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CRIMINAL PROCEDURE REFORM.

President Taft is taking a great interest in the reform of criminal as well as civil procedure. Attorney General Wickersham lately delivered an address before the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology at a banquet in Washington. Declaring emphatically for legislation to accelerate justice in criminal proceedings, the attorney general said he knew of no subject in which the President was more vitally interested than in this reform.

Although Congress may not have control of the subject beyond the federal courts, a national reform in this regard would be an example that should be extensively, if not universally, followed in state jurisdictions.

Mr. Wickersham compared American criminal procedure unfavorably with English practices. Referring to the control that English judges assume over criminal trials to prevent the miscarriage of justice he remarked:

"Such direction is shocking to the American mind, but it is equally shocking to see a man whom everybody knows is an infernal scoundrel hoodwinking justice and finally obtaining acquittal after four or five trials, when every one knows he shot down the man in cold blood. Multiplicity of appeals made possible by American criminal procedure is undoubtedly responsible for such miscarriage of justice and for the escape of many criminals."

Proceeding he said that the first thing that struck one in watching criminal procedure in England was the control the judge assumed over the conduct of the case from start to finish. "Any judge in the United States who should attempt to exercise the same control over the procedure would no doubt be subject to impeachment before very long," the Attorney General observed.

"The judges in England are enabled to exercise this control because of the position of power and respect they command in the community, in the first place, and, secondly, because they are masters of English law and procedure. This last qualification, I regret to say, does not always apply to the American criminal judge.

"If an able lawyer gets on the bench by mistake we congratulate ourselves on our good fortune and hope he will be continued there. In the case of an English judge the whole position of domination is animated purely by a desire for justice as he considers it to be."

Before annexation some misguided "reformers" curtailed the control of judges over criminal trials in the Hawaiian Islands. After annexation the smart, not to say sharp, practices of criminal procedure in California came in like a flood, with the result of giving criminal trials here in many instances a burlesque character. Reform of criminal procedure might restore to Hawaii some of its former good fame. An eminent law professor of Harvard once sat a day, as a guest of honor, beside the presiding judge at a murder trial in Honolulu. Within the single day he saw the case called, the jury empaneled, the witnesses examined, the jury addressed by counsel, the charge of the court delivered and a verdict returned. So impressed was the distinguished visitor with the event that he wrote a pamphlet upon it, commending the decorous and expeditious administration of justice in Hawaii as an object lesson for the United States. A similar case nowadays would probably occupy three or four weeks with the probability of resulting in a mistrial necessitating a repetition of the whole agony.

Instead of another downtown hotel, if some enterprising citizens would erect a hotel upon one of the heights, overlooking the ocean and as near it as possible, in the midst of a tropical park, with golf links, tennis courts and a polo field, they would be doing something really great for Honolulu's promotion to first rank as a tourist resort. A handsome booklet advertising such a caravansary at Santa Barbara, California, was received in this week's mail. It almost shows Honolulu to be outside the pale of modern hotel accommodation suited to its climate and position. Such an exhibit in illustrated advertising will have in more effect even than the boast the booklet makes that the Santa Barbara climate is superior to that of Honolulu among other places similarly mentioned.

Mr. Hall of Minneapolis advanced a suggestion before the American Prison Association for a universal system of personal identification. From press comments it would appear that the proposed system includes the photographing of everybody for a national register of physiognomies. Although arguments are seriously put forward for general registration, wherein the universal surveillance of individuals in Germany is cited as having merits, really it would be too big a contract of paternalism to enforce with the ninety million people of the United States. Once in Hawaii a general registration of thumb marks was attempted, but the edict was treated with contempt by most white residents and given up as a bad job. Its purpose was to enable the government of the republic to compel Chinese contract laborers to register their thumb marks as part of their identification, which could not be done under the constitutional prohibition of class legislation unless people of other nationalities were required to do the same thing.

Garden competitions among suburban residents are the latest wrinkle of civic improvement in Washington, D. C. It would be a good thing for Honolulu improvement clubs to take up. Most of them need some novelty to hold the interest of their membership.

For the first time in the present fiscal year, Uncle Sam found a cash balance in his drawer at the end of September. The surplus of revenue over expenditure for the month was \$1,460,808.18. If the payments on the Panama canal work and the public debt were excluded the surplus would have been nearly three and a half million dollars. Up to September 30 the total deficit for the fiscal year was \$15,910,000, as against a corresponding deficit of \$32,169,315 last year at the same time. Larger receipts and smaller expenditures account for the gratifying improvement in national finances.

