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Our acts our angels are, or good or ill,
Our fatal shadows that walk by us still;
Man is his own star, and that soul that can
Be honest is the only perfect man.

—John Fletcher.

INDUSTRIALIZE THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

By indulging in some ill-advised and radical statements quite a number of the very good people in Honolulu are being led into an honest investigation and thereby learning a great deal that they did not know concerning the public schools, and the good work done for the children of the common people.

No less a person than our good friend the Bishop Reswick made a number of broad statements, on information and belief, that finally brought him in touch with many facts concerning which he had not been informed and therefore found his beliefs very much awry.

Agitation, however, is not without its very good results when the agitators are reasonably honest in their convictions and are willing to accept the truth when it is presented to them.

What pleases the Bulletin in the whole matter is the renewal of the talk for bringing industrial education more prominently into the schools, though this paper must admit that the member of the educational force who is doing the most criticism of the present course of study is both ancient and impractical in his methods, and forces himself upon the public because of an overwhelming conceit rather than any capacity or record for common sense.

But all things count for good if you swing them into the right line of action in the final analysis.

Everyone in Hawaii with a spark of loyalty for the Territory and regard for the children wants the schools to give the child instruction that will better enable him to gain an honest living, inculcate habits of industry and a lasting appreciation of the dignity of labor.

May it not be possible then that our thinking and unselfish people have come to the point where they are ready to support a movement for an advance in the school system to a development of the industrial phases of education?

We are certain that this is the tendency of the times. People are complaining and don't just know how to correct the condition. If they will take the trouble to honestly investigate they will not have far to go, to find themselves in sympathy with the progressive educators of the day. This is the record of the mainland and Hawaii is pretty much the same as other parts of the United States.

It would seem therefore that no better time than the present could be found to ask the leading educators of the islands to get together in the study of a system which will bring industrial arts more prominently into the education of the child.

The work should go further.

These local citizens and teachers interested in education should bring to their assistance one or more of the leaders of the mainland. Let the best American educators have a hand in criticizing and shaping our courses of study, for it must not be forgotten that this is an American Territory. American, not alien, systems must prevail. It is quite possible that Hawaii could secure a personal visit from the head of the Federal Bureau of Education.

Get constructive results—not school politics—out of this agitation, and it will be worth while.

MISREPRESENTING COASTWISE LAW FACTS.

"When W. R. Farrington, editor of the Bulletin and the foremost champion of the coastwise laws, returned from the Coast a short time ago," said Mr. Berndt, "he told me of the difficulty he had and his inability to get a ship when it was almost absolutely necessary for him to get back. He said that hereafter he was inclined to be the best booster for the suspension of the laws we had. I think

Mr. Farrington was here he would tell you so himself."—Advertiser News Item, Jan. 27.

Either friend Berndt is dreaming or he has been most outrageously misquoted by the Advertiser.

I did not at any time while in San Francisco experience an "inability to get a ship" to Honolulu, and I cannot recall that at any time I have been even inclined to be a booster for the suspension of the coastwise shipping laws, certainly not while the Territory of Hawaii is receiving the mar-

EVENING SMILES

Suitor—Does your father object to my smoking?

Suites—Not if you bring your own cigars?

"Myra, how long has Joe Nevius been going with you?"

"About 18 years."

"That seems an awfully long time."

"Yes; I sometimes wonder if Joe's ever going to ask me to marry him."

"My dear, these are excellent cigars, but they are awfully strong!"

"Yes; I got the strongest I could find. They won't break so easily in your pocket."

KUHIO AND TAFT.

Some fool friend of the Governor must feel that his cause is very much up against it when he states that Delegate Kuhio's purpose in returning to Honolulu is to secure an anti-Taft delegation to the National Convention.

If Kuhio were out on the anti-Taft game, he would stay right in Washington and force his resolution for a Congressional investigation of Governor Frear. Furthermore the Delegate must know that the Taft sentiment in Hawaii at the present time is so strong that it would be the utmost folly for him to come back here and father a fight against the very man to whom he is appealing to make a thoroughly unprejudiced and judicial estimate of the governmental conditions in this Territory.

