

Hawaii Holomua

PROGRESS.

The Life of the Land is Established in Righteousness.

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Hawaiian Juries.

It is pleasing to see that there is an inclination among the best members of the constitutional convention to strike out Article 7 which in its present shape would give a legislature power to invest the government with the right of appeal in criminal cases. To our surprise the *Advertiser* has abandoned its former attitude in this matter, and this morning joins the HOLOMUA in an opposition to the dangerous and nefarious clause. At the same time, our morning contemporary takes occasion to attack the Hawaiian juries and to throw out innuendoes and insinuations against the integrity and impartiality of a Hawaiian jury, more especially in political cases. The cry is old, and it is getting very stale. It doesn't come with very good grace from a paper which represents the men who have constituted certain "white" juries who have put themselves on record as aiding and abetting the miscarriage of justice in political cases. Who has forgotten the breach of promise case instituted by an adventuress without character against W. M. Gibson? Has any native jury ever put themselves on record in such a contemptible manner? They have acquitted their countrymen, who were charged with conspiracy against the government, because some of the jurymen sympathized with the ideas of the conspirators, and some knew that the men, before the court were only tools in the hands of the very crowd who now condemn the native juries and deride their verdicts. Nobody was hurt by the acquittal of those political criminals. But the good name of the country, the faith of the people in the justice of our courts received a blow from which they never have recovered after the verdict in the Gibson case. Here was a fallen politician, a man "downed," a statesman against whom the most bitter and unrelenting opposition had been carried on found guilty of a breach of promise to marry a woman of whom nothing was known, of no standing in this community, and to all appearances and according to evidence a loose adventurer. And he, a man who had passed the three scores and ten, a man with a daughter and grandchildren clinging to his knees. The less the *Advertiser* gang talk about injustice of Hawaiian juries in political cases, the better it will be for themselves and for the honor of our courts. Every man on that jury has many a time regretted the verdict which later on was proved to be unjust and inexcusable. And we have seen political cases before some of our immaculate judges in whom the *Advertiser* desires to vest the power of judge and jury. This American is not like Emmerson, a son of one of the missionary fathers, who defamed the Queen shortly after listening to the Word of God. The first person is an enlightend American, and the second one is a downright pagan, if we were to measure him in accordance with the rulers of intelligence and Christianity.

charge of Ashford and the committal of Wilcox, was just or justifiable by the evidence? No, and no again. It was the white judge saving the white man either from sympathy or from fear, but it was not a just verdict of an honest judge. It is not worth the while to rake up these cases. Perhaps we all sympathized with V. V. Ashford. He has publicly admitted that the charge against him was true, and that he was guilty as charged, but not a word has ever been said against the "honorable" judge who helped him out of the scrape. It is not long ago when the prosecuting officers in open court refused to go on with the foreign criminal cases on the calendar, because, they claimed, they could not obtain justice before the foreign jury. And on that jury, we noticed the names of several of the pillars of the Church, and most of the *Advertiser* backers. It is useless for the *Advertiser* to cast odium on the Hawaiian jury. Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones. The jury system can never be abandoned here and justice be done. The community is too small and we know each other too well, friendly or otherwise, to find it possible to leave our cases, our liberty and our rights in the hands of judges with whom we play poker, eat chowder, go to lodge, to church or peep at spooning in the Kahuku waters. The abolishment of the mixed juries would prove a most dangerous step for the foreigners. Race feeling would have full swing and the chances are that the white man would come out at the small end of the horn. Whatever is to happen here, it is better to go slow, to remember that this country is yet in its infancy and to avoid too radical changes.

HE IS A CHRISTIAN.

And Don't You Forget It.