Referring to the order extending the civil service rules to assistant postmasters, which takes 8000 federal positions out of the spoils pool, the Philadelphia Public Ledger says: "Mr. Taft does not use many words about 'reform,' but as a practical civil service reformer his record will be found written clear in administrative acts."

"By the jumping Jehoshaphat! Is there no such thing as gratitude in this world?" Thus the Washington Star exclaims relative to a story from the Democratic convention at Rochester, stating that comfort was taken there from the fact "that the incubus of David B. Hill's support, which hurt the party in 1904, would not be felt this year." It goes on to show that practically everything that went to making a reputable Democratic campaign in 1904 was owing to Mr. Hill, and that if matters had been left to his direction the campaign would have been free

Uncle Walt The Poet Philosopher

My shack is rather poor and humble, but on its roof the sunshine plays, and in the yard the glad bees humble, and birds are singing rag-time lays; my hours are long, my work is grinding, I journey homeward tired and sore, but happy, for I'm sure of finding a face that's sunny at the door. I suffer under sling and arrow the whole day long, and I grow sad; encounter people mean and narrow, and much that's wearisome and bad; but in the growing dusk I wander, my troubles and my worries o'er, to that small cottage over yonder, and one who loves me at the door. The man who labors in the ditches, at heaving rock or plowing loam, should heedless be of worldly riches, if some one loves him in his home. When warnings from the evening bell come that day is done, its labors o'er, how sweet it is to meet a welcome from one who loves you, at the door!

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THE FACE AT THE DOOR

from many of the follies that disfigured it and the party's defeat proved less overwhelming. The Star asks how about Mr. Hill this year—if Mr. Dix will not either have to bear or decline the incubus of his support—and concludes: "This is not a good time for abusing a veteran, who, though on the retired list, has a vote and a few friends left." (Since the foregoing was in type the cable has announced Mr. Hill's death.)

It is commented upon as noteworthy that Postmaster General Hitchcock, who was regarded as the practical politician of the cabinet, has been more vigorous than any other in applying business methods and economies to his department.

BIGAMY CASE IN FEDERAL COURT PORTLAND SCARE WAS A MISTAKE

Lum Yan, charged with bigamy, was this morning before Judge Robertson and a jury consisting of Thomas A. Honan, Jr., H. A. Hadley, A. H. Hanna, H. W. Cleveland, John P. Roomains, Daniel W. Driscoll, Percy J. Levey, Adam Baker, S. E. Hubbard, William T. Robinson, C. K. Ai, and Samuel E. Rodgers.

When the jury was being examined H. Culman said that he was prejudiced against prosecutions of the kind before the court, because Chinese were ignorant of the law in almost every instance. He said that he could not lay aside his prejudice at all. He was excused.

The trial was then proceeded with, and will most likely take two or three days to complete.

Attorney Lightfoot is assisting the prosecution, and Attorneys Thayer and Chillingworth are appearing for the defense.

Thursday, October 20, 1910.
 Port Gamble—Arrived Oct. 19, Sch. Camano, from Hilo, Sept. 29.
 San Francisco—Arrived Oct. 19 Bk. Andrew Welch, hence Oct. 5.
 Port Townsend—Arrived Oct. 19, Sch. David Evans, from Pearl Harbor Sept. 30.
 Galvota—Arrived Oct. 20, Ship Falls of Clyde, hence Oct. 2.
 Hilo—Sailed Oct. 19, Sch. W. H. Marston, for Redondo.

MOILILI ALL RIGHT.

Republican and Democratic rallies were held within two hundred yards of each other at Moilili last night. The Republican meeting had the larger attendance, and the speeches of the candidates were well received.

It looks as if the former Democratic stronghold of Moilili were going to be captured by the G. O. P.

SUGAR QUOTATIONS.

The following sugar quotations, turned up here this afternoon, the delay not being explained: October 18, raws 3.875 cents; October 19, raws 3.86 cents; October 20, beets 9s, 2d.

Quick Lunch Waitress—How do you like your eggs, sir?
 Hardened Patron—in their teens.
 —Puck.

The only developments in regard to the men who were concerned in the gambling games that took place in the office of the Inspector of Customs was the dismissal yesterday from his position in the auditor's office of Otto E. Heine.

Fine Job Printing, Star Office.



REAL SLOW.

Loraine—The slowest young man I ever met. We walked out on the hillside and he said I reminded him of a beautiful autumn leaf.
 Louise—Well, that was pretty, my dear.
 Loraine—Yes, but the goose didn't have enough sense to say all beautiful autumn leaves should be pressed.

Short Miles

A drive of five to fifteen miles in a spring wagon eats up time and takes a horse away from work. The same distance is a joke to a man on an R-S Motorcycle.

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