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*A MAN'S A MAN FOR A' THAT
(when he isn't a soldier.)*

General Carter, in a recent address in Honolulu, called upon the citizen to treat soldiers exactly the same as they would treat the same men in civil life and without the distinguishing mark of the uniform. He assured his hearers that the army is made up of men, good, bad and indifferent, and that the setting of them apart as a distinct class, is not only not pleasing to the soldiers, but uncalled for and wrong. Of course General Carter is entirely right. Only he forgot that the army itself will not have it that way. It is the army officers, backed by iron clad regulations and customs scarce less rigid, that place an enlisted man in a lower plane. The moment a man takes the oath of a soldier and dons the uniform of a private, he places himself in a lower social plane than his officers. Nor is this simply when he is on duty, but it is for 24 hours a day and for as many days as he remains in the service. He becomes persona non grata in places where as a civilian he might be sought after. Officers and enlisted men do not mix—cannot meet as social equals. There is no getting away from the fact. And when, in attempted explanation some unwise officers attempt to explain by saying that the average enlisted man is not naturally of caliber to make social intercourse with the better educated officers and their families possible, they but weaken their case. A great bluster is made by military authorities when a soldier is discriminated against by civilians; when at a public or semi public entertainment he is barred because of his uniform. "An insult has been offered to the uniform." And yet these civilians are but taking their cue from the army itself. Why should General Carter demand that soldiers be treated as men, on their merits, when he and no other officer, or officer's wife or family, so treats them?

A soldier is a man. He might have chevrons on his sleeves at one time and straps on his shoulders at another; but he wouldn't be treated the same. And he might be accused of a breach of the peace as a private and again as an officer, but his treatment wouldn't be the same. In one instance he would be incarcerated in a barred prison; in the other he might be relieved of his sword and confined to his quarters, pending his trial. There isn't any way out of it. It's down in black and white. It's law.

When Bobbie Burns penned those immortal lines—"a man's a man for a' that," and in a land much more given to class distinctions than is ours, he expressed the truest axiom of democracy ever written. But perhaps he wasn't thinking of soldiers when he wrote.

AN EPOCH IN OUR HISTORY.

This issue of the MAUI NEWS is the first to be issued from our new home. If it is a little lacking in any respect we trust our friends will bear with us, remembering that moving week is a strenuous one under the best of circumstances. We assure you that this one has been no exception. However we shall soon be settled, and we take this opportunity to extend to all our readers and patrons a cordial invitation to call and inspect our new quarters.

We confess to considerable pride in our new shop, knowing that it has not its equal in the Islands, outside of Honolulu, either in commodiousness of building or character of equipment. The building, which is on the west side of High street, almost opposite our old location, is of bungalow type construction, 30 x 64 in size; with concrete floors, abundance of window lighting, and in every way constructed with a view to making it a pleasant and satisfactory working place.

In matter of equipment there are few print shops anywhere that are more complete in their appointments. In making the change of location we discarded our gas engine, and have replaced it with five electric motors, directly connected with presses, paper cutter, and other machinery. In short, the Maui Publishing Company has never been so well prepared to uphold its standard in the matter of high grade printing, ruling and book making, as it is at present. And with these improved facilities, and a force of as loyal and capable workmen as the territory can furnish, the management feels confident that the MAUI NEWS will be liable to work for the welfare of Maui with added effectiveness, if not with greater zeal.

It is reported that the Hilo branch of the Honolulu brewery has been sold for \$40,000. It's our guess that Hilo will have to develop a very tall thirst if the new owners ever see their \$40,000 again. This territory is due to be boosted onto the water wagon for good most any day now.

CUTTING OFF PUBLICITY.

The supervisors are expected to pass a new automobile ordinance at next week's meeting. The public will not have a chance to see the proposed act before it finally becomes a law, because the supervisors feel that they cannot afford the expense of publishing it. The county last year spent between \$250,000 and \$300,000. Of this amount about one-half of one percent, or to be exact, \$1371, was spent for "printing and advertising." Certainly no very extravagant amount for keeping the people of Maui in touch with their public affairs, and only a portion of this went towards publication; probably the larger part going for job printing used in the various departments.

Another reel in the tragic drama of the Parker Millions, has been run off. The one now being filmed will deal with the adventures of the infant orphan heir to the big fortune—a boy whose requirements almost from his birth have been from \$600 to \$1000 per month, according to court decree. Thus far the picture while an absorbing one, hasn't been relieved by much sunlight, and indications at present are not for much more brightness in the future.

The almost impassable condition of the roads above Paia after a week or two of rainy weather, emphasizes the importance of continuing the macadamizing now being done clear through to Makawao. With this done not only will Makawao district have an outlet at all seasons, but the big Kula section will be likewise benefited. Probably in no other places on Maui would six or seven miles of road serve a larger number of people.

"Going Some" will be the motto of the Promotion Committee on the trip to Maui. As a matter of fact, the committee has been going some recently on its Honolulu stamping-grounds and will be in good shape for the endurance test on the Valley Isle.—Star-Bulletin.

With Dr. Raymond, Governor Pinkham, and Superintendent Forbes in Washington during the coming session of Congress, if Hawaii doesn't get her share from the pork barrel it will not be because we have been overlooked.

New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts have all turned down the woman suffrage proposition by overwhelming majorities. Also we are assured, China likes the old monarchy best.

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