will there is a disposition to delay action, to put off actually committing the city to spending money.

Yet Honolulu is going ahead so fast that as a municipality it has burst its countrytown clothes, is shabby along the edges and gaping at the seams.

We have to have a new suit and it takes money to get it. But delay in the vague hope of saving a few dollars is the most costly sort of economy. Passing the bond issue is the initial step toward that true economy which consists in making the most of opportunities for business.

## THE LATEST ON VILLA.

For a keen, clear view of the Mexican situation—and some passing light on our old friend Pancho Villa—read George Pattullo's article in the Saturday Evening Post this week.

Pattullo is a southwesterner. He has lived along the border for many years, he knows the Mexican, and he is not only an accurate observer, but a writer of unusual interest and quite evident authority.

He says that Villa is getting stronger every day, now controls northern Mexico, and is the one real patriotic figure of any strength in Mexican affairs. That eliminates "Whiskers" Carranza. Pattullo's article is about as convincing as anything that has appeared on the point that there is no hope in the Carranza regime, and that Mexico is going backward instead of forward.

Incidentally, Pattullo gives a highly interesting account of Villa's retreat after the raid on Columbus, and the pursuit of the American expedition. He denies fully that Villa received his wound in a fight with Americans, declaring it was caused by a chance bullet passed in a small engagement with Carranzistas. As the American soldiers almost "got the wits" out of him, but he eluded them, regained his strength and has staged a spectacular "come-back."

The article throws much light on the Mexican situation and gives all the more menacing significance to the alliance reported yesterday's despatches as formed between Villa and Zapata.

## NO SURRENDER TO UNCLEANLINESS.

Only three large cities of the United States now have "red light" districts—New Orleans, Cincinnati and San Francisco.

The others—even the so-called "wide-open towns" of the wild, western, gold-strike and boom days, have wiped out their districts of ill-fame.

The "restricted" district is a relic of the past, so far as American communities are concerned. Of course the social evil is not wiped out, nor is all commercialized vice ended. But much of it is ended, and the foot of the American youth is set on the upward instead of the downward ladder.

The cities which are most successfully fighting commercialized vice are those where strong groups or associations of citizens cooperate with the officials. Notable progress toward cleanliness can be done. It is being done elsewhere and it can be done in Honolulu.

With American cities wiping clean the stain of their "red light" districts, any proposal to perpetuate that stain in Honolulu by legalizing a district is a proposal that cannot for one moment be entertained.

It is a fight against scattered vice—yes, but far better a fight than a surrender.

The action of the Bar Association in recommending candidates for the Hawaiian bench keeps the favors evenly distributed among the deserving Democrats. The Bar Association's selections get the endorsements and the other fellows get the jobs.

## JAPAN IN THE PACIFIC.

Viscount Motono, Japan's new foreign minister, said at the opening of the Diet yesterday that Japan desires the Allies to recognize her new colonial possessions—the Pacific islands which she wrested from Germany. When Japan occupied these islands it was with the announcement to the world that they would not be permanently held. There is no question of Japanese assurances on this point. Premier Count Okuma indicated plainly that the islands were being seized as part of Japan's campaign to help her allies, not as a scheme of permanent conquest. But Japanese intention on this point seems to have changed, and the whole course of events in this connection is probably a part—and a very typical part—of Japanese imperial diplomacy. The Mikado's empire is struggling to burst the bonds which narrow geographical restrictions have forced upon it. Korea was absorbed, then came the invasions of Formosa, Manchuria and Mongolia. Shut out of North America, the Japanese are colonizing rapidly in South America, as the passenger lists of steamers passing through Honolulu show. The Pacific islands offer room—though not a great deal—to relieve the overplus of Japanese population on her little islands. She must do two things—relieve this terrible pressure of population, and build up huge manufacturing industries to maintain her swarming population at home. And all of Japan's secret diplomacy is bent to achieve these ends.

## LOS ANGELES HOPEFUL OF BUSINESS WITH HAWAII.

From the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Bulletin.

