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About the Governorship

Predictions in Washington indicate the reappointment of Governor Pinkham, but no appointment is likely to be made for some time, says the Star-Bulletin's correspondent at the national capital.

Very likely nothing will be done until some of the Democratic congressmen who have been in Hawaii recently return to Washington and give their view of the gubernatorial situation. That, however, is by no means certain to injure the governor's chances for reappointment and may improve them. For one thing, the visiting Democrats had a chance to look over the local field and see how impoverished it is when it comes to furnishing suitable gubernatorial timber.

That there are flaws in the Pinkham administration not even the warmest friends of Mr. Pinkham would deny. The lack of cooperation between the governor and the food commission he himself appointed—a situation thrown strongly into the limelight by the governor's statements yesterday—is a fairly typical instance of administrative friction. Possibly the most serious complaint, and the best justified, has been that the territorial administration is sometimes almost intolerably slow in getting through urgent public business. The governor has found it necessary to take into his own hands a multitude of details which ought to be performed promptly, efficiently and in tune with the governor's policies by his subordinates.

It is all very well to criticize the governor, but when the question of a successor arises the critics are forced to admit, if they are frank, that at this point they are "stumped." Is there any desire on the part of Hawaii to see any of the avowed candidates to replace Mr. Pinkham successful in their endeavors? Hardly.

The McCandless henchmen made a "drive" for the governorship during the recent congressional visit, and the drive was a good deal less successful than that of the German crown prince at Verdun. They were not only stopped short, but they lost ground, to judge by what the congressmen said after getting back from that memorable political campaign on Hawaii. The avidity and persistency of the McCandless "pluggers" from the time the steamer arrived at Kailua until the party was back in Honolulu wearing senators and congressmen who hoped in fair, sunny, palm-groved and trade-wind-laved Hawaii to find success from patronage politics. The governor cannily said nothing whatever about the governorship. Whereupon he gained favor. A good many of the stories told against Mr. Pinkham were proved false when the congressmen made his personal acquaintance and journeyed with him.

It may be stated as a fact that the interior department is favorably disposed toward the governor's reappointment. The department has received numerous complaints and investigated them, with the result that the majority were found to be either gross exaggerations or outright fabrications, the work of his personal or political enemies. The most severe of the cases of personal attack have, in truth, helped rather than hurt him in the eyes of Washington, for they have cemented the conviction that an organized campaign of vilification has been conducted against him since his appointment four years ago. In this class falls the principal newspaper attack. The department is disposed to believe that the governor has been the victim of newspaper criticism animated more by personal spite than by sincere desire to put forward constructive suggestion.

A great many factors enter into the question of the gubernatorial appointment. Some are political, some personal. Secretary Lane will weigh them before making his recommendation to the president, and some must be weighed by the president before the appointment is sent to the senate. It is possible that the department will have before it the name of a Democrat here who will satisfy the requirements and who will be able to harmonize the bitter factional differences which have never healed since McCandless failed of appointment. Most of the Democrats who might answer to such specifications have refused to be considered in any degree.

There is no indication that Secretary Lane has less confidence in the governor than at any time in the past four years, during which that confidence has repeatedly been shown. Mr. Pinkham is still in a strategically favorable position and his enemies continually defeat their own attacks by lack of ordinary political intelligence.

WILL YOU HELP SANTA CLAUS?

From a certain institution in this city where more than 50 children are awaiting the coming of Christmas and wondering whether Santa Claus will forget them, there comes the modest request to the people of Honolulu for contributions of post-cards, photographs or pictures suitable for children and which can be pasted into scrap-books.

It is desired to give every youngster in the home up to the age of about 15 a picture-book. Pictorial magazines from which the pictures can be clipped are also desired. The Star-Bulletin will receive such contributions and see that they are delivered to the home.

One appeal a few days ago for magazines for soldiers leaving Hawaii brought hundreds of responses. In a few hours after the appeal was published, there were magazines enough at the Star-Bulletin office to require a large dray for transporting them to the dock.

Let the response to this little word on behalf of the children be one-half so readily generous and the 50 scrap-books are assured.

