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BRIBING AS AN ART.

The San Francisco capitalists, who are mixed up in the Ruef-Schmitz conspiracies, complain that they were unable to do business without paying tribute to the two blackmailers. Ruef is made the chief scapegoat. Even the sins of Schmitz are a pale grey compared to the blackness of Ruef's enormities. There is no evidence anywhere, as yet, that the meek and helpless capitalists, who paid up at Ruef's dictate and in the amounts which he demanded, made any effort whatever to invoke the law which would have intervened. His extortion was readily agreed to, and for one reason only, each was striving to gain advantage to which he was not honestly entitled. Each was trying to get the better of his competitor and was neither nice nor choice as to tools or methods.

At the time of Seth Low's election as Mayor of New York, there was a general overhauling of the city departments. It was discovered, then, that while the people in the tenements were paying to the uttermost for every pint of water they used, hundreds of them obliged to stint themselves because they could not meet the city rates, thousands of gallons had been diverted for use in large manufactories by tapping the mains. This was accomplished through the connivance of inspectors who were bribed, the city receiving not a penny. The same thing occurred a few years ago in Chicago at the stockyards which have since been exposed.

Nothing can condone the offense of taking bribes, but when it comes to a question of moral responsibility there may be extenuating circumstances. But in the case of the man of millions, who corrupts a servant of the government, no excuse whatever can be offered. The bribe-taker is bad, but the bribe-payer, inspired by greed and selfishness, is infinitely worse.

HOW TO TREAT THE CONGRESSMEN.

When the Congressmen come, let us keep our grievances to ourselves and give the visitors a good time.

They are not coming for our worries and troubles. They have plenty of their own. What they are after is a view of conditions here and a pleasant outing. They will shy at a grouch and hate the man who trotted it out. Lock your grouches up.

The business of this community, when the Congressmen come, is to show its best side. There are lots of good hammerers here but hammerers are everywhere and there is no novelty in seeing or hearing them. Congressmen who remember their last campaigns balk when they hear the knocker knocking on the nail. It will be poor business for Honolulu if any of the official visitors balk—mighty poor. What we want on view are our promoters, not our destroyers.

Promote everything Hawaiian, being careful not to bore anybody. Then the Congressmen will do the rest.

We have received a letter, much too long for publication in the steamer day issue, in which Mr. Hocking objects to a statement in the Advertiser's Senate report which accused the brewery of working in opposition to decency in the liquor business. Without knowing all the merits of the case, the editor of this journal wishes to withhold no praise which Mr. Hocking may have won by work for local option and high license and against the city's dives. If he has contributed in these respects to the cause of decency, he surely has been greatly wronged by expressions to the contrary. It is not always possible to sift information nor to compel men who say any given thing to stand by it when challenged, but we can assure Mr. Hocking that it is no part of the policy of the Advertiser to misrepresent him or anybody else.

One of the anomalies of Hawaiian legislation is that measures of which longest notice has been given, and for which most unmistakable demand has come from the community at large, often have the most difficulty of securing passage. Of such is the measure providing for the establishment of a home for the boys that are born in the leper settlement. If ever anything was promised to the unfortunate wards of the Territory it was the institution in question. Estimates for its erection were carefully prepared and any item of an appropriation bill which falls short of the estimated amount is liable to prevent anything at all from being done in the matter within the ensuing period. The specific bill for the object, in its integrity, should long before this have been passed.

There is not a respectable breath of public opinion which does not denounce the present liquor law. Various interests as related to the question have joined minds and produced a bill that, at the worst, is a fair compromise and promises an infinite improvement over the present situation. If this measure be defeated by wanton action of legislators, or through covert attack of special interests, or both together, an accounting to the public not pleasant to those responsible will be as certain as the progression of the seasons.

One of the hardest things the people can have to forgive in the conduct of representatives is the playing of the baby act in legislation. A policy of "you kill my dog I kill your cat," either as between members of one house or as between two houses, is so puerile as to merit contempt. Every measure should stand on its own bottom and be dealt with purely on its merits. Any other mode of treatment of the public interests is not merely child's play, it is the buffoonery of the sawdust ring.

When the Legislature makes appropriations in excess of probable revenue it simply gives the Executive a free hand to manipulate expenditures at its pleasure. Thus what perhaps a majority of the Legislature might have voted priority to, if items were thus to be scheduled, the Executive may leave to the last and so have nullified by force of circumstances. And this power the Legislature is tending to give to a Governor unknown until after one day next autumn.

