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REPUBLICAN FALSEHOOD REFUTED BY A REPUBLICAN

From the Republican camp itself comes absolute refutation of the false and malicious charges made by the Bulletin in reference to alleged evil conditions in the road department. The afternoon Mistake charges that Republicans have for the past two years been dropped from the road department to make room for Democrats. It says:

"The road department began months ago to show outward signs of the rotten condition of things within. Little by little the Republicans were dropped from the department and found themselves supplanted by Democrats or other Republicans who had changed political faith suddenly and without visible reason. This has been going on for two years."

In reference to this false statement, C. B. Wilson, a prominent employee of the department and also a prominent Republican, but a Republican whose sense of fair play has not been subordinated to his party, says:

"I want to deny absolutely the truth of that report. It is false in every particular and there is not a shadow of a foundation upon which to base it. The story is made out of the whole cloth by the Bulletin. I have been in the employ of the road department since the beginning of the present administration and I know that all of the road lunas, such as foremen of construction work and so forth, were from the old regime. They were hold-overs — and they were Republicans. They have been continually employed ever since. Not one has been dismissed."

"Of the total number of foremen employed by the department, thirteen in all, eight are Republicans and only five are Democrats. At no time during the present administration of the road department has a Republican foreman been dismissed and replaced by a Democrat."

"To make the matter more correct in detail, I will say that at one time, owing to lack of funds, work was shut down and one Republican foreman was loaned to a contractor. He was not dismissed, nor was there any intention of dismissing him. But after he went to work for the contractor, he became worthless and was fired by the contractor because of misbehavior. Politics had nothing whatever to do with it."

OUR SHERIFF

Editor **The Democrat**—

A man in a position that W. P. Jarrett, our Sheriff, holds and the way he handled that Japanese strike some seven or eight months ago, deserves, as any sensible man would say, to be elected again to that office he has so creditably filled these two years past. The way he handled that strike alone is reason enough for every planter to cast his vote for him.

It might seem, perhaps, from a casual observer's point of view, that it is not such a hard matter to handle a Japanese riot—any ordinary man could have done as well as he did, but I want to

And he is the only Republican who has been let out since I have been connected with the department.

"Further in regard to the charge that Democrats have supplanted Republicans as laborers, the board of supervisors does not make the selection of laborers. That is left entirely to the foremen under this administration. — something that has never been the practice in the department before the present administration."

"Stephen Desha said on the soapbox a few days ago—in Hawaiian, not in English—that it is the practice of the road department to haul rock from the Moiliili quarries with the road roller, thus displacing the teamsters, and he said that if he held the reigns of government the practice would be discontinued."

"These are misstatements. The road roller is not taking the place of teamsters. All the time the steam roller was occupied in hauling rock from the quarries to Emma and Merchant streets, in order to get the work done cheaply double gangs of men were employed—from 45 to 50 of them. They were divided into several gangs—one grading gang, one macadam gang and three oiling gangs. To keep this number of men busy and to keep up with the graders, 75 to 80 cubic yards of crushed rock was required to be delivered at the work each day."

"We had a total teaming capacity of only 45 yards, so we had to resort to some other means of transportation. We had plenty of wagons but not enough animals. As the only way to make up the deficiency we had to use the road roller. This in one day would bring in eight wagons with a total of from 22 to 27 cubic yards of crushed rock, at an expense of about \$10 a day."

"If we had not employed the roller to make up the deficiency, one-third of the working force, or from 12 to 15 men, would have had to be laid off. This is not including the men in the quarries."

"So you see that instead of throwing men out of work by the use of the steam roller, we were actually using it to keep the full force employed."

"That is the truth of the story and there is not a scrap of truth in what either the Bulletin or Desha says."

say right here that it is all well enough to talk about what you could do, or could not do—from afar, or in time of peace. But when you are placed in the midst of a strike like the one we had last year, you will find "it's not all gold that glitters."

And so I say the way "Our Bill" handled the situation which then confronted him, and the way he did act, was a credit to him, and every sensible man must admit that fact. Let us all, then, vote for him. We know now he has filled the bill satisfactorily to all concerned. Let us not vote for one whose qualifications for the office we do not know. We have weighed Bill and found him not wanting.

OLD DEMOCRAT.

