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**Kinney's Talk
For Democracy**

Chairman Kinney's reply to his critics shows a peculiar lack of balance between its various parts. For example, he devotes his whole attention in showing the evils of the undated resignation policy to showing to the need of independent heads of departments, but in attempting to reply to the comparison made with the case of the President of the United States and his tremendous powers of removal, he mentions only the judiciary. An elaborate argument, with quotations from a statesman long dead, and from the Organic Act, is given by Kinney to show that the heads of departments should be independent. Then he accepts the comparison with the President, and says that the President cannot remove some of the judiciary. Nothing is said by him of the great heads of departments in America, known as Cabinet officers, whom the President may retire at will, and this in spite of the fact that in attempting to show the evils of the Carter plan, Kinney spoke solely of the department heads. A further failure to make an argument that can be applied here is to be found even in the matter of the judiciary. If it be conceded that Kinney is entirely right in saying that on the Mainland civil officers cannot be removed by the President except by and with the consent of the Senate, the effect of the admission is removed at once by Kinney's skipping back to the judiciary and saying that in Hawaii "the Judiciary can be removed by the President alone." The conditions in our own Territory are exactly what we are supposed to discuss in this campaign. They are all that the voters are concerned with. Congress appears to have enacted exactly the Carter plan. Having taken up the comparison with the American system, why did not Chairman Kinney say something about the heads of departments at Washington? As long as he found that the main evil in the local system is that the department heads, or members of the Cabinet, have been made subject to removal by the executive, why was it that in denying that that was the American system he referred only to the judiciary and even then only to Mainland judiciary? The situation as Kinney himself leaves is it that under the American system the President has the power to summarily retire exactly those officers of the government who according to Kinney should be beyond such removal.

The name of Daniel Webster is a great one to conjure with, but the address from which Kinney quotes so glibly was delivered in a cause that was lost. The great speech from which the Democratic chairman quotes was delivered in the effort to impeach Andrew Jackson for encroachment of executive power,—and Jackson's impeachment was voted down! And great as Daniel Webster was, is it conceivable that his address of seventy years ago contains the same things he would have said if he had been discussing the affairs of the Territory of Hawaii in 1904?

The local Democratic leader, however, appears to go farther than Webster. He says, apparently not quoting from anyone, but giving his own ideas of the case: "The highest and most useful function of a representative of the people is to resist executive encroachment and from the very start to foresee and at once to call a halt upon any subversion of established landmarks." Here is an issue plain enough for anyone. Is this really what Hawaii wants a legislature for? The highest duty of a representative of the people is to carry out the wishes of the people. To be constantly watching for executive encroachments and looking out for chances to "call a halt" is only the highest delight of the demagogue—and the Home Ruler. Kinney carries his idea so far that he actually attacks the Republican statement that "if good is to come out of the next legislature, it must come through that body working in harmony with the administration, and surely the way to secure such harmony is not to elect to the superior branch any man or set of men avowedly opposed to the Governor and his plans." Here is surely an issue on which intelligent votes may be cast regardless of personal preferences. Being in harmony with the Governor does not at all mean being lacking the proper independence of a co-ordinate department of the government. "Avowedly opposed to the Governor and his plans" means nothing less than harboring the intention to oppose the governor regardless of policies. Legislatures the world over, when they accomplish anything, usually work in harmony with the executive, in the practical affairs of administration. Do we want a legislature willing to do this and anxious to pass proper and effective laws, a legislature which will consider its work to be that of proper legislation, or do we want a body of men committed to the principle plainly laid down by the Democrats that "the highest duty of a representative of the people" is, not only to resist executive encroachment, but to attempt to foresee and call a halt upon it?

There are many who think that Congress left the Organic Act as it is in the matter of removals by a mere oversight. Can it be possible that Congress really intended that a special session of the Senate must be called to get rid of an election inspector caught committing fraud in office? The law applies to all of these. In the course of an able theoretical dissertation on abstract principles of government, Chairman Kinney did not refer to any of the practical sides of the question, which really concern the public more than Daniel Webster's forensic eloquence about President Jackson. Democracy is surely hard pressed for arguments when it has to call to its aid in our little local combat the words of one of the last century's greatest orators, delivered in opposing what he regarded as a real danger to liberty in the Republic itself. Have we any such issue here as was in the great Webster's mind when he enthralled the Senate with his oratory? There is one other thing which Kinney overlooks. It is the personal responsibility of the executive. He forgot—or ignored—the phrase quoted in these columns last week—a phrase which remains to this day conspicuous in a volume of government records at Washington and which does a grave injustice in the minds of uninformed readers to the former governor: "The Dole administration is involved in a saturnalia of scandal." Here is an expression from members of the upper house of Congress itself. It is signed by men who voted for the very Organic Act Kinney quotes. Is it possible that these men intended to leave an Hawaiian governor with his hands tied utterly in every department and then write a sentence like that about him if the departments went wrong?

