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START RIGHT IN HAWAII

Those who are familiar with their bible will be familiar with a reference as to the plucking of notes and beams from their own and their neighbor's eyes. Others may call to mind a quotation from another source relative to the putting of one's own house in order before starting out to clean house for one's friend. At this time the point of interest is that Hawaii should apply such advice to itself before or at least while seeking to secure more consideration for its rights to a share of the federal appropriations for educational encouragement purposes. It is quite true that the Territory does not get the share of support for education that it ought to but it is equally true that for years Maui has not been getting its fair return from the territorial educational funds for the money it pays into the territorial treasury for the support of schools. Every year the counties of Hawaii and Kauai have been taking bites out of Maui's slice of bread and butter. In other words and straight to the point: Maui pays in school taxes more than a just proportion for what it receives and Hawaii and Kauai receive an undue share in proportion to what they pay. If they were poor communities and unable to meet their own needs charitable Maui would say nothing, but would kooka them willingly, but they are just as able to support their own schools as Maui is to support her own.

The trouble as this paper has time and again shown is that the assessment for monies for the schools is made on one basis and the monies paid out on another, not upon the number of children of school age the county has but the number that are attending school. For lack of funds schools are cut out and that further reduces attendance while if Maui got back its full share there would be funds for the support of several more small schools than it now has. But Hawaii and Kauai are getting the money that should be Maui's and in consequence Maui's school attendance is constantly cut down for lack of such small schools or for lack of opportunity to continue above the fourth or fifth grade.

By all means Hawaii and Kauai should contend for its rights at Washington but in the meantime the territory should play fair with Maui while it demands fairness for itself from Washington. Hawaii should wash its own hands from injustice and inequity and go to Washington with clean hands just as the rule in courts of equity is that he who would go into court for equity must do so with clean hands.

HARBOR WORK PROGRAM

Reports from Honolulu say that a tentative budget for \$2,000,000 of harbor and wharfrage improvement work will be presented to the next legislature soon after it convenes. A very small proportion of that fund is to be asked for this county, however. There is to be a provision for an additional sum to be spent in connection with the Kahului wharf project and for an addition to Mala wharf and for Molekai a new wharf is to be provided, the sum appropriated by the last legislature being inadequate so that the project was allowed to rest until more funds could be made available.

So far as territorial appropriations go, such provisions may be adequate for the needs of the next two years, but for Kahului harbor federal appropriations are needed and the delegate will be working for their inclusion in the next Rivers and Harbors Bill.

With the completion of the Kahului wharf the harbor will not be adequate to handle the shipping that wants to come to Kahului. It is essential in the first place, if the harbor is to accommodate more than one big ship at a time, that the Easterly breakwater shall be considerably lengthened. That will make possible further lengthening of the wharf when required so as to accommodate two big ships at once and would also give anchorage room for other vessels out from the wharf and under the breakwater's lee. Otherwise a vessel at the wharf would find it difficult to leave when another vessel is at anchor between the wharf and the end of the breakwater. In connection with the lengthening a certain amount of dredging is absolutely essential so there may be sufficient depth of water to accommodate such vessels as come in to use the additional space.

That improvement is the one the Maui Chamber of Commerce says is the greatest necessity. Lyman Bigelow, speaking for the harbor board, has declared the lengthening of the Westerly breakwater to be necessary, also, and holds more dredging should be done than would be required for the work the Chamber said was the prime necessity and for that reason the Chamber included his proposal in the scheme to which it has given endorsement.

The work sought from the federal government will, in turn, lead to a further demand for dredging by the territory but that work need not be provided for by the next legislature in full.

From 1909 to 1920 the value of the output from that part of Maui that is adjacent to Kahului harbor increased from ten million to almost \$38,000,000. The Kahului harbor project can readily be shown to be the most important commercial project that Maui has on hand at this time.

THOSE JAPANESE SCHOOLS.

Last Saturday the board of public instruction made a further effort to conciliate the Japanese who have been opposing the program that was outlined for the Japanese schools. The board yielded somewhat on the question of time, but not on the question of principle. It holds fast to the tenets that the child of alien parents must have two years of English language school before entering a foreign language school, that is, that the start of education must be made in the regular, not in the foreign language school.

Yielding as to time when the program shall become operative the board set down the rule that after the first of next January to enter a language school a pupil must have satisfactorily completed a first year in the territorial school, or its equivalent. Originally two years was to have been required but the two year provision will not go into operation until the beginning of the next school year in September 1923.

