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If folks would be beloved, they lovable must be.—Goethe.

"Careful with fire" is good advice we know; Careful with words is ten times doubly so.

Boys flying kites haul in their white-winged birds; You can't do that way when you're flying words.

—Will Carleton.

Theodore is playing the game so as to get a boost for the plain American in every town he visits.

There would be more sense in furnishing water to Honolulu householders free of charge if they will use it to beautify the city.

Raising the price on residential water consumers to relieve the waterfront patron is to play the limit in robbing Peter to help out Paul.

If you have a shaky confidence in your own town, don't criticize the outsider if he says things about it that don't sound pleasing to you.

News that Anderson Grace, a life prisoner, was sent to cut grass in Kapiolani Park immediately set Honolulu to wondering whether the other convicted murderers of the prison were distributed over the town feeding the chickens and doing other light chores.

Poultney Bigelow has made glad the hearts of the local obstinate law suspensionists, and no kind-hearted person will refuse them such crumbs of comfort as may fall in their way. Only Roosevelt has declared that Bigelow has no right to an opinion. In this instance the noted author means well, but gets off on the wrong foot.

"We appreciate the courtesy shown by the Governor. However, we do not think that his letter answers the proposition we submitted to him" is the comment made by a Hilo Democrat on the response made to a letter from a Democratic precinct club. A race between the Governor and Democrats on saying much without saying anything ought to be a pretty exhibition.

When all the details of the Kapa deal are finally made public, it will be possible to draw conclusions on the result of two weeks' secret session on the matter. Meanwhile, the Territory has gained much through the certainty of the return of a large section of public land to the list of productive area. The years of negotiation have involved a loss of thousands of dollars in taxes.

## EVENING SMILES

Seamen's return tickets are issued by most British railways at seaports to sailors at reduced rates. When a somewhat stylishly dressed young man demanded one to Birmingham, the booking clerk demurred.

"Seamen's returns are only issued to sailors," he snapped.

"Well, I'm a sailor," was the reply.

"I have only your word; how am I to know it is correct?" said the clerk.

"How are you to know?" came the answer; "why, you swivel-eyed, leather-necked son of a seacock, if you feel my starboard boom running foul of your headlights, you'll know I've been doing more than sit on a stool and bleating all my life, and you'll haul in on your jaw tackle a bit."

The station master had been standing near by. "Give him a ticket," he said; "he's a sailor."

An old gentleman riding on a street-car saw a sign in the front part of the car which read: "Spitting on the floor is strictly forbidden." He noticed a fellow across the aisle spitting on the floor, and when the conductor came along he spoke to him about it. The conductor went up to the fellow and said:

"Is it you who is doing all this spitting on the floor?"

The fellow said it was.

The conductor then stepped closer

## THAT INCREASED WATER RATE.

Members of the Legislature and taxpayers of the City and County of Honolulu may find in the advanced water rates levied by order of the Superintendent of Public Works one demonstration of the error committed by the last Legislature in turning over the revenues of the water bureau to the control of the Superintendent of Public Works.

Only a year and a half has elapsed, and the Superintendent of Public Works takes this new authority to raise the charge for water rates to the householders.

That means increased taxation, not because more money is needed, but on account of conclusions reached by the head of the department. Isn't that a pleasing exhibition of the effect of increased authority, on the size of an official's hatband?

But the sponsor of this new form of increased taxation states in defense of the latest move to burden the householder with a more expensive lawn, that this action is necessary because the people doing business on the waterfront have been overcharged for water, to, these many years.

Isn't that another "state of affairs" that would do credit to the deliberations of a Home Rule Board of Supervisors sitting in Hilo? The waterfront consumers have been "held up," so to speak, and in order to relieve them, the householders of the residence districts are to be held up, and forced to pay the penalty. The hold-up is to be transferred.

As for the "readjustment" that is being brought about by this order, it is remarkable, to say the least. According to what the Bulletin considers reliable information, the water rates to householders as now levied represent a charge of twenty-four dollars and thirty cents per acre. The new rate is thirty dollars. The increase in the rate is so near to twenty-five per cent, that there is no fun in it for the householder with a lawn to keep up.

Does anyone in the "government" building presume that the householders of this city intend to have the taxes for water raised twenty-five per cent, and as an evidence of their good will crown the management of the public-works and Nuanuan dam with anything but lemon? Again, the head of the department states that all he has to do to convince the public that what he says is true, is turn to the figures of the water office.

This is convincing indeed, especially to such of our taxpayers as remember that only a few years ago the then occupant of the Public Works office demonstrated from the books of the water office that the bureau was losing money; the

and said, "Give me a chew."

