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A Reformer Who Made Good

James S. Harlan, who was nominated yesterday for Mayor of Chicago, is a son of Associate Justice John M. Harlan, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States. He was born in Evansville, Ind., Nov. 24, 1863, and graduated at Princeton University in 1883. He studied law in Chicago in the office of Melville E. Fuller, now Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Harlan practiced law for some years in Chicago with much success and finally became interested in municipal politics from the standpoint of a reformer. He was elected as an alderman at a time when the Chicago City Council had the reputation of being one of the most corrupt municipal bodies in the country. He set to work to change that reputation. He fought corruption in whatever form it showed itself. He was able and vigilant. There was no end of satire leveled at him as a young reformer with more zeal than knowledge. He was bantered in the newspapers and ridiculed on the stump. But he was never dismayed. He stood by his guns, and fought with more dash and brilliancy than ever. He broke up the aldermanic ring which for years had controlled the granting of franchises. He carried on his reform efforts with such utter disregard of the effects it might have on his own party, that he made enemies of the men who controlled the local organization of the Republican party. In their efforts to defeat him politically, they made the mistake of suggesting, ironically, that he ought to run for mayor and so enter a larger field of usefulness in reform effort. To their surprise, he took them at their word. He did run for mayor. They were able to defeat him for the regular Republican nomination, but he ran as an independent, and made such a vigorous campaign that he ran ahead of the regular Republican nominee though he was not elected. Carter H. Harrison, the Democratic nominee was elected, but there were no more laughs at Harlan. He had made good. He set in motion forces of reform which have been of inestimable value and have made of the municipal government of Chicago one of the best administered city governments in the United States.

Harlan was appointed Attorney General for Porto Rico by the President but after serving two years and establishing the government there, he resigned and returned to Chicago. His nomination by the Republicans means that Carter H. Harrison, who in all probability will be the nominee of the Democratic party, will have the fight of his life on his hands. Real issues will be brought to the front and no matter what the result of the election, it will work for better and higher ideals of government and civic duty.

The Governor's Message

Governor Carter's message to the legislature is a lengthy document and covers many subjects without taking any very radical positions in most cases. The expression of views with regard to the county government question is very conservative. The statement that "so serious a problem should cause us to pause and consider" is certainly not to be disputed, but of course will not satisfy many of the county act radicals, with some of whom county government has become a sort of mania. However, the governor's moderate views of the matter seem to meet those which have been reached by the county act commission, after a year of deliberations. Carter's suggestions of partial local self-government call for the sort of an act which the commission has prepared, rather than for a complete "county" act. On questions of finance and taxation, the governor is more explicit. In this department of the government the executive is able to present clear-cut statements and figures. They show how great is the need of economy, by making clear the extent of the Territory's obligations. There is a long term of debt-paying ahead of Hawaii and the exhibit given by the governor shows that it will be long before tax rates are much lower, even without any extravagances and if our legislatures are wise and economical. The comparison with Porto Rico is a really remarkable one, showing as it does that Hawaii's per capita taxation is \$23.10 and Porto Rico's only \$2.29. In view of these figures and of the large debt to be paid off, the governor may well advise that expenditures be kept as far below the income as sound judgment will allow. District Magistrates are discussed by the governor in a manner which explains the undated resignation policy, over which there was considerable controversy in the recent campaign, from the executive point of view. The plan to place the power of both appointment and removal of these minor judges in the hands of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, appears to be a solution of the difficulty. The governor's statement of the case shows, as was known to most people even when some politicians made capital out of an undesirable necessity, that there is and was real need of assumption of the power of removal in some way. On the liquor question, the governor presents views which call for simplifying the laws very materially. This is a subject that promises to be one of much discussion before the legislative session closes. Conflicting views exist and conflicting interests are at work on various bills which they want to have passed. "On no other subject, probably," says the governor, "have I had the distinction of being more misunderstood than upon this one." Probably there is no subject more difficult to deal with. It has been neglected by two legislatures, and certainly the present body will not do its duty if it does not adopt some intelligent and simple plan of regulating the traffic, supplying laws that can be enforced and respected. At present the enforcement of the laws is a mere farce in many districts. Another highly important feature of the message is that dealing with public education. Governor Carter recommends no shirking of the burdens which are so rapidly growing on the taxpayers, in this department. Our tremendous population of growing young Japanese presents a problem which has been discussed from two points of view, one of which is that of the citizens who object to paying taxes for the education of the Asiatics and would attempt to evade the duty. The governor emphatically takes the opposite view. On this point he says: "With the evident necessity before us of producing a homogeneous whole that shall be Occidental in its nature, are we to be guided by the broad principles of our forefathers concerning the equality of mankind and give to all nationalities born in Hawaii the benefit of our great institution of free schools? Or are we to disregard these principles and discriminate—create caste—by refusing to extend to others the education that we demand for our own race and which is the guaranty of the preservation and upbuilding of our great institutions? An ignorant electorate is fatal to free government. Can we consistently expect good citizenship and loyalty from those to whom we deny the training for such citizenship and loyalty? Can we look for anything but dissatisfaction and consequent disloyalty?" Our governor is not a careful producer of state papers, and inaccuracies of statement are not absent from his latest message. But the document breathes common sense and it will be of material benefit to the members of the legislature.

