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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1901.

A coon can be a gentleman, which is proved to be more than the Thurston political following is capable of.

Thurston's organ continues to furnish public amusement by talking about that "Dole majority." That is a commodity Mr. Dole has never enjoyed in his own party or out of it.

The attitude of the Governor's organ toward T. McCants Stewart is consistent with the stand it has taken toward all men who presume to oppose the Dole faction mandates and more especially toward Hawaiian-Americans.

The only Home Ruler known to have taken part in the Republican primaries was one Kekipi, who was soliciting voters for the Dole faction, and after the primaries became a speaker for the Home Rulers in the campaign.

Auditor Austin is quoted as saying that the real reason for the shortage of money is the loss of the custom house income taken over by the Federal Government. Is this also the real reason for the lack of funds to carry on public work?

It looks very much as though the Merchants' Association had been uncoiled in its efforts to test the income tax to the full limit of the courts. The merchants want action not delay, and now recognize the wisdom of the old adage, "if you want a thing well done, do it yourself."

T. McCants Stewart, one of the men who protested against fraud at Kalihi is the caption under which the Advertiser of May 21, 1900, published the picture of the man whom it now derides. The reason for this change of heart on the part of the Dole organ is that the same Stewart now stands in opposition to the Dole crowd's efforts to manipulate the Republican Territorial committee.

Governor Dole's organ says the public coffers are full, a statement that is disproved by the statement of the Territorial Treasurer when he comes to figure up the bills he has to pay and also by the organ itself in its remarks on the lack of money to carry out sanitary measures required by the Board of Health. If there was ever a false promise it is the "coffers are full" affirmations of the Governor's organ.

The strenuous struggle over the removal of the slaughter house at Iwili is a most remarkable affair made so particularly by the attitude of the Attorney General and those whom he appears to represent. Over a year ago orders were issued for the removal of the slaughter house and nothing has been done. How the meat trust can now with good reason ask for further time is beyond the comprehension of the average citizen.

High Sheriff Brown's prompt action in going on a search for the purported difficulty in the Kau police department ought to satisfy the most ardent critics of police methods in the agitated Hawaii district. It is safe to say that the citizens of Kau will have ample opportunity to prove the shortcomings of the police. The much sought investigation has been granted and will be conducted by the High Sheriff in person. It now remains for Kau critics to produce their evidence.

It seems strange that Oahu College cannot be conducted by anyone without its peripatetic row between teachers and scholars or among the teachers themselves. Hitherto the college difficulties have appealed to the public as a case of too much trusteeship and refusal on their part to stand by those placed in authority. The present trouble has much the appearance of a tempest in a tea pot; a misunderstanding and wrong interpretation of the motives of discipline.

Direct appeal from a labor organization for representation in the Home Rule party shows clearly in which direction the Dole faction is influencing the labor vote of the Territory. Thurston says the native Hawaiian party deals fast and loose with all citizens except those of Hawaiian blood but the facts indicate that the laboring men have a higher degree of respect for the organization which Thurston condemns than the one which he seeks to control. The Republican organization can get and ought to have the labor vote but it will never be obtained through the methods Thurston stands for.

It is gratifying to note the development in agricultural industry along lines other than sugar production. There is no reason why the canning and preserving of fruits should not now become among the most profitable of the Islands. Fruit farms furnish all the opportunities that can be desired by the much discussed small farmer and under the present tariff rates assure good profits. A recent exchange received at this office speaks of the appearance in the New York market of dried bananas which were being well received by the trade. If the Bulletin is properly informed this industry was once taken up locally but failed of success owing to the tariff on dried and preserved fruits.

With the tariff now a protecting barrier it ought to be possible for Hawaii to launch out in a variety of small agricultural industries capable of securing a good income for the farmer in the field as well as the capitalists and stock jobbers.

THE REAL DIFFICULTY.

The real reason for the shortage of Territorial funds is the refusal of the Governor to use the means at his disposal to obtain funds.

General organs of the Governor one day point out that there is sufficient money in the Treasury to carry on a government economically administered, that the United States Congress is not called in extra session just because a much desired appropriation has failed, and in the next breath they make positive assertions regarding the critical character of the situation by reason of a lack of funds, and urge organizations to make up the deficiency from their private purse or advocate a call upon Federal authority for financial assistance.

The attitude of the organs voicing the sentiments of the faction controlling the Governor's action is inconsistent in every detail except in the constancy of its blackguardism and steadfast opposition to the acceptance of legal methods of administration in dealing with the finances of the Territory which have practically reached a crisis and where a lack of funds to work with is fast becoming a menace to the business community.

"His friends" and the Governor claim to see their duty in chasing around Robin Hood's barn, over the rough trails of illegality and through the swamps of improvident expedients having no bottom of public confidence. "His friends" and the Governor see fit to founder about in the pathway of public sentiment at any who would stay their mad rush in which they are dragging the administration to disgrace and defeat, rather than accept their plain duty, follow the route mapped out by the law, and towards which honest, straightforward citizens urge them.

The present policy of Governor Dole is destructive in all its relations to public welfare. It produces and continues strife when there is every reason for cooperation and peace. "His friends" and Governor Dole say they cannot do anything with the Legislature. Of course they can't. They absolutely refuse to make the effort. They refuse to take any step towards reaching an understanding with the Legislature that decency and order may prevail in the Territorial administration. They harp upon their own purity of action, blandly assert their own superiority of judgment and carp first at the Almighty for having created Hawaiian-Americans and second at the United States Congress for having given these citizens a voting voice in the affairs of the Territory. And while these priests of the Temple mumble their "holier than thou" prayers, the business of the Territory tends steadily downward, and the priests kneel before Federal authority to do the work which they can but will not do.

