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Let us hope that, after adjournment, Cayless and Meheula will not forget that they have a loan of official furniture.

While pleading for more time in the latter part of their session the Home Rulers flibustered against the chief revenue bill and all other needed measures. There was time enough to pass them, but they wasted it, just as they would waste more days and weeks if they had them to squander.

The Legislature may sit for three days or three months, but it will get no pay, and the Governor will ignore both itself and its bills. If it enjoys the chimpanzee performance that is its privilege. There is no law against the Legislature qualifying itself in the higher branches of the monkey business, and if there was one, the Home Rule simians would probably break it.

Shaking the extra session plum tree will do the Legislators no good for the present. As the Governor will take his time about calling them together the \$200 per capita salary is far off. In the meantime the Solons will have a chance to consider the total absence of humor among the hated haoles in connection with the practice of Legislative bribery—once the main recourse of indigent Hawaiian politicians in acquiring a brief prosperity.

The Maui News quotes Wilcox as saying that no one except a native Hawaiian Republican can have to accomplish much for the islands in the Congress of the United States, and adds: "Quite right, Robert, and more is the pity you could not have seen that before the last election and supported Samuel Parker." If he had seen it, no difference would have been made. Robert was after the job and was no more particular then how the islands fared than he was when he deceived the House about the coinage bill.

Senator Russel thinks the Territorial ship of state is in a bad way—and so it is. But if it had a Republican crew, does not the Senator now believe that it could have been got on the dry dock and sent out stanch and sound? One of the strongest arguments for complete Republican control of the gallant bark, is the fact that its present leaky and cranky state is caused by a crew, largely recruited by the Senator himself, who have made it their pleasure to violate every rule of navigation and to spend their time either in idleness or in throwing marlinspikes at the skipper.

TRAITORS IN THE CAMP.

President McKinley ought to be told by men he will listen to, that the constant attempts to discredit the Republican Territorial administration made by the old Royalist party and its Legislature, can be traced to H. M. Sewall, and to the men who represent that absentee committeeman in these islands. The active local conspirator is A. S. Humphreys, whom the President was misled by Sewall, acting through Senator Frye of Maine, into elevating to the bench.

Since he failed to get the Governorship, Sewall has done his best to injure the man whom President McKinley preferred in his stead. His friends have been busy against him, both in Hawaii and at Washington. They have lied and intrigued, schemed and plotted, day in and week out. The votes they could muster helped to defeat Republicans, running for the Legislature and to elect members of the old Royalist party. As soon as the opposition Legislature convened, the local newspaper organs of Mr. Sewall came out in favor of all its policies, however inimical they might be to the welfare of the Republican party, and to the success of the Republican Territorial administration. These papers have assailed Mr. Dole at every turn; they have urged the Legislature not to confirm his appointees; they have hindered, hampered and misrepresented him. It can be proven that Judge Humphreys has been in regular consultation with the Home Rule leaders, urging them on in their attacks upon President McKinley's choice of Governor. A clown on the bench, Humphreys has proved himself a knave in the party; and his influence has been uniformly destructive of Republicanism here.

We are well aware that the President, in posting himself upon local party matters, would naturally consult the Republican national committeeman. But there are good reasons why he should never consult him. Sewall does not live here; he never visits here; he is a perpetual absentee. His work here is done by proxy. Enraged at his failure to be Governor he is intent upon breaking down the prestige of Mr. Dole, even if the Republican party of Hawaii goes down also. Moreover he was never the choice of local Republicans for committeeman. His friends got the anti-American Home Rule natives to raid the Republican primaries in the guise of Republican voters. They did the work they were paid for and then, at the polls, voted against the party, helping to swell the Home Rule majority. The actual Republicans of Hawaii want nothing to do with Sewall, a very small and contemptible politician who is always trying and has now and then succeeded in getting even smaller and more contemptible politicians into quasi-Federal office here. For example, the occupants of certain judgeships.

