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TOO MUCH SUGAR.

Recently William G. Gregg of the Gregg-Seager Co., who for years has been closely associated with the sugar industry, delivered an address before the Commercial club of Minneapolis, and is reported by the Times and Journal of that city to have said:--

"To begin with, reciprocity with Cuba will blot out a direct investment of one hundred millions in sugar machinery and appliances in the southern states. As we increase property values in Cuba by reciprocity we will decrease values of cane and beet sugar property in this country. Through this policy we would blot out the beet sugar industry in the United States, an industry which increased 100 per cent this year. Our beet sugar production for this year exceeded the consumption of Spain and Portugal. Should we refuse reciprocity to Cuba the beet sugar industry will grow to that point where the lands to be reclaimed from irrigation in this western country can be utilized profitably in raising the sugar beet. It is estimated that the production of sugar in the United States, Porto Rico, Hawaii, and the Philippines in 1906 will reach 2,811,000 tons. The consumption in the United States by that time will about equal that. We would furnish a market right here for the sugar produced in this country and in the islands we own.

"Sugar production now exceeds the world's consumption. If we encourage Cubans by reciprocity, they will rush into an enormous production of sugar which will react on themselves in lowered prices. It is more of a kindness to force them into diversified agriculture than to place them in this position.

"The United States has already done much for Cuba. When we intervened, starvation and destitution in the interior were general. Common labor in Cuba now receives one dollar per day. Only manipulation of the market for political effect will create a change for the worse.

"It takes about fourteen tons of Louisiana cane to make a ton of sugar. It takes about eight tons of tropical cane to make a ton of sugar. They grow about thirty tons of this low grade Louisiana cane per acre. The tropical countries, under careful cultivation, produce from sixty to seventy tons of high grade cane per acre.

"If the beet sugar business drives Louisiana cane growers out of business it will be done very gradually, and the benefits of the beet business will all remain at home; so that Louisiana's ultimate loss would not be Cuba's gain, but would be Minnesota's and Michigan's gain, and the gain of the whole beet sugar area in this country.

"It is estimated that the direct investment, mills, machinery, etc., in Louisiana is \$100,000,000. The indirect investment down there is from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000. Do you suppose we could wipe out this business without feeling it up here in Minnesota? It would be felt all over the United States."

"Cuba has produced in the past a million tons of sugar for export under Spanish control, and without any trade advantages which she now desires from the United States. I think it is a fair estimate to say that Cuba can produce between 5,000,000 and 10,000,000 tons of sugar per annum, if she can find the market for it; so that if the United States were determined to get its sugar cheap, and to throw all of the business to Cuba regardless of the business interests of the country, we could undoubtedly get more sugar for a dollar but we would drive the sugar industry of Louisiana and the north and our dependent islands, to the wall.

"The Hawaiian islands have a disadvantage of the long distance from our country. Then, they are also hampered by lack of rainfall, which compels more or less irrigation with pumping systems. The Philippines are undoubtedly on nearly the same basis as Cuba; but instead being 100 miles from our coast they are 6,000 miles away from our west coast. This would represent a difference of 30 to 50 cents per hundredweight for ocean freight.

"Our island dependencies will gradually increase their production of sugar. This country will consume the product. It will promote better feeling between the islands we own and the parent country. Cuba is able to take care of herself in other lines of industry. There is every indication that in 1906 without receiving a

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The Advertiser says editorially; "We surmise that the MAUI NEWS did not come out against Kalua until Kepoikai's friends at Washington were ready to act in his behalf." This is quite an ingenious subterfuge to divert the minds of the public from the real merits of the attack on Kalua, but as matter of fact the editor of the News never knew that Kepoikai's name would be mentioned in connection with the third Judgeship of the first circuit, until that fact was mentioned in last week's Honolulu papers, and it came as a surprise. The mention of the Judgeship of the second circuit by the News in connection with Judge Kepoikai's name was done purposely to convince the Hawaiians on Maui that the attack on Kalua was not aimed at the Hawaiians generally, but at the official record of Judge Kalua very particularly. While unable to speak authoritatively on the matter, for the reason that we have never been taken into the confidence of either Judge Kepoikai or his friends, yet we "surmise" that he would be reluctant to sacrifice his large law practice for the sake of either Judgeship. In the meantime, let us not lose sight of the main issue, which is Judge Kalua's unfitness for the position which he holds.