Trade that might have been coming to Los Angeles for years back has resulted from the Chamber of Commerce excursion to Aloha land on the initial trip of the season of the Great Northern. More than a hundred passengers from this section, most of them representing the chamber, sailed November 8 for Honolulu on a combined social, commercial and recreation trip.

Rarely, if ever, has been more elaborate and enjoyable entertainment provided for visitors than by the Chamber of Commerce and Hawaii Promotion Committee of Honolulu. The Angelenos were given a royal welcome and extended every courtesy within the power of the island dwellers.

One of the souvenirs of the trip is a giant key to the city, presented to John S. Mitchell, president of the chamber, by the enthusiastic reception committee. The unique reminder of the pleasant occasion now has place in a glass case in the chamber exhibit hall.

To the list of those whose achievements reflect credit on Hawaii, add a young girl, "Peggy" Center. She is a most promising singer, and the combination of unusual talent and an opportunity and facilities probably unparalleled ought to win her great fame. No instance comes to mind in the operatic or concert fields where a beginner has had such assistance as Miss Center is receiving from Mme. Melba—and Mme. Melba has been publicly thanked in the name of Hawaii. The thanks were well deserved indeed.

Hawaiian pineapple is attracting a great deal of attention in that section of the globe colloquially as "down under"—to wit, the Australian colonies. Advertisements and news articles extolling the flavor of the Hawaiian pine are appearing frequently. The reported boycott on American goods down in the colonies obviously does not extend to pineapples.

Lord Northcliffe is a great journalist and in some respects a great statesman, but when he sees behind Wilson's peace moves some sinister influence by Germany, his pugnacity and sympathy are running away with his judgment. Not German belligerency, but the belligerency of Teuton versus Anglo-Saxon is the prompting cause of Wilson's actions.

It was learned on good authority yesterday that Tagore eats, drinks and probably snores when he sleeps, just like a regular fellow.

One thing is certain—Tagore never would get a Nobel peace prize for the best-seller in nobby clothes.

It doesn't take any "leak" probe to explain a slump in Brewery stock.

## STEADY INFUX OF KOREANS TO HAWAII SHOWN

That the influx of Koreans into the territory is increasing yearly is shown by a report read at Tuesday afternoon's session of the eighth annual convention of the Korean National Association. In part this report points out that in 1916 78 Koreans emigrated from the Orient, 67 women and 11 men. The women were largely "picture brides." This, declare members of the association, is a material increase over the previous year.

During 1916 births among Koreans in the islands numbered 81, 39 male and 42 female. There were 31 deaths, 27 male and four female. Eleven Koreans, seven male and four female, returned to the Orient during the year, and 11, eight male and three female, went to the mainland.

The association now maintains 63 branch organizations in 44 many plantation camps through the territory. Six new branches were organized last year. Eighteen plantations now have schools for the exclusive teaching of Korean boys and girls. These are maintained by the Methodist mission and are assisted financially by the national association.

In 1916 the income of the association amounted to \$7816.83, received from the following sources: Fees of members, \$6883; special contributions, \$678.50; rents, \$98; outside funds, \$157.33. The following committees were appointed Tuesday afternoon.

Educational—Dr. Snyman Rhee, chairman; Lee Eun Koo and Yu Tong Myun.

Charities and benevolence—Park In Yang, chairman; Nam Soong Myung and Lee Chung Kuen.

There was to be no session this afternoon.

## ASHFORD DENIES HE WAS SEEKING BACKING OF BAR

Contrary to a statement published this morning, Circuit Judge Ashford asserts that he was not an "active aspirant" for the endorsement of the Bar Association for possible promotion to the local federal bench to succeed Charles F. Clemons.

The Advertiser reporter is in error—to give him the benefit of a non-existent doubt—in stating that I was an active aspirant for the endorsement of the Bar Association for its meeting yesterday held (per P. C. A.) to select losers for appointment to the vacancies existing in the two local courts," Judge Ashford told the Star-Bulletin today.