"Reading the Minutes"

Reading the minutes of the last meeting continues to occupy a large part of the time the territory ought to spend in transacting important current business.

Under the head of "reading the minutes" falls the renewed controversy over the non-mobilization of the national guard last summer.

We thought that particular scrap was over and done with, but the governor wound up his pitching-arm yesterday and delivered a fast outdrop, shooting a strike past the food commission and its attorney, Alfred L. Castle, who is by way of being considerable of a baseball player himself and who will doubtless come back with an inshoot or a Mathewson fadeaway. Then for a month or so we will have the rival twirlers trying to "bean" each other with letters, documents and statements, each trying to prove somebody else responsible for what happened to the guard and what didn't happen.

It will add materially to the peace and goodwill of the Christmas season and to the gaiety of the nation. Whether it will help the national guard is emphatically doubtful.

The Star-Bulletin does not pose as a prophet, but we are willing to risk the modest prediction that if the facts are gone into carefully and without prejudice, and if those most vitally concerned will clearly remember what happened last May and June, it will be established that the food commission acted in good faith, that after one minor incident it "got together" with the governor and with the Hawaiian department, and that, all acting in good faith, the non-mobilization and later reduction of the guard was agreed upon. There was some little tilt between the governor and the commission, at a time when each was set upon a slightly different course, but it was adjusted.

Delegate Kuhio says he will introduce in the house a resolution calling for an investigation. It does not appear that he had no opportunity to investigate when he was right on the spot and when the incidents were occurring.

Why waste time over this controversy now?

BELGIAN 'DAY.

America's pressing war needs not even now are as desperate as those of Belgium. Next Saturday will be Belgian Day, and there are comparatively few in Honolulu who cannot give something for the relief of that brave and suffering people—bowed under a mastership which we cannot realize. It is not necessary to make large gifts, though large ones will be welcome. Even the nickels and the dimes will help.

Chief Justice Robertson's criticisms headlines in yesterday afternoon's paper referring to his resignation and resulting statement. If the Star-Bulletin headlines did not reflect Justice Robertson's meaning in the statement, we are sorry. The phrase "political jobbery" used in the heading evidently does not mean to the jurist what it means to some others. Even good lawyers occasionally differ in interpretation of language. Our apologies, judge! We stand overruled, reversed, remanded back to the lower court, and withdraw any dissenting opinion. Too many good things have been written of Justice Robertson in this column—entirely true and entirely deserved—for us to quarrel now because he calls a headline "misleading."

It is a pity that Garcia, before being executed, was not taken to Kohala and made to verify his confession that he killed the school girl, Harriet Kuanane. He should have been made to lead the way to the spot where the crime was committed and to rehearse certain parts of the facts which are known to the police. However straightforward and reasonable his story may have been, there will always be a feeling that, knowing he must die anyhow for a second murder, he might have trumped it up for the purpose of freeing the other man, Bilineva. It is too late now. The murderer is dead, and his confession can no longer be verified. His success in having his confession accepted may result in other cases of the same kind.—Maui News.

These are the days when fascinating stories are told in the advertising columns. These are the days when the trail of Santa Claus leads through the Honolulu shops and stores; when the gaiety and glitter of the Christmas season are in the very atmosphere. A glance at today's advertising columns and the advertising columns throughout the Christmas season shows the variety of appeal which the Christmas spirit can make.

The Y. W. C. A. has amply justified not only its existence in the community but its special appeal for funds. And the national government has not only put the stamp of approval on the Y. W. C. A. through cooperation in plans for association work, but has given to the association, because of the plans for this national war work, a special responsibility. The "Y. W." campaign should be successful.

Another jolt on the jaw for tottering old John Barleycorn. All beer after January 1 is subject to a new regulation requiring that it may contain no more than two and three-quarters per cent alcohol.

"Jerusalem Captured by the British." That ought to convince the kaiser he hasn't a monopoly on Divine assistance.

If it's a case of the Bolsheviks against the Cossacks, our money is on the Cossacks.