And now the Advertiser falls into line, at least to the extent of yielding more than two columns of its space to the able writer, W. N. Armstrong, for the purpose of discussing the wiping out of party lines and uniting the best people of the Islands into a composite non-political party. But, gentlemen, it is almost too late now, if not quite. If the advice of the NEWS had been heeded before the last election, such a party would be in power today. The "best people of Hawaii" however choose to disregard this advice and butt their heads against a stone wall. Now, the NEWS urges that the only possible coalition is under the Home Rule Republican flag, which advice will also be disregarded, to the regret of the "best people of the Islands" before two years from now.

Exciting news is liable to follow the arrival of the German fleet in Venezuelan waters. There is no doubt but that a carefully prepared plan of action will be followed by Germany in this matter, and if the claims are not paid, arrangements will be made to secure their ultimate payment. But it is safe to assume that there will be no cession of Venezuelan territory to Germany, because in deference to the tenets of the Monroe Doctrine, the United States could not permit the dismemberment of any of the South American States. It is believed, however, that a settlement can be effected without raising any issues which are liable to lead to any trouble between the United States and Germany.

The darkest hour is just before daylight and the dawn is beginning to break for the Islands. The unhealthy boom in sugar stock, followed by the plague quarantine would have bankrupted any country not so strong financially as are the Islands. But without undue optimism it may be asserted today that good times are near at hand. A reasonable estimate of the sugar crop from November 1, 1901, to November 1, 1902, is half a million tons. The money for the production of this crop, as well as a large percentage of the net proceeds, will be handled on the Islands, and enough of it will remain here to make business good. There are good times a coming.

It is possible that the New Year edition of the Advertiser may help to revolutionize the form of newspapers. Nothing could be more bungling or awkward than the ordinary twelve or sixteen page daily paper. Bound as the Advertiser was, in pamphlet form, a newspaper is neat and readable, and what is better the advertisements show to much better advantage. It is to be hoped that the Advertiser will permanently adopt the pamphlet form, and it is certain that as soon as the MAUI NEWS begins to publish twelve page editions, it will follow the same good practice.

While the NEWS is not in politics, and has no present intention of entering that arena, still, with due deference to the respective policies of the different parties, it is to be regretted that some of the citizens of Honolulu saw fit to reject the advances of the Home Rule party. It is mere idle talk to claim that the Home Rulers set a trap, and if some of the leading men of Honolulu had met with the Home Rulers and kindly and sincerely advised a unification of the best men for offices, much good would have resulted.

How far off is the day of small things? There are hundreds of opportunities on Maui to make money in a small way. Many of them, such as guava jelly, tropical fruits and forage grasses have been exploited by the NEWS, but there are others. Take for instance the hatching of hen and duck eggs in incubators. Somebody is going to come along and make a fortune at that industry yet. Why not, with chickens at \$1.00 each, ducks \$2.50 a pair, and turkeys \$3.00 each?

In the article on the second page of this issue, a faint idea of the magnitude of possible world production of sugar may be gleaned, as well as an idea of the stubbornness of the fight which will rage in congress, to adjust matters so as to protect the United States and her dependencies. While the kindly feeling of President Roosevelt for Cuba is admitted, still American interests will finally dominate, and the Hawaiian sugar producers will be protected.

Now that President Roosevelt has decided to visit California this summer, an effort should be made to induce him to extend his trip to Hawaii. Quick to grasp situations, a tour of the Islands would put the president in possession of facts which would lead to incalculable good to the future political and material interests of Hawaii. He owes us a visit.

"Under a careful policy there is a bright future for the sugar industry in the United States and her dependent islands.

"The United States is in duty bound to handle the sugar business in such way as not to ruin the cane growers of Louisiana, whom it induced to go into the business. It is utter folly to throw away the magnificent start which the beet sugar business has made in the northwestern states. We owe a duty of love and generous treatment to Porto Rico and Hawaii, because both became United States territory willingly, and are already adopted into our family. We owe it to our business common sense, to so treat the Philippines as to stop the war and pacify the country. After all these matters are well taken care of, Cuba is next."

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