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TUESDAY..... MARCH 5, 1901.

Justice has a better show in the courts of Hawaii than it has ever had before.

The Morning Organ may now be expected to oppose the increase of Circuit Judge salaries.

That the Bulletin continues to lead the whole bunch is what worries the official organs.

Don't think for a moment the Senate has no capacity for work when it once gets started. Monday's rush of bills was such as to make the people forget that the rules were ever discussed.

If the Morning Organ doesn't cover Judges Humphreys and Gear with mud, it will be because the throwing arm can throw no more and the powder for the squirt gun is exhausted.

John L. Sullivan tells his more rabid Irish compatriots, "Give King Edward a show." The Prince was a square sportsman and it stands to reason that he will be a straightforward king.

Brown on the spot must be spending that $3000 for his own amusement. He has made an utter failure in impressing Land Commissioner Hermann that the Hawaiian executive knows anything about handling public lands.

The proposal to put all wires underground in conduits constructed by the government meets with the general approval of the business community. The people favor the measure that proposes a fair deal for all electrical and telephone companies.

The Grand Jury deals with Iwilei as an established institution. Until the laws are changed, the contradictions eliminated, or actual control authorized in specific language, Iwilei or kindred establishments will have ever to be thus considered

The Morning Organ again arises in child-like wrath to make foolish assertions about its own circulation and its Evening Echo. Time and again has the Bulletin challenged the Organ to prove its assertions and as often has the Organ crawled into its hole.

The Gear appointment is no reflection whatever on the influence of Delegate Wilcox, except that it shows that independent party movements have small recognition in national affairs. Our people will learn by experience that the national party organizations are potent factors of American administration that cannot be slighted. Activity outside these party lines is time wasted.

The Morning Organ actually has the assurance to apologize for its one page poster marked "extra" and put on the street forty-five minutes late. The poster was funny, the apology is ridiculous. The Bulletin extra of 800 copies was nearly sold out before the ponderous Organ's poster sheet appeared on the street. Besides the Organ printed only about a hundred copies of its poster and couldn't sell more than fifty per cent at the outside.

"King Edward VII" has already made its appearance in Congressional discussions and bids fair to furnish material for political battledore and schuttlecock while the King lives. The general respect for a woman was a barrier against common use of Queen Victoria's name by our fore rabid politicians; Salisbury, Chamberlain or Pauncefote furnished the target. Now that England has a King, the shots of criticism will be aimed straight for the throne.

Hawaii will gain nothing by following a fire-claim-paying policy that is certain to occasion long delays. Valuable time can be gained by dealing with Japanese and Chinese claimants through the counsels. That is what counsuls are paid for, and there is no advantage gained by either side through a detailed discussion of each and every small claim that may be presented from these sources. It will take fully a year to deal with the claims of Hawaii's own citizens.

The death of Consul Wildman serves to make his relations with Aguinaldo one of the mysteries of our history. It was generally understood that Wildman was returning to Washington at the request of the State Department for a more complete explanation of conditions at the time of and following the war with Spain. Wildman's political enemies will probably charge him with all the political sins on the list, while his friends will be equally ardent in their defense. Undisputed facts will never be known.

PRISON, INSANE ASYLUM AND REFORM SCHOOL.

In the general scheme of decentralization which it is hoped and expected the first Territorial Legislature will carry out, no department of the government demands more specific attention than the public institutions, the Prison, the Reform School and the Insane Asylum. These institutions will require specific legislation to place them in a position where advancement will be assured, not checked by reason of the present superabundance of central control.

With the exception of the prison, which has the advantage of a board of commissioners, these institutions are tacked upon departments whose administrative members have not the time and particularly with the Reform School have not the disposition to give them the attention they deserve and must have if Hawaii's public institutions are to approach the standard of a common American average.

Each of these institutions, the Prison, the Reform School and the Insane Asylum should be conducted under the direction of a separate and independent Board of Trustees or commission. These boards should be held responsible to the Legislature for the general administration of the institution, employment of officers and expenditure of all appropriations.

The only argument that ought to be necessary to accomplish this end is reference to the methods followed in nearly all if not all the States and Territories of the Mainland. If further discussion is needed it requires only to note the utter failure the Board of Education has made of the Reform School and the opportunity for improvement in the Asylum and the Prison. The great advantage of having these institutions under separate boards of control is that the members can centralize their interest and attention; not alone let the contracts, pay the salaries and receive the reports of the officers. They can study the conditions by becoming intimately acquainted with every detail of the work, be critical if necessary but always cooperating with the officers to secure improvement and to keep pace with modern ideas.

The expense of such a division of labor will not be a heavy burden to the Territory. Each board should consist of at least five members who shall serve without pay and shall hold meetings at the institution over which they are given control at least once each month. An earnest and aggressive Board would of its own volition create sub-committees among its members that would take up specific details and make frequent visits between the dates for regular Board sessions.

It would certainly be to the advantage of the institutions and the Territory if members of such Boards were selected from islands other Oahu or localities other than Honolulu. A reasonable mileage allowance ought to permit citizens of outside districts accepting such appointments Benefits accruing to the institutions and the Territory of such selection of "outsiders" would be inestimable. It would widen the circle of interest and responsibility which now only finds expression during legislative periods and then settles back into the same old indifferent ruts for two years more.

The utter nonsense and assurance of incompetence of the present system ought to appeal to our progressive law makers. What business has a Board of Education with a Reform School, an institution for dealing with youthful offenders? Is it not enough for this Board to look after the public schools without dabbling in youthful waywardness that has got beyond the school teacher or the parent to control? What business has the Board of Health with the Insane Asylum when it already has more on its hands than any Board this side of kingdom come is supposed to be able to properly look after.

If it is progress that is wanted, specialize and divide the work and responsibility. The oligarchical idea of centralizing authority has proved a dismal failure. The American plan is none too good for an American Territory.

In bringing four hundred visitors to Honolulu at one time, the Shriners are doing more for the purely business interests of the Territory than has ever been accomplished by the Chamber of Commerce or transportation companies combined. Although the object of the visitors is entirely fraternal, they will surely spread abroad the advantages of Hawaii to the traveler in search of a pleasant outing. Can the business men of this city allow such prominent visitors to come and go without some special public recognition of their notable pilgrimage?

Every measure that has for its object the extension of the fire limits to cover the business district is a measure of progress. Let progress be the legislative watchword.

The wives of the doctors of Honolulu are invited to attend a meeting Thursday morning next at 10 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Dr. May 381 Beretania street to arrange for a booth at the Maternity House luau to be held March 16.

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Detective Kaapa tried to get him to leave the dirty place but he refused absolutely, even after he was promised three square meals a day and a very little work to secure them. He said he was satisfied with his surroundings. He had been there so long that he rather liked it.

Scheutzer has already been in the insane asylum for a term.

SUPREME COURT DECISION.

Decision was handed down today by the Supreme Court in the case of H. M. Mist vs. S. M. W. Kawelo and W. R. Castle trustee, appeal by defendant on exceptions from the Circuit Court. The suit was over title to certain lands and decision was with plaintiff. Opinion of the Court by Galbraith; Hatch & Silliman, attorneys for plaintiff; W. R. Castle, P. L. Weaver and E. Johnson for defendants.

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