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GEORGE F. HENSHALL MANAGER

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CoeHo's management of the Molokai trip of the legislature was a disgrace to the Senate, and calls for a resolution of censure. If specifications are wanted they can be furnished. If the Senate of Hawaii has no more self-respect than to allow such conduct as that of this member, in connection with the Molokai trip, to pass unnoticed, the people had better change the usual order and call it the lower house.

WHY NOT A "BACK TO THE SOIL" MOVEMENT?

The new College of Agriculture has a discouragingly small attendance. At the same time there are accounts from various parts of the islands of a marked tendency of Hawaiians to gravitate towards Honolulu. The coming census will probably show a startling development along these lines: I will probably show hundreds of outside island homes abandoned by Hawaiians for the hovels and streets of Honolulu. One of the intelligent members of the Senate a few days ago remarked that on coming to Honolulu after a considerable absence he met Hawaiians who owned their own homes in his district but a year or two back, had disposed of them, and were now practically beggars at the fishmarket. There appears to be some attraction that draws these people from the soil, to their own destruction. This is going on day after day in the face of constantly improving opportunities in the country districts. It constitutes, perhaps, another very powerful argument in favor of doing government road work by contract, for it would deprive a lot of very poor jobs of the peculiar and inexplicable attraction given them in many minds seemingly for no other reason than that they are government jobs.

OUR LEPER SETTLEMENT.

The conditions at the Leper Settlement have improved much in the past decade. The inhabitants of the reservation have every consideration, and in fact, live as well as could be expected under their affliction. We do not know that any other community in the world has spent so much per capita on this class of sufferers as Hawaii, and taxpayers are always ready to spend more, as long as it spent intelligently. And the federal government is setting aside a large sum for scientific investigation here. It will do the same in the Philippines. In Europe,—notably in Norway,—the problems of study and alleviation are handled in the same way. Science has advanced as far as the identification of the bacillus of leprosy, which is one great step towards a discovery of its enemy. It is not too much to hope that ere many years pass all this investigation and study will bring results of a practical nature. Such investigation has within recent years removed consumption from the list of incurable diseases.

Who would have thought that one little thief could have done so much?

On arrival at Naples, doubtless Roosevelt discovered how much of a "private citizen" he is.

RESULT KNOWN BEFORE DEBATE.

There appears to be a most effective Republican "machine" on hand in Washington. The Associated Press, which does not make predictions lightly, cables regarding the tariff measure that it "is sure to pass." Yet it is the great measure upon which, barring emergencies calling for special administrative action, the Taft administration will have to face the people next time, and it is also the measure upon which the strongest partisan opposition, and the most strenuous factional struggles, concentrate. The Republican majority has agreed upon its bill, and at this date it is being discussed. According to the usual programme in Congress, a date is set for a vote, and debate must end, with time divided between the two sides, on that date. It will be a stirring debate beyond question. But the result seems to be certain.

Talk about Banderlogs! Think of a legislative committee that will issue passes, on an investigating trip to the Leper Settlement, to the wives and friends of various members of the House and Senate, to the clerks, stenographers, etc., of any old committee, and then tell a physician of the Queen's Hospital there wasn't room for him!

IS PRIMARY LEGISLATION DEAD?

The local primary bill seems to have died as a result of some painful Mainland experiences with such measures. Yet there should be a primary law here of some sort. It is not necessary to adopt all of the newfangled notions that have been incorporated into some of the State laws, but there is a quite evident need for some straight law which will legalize a primary and make it mean something more than what a party committee may in a pinch want it to mean. As it is, the primary here has no legal existence. Frauds in a primary election are a mere joke. Any old gang may take possession of a precinct primary and run it without getting into conflict with any law. Isn't it possible to draft a simple primary law, leaving aside all the elaborate machinery attempted in some places, which will at least go as far as legalizing the kind of

primaries we now have, and make it an offense against the law to stuff ballot boxes, repeat votes and fake signatures for them?

That big Waiatua dam has had a great test during the past week. Incidentally, the flow of water over its fine spillway has been a fine spectacle. For days together a splendid waterfall has been shown at its spillway, and quite a number of auto parties have visited the scene and enjoyed the spectacle. It is the second time this year that the dam has filled to its limit. How long will it be before the Nuuanu dam will give a similarly satisfactory exhibition?

