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## THE SPECIAL TAX PLAN.

Governor Frear has given a brief outline of his program for taking care of the all-important demands of the Territory for the conservation of natural resources and the enlistment of immigrants to maintain the old and develop the new agricultural industries.

The measure embodying this plan should have the solid support of the members of the Legislature who stand for progress, and behind them should be exerted the favorable influence of all progressive elements of the Territory.

The Governor states the case very clearly when he draws attention to the fact that the tax-gathering power of the Territory depends on the prosperity of its industries and the wisdom with which the natural resources are preserved.

This Territory cannot move forward, it cannot expand industrially, if it lacks workers. It must have the population capable and willing to go into the fields of labor that are offered, if it is to gain the full benefit of the advantages that offer for home-building and constructive expansion in the immediate future.

The outline presented by the Governor may have to be changed in some minor detail. It may be possible to frame a progressive income tax that will distribute the burden of the special fund more generally on those best able to pay it. Generally, however, diversions from a measure that has been carefully studied in order to carry it successfully through the courts is dangerous business and practised only by opponents.

The poor man, the man who wants this Territory Americanized, is the last one who should raise his voice in opposition.

As there have been no outlets of capitalists, it is to be presumed that the Governor has canvassed the situation pretty carefully previous to announcing his course. It seems reasonable to believe that at least a good number of the large industrial and financial interests on which the burden will fall most heavily will not oppose the measure.

This may seem impossible. It may suggest itself to the suspicious mind as too good to be true. But until there is a definite movement in opposition from the vested interests, the man of small means and good intentions and high ideals should give thanks that the coming session may prove that in Hawaii the vested interests are not as other interests in other places; that they are able to understand the vital necessity for special work and willing to pay their share of what amounts to a special tax to carry it forward. The Bulletin would suggest that this is the better view for the legislator to take. There is no question that the whole scheme is in the nature of an experiment. Necessity is the mother of invention.

This Territory must have immigrants. This presents no room for argument among men who believe in progress. The individual who spends his time talking of the "good old days" can't see it that way perhaps, but he never would see it if he lived to be a hundred, and his ideas of retrogression prevailed.

Accepting the immigration demand as a fact, we know that the Territory must go after the people. They will not come of their own volition. The situation has been thoroughly reviewed. The Federal Government has been appealed to. And the whole thing resolves itself into the old proposition that Hawaii is on an equality with the Territories of the mainland and must work out its own salvation on that basis.

Legislators have an opportunity to prove that they possess the ability to continue the reputation of the Territory for intelligent self-reliance.

## JOHN QUINBY WOOD AMERICAN VICE CONSUL

John Q. Wood, formerly a well known lawyer of Honolulu, is now American vice-consul at Milan, Italy. Governor Frear has received a card from him giving his official title. Mr. Wood left here some time ago and since then has been married to a singer. He and Mrs. Wood have been living in Italy for some time.

## ELECTRICIAN SHOWS NERVE AND PLUCK

A laughable incident, that might easily have been converted into a terrible accident, occurred at about 3:30 p. m. Saturday, on the corner of Fort and King street.

Moving a house, on wheels, along King street, was the cause of the mix-up. The house was too high for the electric wires running down Fort and consequently had to scrape through somehow. Kealoha, an electrician, who was on top of the house taking care of the car wires, was caught up by a live wire. He clung to it for a minute or so and then swung himself long onto one of the guy-wires. Everyone thought that the man, who showed great coolness, would be electrocuted, but no ground connection being established, Kealoha was safe.

Quite a number of would-be helpers were warned off by the man, who knew his great danger if he came in contact with them.

Finally a wagon was placed directly beneath him, and throwing himself backwards he was safely caught by the men standing on the vehicle.

A sigh of relief went up when Kealoha reached terra firma and the crowd began to laugh. The electrician is to be complimented on his nerve and good sense in not allowing the willing helpers to get both themselves and him into danger.



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## SIMS TO GET BATTLESHIP



LT. COMMANDER SIMS, U.S.N.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—Captain Sims, U. S. N., at present the naval aide to the President, will soon be placed in command of a battleship.

Capt. Sims is one of the men credited with being a critic of the United States naval construction.

## PORTUGUESE PRISONER PAROLED BY GOVERNOR

John Centers, a young Portuguese who has been in jail about a year serving a sentence imposed upon his conviction of the crime of stealing a bicycle, was granted a parole by Governor Frear this morning.

The boy was at one time an inmate of the Kona Orphanage. He came to Honolulu and got in with bad companions, and his jail sentence was the ultimate result. The Governor says the boy has been behaving very well, that he is not any too bright, that he has a job waiting for him, and this appears to be a case where executive clemency may very properly be exercised.

