

RETAIL MERCHANTS WARY OF HONOLULU'S AGAINST HYSTERIA

Newspapers Urged To Avoid Inspiring Fear In Minds of the Local People

CHAMBER PLANS TO OPEN AN ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

James D. Dole Announces Food Commission Expects To Issue Report Soon

Meeting to discuss war taxes, and tearing the roof from a board of retail trades resolution averted hysteria among the common people, the chamber of commerce, yesterday afternoon presented a human likeness to the mountain whose labor has become proverbial. Every thing from the psychology of the mob to recruiting in the national guard entered into the discussion. And it was some discussion!

The newspapers were chiefly roasted for inspiring the hysteria, but there were other elements of the population to come in for verbal castigation. The report of the legislation committee, approved in the name of the War Tax Bill, which means the enormous increase of taxes, a large share of which in Hawaii will be paid by firms represented at yesterday's meeting, was adopted without a solitary word of discussion. The smallest sum mentioned in the report of the committee was one hundred million dollars.

Following the passage of this important document the discussion for a movement to prevent Honolulu from turning themselves into tightwads was led in the affirmative by John Effinger of the South Sea Curio Company, James D. Dougherty, of Wall & Dougherty and W. D. Adams, of the Bergstrom Music Co. The discussion lasted one hour and thirty-five minutes.

Effinger Explains Chairman Effinger, of the retail trades board, explained that the board had intended going ahead on its own hook, but after a conference with the chairman of the finance committee, Mr. Bishop, they had been advised to come before the chamber and get the whole body to back up the campaign.

Mr. Dougherty put the proposition on the floor by a motion that the chamber of commerce, "expend \$500 in an advertising campaign not to advertise business, but to put at ease the minds of certain people in Honolulu."

Chairman James D. Dole of the territorial food commission, asked if the persons whose minds were to be relieved were the retail merchants of Honolulu. William C. McGonagle, vice-president of Benson & Smith, druggists, and George W. Smith, president of the same firm, led the fight for Dougherty's motion. Mr. Smith described the psychology of the mob and the manner in which it is influenced by general reverence to affairs, long continued. He gave as examples the patent medicines ads, in which the business men who got up every morning with a lame back, a bad taste in the mouth, or a headache, were told they had something the matter with them which could be cured by John Doe's pills, and he added that because nearly every business man got up one in a while with one of these symptoms, they got thinking along general lines and eventually took John Doe's pills for what ever was the matter with them.

"Mob" Grows Stingy This, he explained, was the case with the "mob" who saw daily general references to such things as the food supply in the newspapers and gradually became hysterical over food shortages and high prices; commenced to hoard their money and deprived themselves of things which they could afford. All the speakers on this side of the question, particularly Mr. Dougherty, made the point that failure to purchase the customary things which one could afford hurt business, and it had been proved by economists that the most patriotic thing that could be done was to keep business going.

Ed. Towse president of the Mercantile Printing Company, spoke for the motion, but advised further consideration as he believed, from signs in his own business and other businesses with which he was acquainted, that the hysteria had passed.

Opposition Gets Busy The landslide came when the opposition started. This was led by E. Paxson Bishop, of Brown & Co., James D. Dole, president of the Hawaiian Pineapple Company and chairman of the territorial food commission, A. Lewis Jr., vice-president of Bank of Hawaii, E. D. Tenney, general manager of Castle & Cooke, and Senator A. L. Castle. The opposition was strong, and its arguments lucid, but it was weak in numbers as the eventual vote showed.

Mr. Dole was invited to speak as representative of the food commission. At that time, he did not care to speak against the motion, he said (although he opposed it by inference later) but he refused to approve of it.

It was from this point that the opposition was made, Senator Castle, who was the father of the food commission bill, came out flat-footedly against the motion. It was a bad stand for the chamber of commerce to take, he said, and in the face of the fact that the food commission had not yet made a public report upon which to base an understanding of the need of any re-arrangement, he believed action by the chamber, he believed, to be premature. He asked Mr. Dole if the food commission expected to make such a report in the near future, and Mr. Dole replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Bishop stated that as chairman of the finance committee he had been elected soon by the retail trades members and had advised fuller considera-

tion. He stated that, in his opinion, the retail trades were getting hysteria before the people were. They admitted, he said, that their sales were up to the mark, and corresponded favorably with the sales for the same period last year. So far as he could find out, and he said he had enquired among the stores, nothing had dropped yet, and he agreed with Senator Castle that present action by the chamber of commerce was premature.

