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CUI BONO?

It has been three weeks today since the Pacific cable was completed. The company has been engaged only sixteen days, however, in the transaction of actual commercial business.

If nine people out of ten are asked their opinion of the cable they promptly declare that it is the greatest blessing. It probably is. The tenth man might entertain a contrary opinion, but in the face of such overwhelming public opinion he would hesitate to admit that he did not see exactly how the Islands would be especially benefited.

With possibly very few exceptions the actual advantages that Honolulu has received from the presence of the cable are purely of a mental character. The actual commercial advantages are unrecieved. In fact the material benefit which is to be derived from the presence of the cable are yet to be developed and it will be a long process of development before any great benefits, if any, accrue.

The satisfaction which is universally felt throughout the islands over the presence of the cable, is almost purely of an innate kind. The idea of being in actual touch with the rest of the world after being so long completely isolated, is a highly gratifying thought. As Governor Dole truly said in his cable message to William Randolph Hearst on the opening day, "with the completion of the Pacific cable, Hawaii can feel that she is really annexed."

The presence of the cable, declares one of the nine, will attract capital to us that otherwise would not come. Why will it not? Other capital was attracted here long before there was any cable. That capital was the most difficult to secure for it was the capital that went to develop an industry. With an industry that is famous the world over as a commercial success why should not more capital be seeking investment in the Hawaiian Islands when there is an actual asset to offer?

"But think of the tourists," contends another advocate. "Rich people who do not come here because they have to keep in touch with their business at home will come now because we have the cable." How about the tourist of moderate means who does not have to keep in touch with his business? Why does he not come? As to the rich man, he passes through here every steamer that goes to the Orient, he goes all over the world, he goes to many places where he is out of communication with the cable, why does he not come to Hawaii? It is safe to say that when the average rich man goes on a vacation trip, he leaves somebody at home who is amply competent to attend to the interests of the firm. If he did not do so, he would probably not remain rich very long. The cable may help to a slight extent, but the cable is not the solution of the tourist problem.

"But Honolulu will be a port of call." That is a proposition which seafaring people are far from ready to admit. The Islands are out of the ordinary track of vessels going from the Orient to America, and vessels are not sent miles out of their course to "get orders." When the Panama canal shall have been completed the Islands will be in the track of large numbers of vessels. The advantages from this source will no doubt be many, but the cable will not bring the vessels to this port. They would come in any event. At least this advantage is problematical.

"The United States will maintain war vessels at this port," declares another cable advocate. This will be good news to the fair sex but will cause a corresponding pang of regret from the local beaux. The presence of these war ships will not be due to the cable at all. The Islands are the strategical center of the North Pacific. The United States realized this fact and annexed the Islands long before any cable had been laid.

Of course it is very gratifying to know every day that the Sultan of Morocco still has his head on his shoulders, or that death has raised a new Sultan to the throne of Jolo, but after all, where is the actual practical advantage aside, from the innate satisfaction of being up-to-date?

The cost of the cable to the Hawaiian Islands is very great. Summed up, the immediate advantages from it are that it will enable a few people to make more money, on the other hand it will cause the majority to go to greater expense. The actual advantages are yet to develop. At the present time the cable must be included in the category of luxuries.

But with all its cost we want it here.

Who will get the endorsement of the great territory of Arizona for Governor of Hawaii, Gill or Humphreys?

Perhaps Mrs. Helen Gouger will consent to come to Honolulu and be attorney general.

The issuance of an extra by a Japanese newspaper would give quite a shock on the Mainland. The passage of the fire claims act was the occasion for one in Honolulu and with the number of Japs who are here it would seem that there is a future for Japanese journalism in which extras may be ordinary events.

It seems most remarkable that there should be further embezzlements in the Public Works Department after the exposures of the past four months and the supposed thorough investigation and reorganization of the department. The public was led to believe that the books and accounts had all been overhauled from end to end, and that a new system of checking receipts of money had been inaugurated, so that cash was regularly turned over to the treasurer, and there was no further opportunity for any of it to be sidetracked

into the pockets of employes who liked to give luau and dinner parties at public expense. Yet it seems that embezzling has been going on up to date and the fond public dream of security is over. Is there more to come?

Whoever is going to be the attorney general of the Territory ought to know it very soon, if a new man is to take hold. On February 2 a very important term of the First Circuit Court begins and no attorney can expect to be able to handle the business without time for preparation. There are cases on the calendar which will require careful consideration, and if the Territory is to have a sudden change of counsel in them, the sooner the men who are to take the cases up have a chance to work on them, the better.

A priest has gone on the stage. Next thing we will be hearing of clerical-garbed road agents. Truly the "yellow" permeates every walk of life.

A man who discovered gold died from place has been filed by justice and cruelty at which civilization shudders. Shall we never have the labor problem settled, then? No; we shall never see a time when men will not have disputes with each other about the divi-

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TOPICS IN BRIEF.

London chemists have concocted a new compound which they call carbonylthioacetimidophenylbenzylthiocarbamide. It sounds like Dutch for automobile, and may in fact be almost as deadly.—Chicago Record-Herald.

British statesmen speak of the "shirt sleeves" diplomacy of the United States, but recent events would indicate that this kind of diplomacy is better than the shirt waist diplomacy of the old world.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

The recommendation of the health officer that the city attend to all cases of disinfecting is an excellent one and the estimated cost is small. Even those householders who are willing and anxious to disinfect their premises after a case of illness are not always sure just what they should do.—Buffalo Express.

Every engaged girl owes it to herself to take proper precautions by requiring the young man to wash his mustache in lemon juice at least once a day.—Chicago Record-Herald.

It is a good thing that college presidents, college professors and school masters in general should dine and make speeches every now and then. It gives them the opportunity to show that they have real blood in their veins, and are not stuffed with sawdust, as we might imagine them to be from many of the things they say in the course of business.—New York Evening Sun.

Superstition never dies, and much might be said for the theory that it is a constant quantity, in spite of all the modern improvements. Still, it seems a little queer to read that a Pennsylvania woman, convicted of witchcraft in the Cumberland county court, has just been released from jail after an imprisonment of three months.—New York Sun.

So long as the government of the United States keeps out of European quarrels the people of the United States will be consistent in maintaining the Monroe doctrine. Meanwhile it would be well for the bickering German publication to investigate the physical conditions which now invest any attempt by the German or any other navy to violate the Monroe doctrine. An essential question which such an investigation comprehends would be ascertainment of the coal supply of a navy engaged in such an enterprise.—Chicago Chronicle.

Commissioner Carroll D. Wright's tribute to the mortgage as a token of business activity, enterprise and prosperity helps to dispel another popular delusion. He might have gone further and said the same thing of most evidences of debt. It is only another way of saying that business is to a large extent based on credit.—Buffalo Express.

Obviously the infirmities of human nature lie at the root of the "labor problem." And since you cannot expel nature with a fork, you cannot settle the problem by any formula whatever. We cannot go back far enough in the history of free peoples to find a time or place where the labor problem was not rife and vexing. Only in slave holding times and countries has the problem been wanting but there its place has been filled by injustice and cruelty at which civilization shudders. Shall we never have the labor problem settled, then? No; we shall never see a time when men will not have disputes with each other about the divi-

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