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## THE ALIEN SPIRIT

THERE is no reason why the United States should entertain a particle of friendliness toward the immigrant who raised the fact of his foreign birth as a plea for exemption from the draft.

There is nothing in such a man to make his residence here desirable. The room he takes can be filled by a better man. The benefits he derives from being in America can more deservedly be given to one who has caught the spirit of this country and gladly conforms to it.

There are thousands of foreigners who have failed to give the slightest evidence of trying to become Americanized. This has not always been their fault alone. They have been grouped by force of circumstances in colonies where American ways and American thought could gain ground only with difficulty. Certain un-American employers have shown a marked preference for foreign labor and so fostered the alien outlook. Not in the same degree have all the races which entered the United States had initiative, the will or the gift to learn new customs.

But to aliens of army service age has come a test of desire. Many have responded willingly to the call to the colors. Such men, since they show adaptation and the qualities which make good citizens, the country will always wish to keep. Many have claimed allegiance abroad. They prove, thereby, their own undesirability. Uncle Sam does not want them.—The Service.

## WHY NOT HALEAKALA?

Our esteemed contemporary The Hilo Tribune last week published an article to the effect that \$50,000 of territorial funds had been allotted for the construction of concrete roadway to the volcano of Kilauea. This, of course, contingent on whether the county would contribute a like amount for the work. There is not a doubt but that the people on Hawaii will see to it that the money is contributed, thus having \$100,000 at their disposal for a new road, which will assure easy access to the volcano.

Why not an appropriation for the construction of roadway to the Crater of Haleakala? Surely Maui has as much interest in her crater, extinct though it may be, as Hawaii in her volcano. The distance from Wailuku to Haleakala is no further, if as far, as Kilauea is from Hilo. At the present time the trip to the crater is long and arduous and if the weather should happen to be inclement, extremely uncomfortable. It isn't every visitor who can stand riding for four hours up steep trail a horseback—in fact many are afraid of horse or muleback anyway, and therefore do not make the trip.

The Crater is well worth visiting—the trip up beautiful scenically and the effect after one gets there it is inspiring as well as stimulating. From the edge of the great bowl one can look across and see Hawaii's Mauna Kea, and to the other side all Maui spread at his feet. Is it not worth while to exploit our own scenic beauties, at the same time we admit the beauties of the other islands?

## WILL IT EVER COME

Last week The Maui News published an item regarding the run of several freight ships from Kahului to New York, which were made in one month. Since it has been shown that slow freight ships can make such good time from this Valley Island to the east coast, it occurs to us to wonder if in time a through passenger service might not be established direct from Maui to New York? At the present time residents of Maui are put to the necessity of taking ship from Kahului or Lahaina to Honolulu. There they await their chances of getting a boat, meanwhile paying hotel bills during the period of waiting, and when they are landed at San Francisco must take train for another week. That means at least two weeks of time consumed in travel, not to mention the inconvenience of waiting and the trouble caused by three transfers of baggage.

Of course ship direct from Maui to the coast would take longer, but the travelling would be twice as comfortable, and scenically produce as good results as the overland route. And in addition it would be less expensive.

We don't insist on this—we merely suggest it as a future possibility for Maui as it grows larger—for Maui is bound to grow.

## HUMAN STUMBLING BLOCKS

Blind, to the march of progress, either wilfully or because he is mentally incapable of seeing, Senator Underwood, by his advocacy of delaying the action on the suffrage bill which is now before the Senate, has proved himself to be a human stumbling block. It would seem that the learned Senator should have realized by now that the American woman is going to have what she goes after. She has been overcoming stumbling blocks that others have put in her path for the past forty years in her fight for the vote. It is foolish of Underwood to hope that now, when the goal has been so nearly reached, that she is going to let one mere man, who is so behind the times that he cannot or will not see whether the wind bloweth, keep her from attaining her long-fought for object. Let us hope that Senator Underwood sees the light quickly and will not cause himself and his colleagues another year of unrest by stubborn and futile resistance.

## ON VALUING MEN

We commend a horse for his strength, and sureness of foot, and not for his rich caparisons; a greyhound for his share of heels, not for his fine collar; a hawk for her wing, not for her jesses and bells. Why, in like manner, do we not value a man for what is properly his own?—Montaigne.

HOW ABOUT THE LAHAINA WHARF? Will Maui get it started this year?

## IS IT WORTH THAT MUCH?

Is the election of one supervisor worth \$2500 to the County of Maui, is a question that is aroused in the minds of the county officials today as they face the prospect of expending this sum of money on June 3. It seems like a foolish law that compels the spending of a large amount of the public funds to determine whether one man shall hold office or not. Even though Mr. Cockett did not receive enough votes, which, according to the election law would elect him at the primaries, if his majority over his democratic adversary was sufficient to show that he stood a good chance of getting the office, even though the actual figure might fall short of that required by law, it would seem the part of wisdom and discretion to declare him elected. Of course as the election laws stand now, probably this cannot be done, but in order to prevent the recurrence of such a contingency again, would it not be well to work for a law that will cover the situation when there is but one candidate to run after a primary election has been held, without so much cost being attached?

## LEAD THE WAY MAUI!

The News prints today an article from the Associated Press mail service regarding the war record of the State of Utah. This proposes a complete record of every Utahian who served in the army, navy or marine corps from the time of enlistment or induction by draft. This will include a detailed biography of every Utah man who gave his life during the war, and a general biography of each man who gave service during the war.

It isn't a bad idea at all, and is one that Hawaii might do well to follow. We have the Victory Loan subscribers placed in the archives—why not the history of the men of Hawaii who went forth for their country? Let Maui be the first to start this. Get the Maui records together, and the good example will doubtless be followed by the rest of the Territory.

## WHEN HUNS SIGN THE PEACE TREATY

Citizens of Maui, be ready with your peace flags when the word comes that Germany has signed the peace treaty. Fling them to the breeze and let your neighbors and your visitors know that Maui rejoices with the world at the cessation of war permanently and the resumption of peaceful trade conditions. The peace flag is Old Glory with a white border the width of four ordinary flag stripes. Celebrate the signing of peace even more riotously than you did the signing of the armistice, and offer up a prayer that wars alarms may never be heard by you or your children again.

## BUY THEM

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