Farrington For Motion Wallace R. Farrington, general manager of the Star-Bulletin Publishing Company, spoke for the motion in answer to Mr. Bishop. He said that the chamber had just had it drummed into them not to wait until something happened but to take the bull by the horns. He believed that the chamber should take the stand that the retail merchants should be treated as men who knew their business.

Mr. Adams, of the Bergstrom Music Company, gave specific evidence, which was among the little supplied by the affirmative side of the debate. His company, he said, had two canvassers in the field taking orders for talking machines, pianos, etc., and that he had heard from his canvassers who had started to ascertain as accurately as possible the reasons for not purchasing these articles. This had been done, he said, and his two canvassers had reported that a number of people (and they meant, he said, mostly with the middle classes) who would ordinarily have bought a fifteen dollar talking machine, had not done so because they stated that they had heard that there was going to be enough to eat in Honolulu soon.

Although Mr. Effinger had alleged that some people were taking their money out of the banks and putting it in holes in the ground, Mr. Lewis, of the Bank of Hawaii, joined the fight against the motion. The chamber, he said, had been noted for inconsistencies in the past, and he thought that this was a good time to be consistent. He would not like to see advertising go out under the chamber of commerce's name on such a subject and have the food commission later publish a report which would indicate that the claims of the retail board were wrong. He urged a conference between the retail board and the food commission where views could be exchanged.

Wants Censorship Another official got on the other side of the fence when L. Tenney Peck, manager of the First National Bank spoke for the motion and urged that in addition "the editors of the newspapers be brought into the matter and censor the news to jibe with the policy of the retail trades board." It would do "little good," he said, to advertise and have an editorial policy continue which helped on hysteria. He referred to the Associated Press despatch yesterday morning, stating that Senator Cummins had said that under certain conditions America faced starvation at the end of the year, as the kind of news that the editors should suppress.

Finally Mr. Lewis, explaining that it was a compromise and contrary to his own opinion which would put off action, moved an amendment that a committee be appointed to handle the matter, consisting of two members of the retail trades board, two members of the food commission and the president of the chamber of commerce. Mr. Dole asked that Mr. Lewis reconsider his amendment as the food commissioners did not wish to serve for two reasons, first because they had their hands completely filled with the duties of the commission, and secondly because they would be embarrassed by being in the minority on the committee, indicating that they were at variance with the views of the retail people.

The amendment was not withdrawn, however, and passed, with every member of the chamber of commerce present voting against it. The motion as amended was then put and also passed, with the food commissioners still voting no. The opposition, however, could not muster more than ten or twelve votes.

President Hagens of the chamber who himself became a member of the committee appointed as the other members John Effinger and W. C. McGonagle to represent the retail trades and James D. Dole and P. E. Blake to represent the food commission.

Mr. Effinger expressed the wish that the food commission do nothing to stop the immediate campaign against retrenchment.

Among the many side issues which were discussed was the national guard recruiting campaign. Injudicious advertising, said Mr. Towse and Mr. Farrington had resulted in the complete failure of the campaign, and the fact that each guard company had taken up the matter independently had also contributed to the collapse of the campaign.

BARTLETT SLATED FOR JOB OF JUDGE Young Attorney Spoken of As Possible Successor To Present Police Magistrate

Paul Bartlett, one of the younger attorneys of the city, and former newspaper man, is slated for appointment as district magistrate of Honolulu to succeed Judge J. M. Monsarrat, according to an apparently well founded report yesterday.

It has been fairly well known for several weeks that Judge Monsarrat, whose term expires this month, was not to be reappointed, and there has been considerable quiet activity on the part of aspirants for the office. Among those who have had ambitions may be mentioned E. J. Botts, another young attorney who was formerly a newspaper man, William J. Sheldon, one time assistant prosecuting attorney, is also said to have been looking with a covetous eye upon the judicial position.

Of course, the appointment not yet having been made, anything may happen, but the above report appears to be the "dope" today.

