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THE STAR'S SUPERIOR CABLE SERVICE.

The Star again today showed its superior cable service. It has repeatedly "scooped" the local field on Washington and other cable news. The news of the nominations of local judges, which is the most important Washington news received here for some time, was received by this office first in Honolulu. The appointees themselves learned of the honor conferred upon them through The Star.

AN UNWISE CAMPAIGN.

Ex-Treasurer Campbell need not regard his rejection by the Senate as any disgrace. The records of national, State and other politics in America teem with names of excellent men who have met similar checks in official careers. He would have done far better to have accepted the decision with grace and retired with his good executive record. As it is, the fight made in his behalf has not been in keeping with the dignity of the office or of the Senate, and by reason of its persistence has constituted probably the most unpleasant incident of the session. It will return to plague some of its sponsors in a disagreeable way.

MORE THAN DOUBTFUL HONOR.

The Star is not happy in its exhibition of the fact that the leaders of the House did not see fit to ask its aid in the strategy which secured the passage of good bills and gave the quietus to bad ones. It is an honor which the Advertiser, as practically the only paper of general publicity here, seems to have enjoyed alone.—Advertiser.

The "strategy" in question, as described yesterday by the Advertiser itself, consisted in suppressing news in order to help certain leaders to railroad bills through. Contradicting its statement of yesterday the Advertiser as above quoted now claims to have been the only paper asked to do this service. The reason given for its being alone accorded such an "honor" in a legislature of which practically every member read constantly all the local papers, is as absurd as it is puerile. The Star has no wish for any "honor" of this sort and those who ask its aid in "strategy" of the kind mentioned are wasting their time. Moreover, though the Advertiser admits having complied with requests to suppress information about bills, we beg to deny that by so doing it in any way aided in their passage.

"A SMALL GROUP" OF ONE.

Everyone will admit that, as is usual in lawmaking bodies, "a small group of good men saved the Legislature from making serious blunders." In fact we will go further and declare that one single man saved the Legislature from making serious blunders. He is Governor Frear, who vetoed several abortive acts, pointing out important errors which had escaped the attention of even the best men in both houses. In every single case the error was admitted when pointed out, and the vetoes were cheerfully sustained.

THE APPOINTMENTS.

The judiciary appointments just made by Taft are very satisfactory. It had been hoped here that the new Federal judgeship would go to some local man, but we pointed out when the act creating the position was under discussion in Congress some months ago that the position was one so much desired generally that Mainland influences would probably control the appointment. Add to this consideration the fact that apparently local influences of moment were wholly unable to agree on whom they wanted, and it is quite natural that the office should go to an outsider. The nominee, George L. Woodruff, is unknown here. It is a perfectly safe presumption that he is a solid, broad-minded American whose character and legal attainments fit him for the position and who will be a valuable addition to the local citizenship. As for the other positions, Judge Perry's nomination is hailed with universal satisfaction. His record on the bench before and his record as an attorney since he left the bench have shown fitness and there has always been a feeling that he didn't exactly get his deserts when he retired by the changes made some years ago. The new circuit judge, W. L. Whitney, showed great ability and breadth of judgment as a district judge and he was the logical candidate for the place.

President Taft appears to have acted with excellent judgment and under good advice, for of course he is not personally acquainted with the local nominees.

HOW TO WORK THE "HOME RULE" PLAN.

The first requisite for success in the proposition contained in the "home rule" resolution so much shuttlecocked about the Legislature is a "getting together" here. A community divided against itself has no influence in Washington. We need to learn the lesson of American politics,—that of fighting out local battles at home and abiding by the issue. We ask Washington not to interfere in our local affairs. At the same time defeated factions, or even individuals, invariably carry their contests to Washington.

"It is believed that many serious problems still confront the Young Turks," is the statement solemnly cabled all the way here from Constantinople. This is a piece of news entitled

to distinction mainly for its absolute reliability, and the caution of the correspondent who says merely that it is believed seems to call for special recognition.

THE SENATE

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ent resolutions relating to proposed amendments of the Organic Act.

President Smith stated that the Governor had consented to attend the proceedings, and the sergeant-at-arms had been sent to notify the Governor that the committee of the whole was in session.

Coelho moved that the committee rise and recommend the indefinite postponement of the House resolution.

Smith and Fairchild both protested against the proposed action, as being discourteous both to the Governor and the Delegate.

Coelho replied that the Senate heard the Governor on a former occasion for two hours on the bill before Congress. He wanted to get back to his work. As Governor Frear entered he withdrew the motion.

Governor Frear, on being called on by President Smith to explain the bill, stated that he would be as brief as possible. The bill had been introduced in Congress by Delegate Kanihano and, while not in all things just what he would like, was dictated by the experience of eight years under the Organic Act.

The first section of the bill was to prevent the operation in Hawaii of certain Federal statutes which in their terms applied to all territories.

The second was to remove ambiguity relative to appropriation laws. There came sections relating to the issuance of bonds by counties and the terms of Territorial bonds.

The most important sections related to the land laws. It was aimed to give better prices and easier terms of payment to purchasers of homesteads, also to exclude the acquisition of public lands by aliens or speculators. The Governor went into details of other land law amendments which, it was hoped, would clear up difficulties heretofore encountered.

Other sections were to enable the Territory to dispense with the office of high sheriff, to debar judges from sitting in cases wherein before coming to the bench they had appeared as counsel; turning over of property intended for public uses to the Territory, and enabling the Territory to give title to the counties to public lands, buildings and works; the provision of an emergency fund not to exceed \$25,000 for the disposal of the Territory in the event of a visitation of pestilence; the legalizing of naturalizations by circuit judges prior to

the time such was questioned, and, finally, giving the power of removal of heads of departments for cause by the Governor.

President Smith moved that the committee rise and recommend the passage of the House concurrent resolution. The bill in question was pending in Congress and as this Legislature was on its last day there would be no further opportunity for an expression of the legislative opinion of Hawaii until 1911. He argued at length in favor of his motion.

McCarthy was in favor of every bit of the bill excepting section 5 relating to lands. It was too large a question to be decided at this late day. He had introduced a resolution containing proposed land law amendments, some of which he did not advocate but others of which possessed features that he should like to see become law. But it was too late to introduce amendments on the last day of the session. He therefore moved that when the committee rose it should recommend that the Senate strike out section 5 of the bill.

Fairchild was glad to hear the member opposite declare he was in favor of the bill as a whole. His remarks on the lateness of the time for considering land law amendments were apt, yet were they not to have some confidence in the conclusions of the executive officers who have had experience in administering the present land laws? It was impossible for the Legislature, in the short time of its session, fully to consider all the important matters of legislation coming before it. Therefore the Legislature must depend to a reasonable extent on the results of deliberation by executive officers. They should be careful before throwing out a measure that had been approved by the Governor, the Delegate and the House of Representatives.

Coelho reported his former talk to the effect that the Senate would stultify itself by passing this resolution after its adoption of the Alfonso resolution from the House early in the session. He declaimed about the Governor arrogating to himself powers, etc., and concluded by saying he would "stand by the Delegate" till his term expired.

Fairchild asked him to point out where the Delegate was thrown down in the bill.

Coelho was taken aback at this and it took him some time to pick out a clause in the bill which he said was contrary to the Delegate's views.

Smith and Fairchild both showed that Coelho did not know what he was talking about.

Moore referred to the Governor's statement that there were things in

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