Senator Smith has mellowed wonderfully since he thundered in the forum against spending money on the Board of Genealogy. His fight for $20,000 for the protection of the remains of dead kings is sublime. It would likewise be just if all the royal remains extant were not better housed than most of their surviving kindred and former lieges. Let the dead rest, so long as they are not kicking.

Lumber is not likely ever to become so dear that the historic old Mission House can not have at least its form preserved for generations to come. Someone, indeed, may one day invent a chemical wash to petrify wooden buildings. Anyway, the first frame house ever erected in Honolulu is worth preserving as long as possible.

The Draper's Record, a recent London dispatch says, announces that sulphur yellow will be the popular shade in 1907, both for women's dresses and house decorations. It already has a vogue in Paris, and London is following. Punchbowl has led the world's gay capital in this freak of fashion for many years.

For the good name of the Territory, gentlemen, don't make a Panama canal muddle of the Nuuanu dam. Water is more important to Honolulu than an isthmian waterway is to the nation.

The Spaniards are a pretty fair lot of people and if they can be kept away from California they will do their part in establishing a sturdy white population here.

There will be plenty of business now for a Spanish Consul.

From the Press Gallery

The House was agog one day last week. Princess Theresa appeared in the lobby and winked her royal forefinger at Kaniho. A long confab followed and the other members exchanged hurried notes. Some momentous affair of state was on tap, some great measure was about to be presented, something was to be precipitated upon the House, for royal beauty and fervid eloquence had combined and the members stirred uneasily in their leather bottomed chairs. None knew from whence the lightning was to strike. The Princess brought with her into the lobby four of the yellowest and fattest leis procurable and when her champion marched back to his seat he bore her colors upon his swollen and still swelling bosom.

Throughout the rest of the day's session the House was in suspense. Every time the honorable gentleman from Kohala rose to his feet and rustled his leis the other members caught their breath. None knew when the great question would be sprung and anxious eyes watched the royal personage as she nodded and beamed at her champion, when he asked for information on every matter in sight and steadfastly voted his aole and moved indefinite postponements. Occasionally he would roll his eyes to the gallery and exchange comprehensive smiles with Her Highness, while the hands of the clock crept around to the hour of adjournment.

Heaving great sighs of relief the members grabbed their hats and gathered in little groups to discuss the causes for the royal visit. They were not left for long in suspense, however, for the Princess descended upon them, fished in her royal reticule and began selling tickets!

These bore the words: "A Grand Hawaiian Melodrama, under the leadership of the Hon. H. M. Kaniho, admission $1.00."

All the members bought tickets and felt that they were getting off cheap at the price.

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Kaleo's ambition has been to put through an appropriation to buy the Pauoa springs for $140,000. In season and out of season, ever since the House has met, he has boomed and boosted for Pauoa water. The members of the House have been kept supplied with roses, irrigated from the Pauoa springs, just to keep them in mind of the matter, as if anyone in the House has ever had a chance to forget it with Kaleo bobbing up on every possible occasion to move the insertion of his item in any old bill that looked as if it would go through with the handicap. On Friday he made a canvass of the House, so the story goes, and made a pathetic plea that he has so far failed to get one single bill introduced past the committees or an item in any of the bills, and finished his pleadings with a special one in support of his water scheme. To humor him, therefore, and with the full knowledge that the matter would never get anywhere where it could become dangerous, a slim majority of the members consented to the item going in the new loan bill. Kaleo had water on the brain and the rest of the House was threatened.

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So careful have the members of the House been, under the watchful eye of the Speaker and the close scrutiny of John Hughes, of the Expenditure committee, that there threatened to be a tidy surplus in the $30,000 set aside for them for legislative expenses from the Federal grant. It would be poor policy, certainly, to let any of this money get away out of the country and go back to Washington, while at the same time there is no possibility of any of it being frittered away under the supervision of the trio watching it, Holstein, Hughes and Secretary Atkinson, but there was no reason why the House should not have some new furnishings out of the available balance. Accordingly some fine new chairs have been ordered and it is also quite likely that there will be enough left over to get the members a new desk apiece. These will not be available for the present occupants of the House, but will be there when the next Legislature is called.

MONEY BILLS ARE SECURE

(Continued from Page One.)

tee had purchased new chairs for the House and had in view a new set of desks. Now that he knew how much he had to swing on the Speaker could leave the rest with a quiet mind to the committee.

Afternoon Session.

A resolution from the Senate regarding the appointment of a Land Commission to deal with the land laws of the Territory and report at the next session of the Legislature was presented and passed through first reading. A number of other routine communications from the Senate were read, after dealing with which the House took a recess to allow the conference committeemen to get their report ready to present.