NO JOB PROMISED, DECLARES BECKLEY

Manager Denies Report Fat Post Awaits Him If Cohen Is Elected

Fred W. K. Beckley, campaign manager for J. C. Cohen, Republican candidate for mayor, at a big Republican rally at Waipahu last night branded as a lie the statement made by Mayor Lane that Cohen had promised Beckley and a number of others positions if elected to office.

"Mr. Cohen has never made any promises whatever, and I am sure he has not made any promises to any of my workers. This statement by Lane is a malicious falsehood, and nobody knows it better than Lane himself. Not only has Mr. Cohen not offered me a position, but I would not accept a position in the city and county of Honolulu even if one were offered me."

"I consented to manage the campaign of Mr. Cohen for mayor because I believed he was the logical man for the office. I am still working for him in that belief, and all the mud-slinging in the part of his opponents will serve only to swell his vote at the polls on Saturday."

"Lane is the only man who has ever brought up the color question in politics. All this question of color has been created by Lane. If Lane is ashamed of his white blood I wish him to know that I am not. Such color arguments are insulting to the intelligence of any prominent Hawaiian people in this city."

Candidate Cohen in a brief talk to a large audience declared that he was sorry that Lane himself was not on the platform to discuss the issues of the day. Cohen also denied that he has ever made any promises, but strongly hinted that the Hawaiians should vote for him because he could not be controlled.

"Is it not better to elect a hoole, he said, 'who will give us square deals to the Hawaiian people, than to elect a Hawaiian who forgets the Hawaiian people because he is controlled by a small clique of haoles?'"

Cohen also challenged any person to point to a single project that Lane had initiated during his more than two years in office.

Cohen spoke at a special meeting called at Nottley hall, where 150 voters were present yesterday at noon. The meeting was called in order that Cohen might be able in person to deny certain malicious charges made against him by his opponents.

On Tuesday three automobile loads of Cohen workers made a trip around the island and their respective cities. A dozen places indicated that Cohen is popular in the rural districts. Formal meetings were held at Waikane and at Aie.

At Laie Cohen confined his remarks to denying certain reports that he was in favor of a wide open town.

"I am in favor of law and decency," said the speaker, "for the reason that I wish to see as many as any other person's. I want Honolulu a good place to live in, and all statements to the effect that I am in favor of a wide open city I wish to brand as a malicious lie."

GARDEN ISLAND WILL HAVE TAME ELECTION

Many of Present County Officials Running Unopposed

Kaui will have a tame primary election on Saturday, for only in a few cases the present county officials have opposition in the field. Sheriff William Henry Rice and County Attorney S. K. Kaeo are practically elected, for they are alone in the running for the respective offices. They are both Republicans.

Four of the present supervisors Kaui electing one from each of its five districts, have no opposition and will be nominated and elected. They are Thorvald Brandt, of the District of Waimea; W. D. McBrayde, Kolon; W. D. Wishard, Lihue, and A. Menefoglio, Hanalei. They are also all Republicans.

The situation is different in the District of Kaula, where Supervisor Joseph Rodriguez, Republican, has many opponents, as follows: J. P. Bettner, court, Daniel P. Hane and Fred Mendes, Republicans, and Lewis Hanohano Democrat.

County Clerk J. Mahiai Kaneokua, Republican, has also opposition of a non-partisan order, his opponent for office being Chun Koon Chong, other wise known as K. C. Ahana, and Representative James K. Kula, both Republicans, and Henry W. Waiuku, running on a non-partisan ticket.

Auditor C. Maer, Republican, has opposition in Samuel L. Kakuhi, also Republican, and Treasurer A. G. Kauku, Republican, is being opposed by John S. Chandler, Democrat.

Taken all in all, the Kaui candidates are all Republicans with the exception of two Democrats and one non-partisan.

WIFE OF ATTORNEY M'BRIDE SECURES SECOND DIVORCE Mrs. Florence Elizabeth McBride was granted a divorce from Attorney Claudius Harley McBride on the ground of non-support yesterday by Judge Kemp in the local circuit court. McBride was ordered to pay the costs of the suit and fifty dollars as a fee to his wife's lawyer.

