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The Democrat herewith makes its bow to the public. Its politics and its policy are clearly defined in its name. The reason for its being will be obvious enough to most of the voters.

There is in Honolulu no Democratic daily newspaper, except **The Democrat**. This of itself might not make the publication of a special Democratic paper necessary just at this time if the Republican daily papers were animated by any sense of decency and fairness, and were not too cowardly, too venal or too prejudiced to tell the truth about matters Democratic.

But even a casual perusal of the three daily Republican papers is enough to inform a total stranger that fair play is something of which they know nothing, or which, if they understand, they choose to disregard.

Perhaps the Republican dailies should not be blamed too much for their attitude. They have too long been subservient to the special interests to have any independence. They have been fed on sugared water and watered sugar so long that they are afraid to try to absorb any other food. Like the clowns of the circus, they must jump whenever the ringmaster cracks his whip. The ringmaster being Republican for revenue only, they, too, must yell for the Republican candidates and gulp hard to swallow Republican doctrines and practices.

During the course of the present campaign from the beginning up to the present time, the attitude of the Republican papers has been characterized by deliberate falsehood, careful misrepresentation, indecent vituperation and malicious abuse of the Democrats, their platform, candidates and campaign. Particularly is this true of the Bulletin and the Advertiser. The Star has at times shown an inclination to be fair—but the Star has its limitations and they are narrow.

A week ago last Saturday, the Democratic campaign committee, through one of its members, went to the Bulletin and made arrangements with the editor of that sheet to hire two columns a day at \$4 a column up to the election, to be used for the purpose of presenting the Democratic side. But before the contract could be signed up, the Advertiser published the story of the Bulletin's sale of a part of itself to the Democrats. The result was to be expected. The Republicans could hardly be expected to pay to the Bulletin a goodly chunk of their campaign funds for the support of their campaign and not protest against being cheated.

As a consequence the editor of the Bulletin began to back and fill. He demanded that all Democratic articles appearing in his paper should be signed, although he had himself placed a head "political advertising," over them. Then he refused to publish certain articles, reserving to himself the right to pick and choose what should appear.

It became necessary, therefore, to cancel the agreement with the Bulletin. Whereupon the editor of that sheet took the unprecedented course of refusing to return certain unpublished copy which he feared would injure the chances of some of the Republican candidates if it appeared in print.

Of course, the editor had no more right to retain copy which did

COL. McCARTHY AT THE HEAD OF THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Col. C. J. McCarthy is now manager of the Democratic county campaign committee and will from now on conduct the most vigorous campaign in the history of Honolulu.

Col. McCarthy had withdrawn from politics and it was his intention to keep out of the game entirely. But he found himself unable to sit calmly by and inertly watch the vicious campaign of misrepresentation, vituperation and abuse being carried on by the Republicans and by the Republican daily papers, particularly the Advertiser and the Bulletin. All his instincts of fair play cried out against such indecent tactics. The old war horse sniffed the battle from afar and he had to get back into the game.

Following a meeting of the Democratic campaign committee, it was announced last Saturday that Bertram Rivenburgh had resigned as chairman of the county committee and that his place would be taken by Col. McCarthy. The Colonel's consent to head the committee comes as a great relief to Mr. Rivenburgh. He had already demonstrated his efficiency, but he is a candidate for the Senate, and, very naturally, the work of conducting the campaign left him little time to work for his own election. Mr. Rivenburgh ought to be elected and it is but right that he should have time to spend on his own candidacy.

Following the announcement that he was to head the county committee, Col. McCarthy last Saturday made a statement regarding the reasons that induced him to reenter the political arena.

"I can't stand idly by any longer," he said, "and watch the campaign of lies, abuse and mud-slinging that is be-

ing carried on by the Republicans and particularly by the Republican daily papers. It is that which has brought me back into the game. Abuse, misrepresentation and deliberate falsehood are the principal weapons to which the Republicans, in their desperate attempt to win a losing battle, have resorted.

"I am back in the game now and I'm going to do all I can to see that the Democratic ticket is successful and to teach such papers as the Advertiser and the Bulletin that they can't win by lying about us."

The two weeks between now and election day will be filled by hard work on the part of the campaign committees and the candidates. The campaign of 1910 is to be made a memorable one—one that the Republicans will long remember as that in which they met their Waterloo. The prospects of Democratic victory all along the line are becoming brighter every day, and the Republicans are evidencing their fear by the desperate measures to which they are resorting to try to stem the tide.

