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IMPROVING RATHER THAN SPOILING HONOLULU.

The Makiki citizens who are protesting against establishment of big Asiatic labor camps in the midst of their area of attractive residences and lawns and gardens, are voicing a protest to which every section of the city should respond. It is a question of the preservation of Beautiful Honolulu, or degeneration into alternate series of such gardens, lawns and houses as delight the resident and the tourist, with long, low, ugly, often dirty and always swarming, shacks. There should be no hesitation in taking measures within the law, to protect the beautiful sections of the city.

It should not be necessary to say that there is no race feeling, no race question, in this movement. It is the character and class of buildings to which the property owners rightly protest. The camps are mostly Japanese. The same sort of shacks, occupied in the same way by any race—even Americans—would be grossly objectionable. In almost every American city which has any pretensions to beauty and whose citizens are public-spirited enough to preserve and improve its natural attractions, public opinion acts with overwhelming force to prevent undesirable disfigurements of home districts. San Francisco long had laws which definitely restricted the limits within which a Chinatown might exist. These big camps, with their little Chinese or Japanese soda water stores, are bits of an Asiatic quarter distributed throughout our residence districts. They are utterly out of place, and should be done away with.

KUHIO'S NOMINATION.

The renomination of Delegate Kuhio is, of course, a well-earned recognition of his past services. His opponents of the first campaign have been forced, simply by his good work and the big results thereof, to turn and admit that he has "made good" and deserves, purely on the merits of the case without regard to personal following or popularity, the recognition of a re-election. It would seem that with him as candidate for delegate, the Republicans should be able to win by simply pointing to what has been done, in Washington, for the islands. His years in Washington, with constant pressure of important public affairs and constant association with the big men of national affairs, have broadened his views of politics and public administration until not the young delegate of the first campaign has broadened into a man, with much experience, with views of his own and a good power to express and defend them,—a credit to his race and to the islands. Not to return him by a great majority would be gross ingratitude of the part of the electorate.

HEARST TO BRYAN.

Hearst's charge that Bryan pledged him support for president in 1912, as a return for Hearst support this time, will get some color from the long editorial which Bryan wrote in the Commoner last June, extolling Hearst. At the time The Star expressed the opinion that probably Hearst's price would be Bryan's support four years from now. Now Hearst charges that Bryan offered him such support, and Bryan retorts that the statement is a lie. The people can choose their version of the matter,—but why did Bryan last June published an editorial lauding Hearst in glowing terms?

NAVIGATION OF THE AIR.

To a "man up a tree," who ought to be able to watch the airship business, it would seem that navigation of the air, in a large practical way, will only come from the invention of some entirely new device, or perhaps discovery of a great new principle, utterly revolutionizing the methods of construction of airships. Someone has said that the man who first discovered the possibilities lying in the use of a wheel made the greatest mechanical discovery in the history of mankind. Perhaps there is nothing so fundamental yet to be discovered in mechanics, but undoubtedly there are big things to come. Men may experiment with huge balloons and aeroplanes, but who ever expects to see one of these unwieldy things so made as to be safe in a storm? A glance at one of them makes such an idea seem absurd. The practical flying machine will depend upon something else than vast expanse of surface, for buoyancy.

A few more green parks, and a few less Asiatic labor camps, in our residence districts, would be an improvement which would pay for itself in increased values of surrounding property. Perhaps property owners might take the hint and find an agreeable remedy for various troubles.

SHIP SUBSIDY COMING.

American arguments in favor of a ship subsidy are so strong and numerous as to give much ground for the prediction that Congress will soon pass an effective measure. The situation in the Pacific offers a very striking object lesson. Another lesson has just been furnished, according to the San Francisco Examiner, which makes the following announcement and follows it up with a vigorous editorial demanding a subsidy:

A new passenger and freight steamship line, operating under a foreign flag, is to be established on the route connecting this city with Sydney, Australia, and the first steamer, the Waiwera, will sail from here about October 1st, bound direct for Sydney. There will be four or five steamers on the line, all of them equipped with modern passenger accommodations, as well as large freight capacity. J. J. Moore & Co. will be agents for the new line.

The three fine liners of the Oceanic Steamship Company, an American concern operating between here and Australasia under the Stars and Stripes, which were crowded out of business, are still laid up in this harbor, idle and grass-grown. It is hardly likely that Congress can much longer fail to realize the need of laws to encourage American shipping. Every year makes it more plain that without such laws, the Stars and Stripes will soon be seen only on war vessels on the Pacific.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

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of the Union.

We reiterate our firm belief in a protective tariff as the basis of the prosperity of the American Nation, and particularly of the Territory of Hawaii. The development of the agricultural interests of this Territory requires the continuance of tariff protection in order to shield our products against ruinous foreign competition.