SEALS AND SALT LAKE WIN AGAIN; VERNON NOW LAST

Two Leaders Making Runaway Race of It In Coast League To Date

Table with 3 columns: Team, Won, Lost, Pct. Salt Lake 24 15 .615, San Francisco 20 18 .525, Oakland 20 20 .500, Portland 18 10 .646, Los Angeles 16 22 .421, Vernon 16 22 .421

San Francisco beat Portland again yesterday in the Coast League play at San Francisco, 9 to 3, and Salt Lake took another from Oakland at Salt Lake, 5 to 3. Oakland went to 500, and Portland dropped below 500. No team in the Coast League has shown enough strength to date to stop either of the leaders, and it appears that they will fight it out between themselves. However, the season is young.

Los Angeles won the first game of her series from Vernon at Vernon, 7 to 6, and got out of the last place, Vernon dropping in.

At Salt Lake—Salt Lake 5, Oakland 3. At San Francisco—San Francisco 9, Portland 3. At Vernon—Los Angeles 7, Vernon 6.

HONORS ARE GIVEN TO HONOLULU MEN

Watt and Tuttle Are Elected To Sphinx Head—Former Stars On Track

The Cornell Daily Sun of May 1, received in Honolulu yesterday, brings word of new honors to local boys. In the list of twenty-four men from the class of 1918, who, because of their prominence in university affairs, have been chosen as members of Sphinx head, Cornell's great senior honorary society, appear the names of John Murter Watt and Elbert Parr Tuttle.

Watt consistently has carried out the predictions as to his athletic work, and before he left Honolulu, some of his friends, however, of many of his friends, who expected him to be a great mile runner, he has done better at the short distances. He won his 'C' on the track last year, and frankly is conceded to be the best hurdler at Cornell. According to present indications, he is slated as track captain for next year.

Tuttle, who recently was elected, editor-in-chief of the Sun for his senior year, also was elected president of the Cornell University Christian Association for the year 1917-18, at the annual election held last month. He recently was elected to the Manuscript Club and a member of the freshman advisory council, the organization which looks after the interests of the newest members of the student body of the university.

Makes the Glee Club Ralph C. Gray, '18, who was a member of Cornell's swimming team last year, also has made the varsity glee club, a coveted honor among those interested in music.

M. H. Tuttle, '18, and Mort-Smith '19, are making names for themselves in the distance runs and pole vault, respectively.

INCREASED PRICES SHOW IN LAST ARMY BIDS

Increases from ten to fifty per cent in prices of foodstuffs was shown Tuesday when bids were opened by the quartermaster department. Some of the figures compared with those one and twelve months ago, as follows: Potatoes, 5.24; onions, 3.9; coffee, 21; sugar, 7.83; bacon, 39.72; cheese 14.7; flour, 7; ham, 28.8; macaroni, 1.48.

Last month the prices stood as follows: Potatoes, 6.3; onions, 3.3; coffee, 21; sugar, 8.7; bacon, 34.7; cheese 23.8; flour, 6.2; ham, 27.8; macaroni, 1.48.

Last year's figures were: Potatoes, 1.25; onions, 2.8; coffee, 19.4; sugar, 17; bacon, 23; cheese, 18.5; flour, 2.8; ham, 18.7; macaroni, 5.5.

BRITISH AIRMAN HERE ON WAY TO THE FRONT

Among recent visitors to Honolulu, in his way back to the West Front, was Flight Sub-Lieut. K. Ross Munro, of Australia, who has seen active service in the air over the Anglo-French-Italian lines and who has taken part in many combats as the pilot of the small, fast, one-man machines. At one time, he related, he was covered by three Hun planes but rose above them and drove them off. At other times his engine went dead over the German lines forcing him to vibrate back to safety. He has had several nasty falls but has never been seriously injured. He has still to bring down his first German plane, unassisted.

SPORTS

Track Is Busy As Race Meet Draws Nearer

Japanese Working Hard To Have Okibono Ready—Some of Yesterdays Times

Workouts are becoming more regular as the events of the three-day racing meet scheduled for Kapiolani Park June 9, 11 and 16 draw nearer. Yesterday morning Bill Boy and Barney Judd's sorrel gelding worked three heats in 2:35, 2:30 and 2:28. Judd's sorrel brought up the rear, breaking badly, but worked the next heat alone in 2:26 1/2.

