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THE INDEPENDENT VOTER.

At the last general election in Hawaii the Republican leaders asked for a blank endorsement of their ticket, confessing that part of it was bad, but assuring doubtful voters that the nominees, if elected, could be controlled.

We are perhaps approaching another election. If the Supreme Court sustains the county law we are very near it. So far, the names mentioned for high county offices, on Oahu at least, are not particularly reassuring.

In the coming local election there will be far less ground than there was last fall to ask for a straight party vote, and far less reason to suppose that it could be had. County or municipal rule is a matter of business.

Nevertheless, "the organization," as such, looks askance at the independent voter. He is the one man in politics the bosses do not want to see at the polls.

THE PRELIMINARY GRAFT.

The hue and cry which is raised every time the Attorney General stops to pass the time of day with an opponent of the county act, even though the two gentlemen have been lifelong friends, is worth noting as a phase of the prevailing graft.

A SCIENTIFIC ENTERPRISE.

The efforts to get down very deep toward the center of the earth have never been successful. The deepest floor of the sea lies about eight miles below the surface, but the deepest hole which man has drilled into the earth's crust has not reached one-tenth that distance.

As an instance of the gains of a practical nature, Professor William Hall of Columbia University, points out that if the coal deposits should ever become exhausted, the internal heat of the globe might be utilized to generate steam power.

The rumor that the turbine system has done badly in large steamers is not borne out by the authentic record of experience. Steamers of the Allan line running between Halifax and Liverpool, propelled by turbine engines, have made seventeen knots on a small expenditure of fuel.

Friends of Consul-General Saito say that the attacks made upon him at the Japanese meeting are the work of a few malcontents, one of them a newly-arrived demagogue, and that he has the support of the reliable part of the Japanese community.

Governor Carter spoke words of truth and soberness when he described the County Act as a gold brick. It is even worse than that—it's green goods.

Another moan from Gear over the fact that his precinct didn't want his slate. Gear ought to have got accustomed to such things by this time.

GERMANY WANTS TO KNOW US.

It would be interesting to know just how much the Kaiser William II knows of a plan that is now actively under way to disseminate throughout Germany a more perfect knowledge of the political, social, economic and intellectual life of the United States.

In his letter Mayor Addicks says, after setting forth the desire for a better knowledge of things American, now so widespread in Germany: "The committee is of the opinion that the desired end can be best accomplished by adding a section for American literature to the municipal library of Frankfort-on-the-Main, an institution which, with more than 300,000 volumes, ranks among the most important libraries of Germany, its main strength being in the departments of history, law and political science."

This American section will be especially devoted to the philosophical, historical, judicial, political, industrial, commercial and sociological literature of the United States. Such an American section of the Municipal Library of Frankfort would be extensively used by the widest circles, as this library is open to everyone, free of charge, and its large reading room is always available to the public.

The Mayor then requests to be supplied with Hawaiian reports and copies of laws, historical documents, and state papers of various kinds, saying that the freight upon such matters will be gladly paid by the Germans.

But it would be interesting to know what the Kaiser thinks of the new movement, which is calculated to have such far-reaching results. Those Germans who have come to America to learn have already caused a considerable ferment at home.

SUPPORT THE SCHOOLS.

When people are urged to live in any given place they usually ask, if they are men and women of family, about the schools. Is the teaching up to the standard? Can a child get an education that will answer his purpose in after life? Do the public schools fit boys and girls for college?

Once the uniform answer in Hawaii was affirmative. In some schools it is affirmative now. But since the salaries of public school teachers were scaled down, some of the best instructors in the Territory have gone away and others have lost interest.

If this country is to be settled up and "developed along traditional American lines," the school must do its full part of the work. Families who would be charmed with the climate and scenery of Hawaii could not be induced to live here if the schools were neglected.

Again, if the public schools are impaired the poor, especially the Hawaiians, will suffer the most. Nearly every Hawaiian public man today is such because he had sound early instruction. He would not be a public man if he had been obliged to put up with a cut-rate education at the hands of cheap teachers.