After a careful inspection of the list of those who went on CoeHo's excursion to the Leper Settlement on Saturday evening, doubtless the Senate of the Territory of Hawaii will be proud when it hears in full detail of the roundabout manner in which passes were secured to enable the two representative Japanese chief surgeons now in port to visit the settlement.

THE SENATE

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he should have moved its indefinite postponement. Further consideration of the bill was deferred until tomorrow.

House bill making appropriations for current expenses for the biennial period ending June 30, 1911, was referred to the ways and means committee.

House bill dividing the Territory into districts for all purposes was referred to the judiciary committee.

At 11:30 the Senate took recess until 2 p. m.

THE HOUSE

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amendments to bill 54, Castro's measure relating to inventories of government assets.

Nakaleka entered a resolution for \$250 for a jan at Kaunakakai Molokai.

RICE'S BILL PASSES.

Rice's bill relating to the powers of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of Honolulu, providing that it shall be the duty of the Board to provide for the maintenance and support of the present district court houses, district and county jails and hospitals in the city, passed third reading.

ALL POWER TO COUNTIES.

Coney's bills relating to the powers and duties of boards of supervisors, one bill, covering City and County jurisdiction and the other having to do with other counties, both of which bills give supervisors powers to make and enforce all necessary ordinances covering all local police matters and matters of sanitation, inspection of buildings, plumbing, sewers, etc., came up in the House this morning for third reading, having been deferred from last week, and county and City and County government instead of leaving inferences to that effect.

URGE PASSAGE OF BENEFITS.

"American citizens and voting leper inmates residing at the leper settlement at Kalaupapa and Kalawao, Molokai" petition the House to exercise its prerogative and pass bills favoring betterment of conditions due to leprosy.

TESTA MAKES REPLY

EDITOR STAR: Please allow me space in your valuable paper to air a certain grievance against the Advertiser for an attack made upon me a little more than a week ago, agent the authorship of a certain resolution for the dissemination of certain published agricultural information among native Hawaiians, which was introduced in the House of Representatives and fathered by Representative A. S. Kalelopa. This grievance seems rather late in coming, but I have been employed in doing legislative work of the kind not approved of by Editor Smith and work which he termed as "a useless waste."

Speaking on my own behalf, I will neither admit nor deny the soft impeachment of being the author of the said resolution. But was not the resolution a timely one besides being a most worthy one, especially to the native people, the majority of the voters of this country, I being one among them but a deplorable one according to the Advertiser standard of propriety, having been prescribed these many years at the instance of its purist editor. But, oh, holy horrors! the Advertiser must have forgotten its self-respect to even editorially mention "ex-citizen Testa" in its "holy" columns, one deprived of a vote through the instrumentality and upon the complaint of its most pure editor, but

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bers as a rule have always opposed the giving of appropriations for the Board of Agriculture and Forestry, because its functions are not known to them. The appropriations have been made hesitatingly and only through certain missionary work among them, by those of their own people who take interest in the board's work, that the appropriations were at all made. Even the appropriation for the College of Hawaii would not have passed had not the same kind of missionary work been done among them with the assurance of a certain amount of federal aid.

But to knock at this resolution is to withhold information that should be imparted to them. For the sole benefit of the editor of the Advertiser, I wish to inform him, through your kindness, that he cannot Americanize the majority of the Hawaiian people of the present generation, not in the way he would have them become. If he was as consistent he would advise his political friends, during campaigns, not to speak to them through interpreters, but must speak solely into them in the American (?) lingo, then surely he will succeed in eventually Americanizing all of the Hawaiian people, including the "ex-citizen" as well.

It is my humble and candid opinion that the item asked for in the resolution is of more moment to the Hawaiian people at large than is the item for promotion work, which I consider as graft pure and simple of the first magnitude. And again, for the sole information of your carping colleague, it was the same good missionary work done without pay, that made immigration and conservation a possibility among the Hawaiian majority, the convincing and other arguments put forward made it, the same having been done in a patriotic ardor as against their own feelings of the probable and possible effects from immigration as exemplified, to their disgust, in the past.

Feeling that I am not sufficiently intelligent to cope with the present day intelligence, and as an intending

"small farmer," I for one, even though proscribed, feel the need of directed and applied intelligence.

Having trespassed lengthily upon your columns, in the hope that I have competently made myself plain to our "America" speaking public, in airing my grievance, I beg to remain, yours respectfully,

F. J. TESTA.

Honolulu, April 5, 1909.

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