ANOTHER REMEDY BILL.

Senate Bill 117, a substitute bill for the ambiguously worded one regarding the counties receiving one-half of all license fees and police court fines, which had been vetoed, was presented for second reading and passed.

STANDARD OIL REPORT.

Senate Bill 61, the Standard Oil bill, was favorably reported on by the Finance committee, and carried through second reading. One amendment by the committee removed the liability of firms or corporations storing kerosene in warehouses from the $200 license, making the owners of such warehouses alone liable.

DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS CUT.

The Current Expense bill was reported on by the conference committee, showing a shrinkage in committee of $84,150. One item of $24,000 for government physicians, which is also in the Salary bill, was cut out, the grant to the Associated Charities was cut in two, to $2400. Two thousand was pared off the expense of the 1907 Liquor law.

A big cut was made in the Landing and Wharves items, these now reading: Oahu, $24,000; Hawaii, $20,000; Maui, $5000, and Kauai, $5000. This is $11,000 less than in the bill.

The items of $1500 to buy heiaus and puuhonuas, and $15,000 for the Waimea embankment, were wiped out, and $250 less is to be given for the Hilo pilot boat.

One item alone was raised, that being for the support of the Promotion Committee, from $5000 to $6000.

The $2000 voted to extend the Waimea water works fell by the wayside, as did a $5000 item to fight grass and forest fires. New buildings for the leper settlement, to cost $20,000, were cut out and the Malulani hospital, Maui, will have to get along on $6000 instead of $8000.

This report was accepted without protest.

SALARY BILL.

Not so the conference report on the Salary bill, which put back the Territorial bacteriologist on the payroll and knocked out the language qualifications for the keeper of the archives.

When the report was read Rice moved its adoption. He recognized the fact that the figures would not be wholly satisfactory, but a compromise had to be effected with the Senate members somewhere. The bill did not satisfy him, but the time was short and the bill had to go through somehow.

Kaniho expressed his regret that those who had were given and those who had not had been cut down again in the matter of salaries.

"There appears also in the report an item for a bacteriologist," said Kaniho, "and this in face of the fact that the House tried to get rid of this man. We have voted want of confidence in the Board of Health but turn right around and give them a bacteriologist. What good will all our talkings and grumblings at the Board of Health do if we are to give in to them about this bacteriologist. Are we to forever build up one day and tear down the next? I move that the report of the conference committee be recommitted. It may be that this will delay the work of the House, it may cause an extra session, but I would sooner submit to an extra session than have the bill pass carrying this item. We are here to work for the best interest of the people and I will do so even if it does bring about an extra session. I will pay my expenses out of my own pocket to stay here to work against that item. Therefore I move that the report be recommitted to another conference committee."

Mahoe promptly seconded the motion.

Kaleiopu said that he was one of the guilty ones of the committee referred to. When the item was considered in committee there were heated discussions and the item was deferred time and time again because the House was opposed to this item. On Saturday the conference committee nearly disbanded because it could not agree.

Pinkham had been summoned and had told the committee that the present bacteriologist was not a specialist, having gained his knowledge as a general practitioner, and the bill had been so amended that the incumbent would have to be replaced by an imported man.

Kaleiopu poured oil on the troubled waters, so that the report was adopted by a vote of eighteen to seven.

AMENDMENTS MADE.

The Commissioner of Immigration, who had been left unpaid, is to receive $25 a month and the heads of all departments were raised from $250 a month to $275. A new item was put in for the Superintendent of Water Works and Sewers at $175 a month, which will keep Howland in the service, and Criminologist Doyle is also provided for.

Some of the janitors and guards were cut down slightly and the pay of the court interpreters was abridged, the total of the bill being raised altogether from $1,712,140 to $1,725,180.

THE SPANIARDS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED

The Spanish laborers were about town yesterday in little groups and attracted much notice. Consul Canavarro thought that their general condition was good, as compared with that of the Suveric Portuguese. Over three hundred of these people will stay on Oahu and most of them have been assigned. One hundred went to Waialua.

Of those assigned to Hawaii, 332 left yesterday for Hilo and way ports. Several hundred went to Maui, where they will swell the payroll of the Hawaiian Commercial and the Maui Agricultural Co.

About 175 people are detained on Immigrant island because of trachoma on the part of some of them.

Mary Napua Poepoe answers the libel for divorce of Gulstane K. Poepoe, waiving service and asking for a trial tomorrow.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

(From Sunday's Advertiser.)

The steamer Kumeric, with Portuguese emigrants for Honolulu, left the Azores and Madeira on April 26.

