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*A PROMOTION MEASURE OF FIRST IMPORTANCE.*

The promotion committee members, after they have held a meeting at the summit of Haleakala, indulged in a snow-ball battle, and had their sluggish circulations spurred up by Jack Frost, should be in position to resume their endeavors with a new outlook upon life—particularly as regards Maui. Perhaps they will then be able to glimpse a little better than they have in the past, what a very real asset Maui might be to the rest of the territory from the tourist standpoint. Perhaps also they will have their eyes opened to the fact a road to the House of the Sun means even more to the territory than it does to Maui, and that it is therefore rather a territorial than a county proposition. Of course Maui will profit from whatever tourist traffic such a road would bring to this island, but for every dollar that the Maui visitor will spend here, he is certain to spend \$10 in Honolulu and elsewhere in the Islands. In evidence of this, one has but to take the case of Hilo which is constantly complaining that the tourists that land there help business of the community but little. Yet the Volcano is one of the chief attractions that bring the tourists to the Islands. And in this connection it is well to remember that it was the territory and not the county of Hawaii, that inaugurated, and in the main, built the Volcano Road. No one now questions the wisdom of building this road, and for the same reasons no one should now doubt the wisdom of the territory's building the road to Haleakala. The matter is certainly one that the promotionists could well afford to take up and push. Maui will undoubtedly do her part; but her part is not to take the initiative or to bear the brunt of the expense.

THE JAPANESE AND THE CARNIVAL.

Because Governor Pinkham declined to permit a Japanese aviator to fly in Honolulu, and because they believe that the Governor is "anti-Japanese," the Japanese of Honolulu have declined to take their usual part in this year's carnival. This is the statement of the Hawaii Shinpo, and other papers, which are urging their readers in this stand. Such an attitude is unfortunate for several reasons. In the first place the people of Hawaii are not responsible for what the governor may do or think—they didn't have anything to do with making him governor. In the second place, the Japanese, in common with other nationalities represented in Hawaii, owe it to the community in which they see fit to live, to do what they can to help in whatever will benefit that community. The carnival is more than a mere demonstration or celebration. It is really a business proposition with Hawaii, and the Japanese profit from it as much as any other class of residents. In fact anything that benefits these Islands, benefits the Japanese in proportion. The foreigners in Hawaii, like the foreigners on the mainland, are where they are of their own free will, and generally because they recognize that they are better off under the Stars and Stripes than they would be at home. If it were not so they certainly would not stay. Is it therefore too much to expect that these visitors, as it were, accepting the opportunities that are offered them, should do what they may towards helping the community as well as themselves.

CASE OF SQUARE PEG IN A ROUND HOLE.

The "mutiny" at the boys' industrial school, has been a mighty good thing for it has attracted attention to this most important institution. And the disclosures will undoubtedly be beneficial. The territorial grand jury has just made a report on the subject. It finds that the management of the school has taken the industrial part of its name altogether too literally. The boys have been made to work, and little effort seems to have been made to make the work attractive to the young delinquents. The inquisitorial body recommends that more play be mixed with the work, and that superintendent and teachers be more than simply guards and task-masters to their charges. There has been no suggestion that the present superintendent has not been conscientious and diligent. It is simply a matter of his being temperamentally not fitted for the job. It is neither just to himself nor to his charges that he should be holding such a position. It is to be hoped that the new commission, which has just taken the reins of management, will really try to find a man who is naturally, as well as by training, suited to dealing with boys, and will not continue to try to make a square peg fit a round hole.

WARM CLOTHING NEEDED.

That warm clothing is something much needed by the unfortunates of the Kula Sanitarium, is something that is likely to be overlooked by persons who do not live at an altitude of 4000 or 5000 feet, and who are in good health and well nourished. Woollen underclothing and outer garments are specially desirable, for these victims of the dread "White Plague" who are making their last fight for their lives. The MAUI NEWS will be glad to receive any donations of clothing for this purpose, and to see that it reaches its destination.

The only way to make good citizens is by education. This in a word, is the contention of Supervising Principal McCluskey, who believes that instead of advocating commission government or other form of side-stepping of responsibility, a determined effort should be made to teach practical civil government in the schools. This is certainly the right idea. The boys (and doubtless the girls also) who are in school now, will in a few years be voters. If they are to do their full duty they should know the relations between the public and the public servants. Instead of demonstrating how many marbles can be bought for 10 cents, the arithmetic lesson might just as effectively illustrate how many laborers are equal to one mule. With a little thought most all of the problems that have to do with county government might be translated into terms that the child could understand and appreciate, and that would really make for better citizenship. The more ways that the children in the schools can be brought into contact with the real things of life around about them, and the more they can be made to realize that they are individually, a responsible part of the community, the better it is going to be for that community.

It is a matter of regret that the school authorities appear to wish to discourage the lecture course idea proposed for the Wailuku Public School. It is to be hoped that this is due to some misconception of the situation which may be quickly removed. It seems incomprehensible that any step that might bring the coming citizens of these islands into a better understanding of their responsibilities as such citizens, should be neglected, let alone opposed. Nor is there anything in the scholarship record of the school in question that might justify a refusal to permit public spirited citizens to address the pupils once or twice a month.

William Waldorf Astor, who has just succeeded in buying an English title of baron with his American money, may deserve the contempt of his former fellow countrymen, but no one can say he isn't loyal to the land of his adoption. That is a good deal more than can be said of some of our hyphenated citizens.

The Honolulu board of supervisors is said to be about \$150,000 in the hole. It looks as though there are other counties than Maui where some auditing is needed.

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