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police communicated to the deck of the vessel. The men on the steamer have been in wireless touch with the attorneys and agents on shore. With the decision of the Supreme Court this morning to the effect that there was no law by which witnesses could be deprived of counsel, when in jail, and the order for dismissal of the several hundred in jail on that writ of habeas corpus it would appear that the cannery had canned the police and the planters.

The Advertiser supports the police department and lays the blame of the failure to get in touch with the movements of the pirates to the action of a representative of the Planters Association. This happens to be Mr. Meade, a man very much out of joint with the newspapers and for that reason the judgment of the editor of the 'tiser may be at fault. But the fact remains. The hundred and odd emigrants on the Senator are there to stay. Some of them have sent notes to friends ashore telling of the good grub they are

getting and asking them to come out. It may be on the principle that misery loves company. You may wager what you will, the pies and cake so liberally handed out within, or out, the three mile limit will turn into hard tack and junk when the hills of Oahu become azure in color and the nose of the Senator is pointed northward. Plum duff on Thursdays will be the limit for the boys who are leaving their happy homes for salmon and no poi.

The consensus of opinion here is that the Alaska Cannery Association has played a scurvy trick on the Hawaiian planters without reaping any material benefit for their pains. Hawaii paid a high price to bring this labor into the territory. Alaska could get the same lot if the people were willing to pay for it but to come and rob the planters of a vital factor in the success of the principal industry of the country is going too far. Craig, who seems to be a pretty good sort of a young fellow, has a good deal of sympathy from some sections of the town and there is a certain amount of joy at his winning out on the habeas corpus proceedings, a dastardly bluff, by the way, on the part of the attorneys of the plantations. The Supreme Court, in this day of fearlessness of corporate interests quickly freed the men who had been held as witnesses and denied the right of criminals, which they were not. As I heard an attorney remark yesterday "We have a Supreme Court now that says what it thinks and it thinks things which seem hard for the wealthy to hear." I presume by that that the poor man may now go to the Supreme Court with a feeling that it makes no difference who is on the other side of the case it will be decided on the law, the evidence and the argument.

Craig, I am told surrendered himself to the authorities because he wanted the case tried in the courts. He was not willing to leave with the matter in the air. Of course there is a feeling that if it goes against the Territory, on the constitutionality of the new law, it will mean demoralization for the labor conditions here. On the other hand it is not thought probable that any of those who are now on the Senator, and who may reach the canneries, will advise their friends to follow suit. It would be all right to pass such word to an enemy as it could be considered retributive justice in a case where a man had been done. Maui should be on the quiver for these labor pirates. Among the many rumors that have filled the air during the week has been one that Maui will lose laborers if the people are not alert. Surely at some of the ports the Senator could get in and make a get-away without fear of the agents being captured.

The action of the attorneys in running to the legislature and having laws enacted to cover a case that was at the time being considered, may not redound to the credit of the islands government. Here is a case where a tremendous trust is pitted against a near trust in Hawaii. Who is interested in the canneries is not generally known but it is quite evident, to those who have given the matter thought, that people of considerable influence are behind the corporation. That they have influence in Washington is shown by the promptness with which the attorney general cabled to Breckons for information. That the action of Hawaii will be used against us in the national capital is pretty generally believed here and the question will be asked "Why is it that free citizens are not allowed to travel from one part of the United States to another without being thrown into jail?" A rumbling is heard by the men, who put their ears to the ground when they expect something to come their way.

Senator Fairchild has made the Senate sit up and wonder if the session is held in Hawaii. Wonder if the socialists are at last coming into their own or if his denunciation of the land policy of the Territory is simply a case of grouch. Come to think of it the senator has begun an

innovation in this peaceful clime. The people have been used for, lo, these many years to hearing the plantation interests defended. To hear one after the other of the people's representatives in the legislature defend the rights of the plantations with a cyclone of words it is not within the knowledge of man when a plantation manager has accused the government of being too liberal with its favors when it was a plantation interest that had its hand out. But, horror of horrors, the leader of the senate of the Territory, Mr. Fairchild, has the temerity to fight the proposed disposition of lands on Kauai, and in doing this he must from necessity fight a distribution on any of the islands for the reason, he says, that the Territory gets too little and the plantations too much. He opposes the homestead policy and calls the utterances of Marston Campbell, "Homestead gabble." Ye gods! what can Campbell think of that. Mr. Fairchild intimates that a plantation on Maui pays forty thousand dollars for a water right that is worth ten times that sum and he is going to work to get the value for the people. A water right on Maui that is worth four hundred thousand dollars to any plantation should be put in a glass case. The senator says plantations, by the present system of dong out homesteads, secure all the land needed by putting their employees on the land and buying the patent when it is issued. In that, he is correct. I am confident there are sections of land on the islands in the names of managers of plantations which supposedly went to a bona fide settler. If Fairchild can straighten that out. If he can put an end to such dealings, he will be doing a good thing for the government and the people, and will be deserving of the boost that is said to be coming to him. And it will land him in the Governor's chair—if the aim is good.

I gather from the cablegrams, or aerograms, rather, that Mrs. Compton flew to Maui at the first sign of an investigation by one who knew how to investigate. That looks bad for the lady, deserting in the face of the enemy. She should have waited until the enemy had retreated. At first blush it appeared at this distance, and from what could be learned on the firing line, that she was a much abused woman. Now the sentiment seems to have changed, or is changing. If it is true that she threatened to close the school and get Richmond out of his position then it would appear that this fuss is an exemplification of the Congreve suggestion "Hell hath no fury like a Woman scorned."

On Saturday the Judiciary beat the Legislature at baseball for the benefit of the settlement at Molokai. The game was featureless except as it gave Castle an opportunity to show his butting powers and it seemed a wonder to those in the stand that those he butted did not kick. Kuhio umpired the game in a "Princely manner" and gave entire satisfaction. I do not see how he could have done differently. You see it appears he is to win a set of handsome plate in a popularity contest and it is to cost but a dollar. By the way these contests seem to be getting very close to the gambling line and yet the police do not bat an eye. Because a few Chinese and Japanese shopsters are giving away green stamps which, when gathered in quantities sufficient, entitle the holder to something dreadful, the legislature takes up its time passing a bill to prevent "the evil?" Popularity contests in which more valuable prizes are offered are allowed life and freedom. The grand jury has taken up the matter but it is not thought much will come out of it. So long as persons will beg their friends for luxuries I say let them go ahead. It cannot elevate them in the opinion of their neighbors and as they have no compunctions who is to holler.

There has been no development in the case of the suicide on the other side. There have been several

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