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According to all the modern rules of land grabbing the riot at Seoul should be the occasion for the interference of either Russia or Japan in the interest of civilization.

It is now in order for Senator Crable to restore regularity in the Republican party and continue the work of harmonizing the factions that has been in progress since last November.

The damage sugar cane growers of Porto Rico suffer from storms will be a mere bagatelle compared with what will be done by the cyclone of low prices which the sugar trust appears to have let loose.

Harper's Weekly has at last condescended to cartoon William R. Hearst's Presidential aspirations. The late Thomas B. Reed, once said that it was not until he had been cartooned in Harper's Weekly that he felt he had "arrived."

Korea's statement that it will be neutral in event of war sounds something like local neutrality cries during the war with Spain. Though Korea may seek to be neutral she will of necessity be what the strongest Power in the contest demands.

The thanks of all Republicans are due to ex-Road Supervisor Wilson and his advisers for lifting the veil that has so long enshrouded the executive. A complete clearing of the atmosphere is in order before the delegates to the National Convention are chosen.

The indictment of Senator J. R. Burton naturally gives great pleasure to those who do not like Burton. Though there has been plenty of corruption in the Postoffice Department, the impression is gaining ground that not a few of the politicians are using the opportunities offered to pay off political grudges.

Some time ago the promoters of the Kohala-Hilo railway announced that they had stopped talking. This is followed by an order for rails with the prospect that when the next Fourth of July celebration comes around there will be a first class demonstration of the fact that this much desired railroad enterprise has come to earth.

The release of Colonel Lynch completes a record of present day methods in dealing with treason that is edifying. It means that modern English speaking nations are not indifferent to reasonable action according to the old time definition but public opinion has changed to such an extent that the old-time method of punishment is not justified.

Governor Carter seems to be meeting with a rousing reception during his tour in Hawaii. This is not so surprising when we consider that most of the people on the other islands have never had the opportunity to see a representative of the President of the United States. In the shape of a Governor of this Territory, since the date of annexation.

The Garden Isle, speaking of the County law, says: "Lord Byron awoke one morning to find himself famous; this country awoke the other day to find itself foolish." This is true enough. It furnishes another good reason why the people should support the Governor in his endeavors to wipe the follies off the slate and make the County law a fact.

In view of the discussion aroused by Chairman Hanna's delay in issuing the call for the National Convention, there is little occasion to argue over the necessity of electing new Delegates to Hawaii's Territorial Convention. This Territory is unquestionably friendly to Roosevelt and no friendly party managers will contemplate sending delegates to Chicago whose regularity can be questioned.

The Maui News has succeeded in boxing the county government compass. Shortly after county law's failure was made known on Maui the News remarked: "It is a source of keen regret to the News that the bill was found fatally defective, for this paper has always advocated county government." One week later the News finds itself "forced to the conclusion that such a government on Maui at the present time and under present conditions would inevitably have resulted in disaster both to the governing powers and to those governed." Under the circumstances the later conclusion appears decidedly "forced."

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT

Editor Evening Bulletin:—There appears to be an undecurrent existing on these islands which either does not realize or else does not wish to recognize, the essential principles underlying American government, except when invoked for selfish purposes. Provincialism beget of insular isolation is the only rational excuse for such obvious folly, and its hopeless struggle for continued toleration. Disguised ever so adroitly, it can survive but briefly, its own moral deformities being its ultimate undoing. It loudly demands the limit of protection wherever the law is along lines of selfishness, but is ever ready to torture the plain meaning of the statute, to suit mental treason and moral usurpation.

Bright intellect is corrupted to prostitution in the effort to jaundice public sentiment. No amount of insurrectionary spirit, however justified it may have been in dealing with a lilliputian beneficent monarchy, will qualify the reasonable thought with more than transient potency. In adjusting our relations to our parent government pattern. Such effort deceives no one long, is about as thin as a veil as the body of the fabled ostrich, only misleads superficially and deludes those in local power into ultimate national disappearance.

Ignoring the vain consideration of what "might have been," "the die is cast" and we are an integral part of a great modern system of government, sustained and approved by a powerful intelligent electorate, who prize most highly the citizens' rights and duties, and who jealously adhere first, last and all the time, to the popular ideal of government by the majority. No other ideal will be tolerated. And the legislature is the instrument designated for the expression of the people's will. Trespassers invade this prerogative at their peril.

Therefore any attempt to bolster up the backbone of the administration, with the notion that the public will be so tampered with even temporarily, is wrong in principle, and fraught with possible and probable disaster to all concerned therein.