Los Angeles people are talking up another excursion to Hawaii, to leave next month in one of the Oceanic steamships.

Miss Minnie Nunes was married last night to Henry J. Andrews, the ceremony being performed by Adjutant Bamberry, commander of the Honolulu Salvation Army corps. Both the young people are well known in this city, where they have lived all their lives. Only a few intimate friends and relatives of the bride were present at the ceremony.

(From Monday's Advertiser.)

Rev. S. L. Desha came down on the Kinau on Saturday.

C. T. Wilder of the tax office returned from Hilo on Saturday.

William Todd, chairman of the Hawaii Board of Supervisors, and Mrs. Todd, are in the city.

Judge Parsons of Hilo is expected in Wailuku soon to hear the fishery cases in which Judge Kepoikai is disqualified.

Hackman Donahue, who was arrested on Maui on a charge of gross cheat, was discharged by Judge Whitney in the police court on Saturday. Donahue will resume driving today from his old stand.

John T. Moir, late chairman of the Hawaii Board of Supervisors, came down on the Kinau to secure the passage of the bill authorizing a loan in Hawaii county. It seems the Hawaii delegation in the House is opposed to the measure.

Hugh Howell and Attorney J. L. Coke met with what might have been a serious automobile accident last week while going to Lahaina. Near Puuhele, the axle of the machine broke and threw both of them out while they were running at a rapid rate. They were somewhat bruised though not seriously hurt.

Miss Lishman received a cablegram yesterday saying that Percy Lishman was greatly improved.

Capt. John F. Janes talks of bidding his sorrowing friends good-bye when the S. S. Hilonian again leaves for the Coast. No flowers.

Emil Hammer, who for many years was with Benson, Smith & Co., died yesterday after a lingering illness. Mrs. Hammer died some months ago.

D. L. Withington returned yesterday from attending the United States Supreme Court in several cases in which Castle & Withington were counsel.

Keaki, the Honomu jailer, was voted $100 to repair the lockup and on the strength of that moved the building to Hakalau, placing it on land belonging to one of his friends.

U. S. District Attorney Breckons received instructions from Washington yesterday to procure abstracts of title to the Mahuka lot, selected as the site for the Federal building.

A. F. Affonso, editor of A Setta, and Antone Oak, editor of O Fancho, fought on Waianuenue street, Hilo, yesterday. Affonso knocked Oak down for an article in O Fancho last Friday. The papers are rival Portuguese weeklies and have been having a protracted and old-fashioned newspaper row.

Wm. H. Ukers, managing editor of "The Tea and Coffee Trade Journal" of New York and London, is in town looking over the coffee situation. He has lately visited Arabia, Abyssinia, Ceylon and Sumatra. After looking over the Louisson's place at Hamakua, Mr. Ukers will continue to New York. He expects to return here and stay a month.

Secretary Atkinson and Delegate Kuhio yesterday were up to their eyes in Congressional party entertainment business. Now and then one or two of the legislative committeemen would drop in to advise with the officials. Maui has sent a list of its committee numbering hundreds, with a request that each member be notified of his confirmation.

UNCLAIMED LETTER LIST

Letters remaining uncalled for in the general delivery for the week ending April 27th, 1907:

Anderson, Norman	McKenzie, A W
Andersen, Mrs Mable	Mathews, Fly P
Berkeley, I B H	Meyer, H
Brower, H	Miror, W J (2)
Clark, Mrs Ellen (2)	Moore, G H
Clark, F G	Mossman, Miss Louisa
Coyne, P	Nordman, Oskar
Delano, Geo C	O'Hallaron, W F
Doyle, Mrs Julia	O'Reilly, T
Edwards, Rees	Pascal, Peter
Eden, Miss	Pease, Dr A Per. Lee
Firse, J A (3)	Reason, Mrs Viola S W
Frazee, Mrs Minnie	Regan, Miss G M
Gauge, E N	Rohul, W
Hackley, Carl James	Robinson, Mrs A K
Harrison, J H	Schilling, Frederick
Irvine, Kaneau	Smith, Miss Julia
Lewis, James Jr	Smith, Miss Isabel
Lillico, George P	Spinach, J C
Lukin, Mrs Luisa	Wallace, K W
Lyman, Mrs H F	Wootin, W G
McDonal, Mrs A	

JOSEPH G. PRATT, Postmaster.

IN PROBATE.