Of course there are some people here who will say anything if they think they can help their cause by damning the other fellow. Apparently lots of just such people are calling themselves the friends of the Governor. The Bulletin is not in the confidence of the Delegate and consequently must wait with the rest of the people for the Delegate to speak for himself. This paper is very certain however that the Delegate is not on his way home to commit suicide by the anti-Taft route, much as his enemies would like to have him do so.

The Bulletin hopes that the Delegate on arriving will announce his readiness to accept the conclusions of the President's commissioner and then, be the result what it may, drop the controversy and continue the fight for all that is best for Hawaii—Unity.

velous benefits derived from the protective policy for its agricultural industries.

The facts are, that when I went to San Francisco last October, I intended to return on the October trip of the Wilhelmina. On booking for the return trip I found there was a waiting list and the names of myself and wife went on the waiting list, with the others. Two days or more before the sailing of the vessel I was notified from the Matson office that berths would be available for myself and wife on the Wilhelmina. Meanwhile Mrs. Farrington had decided to remain over till the Sierra two weeks later and my business made it advantageous for me to do the same. A cable from my Honolulu office stated everything was lovely and I might as well stay the additional two weeks.

I went to the sailing of the Wilhelmina and there met some of the coastwise law suspensionists who were wildly hilarious that I "couldn't get passage," and as they would not have it otherwise I did not take the trouble to give the brief history of my life that is here recorded.

I would not take the trouble to go into so much detail at this time if the statement in the morning paper did not so grossly misrepresent the facts, and is a fair sample of many another statement that has been published in the cause of coastwise law suspension and, by reason of the studied or silly inaccuracies, proved a boomerang.

We need more ships and we are getting them, but these additional passenger ships for Hawaii should be protected so they will not be run out of business by foreign lines. While I have no sympathy with the coastwise law suspensionists, I believe that the interests that are fattening off the protection of our agricultural industries could well afford to invest a larger share of their surplus in steamships, under the American flag, that will accommodate passengers.

I think it is admirable that such a small portion of our principal freights are used to directly promote

an increase in American passenger ships. But we should not forget that there is a steady improvement in this respect and I believe that two years hence when the canal opens, it will be better still.

WALLACE R. FARRINGTON.

After the foregoing was written, the expected happened. On meeting Mr. Berndt he stated that he had been misquoted.

W. R. FARRINGTON.

PLANS TABLEAUX TO ENTERTAIN

Plans will be made at once by the Hawaii Promotion Committee to entertain the passengers of the globe-circling excursion steamer Cleveland when that vessel reaches here on February 13 on her return trip.

A special meeting of the Promotion Committee will be held at 3 o'clock next Monday afternoon for the purpose of completing plans for the reception and entertainment of the passengers. For the evening entertainment the committee is endeavoring to enlist the cooperation of the Kaahumanu Society for the presentation of a series of its beautiful historical tableaux. Mrs. Henry Smith and the secretary of the society have assured the committee that they will be glad to attend the meeting and discuss the plans.

Edgar Allan Forbes, the noted World's Work man, was so highly impressed with the educational facilities afforded in the Islands here as compared with some of the spots visited, that he is going to get up a special article on "Girls' Education in Hawaii." To aid in this, the committee has made arrangements for Mr. Forbes to meet Superintendent Pope on the return trip of the Cleveland and together they will visit the schools.

A girl may not really object to being kissed, but she objects to the young man's thinking that she doesn't object.

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TRAVELS MILES WITHOUT GASOLINE

Paul Leggett, the Nyack automobile authority, made a discovery that is of interest to every motorist who has been "up against it" after he has exhausted his gasoline supply miles from a garage, says the S. F. Chronicle. Leggett has found that acetylene gas, while not nearly as powerful as gasoline, is equally efficient in operating a car. The discovery saved him from being stalled miles from a garage.

He was driving in his Hudson car from Nyack, N. Y., to Chatham, N. Y., a distance of 125 miles. While between Kingston and Catskill he ran out of gasoline several miles from the nearest place where any could be secured. As there were no telephones any nearer than the gasoline, he started the car with the self-starter and left the gas from the acetylene tank on the dashboard of the car turned on about one-third way around. Then he ran several miles up and down hill, using only acetylene gas for power, until he arrived near a church, which carried the only supply of gasoline in that vicinity.

