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Poepoe's Best Friend

The Civic Federation idea is all right. In many American communities such organizations do a great deal of public good. They force the regular parties to higher standards and where efforts to do this fail they have often succeeded

in independent movements. But this they can only do when the occasion is fit, and when they are seen to be free from unworthy political machinations themselves. That the local movement had its rise in the governor's personal objections to Republican A. M. Brown is clearly shown by the sequence of events. The governor sent for Rawlins and asked him to run,—and straightway the Civic nomination was offered to Rawlins, with Vida as running mate.

Those who call attention to the work accomplished by Civic Federations elsewhere are not able to point to a case in which such an organization entered a political campaign with success ten days before voting day and won against two old parties already in the field. The successful independent movements are not begun that way. In the local campaign the Civic Federation simply occupies the position of best friend to Candidate Poepoe. The votes it hopes to get for High Sheriff Henry are votes for Poepoe, and past elections here have shown that the paltry few hundred votes which Henry will get may be enough to turn the scale, for Home Rule and Republican strength balance very evenly. What will the Civic Federation's well disposed membership think if it finds the affairs of Oahu County in the hands of Poepoe? Certainly all will admit Brown's superiority to the Home Rule candidate. Most intelligent citizens will admit that the election of Poepoe would be an absolute calamity,—in fact it would be a failure in county government of such magnitude as to justify the oft-threatened appeal to Washington for interference on the ground that the electorate here is incompetent for self-government. The very men who are now aiding Poepoe by fatuous support of Henry,—the same men who opposed the county act itself,—would be the first to appeal to Washington for interference to save Honolulu from a Poepoe administration. It is safe to predict that if Poepoe is elected they will make such an appeal.

The whole fact of the matter is,—as the best informed part of the community well knows, that it is too late for the Civic Federation to accomplish what it seeks. It began too late. Everyone knows that A. M. Brown could have been beaten in the Republican county convention and that unlike some of his enemies, he would have accepted the defeat and withdrawn in accordance with his pledge. The time for the Civics to act was when they had a chance to be successful. They have no chance now. It is an idle waste of energy for men like Theodore Richards and W. R. Castle to assume to be able to lead a majority of the voters of Honolulu away from their party lines by a mere ten days' bid for votes. Doubtless Governor Carter and some of the others who are opposing Brown, would rather see Poepoe county sheriff than A. M. Brown. But the voters of Honolulu do not share the governor's bitter prejudice against Brown.

Danger In High Collars

That a stiff high collar may press against the pneumogastric, or vagus, nerve to such a degree as to cause serious symptoms, such as loss of strength, neuralgic pains, nausea, and even anesthesia, is the belief of Dr. F. B. Brubaker, as stated in The Medical Mirror (St. Louis). People who habitually wear high collars without experiencing any of those ill effects may be surprised to learn the harm that this seemingly innocent article of haberdashery can wreak. Says Dr. Brubaker:

"It is a noteworthy fact that all the more important vital structures of the body are safeguarded from injury, encased within bony walls, or hidden deep under layers of muscles.

"The important functions of the pneumogastric nerve render it necessary that in its passage through the neck it should be protected from injury. We therefore find it enclosed within the same sheath as the carotid artery and placed between the artery and internal jugular vein, lying posteriorly to both. By this provision the nerve is placed between fluid on either side, this arrangement providing a degree of elasticity uncommon in nerve protection.

"The effect of compression on structures in this locality was known to the ancient writers on medicine, but the phenomena observed were ascribed to the artery rather than the nerve. For instance, it was noticed then, as now, that pressure on this part of the neck was followed by a sensation of want of air, by deep and laborious breathing, rapid heart primarily, to be afterward retarded with sometimes a sense of sinking over the precordial region. Continuing the pressure occasions a deep-seated, numbing sensation in the head, as if one were about to lose consciousness. Gastric symptoms, amounting to nausea, etc., even vomiting, may arise, with lassitude, languor, lowness of spirits and want of repose, remaining for an hour or two then gradually wearing away. It will thus be seen that pressure over the carotid artery in the neck is followed by various symptoms."