The following translation of an extract of an editorial in the *Ka Leo o ka Lahui* will be very gratifying to Lieutenant-Commander Logan and also to Holy Joe. The endorsement which the gallant commander of the Philadelphia troops has received from Brother Bash will insure to him a hearty welcome by St. Peter, and a prompt opening of the golden portals. Emmerson go to h—ades:

When the Philadelphia troops reached Washington Place, the commander, in a stentorian voice, gave the order to "Port Arms" while marching past. If no other indications are shown in the future by the officer in command, we can readily see that he has acted well the part of a gentleman in respecting Her Majesty, by the grace of God Queen of the Hawaiian Islands, with the approval of the native race. Praise be to the Lieutenant for his gentlemanly act, and thus showing that he is not only a soldier but a Christian as well by exhibiting his kind sympathy for one who has been wrongfully injured, and without just cause or provocation. God will bless you and protect your health, thou stranger with feelings of affection for our Queen!"

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RIGHT YOU ARE, MOSES!

Little Francis Hatch talks sense.

It will be remembered that our E. C. got into hot water the other day through a hard boiled editorial in which the *tempo All-egg-ro* was used too much to be palatable to the British Minister. A complaint was filed with the Foreign Office and Minister Hatch demanded an apology on behalf of Minister Wodehouse which, according to *Advertiser* ideas, was published this morning. Whatever the offense of the *Advertiser* may be, we desire to express our unbounded pleasure in seeing Minister Hatch regaining his common sense and emphatically disavowing the action of Stevens in this country. Mr. Hatch writes as follows to Mr. Henry N. Castle the editor of the *P. C. Advertiser*.

A diplomatic officer is accredited to a government only, and has no right to have dealings of any nature with the people among whom he dwells or any class of them, or to take any part in domestic politics. Any sort of communication with the enemies of the government with which he has established diplomatic relations, or with those plotting against it, would justify his immediate removal from the country.

It is, as we say, pleasing to notice that Mr. Hatch finally has adopted the views frequently expressed in the HOLOMUA. Minister Stevens was "accredited to Liliuokalani's Government." He had dealings of a political nature with Judd, Dole, Soper, Waterhouse and others (*vide* Blount's report) and he took a most active part in our domestic politics (*Ib.*) He held communication with the enemies of the government with which he had established diplomatic relations and with those plotting against it and he laid himself open to be cashiered in disgrace and sent home in a basket.

How refreshing to notice these lofty principles of Mr. Hatch, the great attorney of Claus Spreckels. What injustice the opposition has done to this legal talent by doubting his sincerity, his honesty as a Hawaiian citizen, yes, even his sanity. He condemns Mr. J. L. Stevens. He justifies everything which the royalist government, the royalist press and the royalist people have said against that abortive diplomat and he establishes a rule for Hawaii which it will be well worth for all in opposition to the constitutional government to remember. Mr. Hatch will yet come back into the fold of the royalists. And there will be more joy among the good citizens over the return of that one sinner than of ninety-nine Doles and Smiths who need no repentance (according to themselves.)

A Soothing Formality.

In the respectful but emphatic document presented by the Schuetzen Club to the convention, a cynical reference is made to section 2 of article 1 of the draft constitution which reads:

"The government is conducted for the common good, and not for the profit honor or private interest of any one man, family or class of men." The Schuetzen being aware that this section is

borrowed from the constitution of the United States which was drafted by patriots who were endorsed by the people; naturally look upon the emphatic declaration of honesty in this section as an incongruity. Hence they satirise it as a "soothing formality."

Taken in connection with all the rest of the constitution, this virtuous section is in a very bad company not much unlike a well meaning youth in a den of thieves; for everything of the document is so clearly focussed on a common centre, brilliant with the highest possibilities for boodle, that the simplest Schuetzen who runs may read it.

The constitution is drafted in the sole interests of a class known as the holy family compact, so that every appointment will be made in the Russian plan, by the head of the State, and as the rising crop of missionary progeny now being educated at Punahou and abroad are more numerous than the government offices, it can be seen by the Schuetzens 'dot dat police rot on dem horses' will be replaced by young horsemen who are in the family, and consequently will carry guns for the government which will be owned by their fathers, without making any kick for liberal politics.

This is the political millenium for the family compact which the Schuetzens and kindred bodies have been busy at work on; but Dole, Smith, Hatch and Co. have borrowed the Schuetzens and are about through with them.

A Serious Matter.