Every revolution in Russia helps a little

MAYOR IN FAVOR OF ABOLISHING PARK POSITION

Abolishment of the office of superintendent of parks, playgrounds and public buildings is favored by Mayor Joseph J. Fern, who stated this morning that neither the present superintendent of parks, playgrounds and public buildings nor the present superintendent of Kapolani park were worth retaining.

"If I can have my way about it I would abolish the office of superintendent of parks, playgrounds and public buildings and let the city jailer, in charge of the prison gangs, look after the work in exactly the same way as it used to be done in 1909 to 1913," declared Mayor Fern this morning.

"I have only this objection to A. K. Vierra, the present holder of office, and that objection is that he is incompetent and a holdover from the last administration.

"If I could I would abolish the position and let the city and county save \$200 a month in that way. But the superintendent and the jailer would not and so I have mentioned Valentine S. Hoyt, a capable man, for the office.

"But though I have named him, and the matter will probably be threshed out tonight as to whether the appointment should be made immediately, I maintain that there is no need for a parks, playgrounds and public buildings superintendent, and the jailer who looks after the gang of prisoners who do the work on these parks could just as well do the purchasing of the hose and other equipment necessary to keep up the parks.

"Between 1907 and 1913 the jailer in charge of the prisoners virtually was parks superintendent and the parks were kept up better in that time than they are now with the present superintendent and his many assistants."

CHRISTMAS BOOK IS WRITTEN BY PHILIP H. DODGE

Philip Henry Dodge, gifted Honolulu, whose poetry and philosophy have delighted a wide circle of friends, is the author of a very timely little booklet, "For Christmastide," produced by Gurrey's Ltd. and on sale at the Gurrey shop, Fort street. In this booklet, which is just off the Star-Bulletin press, Mr. Dodge has a dozen short poems, some no more than fragments in volume but each distinguished by grace and nobility of thought clothed in appropriately poetic language. It is a book well adapted for sale during the Christmas season and will appeal to a much wider circle than that of Mr. Dodge's personal friends.

The frontispiece is a reproduction of the charcoal drawing of Mr. Dodge by Miss Juliet May Fraser now on view in the Burnham-Fraser exhibit at the University Club. The book will be widely welcomed not only as an opportunity to solve the problem of Christmas gift purchasing but as an addition to the worth-while literature credited to Hawaii authorship.

PASTOR TO TALK TO ROTARIANS

Rev. A. W. Palmer, new pastor of Central Union church and an active member of the Oakland Rotary club, will be the principal speaker at the Rotary club lunch tomorrow. He will talk something of the preparedness work in army training camps.

Fred D. Chandler, resident manager of the New York Life Insurance Co., will make the weekly three-minute talk, his subject being insurance.

HOSPITAL TO ADVERTISE FOR PHYSICIAN SUPT.

Trustees of the Queen's hospital are planning to advertise in a mainland medical journal for a physician to take the position of superintendent of the institution, succeeding Warner Roehl, whose resignation was accepted a few days ago. The next meeting of the trustees will be held December 20.

"Billy" Sunday's son, George, is in the United States army. His father said that he was proud his son was willing to help his country.

NUUANU WATER PROBLEM BEFORE BOARD TONIGHT

Consideration of the problem of supplying Nuuanu valley with artesian well water will be one of the chief items of business to come before the meeting of the board of supervisors tonight. Fred G. Kirchhoff, superintendent of waterworks, has submitted a report in which he explains that the water might be pumped from the Hawaiian Electric Co.'s plant, where considerable water now goes to waste after being used for the one purpose of making steam. Discussion on the report is expected, but to all indications the report will be referred to the waterworks committee to investigate and report.

Call for bids for 13,500 barrels of fuel oil to be used to operate the Kailua, Beretania, Kaimuki and Kakaako pumping stations during the first six months of 1918 will probably be made. Bids for the cartage of this oil from the oil tanks to the stations will also be called.

The report of the garbage inspector, showing receipts for November to be \$1131.50 and disbursements \$2419.24, will be read, together with the report by the building inspector to the effect that 98 inspections were made in November and 94 building permits issued.

Whether the city and county laborers should be paid on Dec. 15 or Dec. 20 will also be discussed. The laborers always want to get their money right up to within a few days of Christmas and New Year's and an effort will be made to accommodate them.