## SUSPENSION BILL IS FINISHED UP

The last mail brought a response from Senator Perkins to the resolution passed by the local organization of the Marine Engineers protesting against the suspension of the coastwise shipping laws in their application to Hawaii.

Senator Perkins states that the bill had been referred to his committee and he hoped it would peacefully die there.

The same mail brought responses also from the official representatives of the engineers in Washington. According to the news dispatches the bill for suspension has been defeated in committee, and that ends it for this session of Congress.

## LURLINE WILL BE IN PORT TOMORROW

A wireless message was received this morning by Castle & Cooke, stating that the Lurline, towing the bark Mohican, will arrive tomorrow at day-break. All are reported well on board the vessels.

The Mohican's cargo, consists of two 12-inch guns for the fortifications at Pearl Harbor and other army supplies. The total value of the Mohican's cargo is placed at \$82,000.

The Lurline's cargo includes eighty-three mortars, also for Pearl Harbor. The shipment weighs 109,580 pounds and is valued at \$25,000.

The Lurline's passengers are W. R. Calcutt, Mrs. F. W. Everton, Miss Sadie Howell, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Johnson, Mrs. John Joyce, Miss Alice Joyce, E. A. Johnson, Mrs. F. Prescott, Miss E. Bach, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Young, H. M. Cook, O. Burmester, W. W. Bruner, Mrs. J. H. Smith, Mrs. M. Marchand, J. L. Baker, Miss G. Baker, Mrs. A. Balkan, E. H. Bailey, George Rhoades, J. D. Wilson, A. W. Eames, L. Herbert, Mrs. Schoonover, H. G. Purcell, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Forrest.

## MESSAGE IS FINISHED; GOVERNOR NOW READY

Governor Frear has finished his message to the Legislature and this morning read the last proofs of it. So he is now ready for the session to commence. Everybody else is trying to get ready, and there is the usual buzzing in the air that heralds a legislative term. Old members are trying to look unconcerned, as if there was nothing for them to worry about, while some of the newcomers are hanging about the legislative rooms picking out the seats from which they expect to rise to pour out their floods of oratory and wisdom. All sorts of bills are being prepared, some of them sensible, some of the freaky character which promises much noise and their eventual quenching.

BULLETIN ADS PAY

## KOHALA WILL HEAR BRIGHT MUSIC SONG

(Special to the Bulletin)

KOHALA, Hawaii, Feb. 12.—On Saturday evening, Feb. 20th, the Kohala Choral Society will give a performance of the bright and sparkling operetta, "Pauline, or an Eventful Day," music and libretto by Chas. H. Gabriel, and as this society is deserving of the greatest praise, it is hoped that a bumper house will be in evidence. The operetta is full of bright music, and the characters, introducing the famous Cassady, general landlord of the Dalles, an inn, the dashing Mr. Faber, a New York Journalist with his stock in trade of good songs, sayings, etc., also his valet Shady the ever-erring person who makes trouble all along the line. The costs of the operetta is as follows: Pauline (daughter of Cassady), Mrs. B. D. Bond; Collie (servant maid), Miss C. A. Gessell; Chickie (a spinster sister of Cassady), Miss Girven; Naine (a village belle), Miss B. Clarke; Kiomi (an Indian fortune-teller), Mrs. A. Guild; Mother (a widow lady), Mrs. H. C. Austin; Child (widow's progeny), Master Joe Gunn; Faber (a N. Y. Journalist), E. C. Vaughan; Shady (Faber's valet), Geo. P. Tulloch; Cassady (landlord of The Dalles), Mr. Cowan; Professor, J. W. Gunn; Chilhook (an eccentric character), Walter McDougall; Ruben (a farmer boy in love), F. C. Paetow; The Village Physician, A. Mason; Uncle Joe (a former slave), Hale Austin; Sorrow, Morrow, Messrs. A. Guild, G. Chalmers, A. Stillman; Insurance spies; chorus of picnickers, grenadiers, villagers, etc.; Messenger, Master Warner Dussell. Act 1—Cassady's Inn, The Dalles. Act 2—In the Woods. Musical director—F. C. Paetow. Accompanist—Mrs. J. W. Gunn.

## KAUAI STILL HAS NO ISLAND PRINCESS

All of the Island Princesses for the Floral Parade have been chosen with the exception of a representative for Kauai. Chairman McInerney is still hoping to get some word from the northern island and will wait until tonight. If he does not get a wireless by sundown he will take the matter into his own hands and make a choice here.

The colors which will distinguish the pennants of the different Princesses have been chosen, and are as follows: Oahu, dark yellow with green lettering; Hawaii, dark red with gold lettering; Molokai, light green with white lettering; Kahoolawe, light yellow with black lettering; Nihoa, white with red lettering; Maui, light red with white lettering; Kauai, dark green with white lettering.

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