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The Memory Of John Paul Jones

The traditional ingratitude of republics is fully instanced in the tardy but none the less welcome attempt to find the bones of John Paul Jones, give them honorable sepulture and erect above them a suitable monument. But the fact that republics are ingrate does not of course purge other forms of government from the same sin for Jones was at one time the prime favorite of Catherine of Russia and up to the time of going to press nobody has heard that the Russian Government is particularly anxious about the remains of the gallant sailor.

John Paul Jones came nearer to being one of the greatest men of history than did any other who did not actually arrive. Born a Scotchman and coming to America in troublous times he served the revolting colonies with marked distinction. The British, it is true, call him a renegade and a pirate, but renegade or not, pirate or not, there can be no denying the innate capacity of the man for winning battles.

At present the only memorial to the first American admiral is the fact that one small torpedo boat destroyer bears his name. His memory certainly deserves better than this. There may be many who will ascribe a certain morbidity of sentiment to the attempt to locate the bones of the long dead mariner. He has rested easily in his unknown grave these many years and from all that can be learned there is no sure means of identifying the bones when they are found.

President Roosevelt's idea of erecting a memorial to John Paul Jones is one that will strike a responsive chord in every American breast. His name is one that will live in any event and it is only fitting that the nation should recognize this fact just as history does.

The Hawaiian Forester

The January number of the Hawaiian Forester and Agriculturist has been issued. It is the first number since W. M. Giffard relinquished the honorary editorship and that position was taken by Leopold G. Blackman. A very complete index of the entire first volume of the publication accompanies this number and will prove of very great value.

This number is especially rich in pertinent editorial comment, and the body of the magazine contains articles of much interest. The opening editorial of this number is as follows:

"The first number of a new volume affords an appropriate occasion for a brief review of our history during the past year. Founded at the commencement of 1903, under the patronage of the Planters' Association as a brochure supplementary to the organ of that institution, the Forester at once asserted itself as the representative of the so-called 'minor' industries of Hawaii, which till then had often been disregarded and ignored. So great was the support which the new publication received that it was soon seen by its promoters that the Forester was worthy of a more dignified status, and in May it appeared as an independent journal. In successfully completing its first volume, and establishing itself among our periodical literature, the Hawaiian Forester and Agriculturist has earned not only the appreciation but also the gratitude of the agriculturists of this Territory. Prominent among its enthusiastic advocates and founders, has been Mr. W. M. Giffard to whose efforts the inception of the magazine is very largely due, and whose individuality and wide experience has set a notable standard which it will be difficult for his successors to maintain. For the future, suffice to say that it will be our endeavor to fulfil the object for which the magazine was founded, on the lines so ably marked out in the policy of the 'Forester' during the past year."

Legislative Corruption

With the rapidly growing literature on the subject of legislative corruption the bewildering question arises, is there more corruption than there used to be, or has the public conscience on the subject been aroused so that we are rising to fight it more than we used to. Following the disclosures in the California legislature and the prompt action taken there to bring the boodlers to punishment, comes a state of affairs in Illinois. It is thus described in the press dispatches.

An upheaval in the Illinois Legislature, possibly rivaling the recent boodling disclosures in the Legislature of Missouri, may be the outcome of an address made by Representative Frank D. Comerford of Chicago to the students of the Illinois College of Law recently. The General Assembly today appointed a committee of seven to investigate Comerford's charges, which are reported as specifically alleging "that the Illinois Legislature is a great public auction, where special privileges are sold to the highest corporation bidder," and that, "without respect to party affiliations, the 'grafters' seem to be in the majority."

For the first time in the history of the Legislature of Illinois in many years members of the General Assembly are armed. Threats have been made against Representative Comerford, who acknowledges that he carries a revolver in his pocket to defend himself in an emergency.

James Burdette, a reporter for a Chicago paper, was knocked down just outside the entrance of the Leland Hotel by friends of one of the accused members.

The investigating committee this afternoon immediately went into executive session. Soon afterward Representative Comerford was technically placed under arrest and summoned to appear before the committee. Comerford protested strongly against an executive session, but the committee notwithstanding voted to exclude the press.