"On the contrary," he continues, "I did not suppose my name would be put forward and I am gratified at being exempted from the handicap of its recommendation for my promotion."

The Star-Bulletin was informed recently that Ashford was being considered in Washington for possible appointment to the federal bench and that officials and others in the national capital had made inquiries regarding his qualifications for promotion.

## PLAN BIG LUAU FOR TEMPLARS

San Francisco Shriners and Knight Templars, about 100 strong, who are coming to Honolulu for the Carnival on the Great Northern February 19, may find accommodations here so crowded that that part of the night which they spend in sleep, and local fraters say it will be little, may be in their ship bunks. But their first night here is to be so enlivened that the "stay on ship" order will be considerably alleviated. A real Hawaiian luau with about 300 present will be tendered the visitors by the Aloha Shrine at the Kahalawai home of Arthur Wall around Diamond Head.

A similar festivity which Alexander Hume Ford had planned for the Carnival has been cancelled and James McCandless with the assistance of many others is rapidly drawing up an interesting program.

The lodge men's excursion from San Francisco is primarily Knight Templars but there will be many Shriners in the party and both local lodges will combine their efforts to show their guest something original.

A representative of the local bodies will probably meet the Great Northern in Hilo and escort the San Francisco delegation from Kilauea to Honolulu.

## BOND CAMPAIGN OPENS UP WELL

At Alaia park last night the first gun of the water and sewer bond campaign was fired before an enthusiastic crowd numbering well over 2000 and in the repeated applause which greeted the remarks of the several speakers can be taken as evidence, the voters are unanimously in favor of spending \$480,000 to improve the health and sanitary conditions of the city by installing complete water and sewer systems.

W. R. Farrington was the chairman of the meeting and to him is credited the first slogan of the campaign. "We must borrow to build," he said, and this phrase was repeated again and again by the other speakers.

The fact that the campaign was entirely a city affair and that politics would have no hand in it was also strongly emphasized by all the speakers. Farrington expressed this view when he said, "You alone have the power to decide whether Honolulu is to have an adequate water and sewer system. Neither the board of supervisors nor the territory can decide for you."

The speakers of the evening were Gabriel Keaweohala, Col. Charles J. McCarthy, territorial treasurer; Judge F. M. Hatch, Attorney M. T. Furtado and Mayor Lane. They all went into details showing how badly needed are the proposed systems. An important fact brought out was that of insurance rates. McCarthy said that the rates would be lower if the city had a sufficient water system and that the property holders will make enough savings in their insurance rates to offset any raise in taxes.

## GOOD MUSIC PLENTIFUL AT HOTEL PLEASANTON

Good music is plentiful at the Pleasanton, Manager "Cy" Wilmarth reported today.

Last night, when Capt. A. W. Nelson of the Pacific Mail liner Ecuador entertained some of his friends with a dinner party, he brought the steamer's Filipino orchestra along. Its playing was remarkably fine and guests of the popular hotel said they enjoyed the music greatly.

Tonight a dinner-dance will be the feature, with music furnished by Kaal's orchestra. Sunday evening the program will be particularly fine, as the Corelli trio will make its first appearance. The three artists, two Italian violinists and a harpist, arrived recently from Australia. The trio will play during dinner and will be heard in concert afterward.

Next Tuesday night there will be the regular hula for tourists arriving on the Matsonia and Great Northern that day. It will be followed by dancing on the lanai.

The night of February 1 Prof. J. F. Rock of the College of Hawaii will give an illustrated lecture at the hotel on the gardens of Java.

Mrs. Emma K. Onokea died Tuesday evening at her home, 3002 Liliha street. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon from Silva's undertaking parlors. Mrs. Onokea was born in Lahaina in 1864 and was one of the best known kama'aina of this city. She is survived by her husband and two daughters.

