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Judge Little is a pretty good man when one comes to know him, but if he thinks the anti-Dole cabal here is serious in its attempts to boom him for Governor, he has let his faith in human nature crowd out his prudence.

It was hardly to be expected that Mrs. McKinley would long survive her husband. An invalid for many years, one whom the slightest strain during the public career of the late President was enough to prostrate, she was not fitted to cope with the tragedy which befallen her.

Sorghum is being planted in larger area than heretofore and if its use as a fodder plant becomes general there ought to be a distinct improvement in the quality of island milk.

Delegate Wilcox and the Home Rule party seem to be visibly at outs over the Chinese labor question. The party wants to prevent the re-introduction of Chinese here, mainly to spite the planters.

The attempt to get white workmen into the Home Rule party does not seem to prosper. Unions largely composed of Home Rulers may formally join the party to which its majority membership belongs.

We hope the story is true that Frederick Warde will bring a company to Honolulu to play the legitimate drama. It is a long time since Shakespeare's heroes and heroines, adequately presented, trod the boards in Honolulu.

The signs all point to a decision on the part of the Republican Territorial Committee to transact Republican and not Home Rule politics. We venture the opinion that any attempt made by Home Rule agents of the Stewart class to induce the committee either to declare against the Republican Territorial administration or in favor of another plunder session of the Home Rule Legislature will come to a dismal end.

Now that the Anglican church in Hawaii has passed into the transition period which will end next April, it is proper to concede to Bishop Willis such credit as is justly his for the works of charity, mercy and scholarship that have gone on under his direction.

ROOSEVELT'S HAWAIIAN POLICY.

President Roosevelt, in marking out a strenuous American policy for these islands, will hear no protests against any practical suggestion from the men who made it possible for Hawaii to have an American character.

The President wants to encourage the small farmer here, meaning in particular, the American from the mainland; and to help bring him to these shores he proposes a change in the land laws of the Territory, making them conform in most essential ways to the land laws of the United States.

As for the small investor in land, let him come to Hawaii. The way is open now. He is always welcome. It is true that he would do better under the Territorial laws than he would under the Federal land system.

According to unofficial information received by the mail of yesterday, the decision of the Board of General Appraisers at New York upholds the Collector of Customs here in the matter of the protest against his ruling upon what he termed an undervaluation of sugar bags.

SUGAR BAG DECISION.

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FREE GOODS FROM PHILIPPINES

It may be that Congress will not hasten to pass any measures looking to a prohibitive or other tariff on Philippine goods imported to the United States.

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