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## THE JUDGESHIP.

Judge Little, in a communication which appears in this issue of the TRIBUNE, intimates that he has retired from the fight for the Judgeship, and states his reasons for so doing. The name of Homer L. Ross as a candidate will meet with the approval of all classes.

He is a "Hiloite," and his candidacy minimizes the danger and the injustice of having a Honolulu man appointed to preside over the Fourth Circuit Court.

We believe that the appointment of Mr. Ross would be a strong factor in the promotion of harmony among the Republicans of this district, and trust that honors may be conferred upon those only to whom honor is really due.

## THE DELEGATE.

The thin skinned politician who cannot bear criticism should "retire to the rear, take a seat, and rest for a space."

Notwithstanding the resentment of the delegate from the third precinct the fact remains that by some hocus pocus art the Island of Hawaii came down with a resounding thud during the late Convention, and that the delegates from Kauai, Maui and Oahu are still howling with glee over the discomfiture of the "strong man," who imagined that he had the power to deprive them of a fair share of conventional honors. The insinuation that there was any "deal" in which the Governor might be implicated is childish and purile. Mr. Smith had not been in Honolulu twenty-four hours before the shrewder hands had caught the "lay" of his land, and had so criss-crossed his furrows with promises that the poor political ploughman really did not know whether he was heading east or west. He should pursue his studies in agriculture.

## PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRIES.

A great deal can be said on the other side of the question by those who do not "buy at home." It may be asserted and with a modicum of truth, that island storekeepers seek to obtain higher profits than prevail at the coast and also that the same class of goods may be obtained at San Francisco or elsewhere on the mainland at less cost than the same articles are sold here.

The reason for this is easily explained by the additional cost of transportation, the high price of labor and the increased expense of handling merchandise on the islands. A merchant in fixing on a selling price for his wares must need consider these items of expense, and if buyers who order by mail would stop to honestly look into the reasons for the slight advance in prices they would readily see the local tradesman is not making an exorbitant profit. To be sure, it is not improbable that some dealers failing to realize the annexation of the islands to the United States have changed market conditions in the islands; continue to hold up the high prices prevailing theretofore.

However, such short sighted merchants will too soon discover they must meet the prices of competing establishments, and will put a price on their goods which is reasonable to the consumer and make a fair profit to the dealer.

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Oh, yes, he's a social leader. He maintains that if a man is smoking while walking down the street with a lady, the cigar should always be in the side of the mouth furthest removed from the lady.

## A BAD MAN.

In furtherance of its endeavor to put a factionalist on the Fourth Circuit bench, the Advertiser has produced the record of a row between Judge Little and a partner of his while residing in the Northwest. It is first class evidence of how lawyers can show their love for one another when they get started. The galaxy of charges contained in this document and the alleged Grand Army, irregularity are matters which Little alone can answer and presumably will. Thurston has had one memorable experience with making profligate charges but signally failing to make them good. In all the hammering to which Little has been subjected it is notable that during his career in this Territory, as a citizen and official this "bad man" has carried himself above reproach. It would be remarkable if all that is said of his past were true.—Honolulu Bulletin, April 26.

## THE SAME THING.

The inside workings of the recent republican convention at Honolulu are coming to the surface, and one can now get a very clear view of the whole field of battle. The delegates from Hawaii were a unit in the hands of Carl Smith who is seeking the nomination as Circuit Judge at Hilo. Naturally Mr. Smith found it to his interest to stand in with the administration, which will probably dictate the nomination for the Hilo judgeship. Relying on the promise of Secretary Atkinson, on behalf of the administration, to hand over a solid forty votes from Oahu, the Hawaii delegation consisting of thirty-three solid votes would have made a total of seventy-three votes, a majority of the convention, and Mr. Smith naturally believed that he held the nomination of delegates to the Chicago convention in the hollow of his hand. So notwithstanding the earnest protests of Maui and Kauai, he simply refused to listen to them or to consider any rights they had to representation. So far so good, and if his plans had carried, Maui and Kauai would have been shut out. But on a showdown, Atkinson failed to deliver the goods and only controlled twenty-three votes. Smith thus sacrificed Hawaii's chances to his own personal ambition, and now it only remains to be seen if he receives his thirty pieces of silver in the form of a nomination to the Hilo Judgeship.—Maui News.

## Sense vs. Sensibility.

It's nice to love,  
But oh, how bitter,  
To love a girl  
And then not git her.

—Selected.

Now that Congress has adjourned, the President will probably be able to devote all of his time to the Hilo judgeship.

When juveniles play with big guns, they must expect to nurse injuries received from the kick.

The Japanese proverb for our common phrase about edged too's and cut fingers, is "Even a monkey sometimes falls out of a tree."

Now that the Wainaku boulevard is about completed, we are led to believe the Hilo Road Board will turn its attention to much needed improvements elsewhere.

Some of the modest young men are fearful lest they may draw a blank in the distribution of lunch baskets at the Cotillion Club dance this evening.

Swimming parties are becoming the vogue in Hilo, with the swimming feature left out.

When it comes to the selection of Judge Little's successor, there will be numerous other judicial ambitions lurking 'neath closely buttoned coats.

Following official precedent in the personal use of government funds without authorization, is apt to prove disastrous to the novice, even though the other sinners escape.

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## JUDGE LITTLE WITHDRAWS.

Will Not Permit His Candidacy to Disrupt Party.

Chambers Circuit Court,  
HILO, May 4, 1904.