## ELKS WILL SEND OTT'S BODY TO LOS ANGELES

Instructions for the disposition of the body of G. L. Ott were received this morning by the local Elks' lodge from Los Angeles No. 99, directing that the body be shipped to it there and stating that the brother of the men who died of apoplexy in the Elks Club here Monday would be in Los Angeles to receive it. The instructions were received too late for the shipment of the body this morning and it is now expected that it will leave on the Sierra or Manoa.

J. F. Danforth, the friend who came here with Ott and was with him at the time of his death, left on the Wilhelmina today.

## VITAL STATISTICS

**BORN**

PAALUA—In Honolulu, January 23, 1917, to Mrs. and Mr. Samuel K. Paalus of Paalus, a daughter—Hoomanawanui.

NUNES—In Honolulu, Jan. 18, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nunes of Aloha Heights, a son.

GONZALEZ—In Honolulu, January 23, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Juan Gonzalez of Oahu, a daughter, a son, Salvador Torres.

**DECEASED**

FRANCA FRAGAS—In Honolulu, Jan. 23, 1917, Manuel Fracas and Miss Fracas, daughter of Rev. Father H. Valentin, pastor of the Catholic church at St. Augustine-by-the-Sea, Waikiki, officiating. Witnesses, Jacques Fracas and Miss Mary Fracas.

POPE-BROWN—In Honolulu, Jan. 15, 1917, Joseph Pope and Mrs. Mary Brown, Rev. Samuel K. Kamalopii, assistant pastor of Kamaekahi church, Palama, officiating. Witnesses, Julian J. Reid and Nellie Martin.

**DIED**

ONOKA—In Honolulu, Jan. 23, 1917, Mrs. Emma K. Onokea of 3002 Liliha street, a native of Lahaina, Maui, 52 years and nine months old. Funeral next Sunday afternoon from Silva's undertaking parlors.

FREITAS—In Honolulu, Jan. 21, 1917, Maggie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freitas of 1322 Liliha street, a native of this city, one year, 10 months and 27 days old.

MUNDON—In Honolulu, Jan. 21, 1917, Mrs. Kahlika Mundon of this city, widow, a native of Hawaii, 84 years old.

**PERSONALITIES**

FRANK HORSLEY and Alexander Miller, wealthy fruit growers of North Yakima, Wash., returned to the mainland today after a visit of several weeks in the islands.

DAVID A. CURRY, the "Stentor of

## INSTITUTE AIDED SEAMEN GREATLY

Showing the year to have been a busy one, the thirteenth annual report of the Honolulu Seamen's Institute for 1916 has been printed and copies were mailed today to officers of the society and others interested in its work.

Superintendent Charles F. Mant in his report tells how the institute cared for the captain and surviving men of the wrecked Chilean bark Ivanhoe, the shipwrecked crew of the schooner O. M. Kellogg and also the crew of the schooner J. M. Weatherwax. He also mentions the forming of a local branch of the Harbor Lights Guild, which began with a membership of 20 and is rendering great service as an auxiliary to the institute.

During the year 340 seamen attended the institute's church service. At entertainments held in the building 274 seamen were present. The institute's savings bank received de-

## RECEPTION TONIGHT FOR MISSION HEADS

A reception will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock in honor of Mrs. Ella C. Perry and Misses Walker, who have been in charge of the Korean Sunday school at St. Elizabeth's Mission. Mrs. Perry is a graduate of the School of Philanthropy of Boston. She was a social worker for St. George's Mission in Philadelphia for a year and from there went to Calvary church in New York as social worker in charge of the summer house at Carmel, N. Y.

Mrs. Perry was formerly connected with St. Elizabeth's mission, and returning to the islands, has been temporarily helping in St. Mary's Mission. She recently was appointed by Bishop Restarick to work among Korean women and children at St. Luke's Mission.

W. H. Truesdale, president of the Lackawanna, announced a bonus ranging from 6 to 10 per cent to employees receiving \$2000 or less a year.

Superintendent Mant made 291 visits to merchant vessels and 27 to government vessels in port.

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