We believe in the payment of subsidies for the encouragement of the American merchant marine, the promotion of the commerce of the Pacific, and the perpetuation of the American flag on the high seas, believing, further, that such action is immediately necessary to prevent the disappearance of American ships from the ocean.

We commend the patriotism displayed by the President and members of Congress in advocating liberal appropriations for the defense of the harbors of this Territory, and the establishment of a navy yard at Pearl Harbor. A due regard for the aspirations of other nations requires of our statesmen a high and patriotic appreciation of the strategic importance of this frontier of the nation. We desire the retention in the Pacific Ocean of a naval force of sufficient strength to meet all possible requirements.

We stand for the equality of labor and capital. We uphold the Territorial Executive in the strict enforcement of the statute requiring that all labor on public works shall be performed by citizens of the United States, or those eligible to become such, and we believe in the extension of this principle to labor on Federal works.

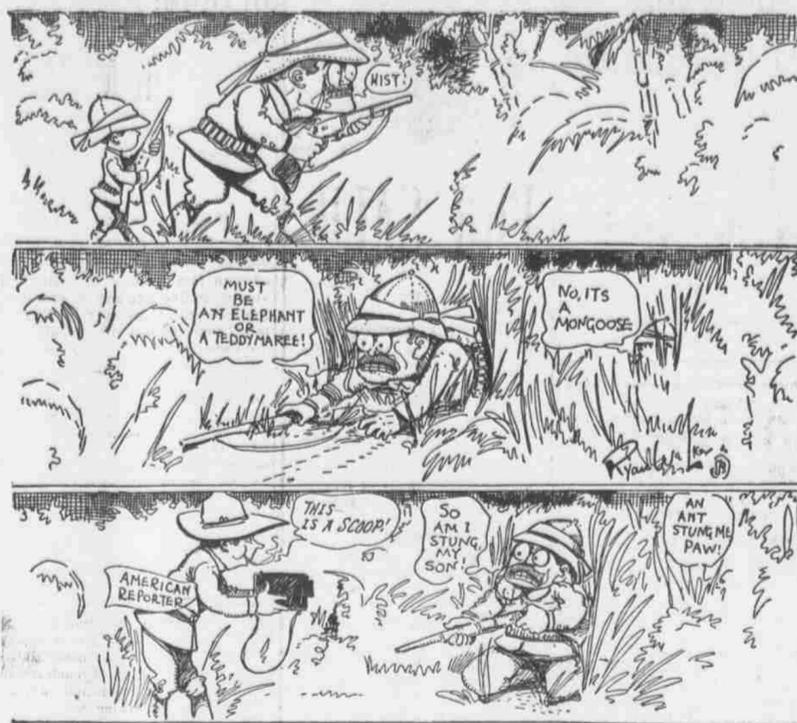
We believe that the sea fisheries should be open and free to all the people, and to this end we favor the condemnation and purchase by the Federal government, of such fisheries as are at present held in private ownership.

We denounce the avowed policy of the Democratic party expressed in its memorial to Secretary Garfield, and ratified in its platform, to favor the extension of the Federal land laws to Hawaii and the transfer of their administration to the government in Washington because, among other reasons: (1) That would be a weak and ignominious surrender of most important powers by the people of Hawaii to Federal control, and would forever preclude a further grant of power to the Territorial or ultimate State legislature to enact or amend laws relating to this most important subject; (2) such transfer would deprive the Territory of its large revenues from the public lands; (3) as pointed out by Secretary Garfield, the Federal land laws have now become unsuited in many respects to conditions on the mainland and are wholly unsuited to conditions in Hawaii, and it would be practically impossible to procure their amendment with regard to the special needs of Hawaii; and (4) it would be useless to advocate such a transfer against the views of both the executive and legislative branches of the Federal government, the latter of which expressly declared in the Joint Resolution of Annexation that the public land laws of the United States should not apply to Hawaii.

We fully recognize that changed conditions call for changes in the land laws, but we firmly believe and it is most feasible as well as most desirable that they should be specially amended to meet those conditions rather than that less suitable laws which were framed with reference to different conditions should be extended here without possible hope of adaptation of local conditions. Congress may well be expected to amend for the benefit of Hawaii the laws made specially for Hawaii but can hardly be expected to amend merely for Hawaii the general land laws of the United States. The Republican party is practical; it believes neither in attempting the impossible nor in blindly plunging into greater ills in order to escape those we now have; it believes in curing those we have.

