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REPUBLICAN ORGAN RESORTS TO DELIBERATE FALSEHOOD

The Bulletin of last Monday, in a brave attempt to create a scandal, and failing for the reason that there was not even an iota of truth back of its vicious statements to lend the yarn the faintest semblance of veracity, came forth with the printed assertion that the Democrats were in "a secret scheme for bold loot," referring to the "crafty conspiracy of sly grafters" and going on to unlimber its dictionary with the sweeping declaration that "unscrupulous forces plan corruption of Honolulu government that would end in bitter labor war."

Desperation drives even the weakest minds to some form of bold falsehood, and frequently an experienced liar gets so drunk with delirium brought about by cranial vacuity that the lie is not only deliberate but foolish, thereby losing all the dignity of a lie.

There is a certain amount of dignity to a lie, if properly told, or if properly handled by a good writer or one having at least a passing acquaintance with grammar, but when the wholesale but uneducated writer attempts to make capital of a lie, then there is laughter for the gods as well as men and newspaper men, as was the case with the corrupt yarn in the Bulletin on Monday last.

Says the Bulletin: "Absolute proof has been secured in the last two weeks that the Democrats have had an organization in operation among the American-Hawaiian laborers and voters that would put Honolulu and the Territory under the most complete system of Tammany rule that could be imagined. A reign of boss rule and graft, labor strikes, and political power for a Democratic ring were the ends in view."

Isn't this terrible, supposing it were true?

Just imagine the Bulletin getting off anything like the above! It must have been written outside the office and sent in, for surely nothing with so much of the red corpuscle could ever have found generation in the editorial brain of the Bulletin.

Incidentally it is a deliberate, unmitigated and conscious lie—a lie that was designed to do harm and that has not even the excuse of being a misrepresentation. It is made out of the whole cloth.

"Absolute proof has been secured," prates the Bulletin on its first page, as if the truth of a political proposition needed any such introduction. As a matter of fact, "absolute proof has been secured" that the Bulletin faked the story, and the best proof is the fact that the Bulletin can't prove a word stated in the article referred to.

If the statements contained in the Bulletin article were true, then the Democrats would have secured the system of the Republicans and put it into use, for it is commonly known that the Republican organization is one of terror and influence, of the wielding of the big-stick, of the use of the threat of discharge from employment unless the employe does exactly as he is told, and of

the use of corruption, bribery and purchased votes. The sugar barrel is opened at the Judd building once a week during the campaign and will continue to be opened as long as the campaign lasts and the barrel holds out. This has been going on for several months during the present campaign and has been made use of in former campaigns.

Some of the Republican leaders, holding the whip over such subsidized sheets as the Bulletin, have dictated articles like that which has above been referred to, and hence the manufactured story spread sensationally on the front page of the Bulletin on Monday last. A few may have believed the assertions contained therein, knowing no better, but the majority, being sober and intelligent men, know the fabrication of a diseased imagination to be exactly what it is—A LIE!

In plain language, the story in the Bulletin was written and printed, per order, with the intention of trying to make the Democrats appear as outlaws, persons conspiring against the government; endeavoring to discredit our campaign and, incidentally, idealizing the rotten methods of the Republicans by contrast.

And yet the facts alleged, except for the insinuation that the Democrats are secretly doing wrong, contain no element of what should not be done.

In the first place, though the Democrats have no secret organization, they nevertheless have the right to a secret organization if they want such an organization.

In the second place, if they want to have a secret or any other kind of organization among the American-Hawaiian laborers, they have a right to such an organization.

Thirdly, if they want to put Honolulu and the Territory under a system of rule, what is to prevent them having the city and the islands under their rule?

They have the right to rule by justice, more than the Republicans have the right to attempt to rule by cash, sugar-cane and buncombe.

The reference to Tammany rule is almost as funny as it is silly, for the reason that no one here knows anything about Tammany rule in practice.

The editor of the Bulletin comes from away down East in Maine and knows just about as much about Tammany as he does about his grammar or his dictionary, and the best he should do is to hire somebody to edit and correct some of the slush-mush-gush which is sent into his unsuspecting hands by literary crimps on the outside who want to use him as a catspaw.

"A reign of boss rule and graft," forsooth! Well, wouldn't that make your Atkinson ache?

To return to the too-foolish article which has inspired a too-long criticism: The story was a lie. It was a deliberate lie.

When the opponent lies, it is a straight confession of the fact that the said opponent has no truthful argument.

JAPANESE PHOTOGRAPHERS AND REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

In the heat of a political campaign it seems a very strange political move for the Republican candidates, who are talking so loudly about the Americanization of Hawaii and urging so strongly the importation, at public expense, of embryo citizens from Europe, Asia and other remote quarters of the world, to throw their photographic work to Japanese photographers.