Pawaw Boy, training for the Japanese race, worked five-eighths in 1:04. Oneonta and Benbolt worked together pulling up at the five-eighths in 1:04. Florence Roberts worked a slow half in 1:52.

Expect Much of Oneta Umppu and Oneta traveled the three-eighths in 57 1/2 together. Oneta pulled up at this point and Umppu ran out the half in 1:52. It is predicted that this little filly, Oneta, by Oneta and out of Yola Girl, will make a showing in her class.

Okibono, the Japanese-owned horse, finished the three-quarters in 1:19. The Japanese in the community always have had great faith in this animal and are doing their best to have her in fighting trim by June 11.

The little filly by Oneta out of Lolita, owned by John Resents, pulled up at the three-eighths in 1:38. A full brother, Oneta, worked the half in 1:51. Mary Jay and Fair Mary galloped. Labentan Water, early in the week, galloped the five-eighths in 1:04 handily.

Harness Horses Out Denervo, owned by S. S. Paxson, trotted without hitches, stepping three heats in 2:35, 2:30 and 2:26. Robert Shingle's sorrel pacer, Belle MacKinney, worked three heats, the best being in 2:29. This was without hitches.

Because of a cold, Barney Judd's Hawaiian-bred foal to come out. Johnny Kolburn expects to work Fuddy Roosevelt this morning. John Greese's Carnalita was out and traveled the best heat in 2:28.

The revised program for the meet is: Saturday, June 9 1-2:15 class, trotting and pacing, free-for-all, mile heats, best two in three. Purse, \$400. Entrance fee, 10 per cent of purse.

2-Five furlongs, free-for-all, weight for age, Purse, \$250, of which \$50 goes to the second. Entrance fee, 10 per cent of purse.

3-Oriental Stakes. Six furlongs, Hawaiian-bred, owned and ridden by Orientals. Purse, \$300, of which \$75 goes to the second and \$25 to the third. Catchweights. Entrance fee, 10 per cent of purse.

4-Five furlongs, Hawaiian-bred, weight for age. Cup and purse \$200, of which \$50 goes to the second. Entrance fee, 10 per cent of purse.

5-The Oneonta Mile. One mile free-for-all, weight for age. Purse, \$400, of which \$10 goes to the second. Cup and purse \$100 goes to the second. Cup and purse \$100 goes to the second. Entrance fee, 10 per cent of purse.

6-Juvenile Plate. Three-eighths mile, Hawaiian-bred 2-year-olds. Piece of silver plate valued at \$100, and a purse of \$200 of which \$50 goes to the second. Entrance fee, 10 per cent of purse.

7-One mile and a half free-for-all, weight for age. Cup, to be won twice by the same owner, and a purse of \$500, of which \$100 goes to the second. Entrance fee, 10 per cent of purse.

8-Queen's Cup. Six furlongs, Hawaiian-bred, weight for age. Purse, \$250, of which \$50 goes to the second. Entrance fee, 10 per cent of purse.

9-Three eighths mile, stabled men of the United States army and Navy. Trotting and pacing, catchweights, riders in uniform. Purse, \$175, of which \$50 goes to the second and \$25 to the third. No entrance fee, and not more than three horses to be entered by any one regiment.

10-Half mile, free-for-all, weight for age. Purse, \$250, of which \$50 goes to the second. Entrance fee, 10 per cent of purse.

11-Hawaiian Derby. One mile, Hawaiian-bred, 3-year-olds, colts to carry 126 pounds and fillies to carry 121 pounds. Cup presented by President F. P. Baldwin, which is to be retained by the winner until the winner's time be beaten; and purse of \$400, of which \$100 goes to the second. Entrance fee, 10 per cent of purse.

12-Five furlongs, free-for-all for qualified amateur riders. Piece of silver valued at \$100 to owner, and souvenir miniature to rider. Minimum weight, 160 pounds. Entrance fee, \$10.