It is not the prerogative of the executive to canvass the intellectual or moral possibilities of the legislature. The electors are responsible for that, and the electors are supreme. It is duty, not choice, that demands that when affairs reach a condition of hiatus in public finance, that that branch of government to whom alone the initiative is entrusted, shall without quibble or delay, be resorted to for its coordinate action. There is no other logical course for loyal officials of a loyal government. It is not a question of anticipated debate on incidental evils; they may be remedied in other ways; it is a question of adhering to the spirit the laws of our country, and any other course is almost certain to react disastrously.

As to the letter of the law as applicable to the present financial dilemma, it plainly provides what the Treasurer may do, with the advice of the Governor, but no other possible inference can be extracted from the context, than that it was merely a makeshift proviso, to cover the possible extreme emergency, pending the necessary delay in obtaining an expression of the people's legally accredited voice—the legislature—and this admits of no substitution—however eminent or respectable.

Get Congress to amend, alter or abolish the Organic Act, or educate your people to higher standards, not of evasion but obedience to law, but if you would avoid further embarrassment of this Territory with ridiculous situations, do not set a pernicious example, to rise up and haunt you when the situation is reversed, as is not beyond possibilities. Meet these emergencies patiently, loyally and consistently and the remedies for the boogaboos incidental thereto will be much simpler, than butting up against the stone-wall of mainland admiration for the genius of representative government.

There is no peace under the American flag for monarchy, plutocracy or any of its legitimate or illegitimate offspring or puppets, and the sooner we get in tune with this elementary fact, the better for all concerned. The tall must allow the bull to dominate its movements—there is no question as to the identity of the tall under our system, and it is bad politics to juggle with the buzz-saw of majorities, under established American rule.

The people of this Territory may be guilty of some sad political blunders, but none so great as would be the incurring of popular prejudice against us on the mainland. There should be every effort used to avoid a pretext for carpet-bag rulers being demanded, with the color of necessity to justify the practice. It should be remembered that the hungry are knocking close

to the ear of authority, and the supply with available influence always ready for the slightest opening. And by contracted dignity, probity, and efficiency the carpet-bagger has so far proven a surprising blessing, the substitute being as yet a speculative quantity. Public priggishness and meaningless platitudes, be they ever so strenuous and atmospherically superheated, are not likely to be considered evidence of statesmanship, and when the destinies of this Territory are held in the balance, the measure will not be gauged metrically, but by the weight of public opinion.

"CYNIC."

Anent the Advertiser's recent editorial on "Majority Rule."

THE STORY OF CARMEN

The story of "Carmen" is one of love and revenge. Carmen herself is a type of the beautiful Spanish girls of the lower order, a wanton at heart, a gypsy creature of caprice, in whom love is born in a moment, fanned to a passionate flame in a fortnight, to die down until another fancy leaves the first one cold.

Carmen is a cigarette girl in the factory and when the play opens has already known many amours. Don Jose a handsome soldier, catches her roving fancy and she, with a sparkling glance, an alluring gesture, wins him from his own true love and inspires him with a desire for her. Later Carmen's fiery temper involves her in a quarrel in the factory. She is arrested and placed under Don Jose's care. Up to him she practices all her wiles, her desperate situation forcing her into promising him all the favors of her love that she might not have otherwise granted him. Carmen's caprice led into ardor in Circumstance's foreign house, and the soldier is no match for her witchery, and he sets her free, he himself deserting and joining the smugglers with Carmen to avoid punishment for his dereliction of duty.

Soon he finds that Carmen does not set the value of sacrifice as high as he does and her Roman nature, refusing to yield even to Love's despotism, quarrels and jealousies arise. These culminate in the arrival in the smuggler's camp of the popular hero of the country, Escamillo, the chief toreador of Seville. His handsome figure and the glory of his renown fascinates Carmen, who is already growing tired of her "little soldier". Escamillo fancies Carmen and Don Jose's jealous resentment leads to a fight between the rivals, an encounter which strengthens Escamillo's determination to gain Carmen.

Don Jose's troubles are added to by the approaching death of his mother. He leaves to reach her bedside, and in his absence Carmen proves faithless and goes to the bull-fight at Seville under the protection of Escamillo. Don Jose arrives and, beside himself with rage and jealousy, kills his faithless mistress.

Bizet's music, written around the story, has long ago achieved world-wide renown and the opera to be given by Annis Montague Turner and local amateurs on Thursday and Saturday has always been one of the most popular with both performers and public.

