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WANTED, A HOME

Hawaii is awakening; gradually the understanding is coming that there are governmental obligations to society as organized that have not been cared for in the past, that unfortunates are not, properly, objects of charity but wards of the government. At the next session of the legislature there will be asked an appropriation for a home for physical defectives, the deaf, the dumb and the blind. This follows the securing of a home for mental defectives. Maui Woman's Club, through its Humane Department is squarely behind the request of the Hawaiian Humane Department as must be any thinking persons who have the interests of society, of humanity at heart.

There is a day school for physical defectives in Honolulu, but that is of no use to the other counties; thus the proposed appropriation is of deeper interest to the other counties than to Honolulu.

Residents of Hawaii have annually given thousand upon tens of thousands of dollars to the support of the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., homes for the aged, resorts for consumptives and scores of institutions. They have given these sums as they would aims, not as an obligation to society that must be paid. Perhaps it has been the very readiness of the charitable inclined to give that prevented larger territorial support for unfortunates, that left the Islands without a home for feeble minded so many years, that leaves them today without a home for the deaf, dumb and blind, without even a publicly supported orphanage.

But awakening is near. Organized society through its laws makes demands upon the individuals and in turn must recognize the demands of individuals upon itself, obligations are reciprocal.

In levying a tax for the support of Kula sanitarium and the hospitals, Maui shows its recognition of the obligations of its every citizen toward every other. In the creation of a home for mental defectives the territory is recognizing it, and such recognition must grow. There are some institutions, the churches, religious organizations, which may properly be supported by individual donations, but the care of the sick, the infirm, the destitute, motherless and fatherless children, physically and mentally defective ones, delinquents, are as properly subjects of governmental support as is public education.

DROP IN PINES EXPECTED

Lower prices for canned pineapples with consequent lower prices for the fresh fruit is forecast in an interview with A. W. Eames of the California Packing Corporation recently published in Honolulu news papers. He is quoted as saying that he sees nothing in business conditions to warrant the belief that the pineapple industry will not be affected similarly to other industries in the course of deflation and as recommending that the pineapple packers make their plans for the year to meet a situation in some ways similar to that the sugar industry is meeting.

In a sense the pineapple packers are in a different position from most other producers. They did not raise the wholesale price of canned pines to the height they might have, but the middleman took advantage of that fact, exacted undue profits and boosted the retail price above what the packers had anticipated. So far as bringing about decrease in demand the result was the same.

To the more farsighted residents of Maui the interview of Mr. Eames contains nothing surprising, nothing they had not expected, but there have been others who were less clear of vision, who could see only higher prices for fruit, larger profits and who boosted the rentals for pine lands in consequence. Such lessons are, it would seem, doomed to disappointment and face the prospect of losses where they expected gains.

One thing stands out clearly in Mr. Eames interview; the probability is for lower rather than higher prices for raw pines than prevailed last year. But this does not mean losses, necessarily, except for those who based their offer for lands on the last price and sometimes a higher one.

PUBLIC LIBRARY PLANS

Efforts to secure a public library adequate to the needs of Maui at length are beginning to crystallize into definite shape with the drafting of a county library bill to be presented at the coming session of the legislature. In the past, Maui has been asked not to seek appropriations because they might diminish the support of the Library of Hawaii; has been refused support because the method employed in maintaining the small library it had withdrew it from the "free class" while support was given the Library of Hawaii and the Hilo Library.

The bill which has been put into tentative form is less complex than the measure suggested toward the close of the special session, less voluminous and yet appears to be sufficiently comprehensive to make a start. It does not require Honolulu or Hilo to support from county funds alone the libraries now in those communities, nor does it preclude Maui and Kauai from securing similar territorial support to that given the two existing libraries though main support comes from the home counties.

One objection to the first suggested bill, that it made the county library a mere subsidiary to the Library of Hawaii, under its jurisdiction and control while supplying all the funds for its establishment and maintenance, is found in the measure which will be proposed. There will be an independence in the management of the county library in its control by a county board. At the same time licensing of librarians and a supervisory and advisory power is given to the Library of Hawaii.

In the past thousands and tens of thousands of dollars have been contributed by the taxpayers of the Islands for the Library of Hawaii in Honolulu to the chief benefit of Honolulu and the comparatively slight benefit of the residents of the other Islands. It is not designed to withdraw such support but it is asked that in the county library here shall be kept up-to-date catalogs of the Library of Hawaii and that a county library can secure for one of its readers a book desired as a resident of Honolulu can now secure any book he or she desires from the Library of Hawaii which would then be the main or territorial library.