End Of Famous Litigation

The Supreme Court of California has just handed down a decision which it is confidently asserted brings to a final end the Blythe litigation,—litigation which has vexed the courts and profoundly influenced affairs in California for

twenty years. Seven or eight years ago it was confidently asserted that this litigation had finally been brought to an end. But some of the litigants found means and pretexts to continue it, and another set of predictions is made. Still, as all things must have an end, even litigation in California, it is more likely that the present prediction will prove true than that the last one, when it was made, would.

Thomas Blythe was an eccentric man who came to California in the early days, accumulated a fortune, lived more or less outside of the conventionalities of life, died without making a will, and left a large amount of real estate which kept increasing in value as the litigation proceeded, for the lawyers, and relatives and pseudo-relatives to fight over. Four or five sets of claimants soon came to the front. There was an alleged wife, whose claims, in the end, were disallowed. There were the "Gypsy" Blythes, and the Kentucky Blythes, collateral relatives. Some of the claimants merged their claims into the Blythe Company. And then there was Florence Blythe, a child of tender years at the time of Thomas Blythe's death, who was brought to America from England by her mother, or perhaps both were brought by the lawyers who took up their claim, and who in the end profited largely by it. Their claim was that Florence Blythe was the illegitimate child of Thomas Blythe. This claim was eventually upheld by the

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and the estate of Thomas Blythe in the end went to her and her attorneys. But before she or they got possession of it, acts of the California legislature were passed which had for their object such changes in the law as would permit the claimant Florence Blythe to put in testimony necessary to substantiate her claim, but which could not have been admitted under the law as it previously stood, and to make the rules of descent fit the claims as she was able to present them. In this respect there was some such legislation as that which was put through congress at its last session amending the Organic Act by which a particular litigant defeated in the Territorial Courts was enabled to carry his litigation to the Supreme to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Blythe Case, as it came to be known is one of the most celebrated matters in the probate history of California, where there has been more weird estate litigation, it has been said, than in any other place in the world.

Theodore Richards says that High Henry has never admitted himself to be incompetent or dishonest. But really, to be perfectly honest, he ought to admit the incompetence.

Supposing for the sake of argument Manager Ballentyne of the Rapid Transit should march his men into one of the car barns and tell them that they must vote for Hi Henry or lose their jobs, would there be a roar of indignation? Yet Henry's own action in attempting to coerce a body of men who are certainly under no compulsion to him for their jobs, is emphatically worse.

If the statement of the Advertiser is true that of all the men in the police department 66 are for Henry and 27 for Brown, what becomes of the innuendo a paragraph or two later, in the same article, that the police force is "against the present administration and in favor of a return to power of the former one," for sinister reasons. If sinister reasons are the controlling ones, as the Advertiser would have it believed, its statement that 66 are for Henry and 27 for Brown would indicate that the sinister reasons prompt to the support of Henry.

The Civic Federation is composed of high-minded citizens. Not one of them would fall to resent an imputation that he is not a man of his word. Strange that such a body of men should place themselves in the position of leading a Hawaiian, supposed to learn honorable politics from them, to run for office after publicly pledging himself not to do so, and to support an opponent. The Federation should really try better than this to impart some of its own morality to the rest of the community.

Theodore Richards says that all of the gambling joints in Honolulu have been closed up by his friend Hi Henry? How does Theodore know that? Has

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The Advertiser gets more readable every day. It is now quoting the Star's editorials.

So Theodore Richards is going to vote for Hi Henry. That is important if true but is it worth a column of double-headed brevier black-face to enable him to say so?

The news that all of the gambling places in the city have been closed will be received with cheerful grins by many gentlemen of the green cloth. It is a shame for Hi to deceive Theodore like that.

The Star's thanks are due the Advertiser for its republication of Star editorials of last October. It is pleasing to know that they are appreciated. If more are wanted, The Star will be pleased to supply its contemporary with a file.

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