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THE PARTY DELEGATIONS.

The fatuity of the Kuhio scheme to get an uninstructed or anti-Taft delegation from here is revealed in the light of the Eastern cables. Everything now points to Taft as the Republican nominee. He is so well assured of his convention strength that he has let his secretary send out a forecast of his nomination; his open rival, La Follette has gone down under the strain of nerve prostration, and his secret rival, Roosevelt, is scoring so many and such tremendous losses that he is expected to say, pretty soon, that he was never a candidate at all. Hence to think of putting Hawaii Republicanism against Taft, when he is the probable nominee and perhaps the coming President would about square the circle of political recklessness.

With circumstances unchanged when our primaries are held and our first convention meets, it will be the plain duty of the party to send, not only a delegation instructed for Taft, but a delegation of known Taft men. Good politics calls for that, just as it would seem to call, on the Democratic side, for a delegation of instructed Bryan men. From this point of outlook, the Democratic ticket shapes for Bryan as surely as the Republican one shapes for Taft. Woodrow Wilson, seeking a place on the Carnegie payroll, eating his own words for votes and quarrelling with his friends for fear their support of him will hurt him in some other way, is no longer a presidential figure. Harmon is an icy improbability; nobody looms but Bryan.

Hawaii can keep on the safe sides of national politics at no loss of principle; so why shouldn't she do so?

COUNTERACTING OUR DIPLOMACY.

It is a curious sidelight on the defects of our politico-military system that the Secretary of War has no other recourse than to go before the House Committee on Military Affairs and deny Major General Carter's statement that there are 35,000 Japanese soldiers in Hawaii. That story of General Carter's was not only untrue, but it must have been highly embarrassing to the administration, which is doing its best to further friendly relations with Japan. Under almost any other strong government, an army or navy officer who should make any public statements calculated to cross the wires of his country's diplomacy, would be court-martialed and either dismissed or retired, the more certainly so if such statements were careless or unsupported in fact. But here, under the aegis of a congressional investigating committee, army politics of the most unflinching type are played and there is nothing done about it, further than to make a Department protest. Year by year this thing happens, to the growing disgust of Japan, to the amazement of every military power and to the disadvantage of the peace which the army is formed to secure.

But the blame for this state of things is not wholly military. A committee of Congress which summons general officers or officers of the general staff to talk in open session about matters of the utmost international consequence and even delicacy, ought to be in better business. The commonest prudence would keep military revelations, if there are to be any, within the closed doors of executive sessions, and the commonest courtesy would confine army inquiries to the Secretary of War, the head of the department concerned. As things are, with a partisan committee playing politics on the one side and an ambitious general officer playing it on the other side, circumstances easily arise which call for the utmost finesse of the State Department. Undoubtedly the Carter testimony has made a bad impression in Japan and if permitted to be given at all it ought to have been heard in secrecy.

THE BANANA INJUNCTION SUITS.

The banana injunction cases ought to be decided, not left hanging in the air where they now are.

Poor people want to raise bananas again for food; well-to-do people want them in their dooryards; but both are told that if they grow these plants again they will "do it at their own risk."

What is the risk? To find out, the injunction suits were brought, but the government has not pressed them. It ought to. The people have a right to know where they stand on the legal banana question. They are willing to obey the law, but they want to know what the law is and not to be kept in a sort of mental duress by a vague threat.

Come, let us close this incident up, one way or the other. Decision wanted!

EMBARRASMENTS OF GROWTH.

The Star is curing the defects in its local delivery service, due to a sudden leap in its circulation, as fast as it can, and asks that subscribers notify it promptly of any delinquency on the part of the carriers.

Some complaint comes from the other islands from people who have not received papers they have paid for. These complaints are not many, but in each case heard of the Star has rectified the error and extended the subscription to cover the service lost. Any one still not getting his copy regularly ought to let the Star office know as it is as much to our interest as to his to have the delivery made certain.

Getting a big circulation quickly has its embarrassments and one reason why the Star has had to make so many changes in its carrier service is that boys who were in the habit of delivering a few papers objected to taking many. It was too much like work. But, as we say, the service is in the way of making good and will be the better for prompt complaints of neglect.

THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH.