**Makes Collisions
Impossible**

The appalling total of deaths by railroad disasters is attracting much attention in the United States, where there were 9,840 deaths from this cause in a period during which there were only 6 in all Great Britain. In this connection a report by an American consul in New Zealand is interesting in that it contains a description of an instrument which the New Zealanders claim makes collisions, at least, quite impossible. The invention is described as follows:

"An interesting change has recently been made in the signaling system in New Zealand's railway which it is thought will make collisions absolutely impossible. For a long time, up to a recent date, what is known as the 'block' system has been generally used, but the 'tablet' system has now been introduced. The essential point in the new system is that no engine driver is allowed to leave a station without a tablet in his possession, and the element of safety rests on the fact that the machines are so made that it is impossible for two of the tablets to be out at the same time. If a driver leaves Auckland for Newmarket with a tablet, that tablet has to be deposited in the machine at Newmarket before another tablet is issued allowing a return train to leave that station for Auckland, and the electrical connection between the two stations makes it impossible to extract a tablet from the Auckland machine until the tablet has been put into the machine at Newmarket. It is claimed by railroad experts that under the new system

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two trains cannot be on the same section at once, so that the danger of collisions is entirely done away with."

The Democratic statement that personalities "some of them scurrilous" have been introduced in the campaign, are without foundation except in the case of the three candidates for delegate to Congress, who seem to be having their own little game of mud-throwing and may be left to fight it out. Incidentally, it might be mentioned that the commencement appears to have been by Hauke and his supporters, whose high minded purpose to have poor Morris Keohokaloie take the stump has been defeated by failure of efforts to get him here.

Deputy Sheriff Hatter was eagerly taken up as a Democratic issue. A Saturday publication contained a long roast of the executive for giving this mathini a job. The amusing feature of the case is that Hatter was out of the job and the executive plan to appoint some fit local candidate was carried out, before the publication appeared. Another case of hard searching for an issue.

Chairman Kinney seems to have abandoned the idea of hundreds of public employes being "voted solid" though they have the secret ballot, and he has nothing more to say about district magistrates being of such low character that their decisions are affected by an executive's power to remove them. The suggestions were not complimentary to either the public works employes or the magistrates, and Democrats do well to let them alone.

There is no longer any doubt that the Baltic fleet has sailed. Certainly no one expected that the first place it would be heard from would be Hull, England, and that the first shots it fired would be at harmless British fishing boats.

Even the county bill seems to be of no importance to the Democrats. Kinney wants a legislature to attack Carter. Candidate Trent gives us a speech containing an account of some interesting dreams he dreamed. Hutchins attacks Kublo and Waller roasts the Mohonk conference. The gentlemen all made good speeches, but what have their remarks to do with the duties of Hawaiian senators and representatives?

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A Chicago millinery firm has taken out an injunction to prevent one of its women hat-makers going to a rival establishment.

London has a school which devoted entirely to teaching children to use either hand equally well. It now has 200 pupils.

Thomas Harte, an inmate of the Leed (Eng.) workhouse, has entered the race as the oldest man in the world. He claims to be 137.

Some vandals exploded a bunch of firecrackers in Westminster abbey last week. The police have been unable to arrest the person.

A woman at Mount Vernon, N. Y., horsewhipped a man a short time ago, and now she has repented and married him.

Will some bright political economist please tell us why the hardest work and the smallest pay usually go together?—Social-Democratic Herald, Milwaukee.

The strike is over. Now note how the price of steak falls to meet the ruinously low price of beef cattle. Let us know when you note this.—Atlanta Constitution.

Senator Alger says there is a good deal of excitement in Europe over our Presidential election. We had been wondering where the excitement was.—Washington Post.

Unless Kuropatkin eludes that enveloping movement his chances of eating his Christmas dinner in Tokyo may become much brighter than any one had expected.—Chicago News.

A Philippine suggestion.—The question of giving Cripple Creek civil government has been agitated and has met with some approval. A civil constitution has been suggested.—The Manila Times.

Commissioner Ware has hung this sign "The Lord Hates a Lair" in the Pension Office. Applicants for pensions might supplement the sign with one reading "The Lord Loveth a Cheerful Giver."—The Chicago Evening Post.

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