During the recent flurry in copper an excited man dashed into a Butte hotel lobby and seized the telephone. Clapping it to his ear he waited a brief moment and bellowed:

"H'lo! This is Jones—JONES! Give me Hel—"

"Line's busy" came back in a tired voice.

"Don't care! Cut 'em off! Chop 'em an' give me Hel—"

"Line's busy," was the response in a slightly elevated tone.

"Yes—yes—that's what you said before! This is important business, tho! Break in and give me Hel—"

Central sat up and blinked.

"I say, old man," he called, "if you don't hang up that phone you'll get what you want if I have to go round there in a hack! See?"

He saw—then tiptoed quietly away.

"I've got the very thing you want," said the stableman to a ruralist in search of a horse; "a thorough road horse. Five years old, sound as a gull, \$175 cash down, and he goes ten miles without stopping."

The purchaser threw his hands skyward. "Not for me," he said.

"Not for me. I wouldn't gift you a cent for him. I live eight miles out in de country, and I'd half to walk

back two miles."

water works were not being run at a profit. That was when an argument was needed to prevent county control.

The number of different things that can be done to the taxpayers of this city through reference to the figures of the water office is apparently limited only by the whims of the person who happens to blow smoke in the office of the Superintendent of Public Works.

There is no legitimate excuse for the increase, and increase it is, of water rates that has been proposed to be saddled upon the householders of this city on and after the first day of July.

If it be true that the intergets obtaining water from the city system along the waterfront have been overcharged, the only honest way to solve that problem is to reduce the rate to a figure that will secure a fair price for the water and promote the business of the port.

But as for shifting this burden of past errors upon the people who own homes and have some pride in the appearance of their immediate surroundings as well as the city in general, it is outrageous nonsense.

It proves in the first place that a Territorial official has only to be clothed with a little unusual authority in order to convert him into a machine for grinding out increased taxation. This authority appears to warp his judgment out of all reason and lead him to conclude that the public should not be damned—it should be squeezed to the limit.

Nothing remains now to convince the citizens of Honolulu that the proper place for the waterworks is under the administration of the City and County of Honolulu. The totem of Nuanuan dam was had enough, but now to top that with an official law-killing campaign for the benefit of the waterfront is quite too much.

Once under the control of the city supervisors, the water bureau income and appropriations will be handled by the representatives of the people who are responsive to public opinion, and the end of the tax-raising and tax-eating regime will be at an end.

Meanwhile, the Bulletin would suggest that those in charge of the water bureau for Honolulu should rescind the tax-raising order—that will help the waterfront while killing off the residential lawns—and allow the rates to remain as they are until such time as the Legislature shall have an opportunity to meet and place the control of our city water in competent hands.

## HAWAII SCHOOL FACTS.

Education in the Hawaiian Islands.

No. XXVIII.

"Although the early explorers put forth some efforts to enlighten the Hawaiian in the learning of the civilized world it remained for the missionaries of the Cross to reduce their language to written form and to introduce a system of schools established for the purpose of teaching the common school branches as generally understood."

In 1825—A system of public schools was established and lasted for about ten years. The pupils of the schools were adults rather than children and consisted of the big chiefs with their immediate attendants. Each chief sent the best scholars of his attendants to the lands under his control with an order for his tenants to attend school. It is recorded that almost the whole population of both sexes and all ages went to school. Their primitive schools at the time of their highest prosperity reached the number of 900 and were to be found in nearly every district of the group. The day was two hours long and the teacher was provided

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with a home, food and clothing by the head man of the village. This is a remarkable instance of a body of despotic rulers (themselves ruled) exerting themselves for the education of their subjects.

In 1841—The king and his chiefs in council enacted the first school laws in the history of the Hawaiian group. These laws provided school agents for each island and also made for the election of a school committee who in consultation with the school agent arranged for the appointment and support of the teacher, and construction of school buildings. A general superintendent visited each island and inspected the various schools. Attendance at school was made compulsory on all children between the ages of 4 to 14.

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is open on Sunday from eight until ten in the morning.

This board regulated all the educational affairs of the kingdom. It prescribed the studies used in the schools, it appointed the teachers, it expended all moneys available from legislative appropriations, rents of school lands, interest of school funds, and other sources. The islands were divided up into twenty-three school districts each in charge of a school agent who had charge of the local school fund of his district, upon proper representation the board supplemented the local fund from the general fund. The agent had charge of all school property in his district.