There should never be the indispensable one man in the politics of a free country and so it is a good sign that the Roosevelt cult is dwindling as the Grant cult did.

The safe republic is the one that has many men equal to the greatest tasks, so that there need never be a time when terms of presidential office need be extended beyond the limit recognized as safe, on the idea that there is no other way to save the country.

There is an indefinite number of men in England and America who can rise to an occasion in either land. All crises in Great Britain and America have found somebody to meet them in the right way and at the right time. A man comes from the most unlooked for place and in the most unexpected way—but he comes. It is not necessary to go back to old favorites and it might be dangerous to do so. There will always be new favorites to appear at the psychological time, and during their terms of service the old ones lose their grip and come to grief through that iconoclastic reaction from hero worship which is another pledge of safety to a republic.

Madero can now view things through Diaz' old spectacles, which are not so rose-colored as his own.

At least the Chinese revolutionists ought to give the Emperor a free crib in a children's home.

One might think that Chauffeur Johnson was running a collection branch of the morgue.

Yuan Shih Kai seems built to drop on his feet

Walt Mason The Poet Philosopher

Old Jimpson's whiskers jolt the town. He tries to dye the blamed things brown, but often gets a brindled green that has a hard, metallic sheen. Cap Brick is spavined, old and fat, and yet MAN'S VANITY he wears a rah-rah hat and noisy neckties and his clothes outshine the hollyhock and rose. Judge Boggs is bald, but has a hedge of sorrel hair around the edge; he combs that Auburn hair across, to try and hide the total loss. These men are great and faithful friends, and often, when the day's toil ends, they sit and talk, and they're agreed that what this country's women need is judgment masculine and sane—the girls are so absurdly vain! They paint and pad in fifty ways, and bind themselves in iron stays, and put fool hobbles on their feet, and scare the horses in the street! They care not that they're jeered and mocked, that Jimpson, Brick and Boggs are shocked!

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WALT MASON.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

H. W. RIETOW—I believe small farming is a good proposition near Honolulu.

R. W. BRECKONS—Oh, politically speaking, I am on the outside now looking in.

JUDGE LYMER—We are not looking for trouble as regards the mosquito campaign but we are ready any old time for a contest.

SKIPPER KINSLEA—The Turtle crew will be in great form within a year or two from now. The Healan club will be proud of its team when the test comes in 1915.

CHARLES A. FRAZIER—I, Charles Green, the advertising man from the Coast, is something more than a live wire. He is a human dynamo who charges all the wires he touches.

ROBERT ANDERSON—I see that

the English cricketers have done very well in Australia this year. That will be good for cricket, and the test matches in England next year should be fine struggles.

ABEL S. NASCIMENTO—it seems that the Bishop slip is being used as a dump. The swimmers yesterday had to make their way through tin cans, bottles, pieces of wood, banana leaves and all sorts of other rubbish.

CHARLIE SPENCER—As far as I know, the storms that are now raging between here and San Francisco have ruled longer than any that I can remember. Every steamer seems to get it, no matter in which direction she is going or coming.

R. B. WALL—I am greatly pleased with Honolulu. I have been in close touch with the city in a business way and it is just as cosmopolitan and just as prosperous as I expected to find it, but both city and people are more picturesque than I had ever imagined.

J. PHILLIPS—I think it would be a good move all round if some of those fast Australian swimmers could be brought over here. Some of the fastest men in the world are to be found in Sydney, and their appearance here would prove of interest to many in Honolulu.

THE NORWOODS OPEN AT THE ORPHEUM TONIGHT.

Prof. Norwood and his company will open a short season at the Orpheum theater tonight and judging from the advance sale they will play to capacity houses.

Prof. Norwood's work must not be confused with that of others in which the entertainment consists of a dry lecture on hypnotism; nor, on the other hand, with those in which buffoonery in the order. Prof. Norwood's act is a happy medium of the two. An act in which the real power of suggestion and concentration is explained and exemplified, but in which nothing coarse is presented. The act is instructive in the extreme, but provokes a scream of laughter from start to finish. Spectators are especially invited to occupy front seats and without a shadow of a doubt they will be convinced of the earnestness of Norwood's work and his success in placing his subjects in a state of complete hypnosis.

