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OUR POLICY WITH JAPAN.

It must embarrass the State Department to have the agents of the War and Navy Departments raise an annual war scare for the sake of larger appropriations. In a well-coordinated government such a play of cross-purposes would not be permitted to occur.

Take the concrete case which came to a climax yesterday. President Taft and Secretary Knox have assured Japan lately as before, that the United States is friendly and that it depreciates any and all talk of war with that power, disclaiming responsibility for it.

The Tokio government knows that the President could have kept this officer from taking the course he did and could reprimand him for it now; it knows that the President controls all his departments; and what must Japan think of him when it is simply put off with more of that smiling executive paviour.

Side-Lights on the Mosquito

You can not circumvent the mosquito as you can the fly. She has too many brains, wherever she may stow them. But she is frail and feeble on the wing, and you can get her there. For example, in India it is well known that mosquitoes will not bite under the punkah; therefore exiles in that land of the twelve plagues sleep under a swishing punkah for the six-summer months, and under a mosquito-net for the rest of the year.

The Influence of Pictures

"Give me the funny picture-r-r-es!" It was the strident, harsh voice of a child of five or six in a cindery railroad train, and he was clamoring for that eye-sore, the pink-and-yellow supplement of so-called pictures to the Sunday newspaper.

The Case of Mr. Shuster

It is an American, one William Morgan Shuster, who is the storm center of this Oriental cyclone. When Persia became a constitutional kingdom, and drove out her Shah, application was made to Mr. Taft for the services of some one able enough to reorganize the country's finances and to place Persia's exchequer on a stable foundation.

Without casting any reflections on anyone it might be remarked that the proceedings in the mullet case were of an extremely fishy nature. Mountain King keeps on calling and the stockholders keep on coming. The Chinaman who is suffering from the delusion that he is the emperor of China has another think coming.

Uncle Walt The Poet Philosopher

It's good to have some ricks of money put up against the rainy day; 'twill make that day seem bright and sunny, and keep the hungry wolf away. He is not properly behaving who makes no plans for wintry age, who does not see that he is saving a portion of his weekly wage.

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LITTLE INTERVIEWS

MRS. WATKINS—Everybody ought to carry small flags while the parades on February 22 are passing.

ARTHUR W. RICHARDSON—Hilo is not wet at all. On the contrary the dust is blowing in the good old burg.

G. F. AFFONSO—I am going to live out in the fighting Kaimuki district, and will help its fights in the columns of O Luso.

CAPTAIN SMITH—The friends of the Portuguese immigrants are treating them well, and the Willesden people are happy enough.

W. T. POPE—The new offices are fairly satisfactory—as temporary quarters—but we hope to get back to the Judiciary building as soon as possible.

H. W. BRODIE—Hawaii has a valuable asset in the volcano. The Mauna Kea is a fine type of steamship, and there are many excellent views to be obtained on the Hilo railroad.

ENGINEER MARTIN—My staff is kept busy working on data for the head office in Washington. We had to start the water survey work in Hawaii and, consequently, had no previous figures to go on.

H. P. WOOD—The islands are receiving some excellent advertisements just now through Kilauea. Many prominent people are calling here, and when they go home they will give us some of the finest kind of advertising.

JAS. L. COKE (in Waikuku Times)—I am not taking this delegateship proposition very seriously, but, of course, no one can tell what the future

amount," remarked a man who was trying to negotiate a loan in the face of fearful odds.

"I object to the introduction of a personal note into the proceedings," exclaimed the capitalist as he politely bowed the interview to an end.

"The drapery in the bottle for the morning" won't be needed the day after Burns' Night this year.

The abolition of the Burns' Birthday smoker is a feather in the cap of the Civic Federation, which august body, it is said, has had the matter under consideration for a long time.

While the light hands oot to burn, the vilest sinner may return.

At the Burns' ball it will be "scot mon" instead of "hoot mon."

It is understood that children of Scotch parentage will be welcomed at the Burns' ball and that at the conclusion of the ceremony at 9:30 each kiddie who has behaved him or herself will be given a Bath bun and an orange.

Again, what is in a name? Success magazine has suspended publication on account of lack of funds.

Since the firing of a fishmarket pake for not keeping flies off his meat, great activity in the ti-leaf waving line is to be noticed at the market. It was a pathetic sight, yesterday afternoon to see a native and a Chinaman take turns in switching a ti-leaf over a display of cheap jewelry, soap, lead pencils and perfume.

The Burns' night ball will probably be more or less of a Scotch high ball.

The mall's leaves have fallen, The garden's brown and-ere, And the wind goes sadly queering For the flowers of yesteryear.

Many a good sculler is a bum boat-man.

The project to send Duke Kahana-

has in store, and if by the turn of the political wheel of fortune I am landed into the delegateship I will hold the job down to the best of my ability and for the benefit of all the people.

PURSER PHILLIPS (Mauna Kea)—The volcano is very active now. It has receded a lot, but it is still a beautiful sight. I went up especially to see it, and was much impressed with the grandeur of it. I am sure that if the people of Honolulu and elsewhere could only realize the magnificence of the volcano, the Inter-Island company would be able to run two steamers every Saturday.

FRED TURRILL—The Star's making friends every day, but sometimes it is a little hard to secure it an introduction. I had quite a job getting one man to give me a subscription—he didn't want The Star—but finally I landed him for a year. That was about a month ago. The other day he handed me the money for two years more. That's the way The Star is making friends.

L. L. McCANDLESS—That is a peculiar statement of Kruger's that the Board of Supervisors, having tried it for a year and failed, will go on trying for another year. Why not resign instead? Incompetency that a year won't cure is not likely to be cured in two, and there is too much at stake for further experiments. The Board has spent \$600,000 or \$700,000 of the people's money, most of it in a most unbusinesslike way. The taxpayers don't want to be another sum like that on the proposition that the leopard will change his spots.