CONCERNING FUTURE PROSPERITY OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

Come, let us reason together concerning the welfare of the land we live in. Since we live in the land and would continue to live here, it is meet and right that our most earnest endeavor and deepest thought should be given to the welfare of this, our island home.

We want to make Hawaii pleasant and prosperous not only for ourselves, but for our children and for our children's children. Therefore we must not, any of us, avoid the issues of this present campaign; we must not slothfully defer consideration of the problems of today until the next election, for it depends on what we do now in this present campaign, and it depends on how we carry this approaching election whether or not we start right to bring about those things we most desire for the benefit of the community and for the prosperity of these islands and the people who are to come after us.

It is not a matter to be handled prejudicially; it is not a matter for the influence of moneyed men who only think they know, or pretend they know, what is best for the country, but it is a matter wherein each man for himself must think and consider what is best for the country and, considering together with his friends, without prejudice or without accepting any of the various influences sought to be brought to bear on him, shall decide at the coming election whether Hawaii is to continue along under the yoke of arbitrary ideas manufactured in a sugar mill or to awaken, stretch, yawn, jump up and do something for herself.

Sugar is the chief industry of these Islands. Everybody knows that. But it is not the only industry. There are diversified industries and there will be still more diversified industries. Some day we may even be able to label the various votes in this community as "the sugar vote," "the pineapple vote," "the poi vote," or "the frog's-legs vote," although now we hear reference only to "the sugar vote."

Well, the sugar vote at present is mistakenly for assisted immigration, and we Democrats, who are daily increasing and who are daily numbering in our midst more and more of the independent thinkers and unsubsidized and fearless men of the community, are very energetically opposed to this idea of assisted immigration.

Without going over the many strong arguments already brought out against assisted immigration, there, however, remains to be emphasized the fact that under Republican dictation and management a very absurd fizzle has been made of all attempts to foster immigration in these Islands, partly because poor men were selected to act as agents in some cases and partly for the reason that weak methods were used, but mainly for the reason that said system of immigration has not been nor is it strictly honest.

It is not strictly honest to get a man and his family or to get hundreds or thousands of people to come to these Islands under the hope of establishing homes and growing up with the land

and becoming happy and prosperous, and have them find out upon arrival here that they are not going to get that which they have been promised.

It is easy and simple enough to say that there have been misunderstandings, but there should be no such thing as the possibility of a misunderstanding in matters so serious, having at stake the welfare and happiness of thousands of people who are candidates for American citizenship. The methods employed by the Republican administration in bringing Russians and others to these Islands recently constitute nothing more nor less than a slap in the face of Uncle Sam, for what is Hawaii's disgrace in a matter of this kind is necessarily also the disgrace of the United States.

The Democratic party in Hawaii stands first of all for common sense and decency. It represents the broad-minded, progressive element of this Territory, as clearly evidenced in the declarations contained in its platform, and the Democratic party has at heart the dignity and integrity as well as the prosperity of these Islands.

The Republican party through its representatives has in many ways woefully overlooked matters of the country's integrity, thereby neglecting to honor the most sacred responsibility that falls upon the shoulders of any administration, namely, that of maintaining good faith.

Hawaii has not maintained good faith in the matter of immigration and thereby is she disgraced. Now, the Democratic party is intent upon correcting this state of affairs and placing Hawaii on an honest basis.

The Democratic party resents the idea of this irresponsible and wholesale haphazard Republican immigration.

If there is to be immigration, the Democratic party stands for safe and sane immigration, and not hysterically assisted immigration.

The motto of the sugar-men seems to be: Anything for Cheap Labor, and to Hell with Our Own People!

ADVERTISER ADMITS IT.

"Who is that man at the next table with that downcast, sad, resigned expression?" asked the guest at the club.

"I don't recall his name," replied the other, "but he is either a Republican or married to a suffragette; one can hardly tell them apart nowadays." — Advertiser, Friday, Oct. 28, 1910

The dream of a secret Democratic political organization for the purposes attributed to it by the Republican press is nothing more than a Republican nightmare. Do these holier-than-thou Republicans delude themselves by believing that the memory of the public does not carry back to the era of boss-rule organized and operated under the Lorrin Andrews-Sam Johnson-Brown regime? Have the people forgotten that under this boss-rule dead and absent men were voted at the polls? Have they forgotten the Rimilard incident?