The Republican party is therefore pledged both to oppose the extension of the Federal land laws to Hawaii and to obtain such amendments of the Hawaiian land laws as will conserve the public lands as far as possible for the benefit of citizens, and persons eligible to become citizens, who will be bona fide homesteaders and secure the disposition of such lands to such persons at low prices, on easy terms of payment, and in such manner as shall prevent speculation; and by these means fully develop in this Territory the real spirit and intent of the American land system. As an earnest of this pledge we call attention to the fact that the Territorial administration has already, in partial accomplishment of this object, inaugurated such changes in the administration of the land laws as can be made until amendments can be obtained, and has taken steps to obtain the amendments required for its complete accomplishment.

We direct attention to what the Republican party has accomplished for education during the present period, including the establishment of the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts and the obtaining of large sums from the Federal government for its maintenance, the substantial increase in teachers' salaries, liberal appropriations for new school buildings, the construction of the McKinley high school and many other buildings, and the extension of agricultural and me-



The First Thing the President Will Bag in the African Jungles.

chanical training. We propose to devote even greater attention to increasing the capacity and efficiency of the public schools along these and other lines, and especially in industrial instruction and the maintenance of sanitation and health to the end that our children shall grow up fully equipped by training and in health of body and mind for membership in an industrious and healthy American community.

While the Republican party takes pride in the generous care that has been bestowed upon those afflicted with leprosy, and gladly pledges itself to even greater efforts in this direction, it believes that the time has come for a further decided advance in methods, with a view to hastening the eradication of the disease and ameliorating the hardships of patients and their relatives and friends. Accordingly, we favor such legislation as may be necessary to accomplish this object, including the establishment of such suitable hospitals as may be necessary for the care and treatment of patients to the end that every opportunity may be afforded and every effort be made to affect a cure in every case, and that no one suspected of having the disease shall be removed to the Settlement until it has been demonstrated with certainty, after careful treatment at a hospital for a sufficient time, both that he has the disease and that he is beyond cure. We note with satisfaction that the Republican administration has already committed itself to this policy.

While the Territory should co-operate with the Federal Government and avail itself of assistance offered by that government in health and other matters, there should be no surrender of authority or control. We favor legislation for adequate and appropriate treatment of that most devastating disease known as the great white plague.

The party pledges for the appointment of a commission to consider the subject of taxation has been faithfully kept. The Tax Commissioner appointed under the authority of the last legislature have already reported in writing to the Governor, submitting not only the results of their study but also forms of bills for the consideration of the coming legislature. We pledge our support to their recommendation that the assessment of real estate be changed from the annual assessment, now provided by law, to an assessment once in three years.

We approve of their recommendation that all government assets be inventoried, believing it peculiarly fitting that the party of the people should advocate a plan for the more adequate care and protection of the property of the people.

We endorse the present liquor law and oppose any general revision thereof.

In order to keep money in circulation, and for the purpose of securing revenue and increasing the demand for Territorial and county bonds, we favor legislation permitting the deposit of Territorial and county funds in the banks at a fair rate of interest and upon security, and under proper safeguards.

Recalling that the Republican party has instituted and advanced local government in Hawaii by obtaining the necessary amendments to the Organic Act and passing the county and municipal acts, and believing that such government should be further advanced as rapidly as experience and conservatism will justify, we favor such legislation by Congress or the Territorial legislature as shall be necessary to enable the counties to issue bonds for public improvements.

We favor the enactment of a general primary law for this Territory, under which the nomination of candidates for the legislature and elective offices shall be made directly by the voters.

We advocate further improvements of our harbors, wharfrage and landing facilities throughout the Territory, the erection of needed public buildings and other necessary public

works, including a Federal building for Hilo.

We desire legislative investigation into the matter of private wharves and landings, with a view to the regulation of charges at the same, and to consider the feasibility of the acquisition thereof by the government.

The increased and responsible duties of the members of the legislative branch of our government demands that we should provide remuneration commensurate therewith. We will therefore urge through our Delegate the amendment by Congress of Section 25 of the Organic Act, so that the compensation of members of the Legislature may be substantially increased.

We recall the recent visits of two members of the President's cabinet and large numbers of Congressman, and their beneficial results; we there-

fore favor an appropriation for the purpose of aiding in defraying the expenses of a delegation of Congressmen who may consent to visit Hawaii in the next period as the guests of the Territory.

We congratulate the Promotion Committee of the Territory of Hawaii for the earnest and successful work which they have accomplished in inducing tourists, prominent in the business world, to visit our shores, and for the wide dissemination of facts and figures concerning the products, advantages, climatic and otherwise, which we possess, and we feel that they should be given sufficient financial assistance to continue with renewed vigor their exertions, that we are confident will materially benefit the commercial and industrial in-

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