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The schools are much overcrowded. Banzai.

Some of those who do a lot of talking about yellow dogs would be perfectly satisfied with obedient yellow dogs.

After all, Republican success seems to be expected locally. Observe the fight in the Republican ranks to get nominations and in the Democratic ranks to dodge them.

That free port suggestion might work both ways. Hawaii wants a protective tariff. Would it be just the right thing to ask Congress to give us protection and deny Mainland Americans protection here?

There seems to be some prospect that the three aspirants for the Republican nomination for mayor will "do each other up" too successfully. The convention may paraphrase Shakespeare and say "a plague on all your houses."

Some people rubbed their eyes this morning when they learned that the Advertiser has discovered that Eli Crawford is all right. Remembering various utterances since the days of eggs on wool in the Fifth, they pinched themselves and then verified the reading.

The Star thinks A. P. Taylor would make a good sheriff. He has the added value that comes from experience and tried ability and if he gets the Republican nomination should be elected. There has been absolutely no response from either the Advertiser or the Civic Federation to the call for reasons why the other Republican candidate, Wise, is not all right too, so unless they prefer to do their criticizing after the nominations are made, it is only right to assume that they have no considerable reasons.

The Star's correspondence from Hilo today indicates that Chairman Atkinson, of the Republican Central Committee, will find a good deal of work to be done to save that island to the party. But the situation is by no means hopeless. The fight will be a three-cornered one. Having tried fusion with Home Rule and found that for them it means the sort of fusion Jonah experienced when the whale swallowed him, the Democrats are determined to run alone. Add to their strength the disgust aroused among the people of the islands by the bad record of the present Hawaii Board of Supervisors, and Republican chances would seem to be good.

### NAVAL MEN'S SPECULATION.

Those who have associated with American naval men find among them a general opinion that neither the Atlantic nor the Pacific fleet will return to the other side, in spite of present orders. The story in both fleets is of negotiations pending for a treaty with Japan, which must be completed before Admiral Sperry leaves Pacific waters to continue his circumnavigation of the globe. According to the fleet story, which from the inevitable discussions of eventualities is going the rounds to a considerable degree, President Roosevelt's policy is to secure the necessary treaty while he has power in the Pacific. In line with all this are the reports that the fleet which has just left here departed under sealed orders; that neither fleet will go back; that a lot of troops are soon to be rushed to Hawaii so that within a month or so we may see big camps on Oahu, etc. All these rumors, which drift through the wardrooms of the navy, come from men who have been at sea and out of touch with events for a long time. They may be taken for what they are worth, as opinions having their birth at the time when the Atlantic fleet started, when the war scare was at its height. Since then the developments have been all in the direction of peace.

### A FREE PORT.

Mr. Loomis has given a new meaning to the term, "a free port," from everything that has ever been understood here before in that connection. It is long since a free port, of another meaning, has been advocated for Honolulu. This was to afford free anchorage, free wharfage, free pilotage and free water to all ships entering and leaving this port. Such a free port was agitated for, in the press, more than a score of years ago by the late Robert J. Creighton, and since at various times by other local editors. Such a free port is within the range of practical politics. The advantages it should promise to the prosperity of Honolulu are enormous, while the objection to it—which no doubt has heretofore prevented its receiving official or political consideration—is solely that of the sacrifice of revenue. In present circumstances it is a serious question if such a sacrifice could safely be made, as well as doubtful if the advantages to be reaped would compensate for its making. With the present scale of expenditure in Territorial and county government, with the public schools crying out loudly for increased accommodations and more teachers, with a demand for Territorial built tourist and settlement roads, the curtailment of sources of revenue is something that nobody can be bold enough to propose. With regard to the other branch of the subject, too, it is doubtful if the abolition of all port charges on shipping would attract any additional shipping, steam or sail, to Honolulu to that which now frequents the port.

Yet with the opening of the Panama canal, an event to which all eyes are expectantly directed as likely to revolutionize for the better, our always favorable position in the Pacific, the case will be different. As a calling and warehousing port it is impossible to forecast just what degree of competition Honolulu will have, after the canal opening, from the ports of Southern California and even San Francisco. They have long since been making their calculations in that regard. By making Honolulu a free port, in the sense here considered, its competitive position with other ports would be immensely strengthened when the canal era has made its advent. There would in any case, unless all the predictions fail, be such an increase of prosperity to Hawaii from the ocean traffic coming to all our ports as to make the amount of revenue now received from port charges appear trifling. Of course there would still be a sacrifice of the prospective increase of

## THE "STAR" SPECIAL ARTICLE PAGE---

Wit, Wisdom, Humor  
Politics and Nonsense

### Tales Worth Telling

#### GREAT DIFFERENCE.

Long after midnight the suburban man sat on his front step listening to the dismal howls of a restless canine. "Awful racket," commented the big policeman as he sauntered up the avenue.

"Terrible," agreed the man on the steps.

"Those howls are enough to raise the dead."

"Well, I should say so."

"Make the cold shivers creep up and down your spine."

"They are fierce."

"Wonder you don't make a complaint?"

"Well, I am just waiting."

"May I ask what you are waiting for?"

"Sure! I am waiting to find out if that is my dog or my neighbor's dog. If it is my dog—well, you know we all have to put up with unseemly noises these hot nights, but if it is my neighbor's dog—blamed if I don't shoot him myself."

#### REAL MAN EATERS.

The beautiful girl held up her hand dramatically.

"You want my hand?" she demanded coldly.

"Yes, fair one," hastened the tall young man in the ingrown hat.