PERSONALITIES

PROF. T. A. JAGGAR is spending a brief stay in town, having arrived from the Big Island yesterday.

GEORGE H. ANGUS of Theo. Davies & Co., Ltd., returned yesterday from a brief business trip to Hawaii.

RICHARD IVERS, vice-president and secretary of Brewer & Co., left yesterday for San Francisco on a business trip. Mrs. Ivers accompanied him.

ROBERT S. THURSTON, assistant agriculturist, with the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association experiment station, returned from a business trip to the Valley Island yesterday.

ROBERT F. STEVER, head of the bond sales department of the Bishop Trust Company, left Monday night for Kauai for a week's visit. The trip will combine business and pleasure.

VITAL STATISTICS

BORN
KEANOANO—In Honolulu, Dec. 10, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. William Keanoano of 1457A Auld lane, a son. JAEGER—In Honolulu, Dec. 8, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. James Emilie Jaeger of Kawaalo, near Dominis street, a son—James Emilie.
MCKILLOP—In Kealahou, Kona, Hawaii, Dec. 5, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McKillop, a son.

MARRIED
OLIVEIRA-FELIX—In Honolulu, Dec. 8, 1917, William Oliveira and Miss Theresa Felix, Rev. Father Alphonsus of the Catholic Cathedral officiating; witnesses—Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Nelson.
GONSALES-MALDONADO—In Honolulu, Dec. 8, 1917, Lito Gonsales and Miss Maria Maldonado, Rev. John H. Williams of Central Union church officiating; witnesses—Angela Santiago and Pedro Rodriguez.

DIED
KEANOANO—In Honolulu, Dec. 10, 1917, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Keanoano of 1457A Auld lane, Palama, a native of this city. Body cremated.
HULLHEE—In Honolulu, Dec. 10, 1917, Benjamin Hullhee of 989 Robello lane, married, plasterer, a native of Kaneohe, Oahu, aged 54 years.
KEAWEPOO—In Honolulu, Dec. 11, 1917 David, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. David Keawepoo of 963 Kanoa lane, Palama, a native of this city.

James Jackson, Co. B, 2nd Infantry, was arrested for vagrancy last night. According to the police he was begging money to get to Schofield. When arrested he had \$3. When one citizen told Jackson he was a disgrace to the uniform, the soldier swung at him but missed. He was turned over to the military authorities.

William Doran, finance commissioner of Dallas, Tex., offered to his son \$500 for every German he killed.

MERRY SHOPPERS

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COURT REFUSES BUICK'S PLEA FOR LESSER CHARGE

David C. Buick, charged with assault with deadly weapon with intent to murder, appeared in police court before Judge Harry Irwin this morning. Buick was represented by Attorney William T. Carden. No plea was entered. On the motion of the prosecution, Judge Irwin continued the case until tomorrow morning. Attorney Carden agreed to one continuance, but demanded that Buick be given a preliminary hearing in police court.

After the reading of the charge by Prosecuting Attorney Chillingworth, Attorney Carden asked that the charge be altered, so that the words "with intent to murder" be stricken. Judge Irwin denied the motion.

Both sides are prepared for the preliminary hearing tomorrow, which will determine whether Buick shall be discharged because of insufficient evidence, or bound over to the circuit court for trial by jury.

Buick was arrested over a week ago in connection with the shooting of W. O. Ito, a salesman for the Schuman Carriage Company, near Red Hill. From the time of his arrest until his appearance in court this morning he has been held "incommunicado."

POLICE COURT NOTES

Levey Halualani was given a suspended sentence on the charge of profanity, but was sentenced to serve two months in jail for second degree larceny. S. Matsuo was sentenced to four months' imprisonment on the same charge. They were found guilty of stealing a pair of shoes and a watch from a Japanese store.

Dan Kaiawe, who was arrested Sunday and charged with carrying concealed weapons, was sentenced to serve two months in jail by Judge Harry Irwin yesterday. Kaiawe was also committed to the circuit court on the charge of larceny, the complaint alleging that he stole three revolvers and a quantity of stamps from the circuit court clerk's office.

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