So far, the salary appropriation promises fairly well. For the good of Hawaii we hope that, whatever the Ways and Means Committees may do in the way of scaling down other salaries, the customary school salaries will be let alone.

CARE OF THE ARCHIVES.

The government archives were put in systematic shape twelve years ago by Chaplain Hoes, U. S. N., who received \$2600 for his services. But for want of a suitable place to file the papers and of a keeper of the archives to look after them, they have been so misplaced that they need a complete overhauling again.

Precisely the same thing may come of Mr. Lydecker's work if the appropriation already made for a Hall of Records is not put into a suitable building. It is not of much use to examine the public papers and put them back into camphor trunks where clerks may go to look for needed data and lawyers for evidence affecting land titles.

Otherwise it is easy to see what Washington may do. The Bureau of Archives wants these documents. Some time ago its chief, Worthington Chauncey Ford, came here to enquire about them, but was urged, on account of their relation to land titles, to leave the papers in Territorial custody.

The Russian cruisers now off Japan ought soon to be in the track of either the Trans-Pacific liners or the Japanese transport service, according as they may take the east or west coastwise route from Aomori province. This province constitutes the northernmost point of the island of Nippon and is separated from Yezo by the Sagaru strait.

An attack in print was made recently against the employment by the Legislature of men who are not citizens. As the writer and publisher is not a citizen himself, having been disfranchised, it might be well to look into his own relations to the legislative pay-roll.

For eight months ending March 30, Hawaii imported from the mainland \$7,375,913 worth of merchandise. It would be interesting to know what percentage of this great sum might have been saved by producing the things it bought at home.

Anyhow the taxpayers would soon come to consider the county act a gold brick, the same as they did the other one.

Russia balks at the Japanese, but she still keeps up her reputation as a Jew-baiter.

Men may come and men may go, but politics goes on forever.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

(From Wednesday's Advertiser.)

Heavy rains have broken the Kona drought, and the whole country is rejuvenated.

Secretary Atkinson has been heard from, and had a very pleasant voyage, except that he was seasick all the way.

Former Sheriff Lorrin A. Andrews, of Hawaii, is making a strong fight for the nomination for sheriff of the big island on the Republican ticket.

The Punahou home of Claus Spreckels is being put in order for occupancy, it is said. This would seem to indicate that the family is once more going to reside in Honolulu, for at least a part of the time.

A Japanese magic lantern operator, Kawamoto, was instantly killed at Hala-kala, on the big island, last Tuesday while he was filling a tank with gas. The explosion of the gas tank blew a hole through his head.

D. S. Bowman, plumbing inspector at Hilo, came in on the Mauna Loa yesterday. He came to meet some old friends in the Seventh U. S. Cavalry, to which he formerly belonged, due to arrive here on the transport Sherman today.

H. P. Baldwin, who has just returned from a trip to the mainland with his wife, reports that leading sugar men agree that the drop in the price of the raw product is due to European speculation. He predicts an early return of better prices.

The voters of Molokai who assembled at Ualape church on May 4th nominated a Home Rule Democratic ticket and named their preference for County candidates as follows: Supervisor, J. N. Uahinu; deputy sheriff, F. W. Beckley; county sheriff, Wm. White; auditor, D. K. Kahaulo.

A rumor, strengthened by the arrival of Colonel Sam Norris from Hawaii on the Mauna Loa, to the effect that the Norris ranch on the big island has been sold was current yesterday. The price was said to be \$150,000, and it was stated that Colonel Norris had been called to Honolulu to sign the papers. The story, however, was denied.

The "Hawaiian Troubadours," a band of seven young Hawaiians who are touring the eastern states, playing and singing Hawaiian airs, are making a good name for themselves and the islands. They have been playing in Buffalo. Recently they went to Boston and had the pleasure of being entertained and of playing for Mr. Benjamin Pittman, a Hawaiian, who is now a banker of that city.

(From Wednesday's Advertiser)

Claus Spreckels was slightly indisposed yesterday.