"Well, the man that I accept must be the acme of courage. He must be able to face 'man eaters.'"

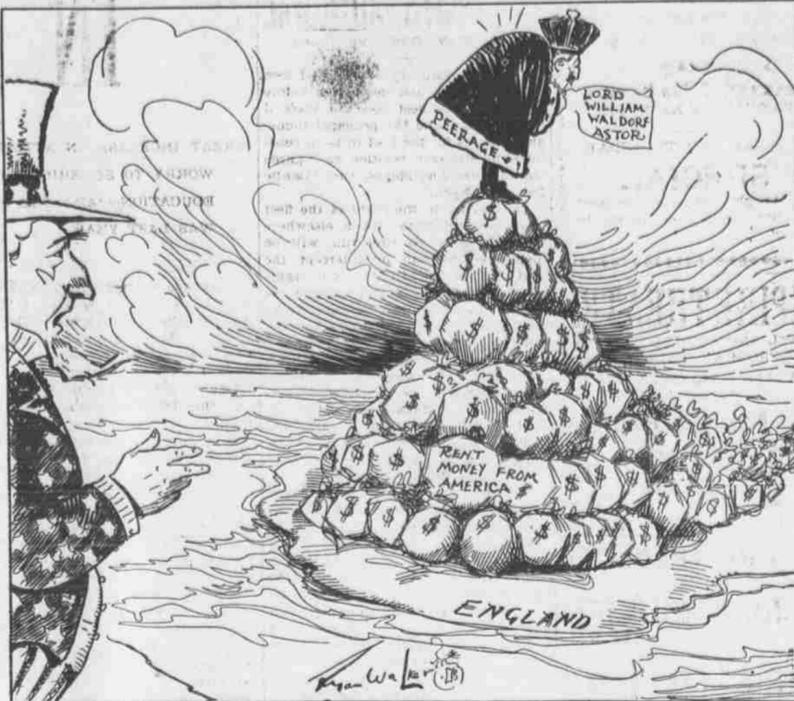
The young man bowed low.

"That's me, Hortense."

"Ah, Gaspard, you have faced the tigers in the jungles and the sharks of the tropical oceans?"

"No, but I have faced the mosquitoes in a country boarding house."

"Brave man!" she cried, and flew to his arms.



Uncle Sam—Raised to the Peerage! Well, it's my good money that has lifted him up. William Waldorf Astor is soon to be raised to the peerage of England.—News Item.

#### WITH THE SUMMER GIRLS.

Pearl—Are there many young men down here, my dear?

Ruby—Very few. It is a game to catch them.

Pearl—And what are the rules of the game?

Ruby—Catch-as-catch-can.

special session next spring. The will of the majority will be permitted to prevail.

The conversion of Payne, Dalzell and Cannon was a difficult thing to accomplish, and it was nothing short of fear that drove them to change their attitude towards the tariff. They became convinced that they must consent to revision, or be eliminated. Thus are the people ruling.



#### UNEXPECTED DEATH.

Mrs. Hogan—Oh hear your son Patrick died very suddenly. Was his death unexpected?

Mrs. Doran—it was. We expected a pardon from the governor to the very last minute.

## Will Have Tariff Revision

(From the Washington Correspondent of The Hawaiian Star.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., September 1.—Now that a revision of the tariff is assured, senators and representatives who will have a voice in the next Congress are beginning to study the present tariff, as it affects their respective states, and from time to time, views will be expressed as to what should be done by way of readjustment.

Senator McCumber of North Dakota is early in the field with a demand for the absolute removal of duty from lumber, coal and iron. "The people of the Northwest," said the senator, "are generally of the opinion that if the American market could be opened to the Canadian lumber and coal, there would be a material reduction in the price of these commodities."

Senator McCumber announced that he would vote and work to secure the removal of the duty on lumber and coal. As for the duty on lumber, he thought that could be removed with little difficulty; in fact he said that the American lumbermen, in his opinion, were about ready to concede that this duty should be removed.

The importance of the remarks of the North Dakota Senator arises from the fact that his view of the lumber tariff is probably the same as that of a majority of the Republicans in both branches of Congress. It foreshadows a very determined effort on the part of non-lumber-producing states to grant foreign lumber free access to American markets, and particularly the lumber of Canada.

"I believe that the time has now come to revise the tariff." This statement, coming from Representative Payne of New York, chairman of the House committee on Ways and Means—the man who will have charge of tariff legislation in the next Congress—is not only important but significant. It did not require assurance from Mr. Payne to make it certain the tariff would be revised next summer, but the fact that Payne, one of the rank and file stand-paters in Congress, has been converted indicates that public sentiment has at last made itself felt through the thick hide of that coterie of Republicans who have long opposed any change in the Dingley rates.

Payne is converted, Dalzell, his lieutenant, is converted, and even Speaker Cannon has uttered sentiments similar to those of the chairman of the Ways and Means committee. With these stand-pat leaders actually advocating revision of the tariff, there will be few men in the next House to rise up and object. These men control the machinery of the House that has heretofore stifled the demand of a large part of the members; now they declare there will be no stifling. So the last obstacle has been removed. A tariff bill will be duly framed, reported, discussed and passed when the House meets in revenue from this source, but to waive a prospect is not so severe an operation as to cut off a reality. There would be compensation practicable in the situation considered which in present circumstances is beyond reach.

To make Honolulu a free trade port, in the face of a national protective policy, is altogether another question. It is both a novel and a startling proposition, and one which ought to be approached by our business people with extreme caution. We might find it highly advisable to have as few two-edged swords in our armory as possible.

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