What will the Hawaiian voters think when they look at the handsome physiognomies of the Republican candidates as displayed in all the principal saloons, hotels and other public places of Hawaii and remember that the photographs were taken by Oriental photographers? Would it not seem that, for political purposes, if for no other reason, the candidates might have had the grace to go to citizen photographers for their pictures?

It is a well-known fact that Eddie Fernandez, a candidate on the Republican ticket, is supposed to have been given most of the photographic work of his party. But who is actually doing that work? Will Eddie Fernandez kindly arise and explain? Perhaps Eddie may have a really good excuse. Perhaps he is so busy trying to get himself elected that he really has not the time to attend to his other work and has, therefore, been obliged to sub-let it to somebody else. But might he not have found some citizen of the United States of America willing to take it off his hands? Was it absolutely necessary for him to turn it over to the Japanese?

Just at this particular time it is rather strange to see a bunch of Republican candidates climbing the stairs to a Japanese photograph gallery to have their pictures taken for campaign purposes. No wonder they look a little sheepish when some of the voters see them coming down again.

But it does not seem so strange when one remembers that the Republican party is the party that favors the importation of foreigners to compete with Hawaiian and other citizen labor. True, the Republican party has not yet come out and openly advocated the importation of more Japanese into Hawaii, but can anyone doubt that if they thought they had any chance of bringing this about, they would for a moment hesitate? Would the party of special interests worry itself over Hawaiian labor if

Having nothing true to say against the Democrats in Hawaii, against their methods, against their platform or against their candidates, the opponent, which happens to be the disorganized Republican party, must needs lie, lie, lie like desperate little devils in extremis, seeking absolution from their reeking sins through a death-bed protestation of injured innocence.

If the Democrats want an organization in secret they will get it, but their organization will be honest and above-board and, like all truth, will not need to be a matter of secrecy.

In a word, the Democrats are accused of doing what they have a right to do if they want, barring graft, which is more the delight and experience of some of the desperate Republicans who have beheld the writing on the wall proclaiming the approaching birth of a new regime.

COLOR LINE IS DRAWN BY KALANIANAOLE

"If you don't want to vote for me, vote for Notley, a man of your own nationality."

Cupid wouldn't dare to say that in English, but when he is talking to the Hawaiian voters of Kakaako, it is a different matter. Then he thinks he can afford to raise the race issue, to draw the color line, to try to persuade the Hawaiians that the haoles are their enemies. It strongly suggests the speech he made two years ago when he said, in Hawaiian, "Look at the skin,"—"Nana ka ili."

And yet Cupid knows full well that if he had to depend upon the votes of the men of his own color, he would have no show whatever of ever going back to Washington as delegate to Congress from the Territory of Hawaii. If by any remote possibility he is re-elected, it will not be by the Hawaiian vote, but by the help of the white men whom he serves so well—of the special interests whose delegate he really is.

It is a dangerous thing for Kuhio to draw the color line now. He can't afford to do it. And yet his folly reaches even that far. "Look at the skin!" "If you don't want to vote for me, vote for Notley, a man of your own color."

Who is it that has kept Cupid in Congress heretofore? Is it the Hawaiians? Look at the votes cast the past three elections and the question is answered. He was elected the first time largely by the Hawaiian vote. But even in two years the Hawaiians began to discover that the delegate was not in Washington to represent them but to act for the sugar interests—those that could make or break him financially. And this discovery was marked by a heavy falling off in Kuhio's vote in the succeeding election.

Two years later Kuhio's plurality was even less, for his true attitude toward them had become even more apparent to the Hawaiians. And this year they know him for what he is—the agent of the sugar planters; the friend of the special interests. Are they going to send him back to Washington to continue to represent those special interests, or are they going to elect a man who will represent the whole people of Hawaii—not the favored few?

It is dangerous for Kuhio to draw the color line now—to raise the race issue. His case is bad enough without that.

there were any chance of getting plenty of cheap labor from the Orient? Would there even be any talk on the part of the Republican leaders and the sugar-planters of importing Russians and Portuguese if they could get all the Japanese they want? Hardly.

But the Japanese have been shut out, not by a Republican administration as the Republican soapbox orator claimed last Monday, but by the Japanese government, which has prohibited the emigration of Japanese laborers to the United States, and the sugar interests are bending their energy now to trying to find other labor as cheap as the Oriental. With what success they have met anyone who has noticed the extent to which Russians have replaced Hawaiians along the Honolulu waterfront may judge.