Up to the Year 1894—The school tax of each district was expended in the districts in which it was collected. After that year the law was changed, and the school tax was absorbed into the general treasury. Up to the time of this change in financial management the school agent of each district under bonds, took charge of the school fund of his district. He administered the fund under the guidance of the Board of Education. He could not spend it as he saw fit; he could only spend money under authorization. In many cases, in fact in most cases, the school tax of the district did not suffice to pay the salaries of the teachers in that district, and as soon as the tax was exhausted the general fund for support of schools voted by the Legislature was drawn upon.

Since 1909—The powers of the school agent have been gradually taken



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away until the last session of the Legislature abolished the office. At present the duties of the school agent are performed by the principal and Commissioner of Education in the respective districts.

Under the present organization the counties have the construction of new buildings, repairs and maintenance of buildings and grounds, furniture and fixtures and janitor service. This expenditure is met by the setting apart of a part of the Territorial revenue. The other expenditures for the support of schools are met by the Territorial share of the revenues.

## TRUSTED SERVANT STEALS JEWELS

Wife of New York Police Commissioner Loses Valuable Gems While on Visit to Washington.

(Special Correspondence.)

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Mrs. Frederick H. Bugher, wife of Deputy Police Commissioner Bugher of New York, who is here visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Nicol Ludlow, wife of Rear Admiral Ludlow, U. S. N., has been robbed of jewels estimated to be worth \$20,000. Mr. Bugher is the son of Mrs. Ludlow by a previous marriage.

Mrs. Bugher arrived here several days ago to spend the Easter period with her mother-in-law and to take part in the usual social activities that follow the closing of the Lenten season. Mrs. Bugher brought with her jewelry valued at \$50,000, but the police figures on the stolen goods are about \$20,000.

Clarence Wilson, 20 years old, who was second man at the home of Mrs. Ludlow, 14 Lafayette Square, which is just half a square from the White House, is suspected of having taken the jewels and the police have sent out an alarm for his arrest.

The robbery is supposed to have taken place some time yesterday morning. Wilson came to the Ludlow residence about a week ago highly recommended and was trusted fully. Yesterday, about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, he asked permission to leave the house to go to the White House, grounds and see the egg rolling. Permission was readily granted and he left. This morning as Mrs. Bugher was dressing for breakfast she missed her jewel box from her dressing table, but believing that it had been mislaid she went to breakfast.

When she returned to her room about an hour later she looked for the box again, but could not find it. Becoming alarmed she called Mrs. Ludlow and both took up the search for the box. Finally Mrs. Ludlow called her butler, a servant of many years, and told him of the disappearance of the box. He went to the basement to summon Wilson the second man, with a view to sending him for the police, but Wilson was not around. When the butler went to Wilson's room he found evidences of a hasty departure. Wilson had not been expected back until this morning, so that his absence had not attracted attention.

Mrs. Ludlow promptly notified the Third precinct and several detectives were assigned to the case. When the value of the jewels became known at headquarters Major Sylvester, superintendent of police, personally took charge of the case and assigned additional detectives to it. No trace of Wilson has been found. In addition to the missing jewelry Mrs. Bugher's purse, containing \$150, has also disappeared, and the police believe that Wilson with this ready money and nearly twenty-four stars in a long distance from Washington.

Mrs. Ludlow is a sister of Mrs. Dewey, wife of Admiral Dewey, and also a sister of John R. McLean the publisher and the president of the Washington Gas Light Company.

Mrs. Bugher is prostrated at her home and was confined to her room tonight. She told her husband of the loss this afternoon over the long distance telephone. Mrs. Ludlow when seen tonight appeared to be greatly agitated over the robbery and was extremely averse to any publicity. Mrs. Ludlow said that Wilson came to her recommended by Mrs. Satterlee widow of Bishop Satterlee of the Episcopal diocese of Washington.

The jewelry which has disappeared has been described to the police as follows:

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The police are inquiring closely into Wilson's antecedents. If they get him they intend to find out if he knows anything about the robbery a few weeks ago of about \$15,000 worth of jewelry from Mrs. Rebekah Hornsby, whose residence is about a square and a half from the Ludlow residence. Wilson is described as 27 years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighing about 120 pounds having dark hair and a smooth face.

## HAYNES MAKING GOOD

The Haynes make of automobile, which is being handled by J. A. Gilman, is fast coming into favor in Honolulu, and numerous sales of the high-class, medium-priced machine are being made. The car has a wheel base of 110 inches, and has several features that are not to be found in other makes of machines.

No less than forty-one first prizes, in the same number of consecutive contests, have been captured by the Haynes, which was first put on the market in 1893.

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