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It is only when good habits exist that principles can exert an ennobling influence.—Aristotle.

Here's hoping there will also be rain when the dam is completed and the water is needed.

Get ready to start the New Year by doing something to help the Greater American Honolulu.

Democrats may oppose ship subsidy, but Uncle Joe Cannon has said that subsidy bill must pass.

The trouble with Nicaragua is that public opinion is opposed to peace. The people prefer a fight.

Here's hoping that a few more liberal donations to libraries were shaken out of Andy by his bad fall on the ice.

Democrats in opposition to the ship subsidy law will follow the ancient Democratic principle of being opposed to most everything that is progressive.

Congress finds in many of its insurgent movements the inspiration for progressive policies to which the Grand Old Party may soon be pointing with pride.

Honolulu is willing that the Japanese captains shall have all the boys with Chileans they please, so they keep themselves free from yellow fever mosquito stowaways.

Zelaya ought to be a good attraction for the Promotion Committee of most any town. His conversations appear to be much in demand among news associations.

While the beet crop shortage continues to grow, the New York manipulators of low-priced centrifugal sugars have at least a limit beyond which they cannot go, and they are tightly near it now.

Discovery of two new active craters in the vicinity of Kilauea will give a good excuse for extending the crater roads, should the one to Hamanuihu be completed before the fire in that pit goes out.

San Francisco is pulling success out of disaster and depression by mere dogged refusal to accept anything but success. Its Panama-Pacific Exposition will be the greatest show on earth, with never a doubt out of it.

Probably the drop of sugar below par was brought about by news that the Honolulu Stock and Bond Exchange is taking its annual holiday and objects to being bothered with anything that creates business.

After reading what Governor Frear says of the present land law of the Territory, it is hard to believe that he has any serious difference with the views expressed by Delegate Kuhio.

Governor Frear's letter from Washington is said to express doubt as to the success of any special legislation for Hawaii in the suspension of the coastwise shipping law. It thus appears that the Governor has become more exactly informed of the sentiment prevailing on the island regarding the protection of the American merchant marine.

Secretary Wilson has finally obtained the Marathon record for continuous cabinet service for which he has had such a lively ambition. His term has just passed that of Albert Gallatin, which was 12 years 8 months and 20 days. It has been given to few men in our history to retain cabinet places for more than eight years. William Wirt, Attorney-General of the United States, 1817-1829, came near to equalling Gallatin in length of cabinet days, and is third in the group of the seniors. Mr. Wilson has made the best head the Agricultural Department has ever had. How quickly he would pass from public thought on account of his length of service is evidenced by the number of people who recall that Gallatin or Wirt ever existed.

When old business houses pass out of existence it leaves an opening for the men of energy and courage to get in and make a place for themselves. Honolulu's opportunities are increasing every day and they will multiply more rapidly during the coming year.

Honolulu has every reason to render all the assistance possible to the San Francisco suggestion that the Pacific Mail may put passenger boats on the Honolulu-San Francisco run. This city should commend every man who will start the big American steamship operators thinking along the local line.

THAT \$400 TRIP.

It is ridiculous indeed that the Governor of the Territory of Hawaii should pay four hundred dollars for the privilege of traveling on a foreign ship.

Also it is not true that no American steamship offered on which the Governor of the Territory might make his trip home within a reasonable time.

That makes the four hundred dollars grand stand fudub all the more ridiculous.

By waiting three days the Governor could have traveled on an American steamship and arrived in this city on January 7, whereas by paying four hundred dollars he travels in "glided luxury" under the Japanese flag and gains three days.

There is no telling what remarkably important matters may be calling the Governor back with such extreme haste. From all indications, locally, there is nothing on the boards that could not wait. Surely the Territory is not justified in paying one hundred dollars a day to gain three more days of the Chief Executive's time, though always glad to have him at home.

If intended as a spectacular move, the four-hundred-dollar-fine trip is a fizzle. It will not have the slightest effect on San Francisco or Congress.

If it has the virtue of necessity, there must be something very exciting going on of which the peaceful citizens of Honolulu know nothing. Indeed, "Hell must be popping."

OUR NAVY AND OTHERS.

When the warships now building for the navies of the leading nations of the world are completed, the United States will stand third, the honor of being second only to Great Britain that we have so proudly held, goes to Germany.

The following table gives the relative order of warship tonnage both at present and when all the ships now under construction are completed. It will be noted that the only change in relative standing in the second list is that Germany will take the second position at present held by the United States:

| Nation. | At Present Tonnage. | Completed Tonnage. |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Great Britain | 1,758,350 | 2,005,873 |
| United States | 682,785 | 785,687 |
| Germany | 609,709 | 820,692 |
| France | 602,920 | 766,906 |
| Japan | 396,368 | 489,704 |
| Russia | 259,263 | 412,250 |
| Italy | 216,038 | 257,818 |
| Austria | 114,897 | 167,297 |

These figures are gained from the information published by the Navy Department's Office of Naval Intelligence, that each year issues a comparative table of the warship tonnage of principal naval powers. The table is based on the number and displacement of warships, built and building, of more than 1,000 tons and of torpedo craft of 50 tons or more.

Aside from the interest that attaches to any balance sheet for the end of a year, this statement for the present season—as of Nov. 1, 1909—is especially valuable because it shows the present strength of nations in ships of the "dreadnought" type, that has been the text for much learned and other discussion.

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und line of older ships, armed with a mixed battery of 12's and smaller rapid fire pieces, that will win the day."

Unfortunately the statement does not give the relative speed of the ships of the competing navies. It is quite likely that the speed with which the warships maneuver will have as much to do with winning battles as the number and size of the guns and the relative displacements of the first and second lines.

PROCRASTINATION MEANS GARNISHEE

Monday, February 28, is the last day of grace which has been granted to delinquent city and county employes to make good with the Territorial tax collector.

Some weeks ago a list of those servants of the city and county vineyard who had failed to pay their taxes was submitted to the Board of Supervisors, with the recommendation that some steps be taken towards persuading the municipal employes to settle the tax claims.

The amount of tax due from this source will total over \$4,000.

By a resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors, those who are still delinquent after the last of February can be served with a garnishee against the amount due them on the city and county pay roll.

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