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Both houses of the legislature organized yesterday with commendable promptness, and gave every indication that the time allowed to give, that this is to be a business session.

It is hardly likely that the cable is correct in saying that General Vallejo's daughter, who died at the City of Mexico yesterday, was the first white child born in California. The Mission Fathers began their work in California in 1769, and they were soon followed by other Spaniards and Mexicans, and indeed were accompanied by soldiers, many of whom, according to the customs of the times, were accompanied or followed by their families. Sonoma, which is given as the birthplace of this daughter, is known as "the last of the missions," and was not settled until about 1820. General Vallejo was active in California affairs at the time California became American territory. The present town of Benicia, which was the first capital of the State of California, was so named in honor of his sister who married an Irish-American, the United States Consul at Monterey, before the Mexican war.

Governor Carter has fallen into a number of errors of fact in his message to the legislature. As an instance he says that the campaign preceding the last election was the first since the organization of the Territory when there were three parties in the field. At the very first election held after the

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organization of the Territory there were three parties in the field, and each made a very vigorous campaign. The candidates for delegate to congress were Wilcox, Home Ruler; Parker, Republican; and David Kawananakoa, Democrat. The votes polled by each was: Wilcox 4102; Parker 3736 and Kawananakoa 1850.

The executive committee of the coming open field meet last night decided to add a hammer throwing competition to the list of events. This was a wise move for there are few places in the world where more accomplished hammer throwers can be found than in Honolulu. Among the entries may be expected those of Friend Testa, Walter G. the steamed Bulletin, McCants Stewart and George Davis.

The dispatches say that the Imperial Court at St. Petersburg is opposing the departure of the third squadron of the Baltic fleet. Perhaps they are afraid it will never come back, even if it ever gets to the Orient.

There must be something more than a mere disturbance in police circles in San Francisco to get Chief Wittman out; it must amount to a revolution.

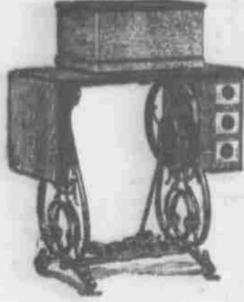
The reorganization of what was known as the Hana Plantation is progressing. M. S. Grinbaum, who is back of it, has the confidence of the banking and business of San Francisco, and he will not have difficulty in commanding the capital required to carry out his plans.

Honolulu is taking its place as the central and most important port in the Pacific. It was from here that the Julia E. Whalen sailed on the Marcus Island cruise. The U. S. S. Tacoma sailed from here to discover De Greaves lost island and traces of the survivors of the U. S. S. Levant. It was from here that Captain Welsharh sailed on his various cruises to French Frigate Shoal, and to Palmyra Island. The U. S. S. Iroquois has made several cruises of relief or discovery from this port. It is the base of winter operations of the Revenue Cutter Bear. Captain Max Schlemmer sailed only the other day in the schooner C. Kennedy for Midway and Laysan, and now the Iwalani has sailed to Johnston Island. The Julia E. Whalen and the expedition to Marcus Island became an international episode, and now there is a possibility that the Iwalani expedition to Johnston Island may become another.

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