The Democrats are being greatly helped instead of injured by the unfair and abusive tactics of their opponents. Men who have always before voted the Republican ticket have announced their intention of voting the Democratic ticket straight, because they cannot stand for Republican unfairness. And Democrats who at first intended to scratch part of the ticket have made the statement that, because of the consistent misrepresentation of the Democrats by the Republican orators and their hirling papers, they will vote for every man on the Democratic ticket.

All signs point to a sweeping Democratic victory on November 8.

THE PLOT THAT FAILED

It was a fine plot, that of certain Republicans who are trying to kill off R. H. Trent as a political possibility with the club of prohibition, but it won't work. "Wounded in the house of my friends," must be Trent's sentiments now when he thinks how certain supposedly honest and respectable gentlemen urged him to allow his name to go upon the Committee of One Hundred and tried to have him take even a more prominent part than he did in the plebiscite campaign. He had reason to think then that they were his friends, but he knows now that under the guise of friendship they were trying to destroy his chances of reelection. He had a right to expect that they would vote for him, even if they did not actively work for his reelection, but instead the whole thing was a well planned scheme to put him out of the running by gain-

ing for him the opposition of the liquor interests. Those who urged him to the forefront of the prohibition campaign knew all the time that they were going to run Shingle against him and they never had any intention of voting for him themselves. Mr. Trent had but just returned from a trip to the Coast and was told by his supposed friends that the Hawaiians were solid for prohibition, that they felt it was most important for the interests of their people and that they were depending upon their white friends to help them. Trent, believing this and believing in prohibition, could not but take the stand he did. But the treachery of his friends (?) has failed. The plot was exposed in time and those who were at first disposed to be bitter against him are now working for his reelection.

tedious and unprofitable process, but the Democrat will be able to publish the statements even without the consent of the editor of the Bulletin.

The cancellation of the \$4 a column agreement with the Bulletin has led to the issuance of this paper, a paper which will endeavor truthfully to place before the people the Democratic side.

TWO BAD GUESSES

It was a laughable mistake that the Advertiser complacently made a week ago last Saturday morning in regard to the cable from San Francisco concerning Senator Newlands' address in which the Senator from Nevada declared that there is the greatest necessity to secure for Hawaii immigrants who would not turn upon the flag in case a hostile demonstration were made by Japan.

The Advertiser, seeing everything through its distorting spectacles, fatuously took this to mean that Senator Newlands is in favor of the immigration policy of the Republican party of Hawaii. And so believing, the morning paper published the cable in big, black type, with a head over it to the effect that a Democratic Senator declares that white immigrants must be secured.

Undoubtedly Senator Newlands did say that white immigrants must be secured for Hawaii. But there is nothing in the dispatch to indicate that the Senator from Nevada said that white immigrants must be secured from Russia or Spain or Portugal. He said nothing, so far as the cable states, in regard to the great wisdom of dumping upon Hawaii the riff-raff of Europe or Siberia.

Is it not barely possible that the Senator had in mind white immigrants from the United States of America? In order to secure immigrants, is it absolutely necessary to go to the jails of Europe and the prison colonies of Asia? Is it so utterly unthinkable to suggest that a citizen of the United States might be induced to come to Hawaii if the plantations would pay a living wage and the immigrant were given a chance to make a home and a fair living for himself and his family?

Senator Hughes of Colorado, who was in Hawaii recently, expressed himself as strongly in favor of immigration into his own state, and went on to tell of the benefits derived from it and how it is carried on in Colorado. The Bulletin, jumping at conclusions and eager to grasp at anything to back up its opinions as dictated by its masters, published the interview with a great display of lurid type. But when one came to read the interview, one quickly found that immigration as described by Senator Hughes meant immigration of American farmers into Colorado from Michigan, Iowa, Indiana and Illinois. Senator Hughes, strangely enough, neglected to say anything about assisted immigration, nor did he indicate that the people of Colorado, as represented by a small oligarchy, are even thinking of importing Russians or Spaniards or any other foreigners. Nor did he say that the immigrants are expected to work on the plantations of the moneyed interests.

Perhaps the Advertiser believes that in the event of war with a foreign power, all the representatives of that race in Hawaii would flock to the standard of the country to which their passage was paid by the board of immigration. Perhaps they would. And again, perhaps! Miracles have happened before, so it is said. Perhaps one will happen again some time. When that occurs, the Advertiser may win a fight and the Bulletin may be sensible. Perhaps!