M. T. Simonton, master, made a report on the fifth account of F. W. Macfarlane, trustee of Georgiana Friel, a minor, under the will of Adelia Cornwell, deceased, which showed receipts of $1678.98 and payments of $1493.38. The trustee undercharged his commission by $40.00. He took over a dwelling on Waikiki road, which settled a note and mortgage of $1750. Judge Robinson approved accounts and report.

Judge Robinson appointed Albert Waterhouse as administrator of the estate of A. Kauhi which is valued at $1130.

H. F. Wichman, executor of the estate of Hattie L. Wichman, had his accounts approved and discharge granted by Judge Robinson. A. Lewis Jr. for executor.

David B. Haumea sues Hattie K. Haumea for divorce, alleging desertion on and since Jarnuary 1, 1897. They were married at Hana, Maui, in 1886, and have five children of whom three are of age.

HONOLULU STOCK EXCHANGE

Honolulu, Monday, April 29, 1907.

NAME OF STOCK.	Capital. Paid Up	Val.	Bid.	Ask
MERCANTILE.				
C. Brewer & Co	$1,000,000	$100	...	...
SUGAR.				
Ewa	5,000,000	20	25¾	26
Haw. Agricultural	1,000,000	100	150	.....
Haw Com & Sugar Co	2,312,705	100	84½	*88
Haw Sugar Co	2,000,000	20	30	30½
Honomu	750,000	100	...	.....
Honokaa	2,000,000	20		11¾
Haiku	500,000	100		...
Kahuku	500,000	20	25	27
Kihei Plan Co Ltd	2,500,000	50	8¾	8½
Kipahulu	160,000	100		
Koloa	500,000	100	...	105
McBryde Sug Co Ltd	3,000,000	20	4¾	5
Oahu Sugar Co	3,600,000	20	24⅝	24½
Onomea	1,000,000	20	36	
Ookala	500,000	20	9	9½
Olaa Sugar Co Ltd	5,000,000	20	3¾	3⅝
Olowalu	150,000	100	100	...
Paauhau Sug Plan Co	5,000,000	50		
Pacific	950,000	100		.....
Paia	750,000	100	..	175
Pepeekeo	750,000	100	150	.....
Pioneer	2,750,000	100	....	133
Waialua Agri Co	4,500,000	100	....	80
Wailuku	1,500,000	100	....	190
Waimanalo	252,000	100	....	60
Waimea Sugar Mill	125,000	100	..	....
MISCELLANEOUS				
Inter-Island S S Co	1,500,000	100		131
Haw Electric Co	500,000	100	140	....
H R T & L Co Pfd	1,150,000	100	102½	....
H R T & L Co, Com.			55	....
Mutual Tel Co	150,000	10	9	
Nahiku Rubber Co	60,000	100	.....	90
Nahiku Rubber Co	Assess.	100	....	†....
O R & L Co	4,000,000	100	.....	95
Hilo R R Co	1,000,000	20		..
Honolulu Brewing & Malting Co Ltd	400,000	20	...	27
BONDS	Amt. out standing			
Haw Ter 4 p c (Fire Claims)	315,000	....	100	..
Haw Ter 4 p c Refunding 1905	600,000	....	100	..
Haw Ter 4½ p c	1,000,000		100	...
Haw Ter 4½ p c	1,000,000		100	....
Haw Ter 3½ p c	740,000	....	100	....
Haw Gov't 5 p c	195,000	....	100	.....
Cal Beet Sug & Ref Co 6 p c	1,000,000			103¾
Haiku 6 p c	300,000	...	102	....
Haw Com & Sugar Co 5 p c	1,877,000	....	....	..
Haw Sugar 6 p c	500,000		.....	....
Hilo R R Co 6 p c	1,000,000			
Hon R T & L Co 6 p c	708,000	....	107	....
Kahuku 6 p c	200,000		.....	.....
O R & L Co 6 p c	2,000,000			....
Oahu Sugar Co 5 p c	900,000	...	100½	..
Olaa Sugar Co 6 p c	1,250,000	....		..
Paia 6 p c	450,000	..	102	102½
Pioneer Mill Co 6 p c	1,250,000		105½	106
Waialua Ag Co 5 p c	1,500,000	..	98½	99
McBryde Sug Co 5 p c	2,000,000	...		95½

*23.1275 paid. †8 per cent. paid.

SESSION SALES.
(Morning Session.)

50 Haw. Sug. Co., 31; 10 Haw. Sug. Co., 30.50; $1000 Waialua 5's, 98.50; 5 Haw. Sug. Co., 30.25.

BETWEEN BOARDS.

175 McBryde, 4.75.

The British ship Loch Garve sailed for Royal Roads, Vancouver, at 1:30 p. m. yesterday.