Ex-Senator Thurston will defend Senator Mitchell at the coming trial.

W. E. Chapman, a teacher from the Philippine Islands, visited the Royal school yesterday.

Col. Geo. Smith Anderson of the 8th U. S. Cavalry called on Governor Carter yesterday afternoon.

The class day exercises of the Kamehameha School for Boys will be held May 20, at 1:30 o'clock.

It is now rumored that former Judge Geo. D. Gear desires the Republican nomination for sheriff of Oahu.

Rev. Dr. Kincaid stepped from a moving car the other night and was thrown down and badly shaken up.

Governor Carter leaves early this morning for the other side of this island and will therefore not be at the Capitol today.

Federal Judge Bellinger, who is reported seriously ill, is an uncle of Mrs. Lillian Shrewsbury Mesick of Mountain View, Oia.

A cablegram was read at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce trustees yesterday, stating that Senator Foraker could not visit Hawaii this year.

Governor Carter's nominations of election inspectors will be sent to the Senate today. They are supposed to represent the three parties in each precinct.

Col. W. F. Allen, a former president of the Chamber of Commerce, has resigned his membership therein owing to illness. L. Tenney Peck is the latest acquisition to the roll of members.

Judge W. R. Robinson, wife and child, and Mrs. R. J. Greene and Miss Marion Greene were departing passengers in the transport Logan for San Francisco.

Judge Dole yesterday postponed the sentence of M. A. Rego, for embezzlement of postoffice funds while postmaster of Koloa, one week on account of sickness in Rego's family.

Memorial Day, Tuesday, May 30, will be a public school holiday. It is likely that several choruses of children from the city schools will take part in the exercises at Nuuanu cemetery.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, a resolution in favor of liberal salaries to public school teachers carried by the casting vote of President E. D. Tenney. The opposition was not to the proposed liberality, but to the Chamber's interfering in the matter.

President Pinkham has met with little encouragement from the Senate committee for having larger salaries than those in the bill for Government physicians. It is believed by members of the Board of Health that no physicians will accept the salaries offered with the onerous duties imposed, including that of holding autopsies.

BUSINESS CARDS.

H. HACKFELD & CO., LTD.—General Commission Agents, Queen St., Honolulu, H. I.

F. A. SCHAEFER & CO.—Importers and Commission Merchants, Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.

LEWERS & COOKE.—(Robert Lewers, F. J. Lowrey, C. M. Cooke.)—Importers and dealers in lumber and building materials. Office, 414 Fort St.

HONOLULU IRON WORKS CO.—Machinery of every description made to order.

HONOLULU STOCK EXCHANGE.

Honolulu, May 11, 1905.

Table with columns: NAME OF STOCK, Capital, Val., Bid, Ask. Lists various stocks like Hawaiian Sugar Co., Koloa, etc.

SESSION SALES.

(Afternoon Session.)

20 Kahuku, 32.

SALES BETWEEN BOARDS.

\$3 O. R. & L. C., 77; 8 Haw. Sugar Co., 25.

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU.

Alexander Young Building, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

Thursday, May 11.

Table with columns: Year, Month, Day, Hour, Wind, etc. Shows weather data for 1900-1905.

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METEOROLOGICAL RECORD.

Issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau Office Every Sunday Morning.

Table with columns: Day, Month, Year, Mean, Max, Min, etc. Shows daily weather records.

Note:—Barometer readings are corrected for temperature, instrumental errors, and local gravity, and reduced to sea level.

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TIDES, SUN AND MOON.

Table with columns: Day, High Tide, Low Tide, etc. Shows tide and moon data.

First quarter of the moon May 11.

Times of the tide are taken from the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey tables.

The tides at Kahului and Hilo occur about one hour earlier than at Honolulu.

Hawaiian standard time is 10 hours 30 minutes slower than Greenwich time, being that of the meridian of 157 degrees thirty minutes.

Col. Sam. Norris, proprietor of Kahuku ranch, is on a visit to Honolulu and looking well.