The government has, through its minister of foreign affairs, demanded an apology from the *Advertiser* for an article which appeared in the official organ of the provisional government on the 18th of June, and which as Minister Hatch states, "tends to hold this gentleman (H. B. M. Minister) up to public ridicule." The *Advertiser* takes heed of Mr. Hatch's letter, and it apologizes to Minister Wodehouse. The apology is couched in such terms as to add insult to injury. The *Advertiser* evidently consider itself safe and secure of any retaliation, but it forgets that there in this town is, not alone a formidable number of true Britishers ready to answer any insult against the man who represents their flag and their country, but that in our harbor floats a vessel, on board of which each man from the captain to the apprentice consider the persistent insults as directed against him. The following lines in the alleged apology are sufficient to show the hostile spirit, and the intentional offense towards Queen Victoria's representative. Mr. Castle writes, referring to Minister Wodehouse:

We, in common with hundreds of others, regard the attitude which he has maintained toward this government as highly reprehensible, and as grossly misrepresenting the real spirit of the great and liberty-loving people which has sent him here.

The evident belief of the official organ, and of the provisional government that the United States representative will interfere on their behalf, and protect them against the just and legitimate reprisals of an insulted, great power ought to be dispelled at once. The British Lion does not desire the proprietorship of these islands, but he doesn't propose to have his tail twisted or handled by the small rats who in high glee dance around a lost feather of the noble American Eagle, and believe that the eagle is behind the feather. Go slow Mr. Dole you are not the "Champion."

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HARDWARE COMP'Y

The Advertiser who catches a persons eye usually wins a customer. Many different styles of advertising have been adopted and with more or less success, by the believers in the use of printers ink. The manufacturers of Pears Soap, for instance, occasionally buy paintings that have been on exhibition in the Paris Salon and have lithographs made from them for the purpose of bringing their product before the people. In addition to such side issues, Pears spends hundreds thousands of dollars annually among the newspapers and magazines. Some years ago the Agents of certain article on sale in New York made a hit in advertising by having on Broadway during business hours two fatnessly dressed Negroes wearing very high collars, on the backs of which was printed "Use Smiths Pills." The idea was novel and the public caught on. Rising Sun Stove Polish has been kept before the public for years through persistent, and sometimes expensive advertising. Twenty odd years ago the manufacturers of this polish started half a dozen men across the orniment to paint signs on rocks and fences. The Aermotor Co., of Chicago have increased its sales more than five hundred per cent in two years by the use of printers ink. We believe we have been instrumental in increasing the sales of the Aermotor by keeping everlastingly at it in Hawaii.

We do not wish to say that advertising will sell any manufactured article; there is no use spending money in advertising "cheap and nasty" goods because the people will not be hoodwinked. If Haviland China was not the superior article it is, all our advertising of it would not have sold the thousands of pieces that we have. We simply call the attention of the people to it and its superior quality is apparent to the customer directly a piece of it is examined.

Printers ink has helped the sale of the James Locked Fence but it would not have done so if it had been as flimsy as the ordinary wire fence. First, the economy there is in building it recommends it to the plantation manager and then its durability clinches the sale. If the stays and washers cost as much as an ordinary redwood post our sales of the material would not have reached such enormous proportions.

Our average sale of the Pansy Iron Stove is about two a day the year round. It was not the best iron stove on the market we would not sell that many in six months. Advertising is the tip to the public the good points in the article sells it just as the good qualities of the Fischer Steel Range make it a desirable article for people who wish to economise in the use of fuel.

We buy only what has proven good after people in the United States or Europe have given it a trial; we profit by their experience if the articles are good we buy and sell them; if they are poor we steer clear of them. When we advertise an article it is to attract attention to it; the newspaper is the button we push, the salesman does the rest.

Persistent advertising coupled with the article being a superior one has sold thousands of the Frank Walcot Emory File. If it had been no better than an ordinary scythe stone we probably would not have sold twenty. When a man finds out that his table knives may be kept sharp at all times at an expense of fifty cents and a very little elbow grease he is quite willing to try the experiment.

The Hawaiian Hardware Co.

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