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"There can be neither national unity in ideals nor in purpose unless there is some common method of communication through which may be conveyed the thought of the nation. All Americans must be taught to read and write and think in one language; this is a primary condition to that growth which all nations expect of us and which we demand of ourselves."—Hon. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior.

TERRITORIAL AND COUNTY PROJECTS

Urging the Oahu delegation in the legislature to stick together in the coming session, the Honolulu Advertiser outlines a general program which can be subscribed to by the other islands. Whether Honolulu can fill in the details of the plan thus outlined that will be equally reasonable remains to be seen. The Advertiser says—

There is only a certain amount of money that can be appropriated. Each district is entitled to its fair share, but the apportionment should be made in every instance on the basis of what is going to be of the most benefit to the most people.

The members of the Oahu delegation are not called upon, therefore, to go to the legislature and try to get all they can grab for this island. At the same time, they should look out for the interests of this island as well as for the interests of the Territory as a whole.

There are things this island needs and must have that are equally essential to the entire Territory. There is the matter of the improvement of our harbor, for instance. True, it is Honolulu Harbor, but Honolulu Harbor is the gateway of Hawaii and the prosperity of the whole Territory is dependent upon its being put in such condition that it can accommodate the great volume of shipping that will come here if we can handle it.

It is going to take a very large amount of money to construct Honolulu Harbor and build the wharves and sheds necessary. This money will have to come out of territorial funds. But its expenditure will not be for the benefit of Oahu alone but for that of all Hawaii.

At the same time, it is the particular business of the members of the Oahu delegation to handle the matter, for we are most directly interested.

We need money for roads, for reclamation projects, for Waikiki beach and for other public improvements. These are all big projects and should take precedence over all small matters.

The Oahu delegation should go into the legislature with a definite and carefully thought out program and then stick to it. Under no circumstances should cheap political considerations be permitted to endanger the carrying out of that program.

There should be no stinting of money in developing Honolulu harbor, and the outside islands should be willing to stint on other things to see this project put through right. That it is a territorial project in the broadest sense should not be open to question, and the importance of getting it done fast should warrant sacrifices if necessary to accomplish it.

Whether the reclamation of the Waikiki swamps should be considered in the same category of territorial projects is open to question. The improvement would benefit the territory to be certain, but so would a belt road through the Ditch Country of Maui, or an automobile road to the top of Haleakala, which Honolulu has never shown any signs of considering territorial projects. In fact the Honolulu proposal is even less a territorial matter because the benefit to private property should more than offset the cost. In any event Honolulu should be given a free hand to do that job herself without saddling any of the responsibility of seeing it paid for upon the territory.

We believe, however, that Waikiki beach development should be done by the territory, and for the same reason we have always held that a road to Haleakala, or one opening up the scenic grandeur of East Maui should be the work of the territory rather than of the county. They have to do largely with tourists and tourists are a territorial asset.

SIDE LIGHTS ON AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

Australia and Australian lines of thought are always more or less of a puzzle to Americans, for which reason an editorial from the pen of V. L. Stevenson, editor of the Hilo Post-Herald, who presumes to speak with authority, may be clarifying to a certain degree. The editorial is as follows:

"AN EXPLOSION DUE"

That there will be bitter disappointment shown in Australia over the news that the German South Sea possessions will probably pass into international control cannot be doubted. In fact, in view of the present state of affairs in the great southern commonwealth, there may arise serious troubles between Australia and England.

Australia has been governed for the past four years by a body of men who were practically slackers. At least they did not have spunk enough to put over conscription in the Land of the Kangaroo. It follows that the slackers and Sinn Fein Irish of Australia, to say nothing of the real pro-Hun element, were in charge of things while the true, decent, clean-cut Australians fought and died on the bloody fields of Europe and Asia in order that the cowardly bunch at home should be protected.

While the real Australians, to the tune of 400,000 or so, fought the devils of Europe, the slacker element attended the horse races and had a general good time, including the snatching of the jobs vacated by better men than themselves. And now comes the time when the British Imperial Cabinet, against the wishes and advice of the Australian peace delegates, appears about to enter into a contract that will not only deprive Australia of the privilege of holding a portion of Samoa, and Marshalls, not to say anything about Papua, which is next door to Queensland, but will also deprive Japan of her legitimate fruits of victory south of the equator. It does not seem to be a square deal and it may just provide the needed match which will start something in the line of Bolshevism in Australia, where the I. W. W. and many other secret organizations are now hard at work trying to stir up strife.

"The decent pro-Ally Australians have cause to kick, but they have more sense than to buck the decision of the peace conference. The indecent Australians will seize the latest phase of the peace conference plans as being just the excuse they have been waiting for in order to come out in their true colors as pro-Huns and real Sinn Feiners."

We have had it explained to us why churches, dances, and theatres should be tabu, while schools should not be closed, and the reason has appealed to us as logical. Now we wish the board of health would take us into its confidence and tell us why Elks and Masons, and K. of P.s and Foresters, and Red Crossers do not endanger each other when foregathering for their respective purposes. Is it because of the pure spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood under which their gatherings are held?

TERRITORIAL AID FOR COUNTY FAIRS

It is no disparagement of the Territorial Fair to state that it should not be permitted to overshadow the county fairs or be considered as taking the place of the smaller fairs. There should be no conflict between the two institutions. They should complement each other. But if either is to be emphasized it should be the county fairs.

The county fairs which have thus far been held in Maui and Hawaii have been unqualified successes because they have reached a very large percentage of the people they were intended to benefit. The Territorial Fair last year was a success also, but not for the same reason. It was a magnificent show for Honolulu. A very small proportion of the people from the other islands were able to benefit directly through actually seeing it. And this must always be the case.