Passage of the bill will be a long step toward securing for Maui a library more adequate to its needs.

Japanese are said to object to the requirement that they take in English their examination for licenses to teach in the Japanese language schools. Such objection is a playing into the hands of those who demand the abolition of such schools. It makes the basic language of the school Japanese instead of English, it recognizes a claim that the Japanese tongue should be the first known to American born Japanese children; it is in contravention of the demand that English shall be recognized as the natural tongue of all American born children. For those reasons the objection should be over-ruled by the school authorities.

It has been suggested that the examiner of chauffeurs on Maui should quiz all applicants for licenses who come before him on their knowledge of the traffic ordinance and become satisfied their acquaintance with the ordinance before granting licenses.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND CIRCUIT, TERRITORY OF HAWAII—At Chambers

Lucy Katillo, libellant vs. Pedro Katillo, libelee; divorce.

Notice of Pendency of Suit.

The Territory of Hawaii to Pedro Katillo:

You are hereby notified that the above entitled cause is now pending before the Circuit Court of the Second Circuit, wherein the said Lucy Katillo prays for an absolute divorce from you on the ground of failure to provide suitable support and maintenance, and that said cause has been set down for trial before the Hon. L. L. Burr, Judge of said Court, at this Court Room in Wailuku, Maui, T. H., on Thursday the 24th day of March, 1921, at ten o'clock A. M. or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will permit.

HENRY C. MOSSMAN, Clerk.

ENOS VINCENT, Attorney for Libellant. (Jan. 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18.)

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Veto of the rehabilitation bill is the fear expressed by Kuhio in a letter to Senator John Wise. If his fears be well grounded Maui will not shed tears of bitterness even if not agreeing with the grounds of expected veto, provision for the employment of no alien labor in federal work.

"Girl Scouts need bathing suits; supply is scanty," says an Advertiser headline. There is a predicament when both suits and supply are scanty.

"For the information of the juvenile court," says the Star Bulletin, we resurrect the time honored proverb: "Spare the rod and spoil the child." If the rod is to be applied to parents whose sins of omission are being visited upon the children, Maui News kokuas, but in the past the rod has been applied to the wrong persons.

In Honolulu Judge Lightfoot has declined to entertain cases against motorists who parked their cars in forbidden sections unless there were warning signs erected and maintained by the police department. It's different on Maui; though the warning sign was elsewhere, though the sheriff did not know the exact beginning of a speed limit zone until just before enforcement of the law, his officers were equally uninformed until recently and the County Attorney was among those caught for exceeding 15 miles, the plea did not hold in the Wailuku District Court.

In support of the buy at home program being conducted by business houses in Honolulu Central Union Church has sent to the mainland for an architect to draw plans for its new building.

It is a difficult thing to convince the public there have been no excess profits when the government collected such large sums in taxes on excess profits. The old story of the boy with the filberts. He cannot get his hand out of the jar unless he drops some of the nuts, but he is loath to let go.

One automobile driver suggests that pedestrians on the road at night walk on the left side of the road. Then they can see approaching cars and take cautions to avoid them. Often it is impossible for a driver to see pedestrians ahead when there is a car approaching him that uses glaring headlights.

The Optimistic Pessimist

"Cooperation" is a word too little understood. It does not mean to sit back while another does one's own task as well as his own but giving the other fellow's wheel a shove out of the rut so he can move forward alone. Get out of the car and shove with the helper.

It is reported that cotton growers of the south have determined to reduce acreage so as to keep up prices. Well, if the cost of cotton socks holds up and silk prices continue to decline the hoi poloi will have to wear silk.

It is not such a bad idea to have "Better Babies" campaigns followed by "Better Grown Folks" drives.

Mighty fortunate for the world's growth in population is it that conceit is rarely fatal until a man begins to believe all that he says about himself.

Considerable humor attaches to the situation when a person sends to a mainland mail order house for some article and then howls because a home concern does not carry missing parts when the darn' thing gets out of kilter.

It was a Honolulu clerk who replied to the query of a prospective customer as to whether shoe dealers had not heard that prices at wholesale had dropped, by saying that Honolulu shoe dealers were deaf.

There is something refreshing about reading that a six dollar article that sold for \$20 two months ago can now be purchased for \$15 while at the same time trade journals are anxiously inquiring when good times are to return.

One of the most encouraging signs of the time is the awakening of a realization that the state is responsible to the individual for the failures and mistakes of the social organization.

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