THE RECIPROCITY OUTLOOK.

Senator Lodge's declaration in favor of reciprocity treaties is very significant. Senator Lodge is the President's most intimate personal friend, and he comes as near as anybody to being his political representative and spokesman. Together they represent the younger and more progressive element in the Republican party, with which President McKinley has gotten into such close touch before his death, and which always has taken the initiative in the matter of modification of the tariff to meet changing conditions.

History is repeating itself in a curious way. Whenever more vital issues disappear for the time, the tariff question bogs up, and it always appears first in the Republican party, though the Democrats are quick to seize upon it as a means of making party capital when obstructive division in the Republican ranks prevents effective legislation. Practical agitation generally begins first in the West. Free trade theorists grow in New England colleges, but their influence rarely extends beyond callow youth. The tariff agitation that made trouble fifteen years ago came from the very class of western producers that are beginning to move for reciprocity now. The producers are now reinforced by a large and important body of western manufacturers.

The reciprocity movement is much stronger now than the tariff revision movement was in the '80's, not only by the union of manufacturers with producers, but by practical sympathy and support in the East, represented by men like the President and Senator Lodge. There is less probability than there was then that Democrats will be able to turn it to their own political account, or that the country will have to pay the penalty of another Wilson bill, reconstructed by Gorman, though the latter is coming back into public life just in time to be of service if the opportunity should be created for him.

Miss Dorothea Klumpke, a San Francisco girl and the greatest woman astronomer in the world, is now the central figure in a most remarkable love romance. She was wooed and won while up in the clouds. While she was up in a balloon in Paris making photographs of the stars her scientific colleague seized the occasion to propose, and was accepted. The happy man is Dr. Isaac Roberts, a famous English astronomer, who is 72 years of age. He is the head of the observatory at Crowborough, in Sussex county, England. He writes the letters, S. C., D., F. R. S., F. R. A. S., F. G. S., after his name. In spite of his years, he is still physically as well as intellectually vigorous.

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WALL PAPER FOR PORTO RICO.

[New York Commercial.] Evidence is accumulating every day that the effort made by the United States Government to more nearly approximate the production in consumption of rice in this country is bearing fruit. Not only have planters in Louisiana and Texas added materially to their crops and extended the rice beds, but strenuous efforts have been and are being made to raise the plant in California—where State consumption upward of 40,000,000 pounds annually—and there can be no doubt that at other sections of the irrigable lands in the Southwest will be brought under rice cultivation. Rice is a prolific plant and repays well every intelligent effort to increase the crop. Agents of the Government predict that within five years the necessity for rice imports will have vanished.

Rice is extensively used for food throughout the world; indeed, it feeds all our grain as an article of diet, but its chief consumption is in warm climates, because it is deficient in flesh-making elements, 75 per cent of its ingredients being of a starchy nature. But new methods of preparation and commercial push are introducing it into new channels even in the colder parts of this country. The Agricultural Department has called attention to the fact that rice is the one cereal grown in this country that is produced in less quantity than domestic consumption calls for. The average annual consumption in the United States for the ten years ended with 1900 was 250,000,000 pounds, and for the season 1900-01 the consumption was over 281,000,000 pounds. This year is expected to show a greater increase. The average domestic production for the same decade is 13,000,000 pounds. The marketed production of rice in 1900-01, however, was 219,278,200 pounds.

Until within the last two years, when the Porto Rico market was opened to the United States, the imports of domestic rice had at no time within the past ten years been over 10 per cent of the total exports, the other 90 per cent being foreign rice brought to this country for re-export. But during 1900, 40 per cent—or nearly 12,000,000 pounds—of the exports were of the local grades of domestic rice. In fact, the Porto Rico market has proved a boon to the rice planter, giving him a market for such grades of rice as he could formerly dispose of only with difficulty, and at a material advance in price. Indeed, the entire situation has been changed for the better for both planter and dealer by the Porto Rico factor. The duty upon rice imported into the United States is 2 cents per pound and, as Porto Rico is now an integral part of the United States, the duty thrown a part of the Porto Rico consumption from foreign to domestic rice. But, if the full consumption of Porto Rico is upward of one million pounds annually, a large portion of foreign rice is still consumed in the island. There is a great future for the American rice planter in Porto Rico, and it is really this fact more than anything else, that has stimulated the production of rice during the last two years.

THE SUGAR TARIFF.

[Baltimore Sun.] Senator Lodge asserted recently in a magazine article that "if we assure a market for Cuban sugar we shall solve the Cuban problem." The session of Congress, "ought not to pass without action in this direction." Mr. Lodge represents an influential section of the Republican opinion in the Eastern States. The Chicago Inter-Ocean, which is a Republican newspaper of the most orthodox type, is as pronounced an advocate of concessions to Cuba as the Massachusetts Senator. Our Western contemporary would also admit Cuban sugar to the markets of the United States on more favorable terms, despite the opposition of the beet and cane sugar interests of the country. Undoubtedly these interests will exert all the influence at their command to prevent Congress from granting concessions to the sugar planters of Cuba. Hawaiian sugar is now admitted free of duty, as is also the sugar from Porto Rico. To reduce the duty on Cuban sugar would be regarded as a calamity by our domestic sugar interests. That it would be viewed in the same light by American consumers is doubtful.



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