As an example may be cited one of the young men with him on the tour. In the leading theater in Omaha

this young man was lying in a hypnotic trance behind the scenes awaiting Prof. Norwood's appearance before the audience. The act preceding this was one in which snooting was done. Inadvertently a loaded pistol was used and one of the shots fired resulted in a wound to the hypnotized man. The bullet passed completely through his abdomen, inflicting a wound that nearly had fatal results, but the victim lying in a deep sleep did not even wince as the bullet passed through his body.

The first intimation of his plight was had only when he was about to be carried on to the stage, when his garments were found to be soaked in blood. He was left in the hypnotic state until he reached the hospital and was properly treated, and on being awakened had no idea of what had occurred.

Prof. Norwood will call for his class from the audience, but guarantees that no such test of his powers as that just related will be called into play.

PORTUGUESE BENEVOLENCE

Both Portuguese beneficial societies, the San Antonio and Lusitana, have just issued reports for the past year, each showing remarkable growth and prosperity. Each society has over two thousand members.

The combined sum paid out for death benefits during the year amounted to \$74,446.55; for benefits on account of illness, \$39,735.15; pensions paid to invalid members and orphans, \$12,582.80; funeral expenses, \$61,280; making the total paid out \$128,044.50.

Following are the financial statements of both societies:

San Antonio Society. Receipts—Monthly dues, \$23,432; death benefit fund, \$28,779.25; initiation fees, \$688; invalid fund fees, \$3,935.90; rents, \$686.60; interest, \$2664.10; miscellaneous, \$99.60; total, \$70,204.55.

Disbursements—Sick benefits, \$18,649.15; pensions to invalids, \$6296; death benefits, \$39,976.25; salaries, \$1790; miscellaneous, \$2731.57; total, \$69,442.97. Included in the assets of the society are loans, cash and properties to the value of \$54,215.97.

Lusitana Society. Receipts—Monthly dues, \$22,807; initiation fees, \$1027.50; rents, \$2598; interest, \$1060.42; invalid fund, \$3782; death benefits, \$34,261.59; miscellaneous, \$1899.14; total, \$67,345.56.

Disbursements—Sick benefits, \$21,076; expenses, \$1243.27; pensions to orphans, \$912.50; death benefits, \$34,470.30; pensions to invalids, \$5384.20; total, \$66,086.37. The society has in various properties loans and cash the sum of \$58,588.92.

Manuel Andrade stepped off a car at

VOLCANO REGION TO BE MAPPED

Actual work on the proposed national park at Kiluaea will start within a week from the present time. That is, the work of mapping out and sketching the details of the huge reserve will be begun by the topographic surveyors. Both Kiluaea and Maun Loa will be surveyed, and the topographers will be employed on what will be more like scientific work for some months to come.

Chief Topographer Birdseye leaves for Hawaii tomorrow in the steamer Matua Kea. He will proceed to Hakalau where he has three parties at work at present. These men will be instructed to pack up their goods and strike camp. The move to Kiluaea will be made at once, and the permanent camps established there.

There will be only two instrument parties working on the Kiluaea section, and the rest of the staff will be otherwise employed. Every detail of the huge crater will be mapped out, and the crevices and pit craters will all be shown in detail.

The surrounding country will be also surveyed and plotted, and the first authentic map of the whole region will be made. The intention is also to map out the mountain, Mauna Loa, and the surrounding country.

Chief Birdseye has just returned from Washington, where he spent the last few months.

HEAD OF BUREAU OF NAVIGATION



WASHINGTON, January 2.—Commander Philip Andrews has entered upon his duties as the head of the powerful bureau of navigation. He succeeds Admiral Nicholson, who will become the commander of the Asiatic fleet.

Commander Andrews is a son-in-law of Mrs. A. Fuller of Honolulu.

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A memorial window for John Bunyan has been unveiled in Westminster Abbey 274 years after his death.

ON TRIAL FOR WIFE MURDER.



NEWARK, N. J., January 8.—Allison B. MacFarland, who has been in jail here for several weeks, was placed on trial for his life January 8. He is charged with poisoning his wife with cyanide of potassium. The theory of the state is that he was infatuated with a Philadelphia girl.

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