It is hardly probable that the concession will please the element of the Japanese that has been fighting all attempted restriction or regulation of language schools. It is the basic idea of territorial control over their schools that those people oppose. To the question "eventually, why not now?" their answer is "not." When they ask for delay, it is only quibbling. In reality they contend for non-interference with their educational methods and they will be no more willing to tolerate such interference next September than they are now.

But the board of public instruction and the Territory of Hawaii will not recede from the position that has been taken and the final outcome is inevitable defeat for those who would place education in foreign tongue and foreign ethics superior to education in the tongue and ethics of the land of the birth of the child, the land where it may be expected to live and make its livelihood.

THE OPTIMISTIC PESSIMIST

One of the chief differences between the sexes in these days is that the woman is most interested in exterior decoration and the man in interior decoration. Both use red paint however.

The New York State Athletic Commission which has supervision of boxing calls the newspaper men "a low browed lot." Perhaps the commissioner will not feel so "high browed" if they get in the boxing ring and "get the tops of their blocks knocked off."

There is only one thing in these days that is more attractive to the average man than an invitation to lunch or dinner with business associates. In helping the guesser it may be added that many bridge players as there are, that is not what is meant.

It may not be known generally that Eve will sit in the next congress but a Honolulu newspaper announced "Illinois elects First Mother to Congress."

Even dogdom has its social scale. The report of the board of agriculture and forestry shows that in September at the animal quarantine station in Honolulu there were inoculated with the anti-rabies treatment "one dog, one Chow dog and one Alredale."

In the Shriners' parade in Honolulu Saturday some of the hula skirted novitates looked less unhappy than the novitates who were being joggled about on the backs of lumbering camels. However, the novitates got their's later.

In Honolulu these days there is a great pretense of rain with small measurement, in Hilo, no pretense and lots of precipitation and one comes to Wailuku for the ideal climate.

A sack of century old coins was recently found in clearing out old records in Honolulu. They were only copper pennies but in these days there are not enough copper cents left over after paying bills to fill a purse, let alone a canvas sack.

Physicians in Honolulu admit having performed a number of operations of grafting on goat glands for encephaled patients but decline to mention the names of those patients. The explanation is that publicity and resultant talk would get those patients' goats.

The new operation for the restoration of youthful vigor appears to be legitimate grafting on the part of the surgical profession.

If more attention were paid to making good instead of making good excuses there would be very few failures.

It is sad to see an efficient man who lacks enthusiasm, but it is almost as sad to see an enthusiast who lacks efficiency. He has the chance that he may blunder into success at last.

If more persons would try to live life as they wish it were lived there would be more books written to be enjoyed for the average reader is not interested so much in life as it is but as they would like to see it.

Get behind the railroad is reported to be the new slogan in the Big Island and its much better to do it than try to cut in front of the train.

Hilo's rain record this year promises to exceed 200 inches. No wonder the Crescent City is demanding "its place in the sun."

Technical men of the sugar plantations of the Islands, mill and machinery experts, field work engineers and chemists met in Honolulu last week and had a series of sessions and discussions from which much of value can be secured. In the sugar industry of the Islands there is no rivalry and each company can well afford to give to its neighbors the benefits of its own experiences, receiving similar information in return. There is no better way to do this than through such annual gatherings as that of last week.

Some talks is heard of a proposal to put a charge on attendants at the public schools above the sixth grade and it is reported there will be an effort to put such a plan through the next legislature. It is true that the school costs grow so they stagger the taxpayer but there is sure to be opposition to any charge in the eight grammar grades. For a higher education there appears a stronger sentiment for the inauguration of tuition fees.

Plantation heads from all the Islands are meeting in Honolulu this week. It is a most important occasion for the most important industry of the Islands.

With a hundred thousand cases of pines output from Hana district in sight, it is time active measures were employed to connect up Hana by road with the rest of Maui. The business of Hana will go to Honolulu unless better than once a week transportation is supplied between that district and Honolulu.

Daily Maui News will have a larger telegraph news service than any other island paper. It has to get by wireless not only the mainland news but the Honolulu news by wireless. With the cooperation of the Maui Community this paper will give the last word in the happenings of the mainland and of the territory.

THE FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

The demand throughout the mainland for high grade investment securities, which has developed as a result of the gradual lowering of interest rates, exhibits no signs of slackening. As a result, bond prices are steadily advancing and it appears that the time is rapidly drawing near when the opportunity to purchase high grade investment securities at prices which yield liberal returns will have passed—not to return, in all probability for many years.

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