EDITOR HILO TRIBUNE,

MY DEAR SIR:—After four years of successful administration as judge of this circuit, it is most gratifying to see the steadfast devotion and feel the unanimous determination of my fellow citizens who represent the best we have in standing and property over whom my court presides, to insist on my reappointment as judge of this circuit. I have watched the progress of affairs in this Territory during my residence here with some degree of interest, especially since we became a Territory, and am deeply interested in our future prosperity, and while the judicial office is not in a sense a political one, yet the selection of a judge is in a measure political in its significance. Viewing it in that light, I consider myself too good a republican to stand any longer in the way of the selection of some gentleman of the bar of this Court other than myself, or to have my friends any further importune the President or Attorney General in my behalf for the position, which political necessity and the unification of the party may require to be given to some one else.

I have, therefore, concluded to withdraw my name from further consideration at this time, or in this connection, and in order that no mistake may be made in the selection of my successor, I ask all my friends to use all honorable means to secure the appointment of Homer L. Ross of this city. Mr. Ross will be as oil on the troubled waters and be a most worthy successor.

I take this occasion to thank not in words merely formal, but with deep sincerity, all my friends, personal and the press, which supported me. I shall during the coming years endeavor to merit your continued support and good wishes.

Very truly yours,  
GILBERT F. LITTLE.

## HILO BREAKWATER.

Delegate Kuhio Urges Immediate Construction of Same.

Dear Sir: I desire again to call your attention to House Bill 11,038, for the survey and estimate for the construction of Breakwater for protection of the Harbor at Hilo, Island of Hawaii, and Territory of Hawaii.

The harbor at Hilo is practically an open roadstead, with ample depth of water for vessels of the largest draught, but sadly in need of protection by a Breakwater from the ocean to Coconut Island.

Vessels lying in this harbor are liable at any moment to be caught in a northeast or northern tempest, in which case they are compelled to cut loose and get out to sea or be in great danger of being thrown upon the reef, the harbor being absolutely unprotected.

Owing to the heavy swells over this reef, it's practically impossible at all times to land passengers, cargo or even mail at wharves, and the same have to be taken on shore in small boats attended with great difficulty and with considerable damage to cargo and mails, by reason of small boats being unable to live in the swells.

This measure is imperative and should receive immediate attention. The Island of Hawaii contains 4,015 square miles, and has a population of about 60,000. The City of Hilo, the only city of the island, has a population upwards of 15,000, and constantly on the increase. It is the outlet and shipping point for all sugar plantations, stock ranches and products of the island. It is the terminus of island railway lines, and has steamer and sailing vessel connection with Honolulu, San Francisco and New York.

Vessels are compelled to lay for days, sometimes almost weeks, unable to land or take on cargo by reason of the heavy swells, and small boats taking mail to and from the steamers very frequently are overturned and capsized, mails going to the bottom and either lost or brought up by the divers.

The whole bay is open and north-

east winds blowing over this reef form such a heavy swell that vessels are unable to lie in the harbor and are compelled to go to sea.

I desire to secure the appropriation for this survey at this session. Considerable testimony was taken before the Hawaiian Commission investigating Island matters, touching the need of this Breakwater at Hilo, and immediate legislation was recommended by them.

Hilo in the near future will be a very important shipping port for the reason that the distance from Frisco to Oriental, Philippine and Australian ports is considerably over 200 miles shorter via Hilo than by way of Honolulu, and with the construction of the Panama Canal, it being more southern than Honolulu, the distance via Hilo will still be considerably lessened. The harbor is large, and amply able to accommodate a large number of vessels, being very considerably larger than that of Honolulu.

With this protection given to the Harbor of Hilo, within the period of the next ten years the City of Hilo will unquestionably increase its population to upwards of 50,000, and its shipping many fold.

The Island of Hawaii, being less developed and containing greater possibilities for agriculture than any of the other islands of the group, should receive more than ordinary consideration.

Thanking you for an early reply, I remain,

Yours truly,

(Signed) J. KALANIANA'OLE,  
Delegate.

Mr. Burton, chairman of the Rivers and Harbors Committee, wrote a very encouraging reply, stating that he intended to take up the case of the harbors at Honolulu and Hilo as soon as Congress assembles again next session and that he felt favorably disposed towards some action for improving these harbors.

The Delegate is aware that progress in matters of legislation is necessarily slow, but nevertheless feels very much encouraged at what Congressmen tell him they are willing to do, as soon as there comes a session where they are permitted to enact some legislation. The present session has been one of the least possible legislation, because of the approach of the presidential campaign and the desire to keep expenses down to the lowest possible figure.

## Russian Battleship Stranded.

St. Petersburg, May 3.—The new battleship Orel is stranded in the Neva on a sandbank.

The Orel is one of the five largest and most powerful battleships of the Russian navy, being a vessel of 13,566 tons, having heavy armament and being armored under her waterline as a protector against torpedo boat attacks.

St. Petersburg, April 27.—The Government will double track the Siberian railroad. It is estimated that the work will require eighteen months.

Paris, April 27.—An unconfirmed report from Vladivostok says that the Russian squadron has sunk four Japanese transports carrying 4000 men.

## First Foreign Church.

Sabbath services, May 8, 1904: Morning sermon—"Ministering Spirits," Hebrews 1:14. The union meeting at the Hall Church will take the place of the regular evening service.

## Democrats Organize.

The Democrats of Hilo will meet at Waiakea next Friday evening, also at Co. D. armory on Saturday evening, for the purpose of effecting permanent organization.

A donkey once dropped into a merchant's store, and when the proprietor demanded the reason for his being there, the animal replied: "I recognized you to be a donkey, otherwise you would not have put your advertisement on the fence that surrounds my pasture but would place your advertisement in the newspaper, where it can be read by people and not donkeys. I thought I would be neighborly and make a fraternal call." Moral: Don't be a donkey.

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