The seat sale opened at Wall, Nichols this morning. The theater will be opened at 7:30 and the opera commence sharp at 8.

KAUAI EMBEZZLEMENT

The race for riches seems to affect all classes, says the Garden Isle of January 18. Though the race is not always to the swift, many believe that ingenuity combined with swiftness will win. On Tuesday, the 12th inst., in the Waimea district a company of Japanese, who had been doing work for Messrs. Gay & Robinson received in payment through their agents two checks amounting to the large sum of \$1100. These agents or bookkeepers for the company immediately cashed the checks with Messrs. Hofgaard & Co. and skipped the island. The conservation of the legs ingenious but more laborious members was great, when they found that the money had been paid and that their bookkeepers or treasurers had disappeared. They put themselves in communication with Mr. Sheba, who immediately reported the matter to the headquarters of the police. At 8:30 the same evening, a "wireless" conveyed instructions to Honolulu to arrest and return the absconding purse-bearers to Kauai. On Wednesday morning, however, it became known to Sheriff Conroy that the men had not left the island but were hiding somewhere. Whether ingenuity without swiftness will win remains to be seen.

HILO'S NEW PASTOR.

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TURKS ON WAR PATH

Mrs. Estrella Turk and Frank Turk, both of whom on several occasions have attracted the attention of the public, are in the limelight again. Mrs. Turk came to the police station this morning. She was not in a pleasant mood. She was after the scalp of her husband and swore to a warrant for the arrest of Turk.

In the complaint Mrs. Turk alleges that as Turk last night threatened to do her great bodily harm, and to kill her, she is now in great fear of him. The timid lady asks that her spouse be put under bonds to keep the peace.

According to the story which Mrs. Turk herself told of the event it seems that Turk has more reason to be afraid of her than she of him. Mrs. Turk said that last night someone came up on the veranda of her house and demanded admittance. She peeped between the slats of the shutters but as it was about 9 p. m., and dark, she did not recognize her husband and denied him admittance. Whereat the individual outside used such painfully plain language that Mrs. Turk was shocked.

A lady friend of Mrs. Turk, who lives in the same house, enlightened Mrs. Turk as to the identity of the noisy visitor. Nevertheless Mrs. Turk was obdurate and hardheartedly refused to admit her husband.

"Won't you open that door and let me in?" quoted Turk, who is a classic scholar.

"You get off the premises!" was the short retort.

"You come out here and I'll fix you," said Turk in his endeavor to gently persuade his wife to return to him.

The tempting offer was too much for Mrs. Turk to resist. She is a lady unafraid and decided to call the bluff. So she went outside.

Turk is then said to have drawn a gun. The lady, however, was equal to the occasion. She, in her turn, produced a little gun and fired four shots. Turk decided that things were getting a bit too warm and made his bow.

Mrs. Turk telephoned to the police and an officer was sent to guard the premises. Turk did not appear again.

This morning Mrs. Turk complains that she is afraid of her husband.

It developed later on that one of the shots which Mrs. Turk fired took effect. Frank Turk is at present said to be laid up in his room with a bullet in his leg. The bullet grazed the bone below the knee and was buried in the flesh.

It appears that Turk arrived at his wife's place in a carriage in which were also several of his friends. Of the bullets which Mrs. Turk fired, one whizzed just over the carriage, one took effect in Turk's leg while the others were buried in the ground.

KAUAI NEWS NOTES

Koloa, Kauai, Jan. 23.—P. McLane gave a pot supper Friday evening in honor of his guests, Mr. Sorenson of Honolulu and M. A. McLane. The young men of Koloa spent a most enjoyable evening. The time was spent with music and social chat. All returned to their respective homes after wishing E. W. Russell, who leaves today for Ireland, and Mr. Sorenson for Honolulu, bon voyage, and a quick return.

The sailing vessels Edward May and Star of Bengal are at present discharging at Makaweli. They will sail for the Coast in a few weeks.

The county officers of Kauai met today at Lihue to enter on the last act of the now famous County Act.

Mr. Sturgeon of Honolulu, and former principal of the Koloa government schools, has been visiting town for the past three days on a business trip, and was welcomed to his old home by his many friends who were delighted to see him.

The new cane unloader is now working at Koloa Sugar Co. mill and giving good results.

The Koloa Sugar Company now have electric lights in the mill and at the manager's house.

E. W. Russell leaves today per the W. G. Hall en route for Dublin, Ireland.

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