Lead of Cubs Is Increased By a Victory

Giants and St. Louis Idle—Red and White Sox and Yanks Win

Table with 3 columns: Team, Won, Lost, Pct. Boston 17 7 .708, New York 15 9 .625, Cleveland 15 15 .500, St. Louis 14 15 .483, Philadelphia 14 16 .469, Washington 10 16 .385, Philadelphia 7 17 .292

In the National League yesterday Chicago increased its lead one-half game over the Giants by beating Boston at Boston, 5 to 1, while New York and St. Louis were idle at New York because of wet grounds. The Cubs have won seven straight in the East, a record which has not been equaled by any team in either league in the present interseasonal series. Such work as this on the road indicates that the Cubs will be real contenders, but the true test will come when they meet the Giants at New York May 23 for a four-game series.

There was only one other game in the National yesterday, Pittsburgh overwhelming Philadelphia, 12 to 4. This defeat of the Phillies let St. Louis go to third. Cincinnati did not play at Brooklyn because of wet grounds.

Boston won in the American, defeating Cleveland, 5 to 1, but the Red Sox did not gain on either New York or Chicago, as they also won, Chicago defeating Philadelphia at Chicago, 3 to 2, and New York defeating St. Louis at St. Louis, 5 to 2. The White Sox and Yanks have won three straight in the present series. Washington beat Detroit, 5 to 1.

The last games of the present series will be played today, and new series will be begun tomorrow.

GAMES YESTERDAY National League At New York—St. Louis, no game; wet grounds. At Brooklyn—Cincinnati, no game; wet grounds. At Boston—Chicago 8, Boston 9. At Philadelphia—Pittsburgh 12, Philadelphia 4. American League At Cleveland—Boston 5, Cleveland 1. At Detroit—Washington 5, Detroit 1. At Chicago—Chicago 3, Philadelphia 2. At St. Louis—New York 5, St. Louis 2.

11—Four furlongs, Hawaiian-bred, weight for age. Cup and Purse of \$200, of which \$50 goes to the second. Entrance fee, 10 per cent of purse.

12—Oriental Race. Five furlongs free-for-all, owned and ridden by Orientals. Purse, \$500, of which \$75 goes to the second and \$25 to the third. Catchweights. Entrance fee, 10 per cent of purse.

13—Novice Race. Ponies. One-quarter mile for ponies 14.5 or under, to be ridden by sons of members of the club or of army officers, under 16 years of age. Saddle to first, bridle to second, whip to third. No entrance fee.

1—Crestal Challenge Cup. Trotting and pacing, one mile heats, Hawaiian-breds. Cup presented by D. P. R. Isenberg, provided the time of his mare Crestal, 2:18, be beaten; and purse of \$300. No second money. Entrance fee, \$10.

2—Half-mile, free-for-all, 2-year-olds, colts to carry 118 pounds and fillies 115 pounds. Purse, \$250, of which \$50 goes to the second. Entrance fee, 10 per cent of purse.

3—Six furlongs, free-for-all, weight for age, Purse, \$300, of which \$50 goes to the second. Entrance fee, 10 per cent of purse.

4—Duke of Norfolk Memorial Stakes. One and one-half miles, Hawaiian-breds, weight for age. Purse, \$300, of which \$50 goes to the second; and cup presented by Col. Z. S. Spaulding, provided the time made by Francis B., owned by Harry A. Baldwin, 2:42 2-5 be beaten. Entrance fee, 10 per cent of purse.

5—Seven furlongs, Hawaiian-breds, weight for age. Purse, \$300, of which \$50 goes to the second. Entrance fee, 10 per cent of purse.

6—Coastal Stakes. Six furlongs, weight for age, for nonwinners at the meeting. Purse, \$300, of which \$100 goes to the second. Entrance fee, 10 per cent of purse.

7—Officers' Steeplechase, two miles, to be ridden by officers of the United States army and National Guard of Hawaii, in colors. Weights, 10 pounds above scale of National Steeplechase and Hunt Rules; over eight brush hurdles 3 feet 6 inches high. Cup and purse of \$200, of which \$50 goes to the second. Entrance fee, \$10.

MISS MENGLER WINS LIHUE, Kaui, May 15—Miss Meta Mengler was victorious over Mr. Philip Rice in the finals of the women's singles at Hona last Thursday. The sets, with the exception of the last one, were very close, and each game was fought to a finish. The score was 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.

The women's doubles finals will be played off at Hona this coming Thursday at three-thirty o'clock, between the Misses Meta and Wilhelmina Mengler and Mrs. Philip Rice and Miss Katherine McI...

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