Comerford was finally allowed three days to prepare his case, and he immediately left for Chicago. Comerford says he will be prepared on Monday to substantiate the one charge made against members of the present Assembly—that affecting the alleged use of money in a party caucus.

This evening a number of representatives of Chicago newspapers were subpoenaed to appear before the committee and tell what they know concerning the manner in which Comerford's speech got into newspapers men's hands. Five reporters were called, one by one, and questioned as to how the Comerford matter was obtained. Three of the men questioned by the committee were unable to answer, and the other two declined to give the

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source of their information. It is possible that several professors of the law school at which Comerford delivered the lecture will be subpoenaed to appear before the committee to tell in what manner it was given publicly.

The press dispatches speak of Congressman Hearst's first speech, hasn't his money been talking all the time?

If it isn't possible to find the bones of Captain Paul Jones to build a monument over, why not call it off and build a monument to Colonel Jones?

Through the loud controversy between the graziers and the meat market men the public can almost hear the lowing kine begging to be eaten.

It is to be hoped that the session of the legislature which begins tomorrow will be a business session, and that the time will be devoted to the interests of the Territory and not to the interests of the legislators.

The claims which the Germans of Samoa are petitioning to be paid, arose in 1899, were awarded in 1902, and are still unpaid in 1905. No doubt these creditors of a great empire are beginning to recognize that delays are dangerous—there is danger of their never being paid at all.

The Commission to compile the statutory law of Hawaii, has done an immense amount of hard drudgery, illuminated with earnestness, erudition and capacity. Whether the legislature enacts their work into law or not, the members of the commission have deserved well of the territory, and have built a monument to themselves.

Governor Carter in his report to the Secretary of the Interior says: "The Kingdom of Hawaii was first recognized as an independent nation in 1843, and continued as such until annexed by treaty in 1898." From this it would naturally be inferred that Hawaii continued as a kingdom until 1898, which it did not, and the statement that it was annexed by treaty in 1898 is a misstatement, as it was annexed by joint resolution, commonly spoken of as the Newlands Resolution, because introduced by Congressman Newlands of Nevada.

Bradstreet's says: The tribunal appointed to conduct the North Sea inquiry is carrying on its hearings, but the end of them is not yet in sight. The commission is first hearing the British claims, and the Russian reply will follow later. One of the features of the proceedings this week was the effort made to show a resemblance between the trawlers and torpedo boats—an effort which, it may be said, did not meet with great success. The commissioners

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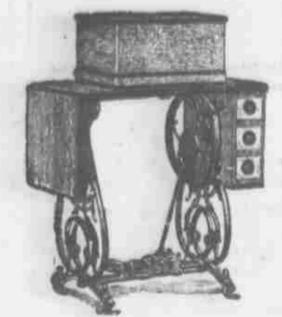
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will hear the witnesses in public and will deliberate in secret. The closing session, when the result of the investigation will be disclosed, will be public.

In connection with the desertion of the old government fish market on Alakea street near the waterfront, the fate of fishmarkets generally is interesting. The old fishmarket used to be over near the mouth of Nuuanu stream. The government market on Alakea street was then built, and immediately took all the trade. Then the board of health a couple of years ago gave a license to a private corporation to build a market on Kekaulike street at the corner of Queen. As soon as this was built, practically all of the fishmarket business was at once transferred thither. A year or so later another market was licensed and a building was put up not fifty yards from the other, but on King street where the cars on the King street line stopped, and immediately there was another transfer of the market business to this location and a desertion of the market that had in its turn taken the business from the government market.

The delegation from the Fifth District did much to entitle them to the confidence of the business community by their action last night in endorsing Representative Knudsen for Speaker. It is an earnest of an intention on the part of the delegation to work for the best interests of the Territory. There has been a growing feeling that this legislative session ought to be a business session, and there has been much to give hope that it will be and this action of the Fifth adds to that hope. In every state and territory, the session of the legislature is a time of uncertainty in business matters, Hawaii is just entering a period of returning prosperity and can ill-afford either that that period of uncertainty shall be lengthened out by a protracted session of the legislature, or by such course in the legislature as will intensify the uncertainty. The delegation from the Fifth district has made a start in the direction of redeeming all the Republican pledges made during the last campaign.

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