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THE LETTER 'I'

"Some good and thoughtful person was kind enough to send to the bishop a marked copy of the Hawaiian Church Chronicle for August. Whenever the letter 'I' occurred in the article entitled 'The Bishop's Visitation,' the said letter was marked in red ink. The words 'my' and 'mine' were also marked. The inference was, we suppose, that in the mind of the anonymous sender of the paper the bishop thinks a great deal of himself and is puffed up with a sense of his own importance.

"The facts are these, that the use of the editorial 'we' when one is writing a letter to his own people is a pedantic farce. The article in question was a letter from the bishop telling of his visitations, and to have used 'we' or 'the bishop' every time he spoke of himself would have been poor taste according to modern usage in writings of this kind."—Hawaiian Church Chronicle.

Now that's what I call downright mean! And the bishop is quite correct in his remarks about it, only they're too mild. Unless sent in a spirit of railway (even then rather indelicate), it shows a lack of fine consideration for individual preferences, ways and privileges; it discloses an envy; a perversity of temper destructive of all kindness, charity and tolerance in a community made up of all sorts and conditions of men and women.

Why shouldn't the bishop use 'I' as often as he pleases? Isn't he the bishop, and wasn't 'I' made to use?

Hawaii would miss both 'I' and the bishop if they were taken from us. The first person, singular, if you please!

It's as necessary as the ego in a man; as the two eyes he has in his head—eye, eye, sir! He!

And a man who isn't deaf and dumb, and suffering from a paralysis of horse-sense and the writer's cramp, can make frequent use of 'I' without being in the least egotistical or egoistic either. Remember that the man who thinks his own trunk, feels his own funk and chews his own chunk will keep on using 'I' till something better takes its place!

What if it does indicate that the user has a little originality, personality and conceit?

Dr. Holmes says:
"Talk about conceit as much as you like; it is to human character what salt is to the ocean; it keeps it sweet and renders it endurable. I say that conceit is just as natural a thing to human minds as a center is to a circle. It is little people who shy at a little conceit in another; who seek to cover up under affected indifference to praise and self-disparagement (intellectually) the very thing that crops out, revealing not only the smiling face of conceit, but the deformed head of hypocrisy."

"That's hard, but I guess it's true. What is more inexpressive, more inept, staler, flatter, assuming, than the conventional editorial 'we' used to express an individual opinion?"

It does not indicate modesty at all. The man behind it may be bursting with intensified conceit and fancied superiority over all the rest of mankind, but it has been the custom to write this way, and so he suffers his usual dose of repression, and takes his conceit out in some other shape.

Some editors are just dying to use their 'I's' once in a while, but they go on saying 'we' when they mean nothing of the kind. It's a good deal like a preacher using a creed he has mentally given up. It's no worse; it's a good deal like it, I say.

There was a conceited, syncopant club in our town who was so modest that he never (to my knowledge) used 'I.' One day he came to the doctor's office and said with a whine, 'Doc, our eyes are irritated; take a look at them.' 'Yes,' answered the doctor, 'your eyes appear to suffer from inflammation. Soon as we blow our noses, clean our finger nails, wash our hands and confer with our wife who is telling us, we'll attend to them.'

And it was a notorious character in our town who said to the old man, 'Dearson, I've a mind to give you a black eye.' 'Why so?' asked the surprised leucan. 'Oh, then you'd have it to me!'

Platitudinous insipidities—these are the bane of the world. When the Lord comes making us with private, individual and characteristic minds, souls and bodies; when He takes away all individual feeling and initiative—all personal traits and distinctions; when, in other words, He grades us all to the intellectual size and quality of those who give us backstab stabs, we may be composite enough to banish from our vocabulary the offensive but significant 'I.'

Keep it up, bishop; never say die, is the advice of

Spook House

Another sad sea dog who uses 'I' when he thinks it's indicated.
Spook House, Hawaii, Jan. 6, 1912.

COW'S STOMACH HAS STRANGE CONTENTS

SAN RAFAEL, January 16.—Two pounds of wire nails, a piece of barbed wire fencing, a glass bottle stopper and odds and ends of old iron were found in the stomach of a cow slaughtered today at a local butcher shop. The cow had been purchased from Hugh McCurdy and was in a healthy condition.

The various articles were all inclosed in a small sack in the animal's stomach, and in no way interfered with her digestive functions. The nails were all about 1½ inches in length, and with the pieces of iron and several strands of barbed wire, made a bulky assortment weighing about two pounds.

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