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Mayor Lane, of Honolulu, wants to have all the city ordinances printed in Hawaiian as well as in English; and Dr. Raymond, of the Maui board of supervisors, would have an official interpreter appointed to help out Supervisor Uahinui, who is perhaps a trifle weak in his English. All of which has a familiar sound, but which should have no weight at the present day, unless admittedly for politics. There are mighty few Hawaiians today of caliber sufficient to hold office, or to have much interest in public affairs, who cannot understand English as well as Hawaiian, or better. There is probably less excuse in these Islands for a dual language system than there is in the states of Louisiana, New Mexico, or Arizona. Louisiana, for instance, threw French overboard some years ago because it didn't ring true for an American state, notwithstanding the fact that there are thousands of citizens in that commonwealth who speak little else. If Hawaii has any ambitions towards statehood the quicker the Hawaiian language is allowed to die, the better. There is little excuse for it now except as a sentiment.

The irrepressible Alexander Hume Ford has written us that we (meaning the Islands) are to hold a great Pan-Pacific Exposition during 1917-1918. Of course we don't approve, feeling certain that the idea is fantastic and altogether impractical. But again of course this makes not the slightest difference—we're going to have the exposition. The edict has gone forth. Alexander Hume Ford has spoken. It is settled. Selah!

And Ford particularly asks us (meaning the Maui News) and us (meaning Maui) to come across with various kinds of support, including dioramas (whatever they may be). Naturally we take a good bracer (meaning with the feet), and back up for all we're worth. But it won't do any good. We're in for the exposition, the support, and the dioramas. Alexander the Great has said it. It is done! Nuf ced!

Hawaii has always had the reputation of being a bonanza land for the mainland promoter, and now that report of fabulous returns from the sugar crop of the Islands is beginning to be heralded broadcast, there is no doubt of what is to come. Indeed it is already here, according to news from Honolulu. Like flies around a molasses barrel, so are the mining stock agents and other kinds of sure-thing promoters destined to foregather about the Hawaiian sugar bowl. And the strange thing about it is that this gentry is always successful. There is scarce a doubt that many thousands of good Hawaiian dollars will be finding their way into various kinds of strange places on the coast. For all the old saws about the birthrate of suckers, the attractiveness of distant pastures, and the love of Americans for being humbugged, are just as true here in the Islands today as they ever were.

Honolulu is making a big effort to induce the people of the other islands to help out in the big Kamehameha Day celebration being planned for this year. Excursion rates are offered, and various attractions are offered in way of amusements, while the merchants are offering special prices to the out-of-town buyers. Of course it isn't any charity scheme these Honolulu business men have in their minds, nor are they pretending that it is anything other than a business proposition with them. But it's good business. Visitors will be well treated. Black-jacks will be barred in extracting the reluctant dollar. Maui can well afford to help Honolulu in this way. It brings about a friendly feeling, and neighborliness is a thing that we can afford to encourage.

When a dozen or more men—all of the busy business men—spend three hours of a Friday afternoon and as many more of the following Monday morning, in discussing a proposition, it means something. In this particular instance it means that the first Maui County Fair cannot help being a success. There isn't any doubt about it. The meeting last Monday morning was no sleepy affair and plenty of real enthusiasm was evident. Also the indications from every hand are that this same enthusiasm is reaching to every corner of the county, and even to the other islands. The project means a lot of work for a lot of people, but the results will be worth the pains.

Judge Stuart says Hawaii should have a commission form of government. And yet Judge Stuart would probably be one of the first to bewail the downfall of democracy when the people were no longer able to do politics for profit as at present.

Hilo is changing all its easy named streets to difficult Hawaiian ones. This should be exceedingly pleasing to the tourists that Hilo is losing about so much.

When West Point ceases to be a school for snobs, and the United States army becomes Americanized, there is some hope that military preparedness may get a more enthusiastic hearing than at present.

PROOF FAILS IN CHARGE OF CATTLE STEALING

Charles Akuna and Antone Paustino, arrested about two weeks ago on charge of having stolen a calf belonging to the Cornwell Ranch, were discharged from custody by District Magistrate McKay this morning, after the territory has failed to substantiate the charge.

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VISITING ARTIST EXHIBITS INTERESTING PICTURES

A number of canvases of E. W. Christmas, R. B. A., which have been displayed this week in the lobby of the Maui Hotel, have attracted considerable attention from art lovers of Maui. Mr. Christmas is the painter of a medal winning picture at the San Francisco exposition, entitled "The Christ of the Andes," and he has with him a smaller canvas made at the same time but from a different viewpoint, of this wonderful peace statue on the crest of the South American mountains, 14,000 feet above the sea level.

Mr. Christmas, who is just recovering from a serious illness, is much enraptured with Maui scenery, and expects to spend several months here and to do considerable work, as soon as he recovers his strength. He later plans to give an exhibition of some of his local work also.

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