Maui's first county fair was of more benefit to a larger number of people than any other one enterprise ever undertaken in this county. It had a lesson for every man, woman and child who visited it. It taught Maui people what could be done by team-work. It opened a vista of hope for the man with hoe as well as for the owner of a 75 horse-power tractor. Big and little, old and young had the benefit of actually seeing what others had accomplished and felt the stimulus of a healthy competition.

It is announced that the legislature will be asked to increase the \$6000 appropriated by the last session for the Territorial Fair. The legislature should do this, though at present the association has a surplus fund of \$11,500, because the fund really amounts to nothing more than a guarantee against bad weather or other kind of disaster.

But because the county fairs should be considered of first importance; because the Territorial Fair must come to be dependent upon the county fairs, if it is to accomplish its highest purpose, the legislature should make provision also for financially backing the county fairs.

Maui's first fair was put through on credit advanced by a few individuals. They took a risk that should not have to be asked. Maui's delegation in the legislature should insist upon having made available for the next Maui county fair from \$3000 to \$5000 working capital, as well as backing the appropriation for the central gathering.

HILO HAMPERED BY HEALTH BOARD

Lest some of our readers may still be inclined to the belief that our objections to the administration of health matters on Maui are not well founded, we are reprinting a part of a long editorial from the Hilo Tribune on the delinquencies of the territorial board of health in connection with the recent influenza epidemic on the Big Island. This is but a sample of a series of serious indictments against the health department in the Hilo press, which leaves no room for doubt that the work of the board has been highly unsatisfactory to Hilo people.

This being the case, why should Hilo be obliged to depend upon a cumbersome, slow moving, and always inefficient organization in Honolulu when she knows what she wants and how to get it?

Here's the Tribune's plaint—

"AN END TO PRETENSE"

"There is no use in attempting to pretend that the public is satisfied with the attitude of the health authorities toward the influenza. It has an uneasy sense, rather than a conviction, of evasion, disagreement, obstinacy and fumbling. It feels the situation is herding the authorities, not that the authorities are mastering the situation. It mumbles and grumbles and has no clear voice of its own. It submits, but with no confidence in the command and no wise, firm, positive leader in sight."

"The newspapers of Hilo hitherto have dealt very temperately and patiently with the Board of Health. They have accepted all the statements it issued at their face value and have placed the best construction possible on the news as the Board wished to have it. They have a sense of responsibility and a realization of the hurt done by exaggeration. But if the Board wishes to continue what can be a useful alliance, it will have to prove its good faith by putting aside all equivocations and telling not only the truth, but the whole truth the whole of the time. Otherwise the Publicity Committee of the Board of Trade will become a farce and the campaign of education which it initiated will take a very different turn."

TIME FOR AGGRESSIVE ACTION

San Francisco opening its harbor facilities to shipping free of costs, and the Toyo Kisen Kaisha's decision to cut Honolulu off its itinerary for its two great new liners to be built, are items of a single day's news that should cause Hawaii to do some serious thinking.

San Francisco deems it worth while to make a bid for the shipping business of the Pacific, and she is losing no time in offering clinching inducements. It is also becoming apparent that a mid-Pacific fuel station is no longer the vital factor to shipping that it once was—in fact that this is likely soon to be a negligible consideration as oil fuel comes more into use, and particularly as motor ships begin to replace steam driven vessels.

In view of such facts it seems clear that if Hawaii is to get her share of the big tide of trans-Pacific business that is developing, she must go after it. She cannot sit back and expect it to come to her of its own accord.

It is fortunate that the legislature is about to meet, for it can pave the way to offering these inducements, which should be equal to those of San Francisco, and then some.

ONE LANGUAGE FOR AMERICAN CHILDREN

The Japanese press of the territory is much stirred up over the impression which has gained ground that an effort will be made in the coming legislature to pass a bill abolishing Japanese language schools in the Islands.

This is exactly what should be done. If it be thought desirable or necessary that the Japanese language be taught, provision should be made for teaching it under the auspices of the territorial board of public instruction, and then it should be permitted only in the upper grades.

If Japanese children in Hawaii are to be American citizens the only proper way to go about it is to teach them Americanism in the American language right from the start. Foreign languages are all right for purposes of culture, but they are not the first essentials of an American citizen.

There should be no occasion for resentment in the fact that the United States from hence forth will insist upon an all-American education for its future citizens. We have had our lesson in the matter of a double allegiance.

MAUI NO KA OI AND FINE CATTLE

If Maui does not shortly become the banner island of the group for fine beef cattle it will not be for lack of trying. And when it does the credit will be in largest measure due to the enthusiasm of S. A. Baldwin, of the Haleakala Ranch, and Harold W. Rice.

The palm is at present held by the Island of Hawaii, where the Parker Ranch is said to have the finest Hereford herd of cattle in the world, developed during a dozen years of hard work on the part of A. W. Carter, manager of the ranch.

But the Parker Ranch and Hawaii will have to watch their laurels if they are not to be outclassed. The big bunch of fine breeding animals just bought for the Haleakala Ranch and for Mr. Rice is from what is believed to be the best stock in America. A part of the sections is from a herd of 50 which averaged, at auction sale \$3845 each.

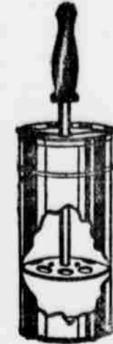
Maui has already made good progress in breeding good cattle and her future in this direction now looks particularly bright.

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