The Advertiser, which divides with the Star the field of Republican Journalism here, urges the President to send confidential agents to look into party affairs as they stand. If such agents are at all even-minded they will report that the thing the Republican party needs most, is good riddance of its traitors, Sewall and Humphreys in particular. The latter is not only a marplot and a treacherous schemer against McKinley Republicanism, but as a street brawler who was more than once in the hands of the police, and as a fugitive to these shores, leaving a crooked trail behind him, and as a buffoon in ermine, he was probably the most disreputable selection for Judge that could have been made. The President was not to blame for this. Sewall deceived Frye and Frye, in turn, was an unconscious means of deceiving the President.

THE BRIBERY CHARGES.

We are not advised as to the particular case of bribery Governor Dole refers to, but we do know that bibulous legislators have boasted of receiving quiet money, and that the Nolte free lunch case suggests a lead which the next Grand Jury ought to follow up, even if urged to the contrary by a political and unscrupulous judge. That the lunch bills of the Tramway crowd were not only paid by Prendergast or Mossman as the case might be, but that these men stipulated how much of a per capita debt the feeders should incur, can be proved by Nolte himself, who has told the story in the hearing of many witnesses. To take this trail and keep it to the end would be one of the best services the Grand Jury when it meets, could render the cause of good government.

The Legislature has talked much and done little about investigating the various scandals charged to its account. It threatened Senator Russel for saying that members of the House had taken \$1,500 for corrupt use. Grafters in Legislative garb declared that Russel ought to be made to prove his charges, and then never so much as invited him to testify before an investigating committee. They did not dare face him, and they do not dare face any other honest and well-informed man on this issue. More than once John Emeluth, who, with all his faults, disdains to handle a dirty dollar, has impeached the rectitude of the Tramway gang. Did those light-fingered gentry call him to account? Far from it. They dodged him as they will yet learn to dodge the sheriff, shivering and furtive rascals as they are.

Nor is this all. The Advertiser, over and over again, has told the story of the free lunch scandal. Has the Legislature tried to investigate it—to clear its smirched and drabbed skirts? There was loud talk, indeed, before the Home Rulers—and when we speak of the Legislature we refer exclusively to them—were given an inkling of the Advertiser's inquiry. Then their enthusiasm for a legal inquest guttered out like a tallow dip, leaving a bad smell. They do not want to hear about free lunches any more. Least of all do they want to be cross-examined about the services they were expected to perform for the men who, using Prendergast and Mossman as go-betweens, paid their bills at their daily eating houses.

There is much Bander-log clamor now about making the Governor prove his case. All in good time, "honorable" friends, all in good time. The Grand Jury is not in session yet; the Attorney-General's hand cannot be forced by implicated parties, even if they are urged to try the experiment by a political judge who is quite capable of prostituting his office to clear them if he can. The men who went to the Legislature to look for bribes and other stealings and who boasted of their felonies, will get all the investigation they desire when the time comes. The question is whether they will dare stay to face it. In our opinion they are much more likely to hie off to Buffalo and dance the hula-hula in the Midway till the storm blows over.

A WORD IN SEASON.

Pressure is being used on Governor Dole by the peace-at-any-price men to induce him to make two serious blunders. One is to give the Legislature an extension of five days; the other is to appoint new men to the positions from which the Senate, in its greed for spoils, has tried to thrust eight worthy incumbents. Granting that an extension of five days would be beneficial in case the Legislature would use it in passing revenue bills, what evidence is there that the Legislature would do anything of the kind or that it would not waste and worse than waste the time allotted to it? Twice the Governor has given reasons why an extension should not be granted, and he has supplemented these with a general and well-grounded charge of Legislative corruption. His friends and backers have adopted these reasons as their own. They regard them as sound and rely upon him to stand by them. Surely it would be a rash experiment to abandon these reasons simply because men whom the Governor has described as wasteful and corrupt now pledge their dubious "honor" to make virtuous use of a new opportunity to steal.

When the Devil was sick The Devil a monk would be; When the Devil got well, Devil a monk was he. So far as the appointments are concerned, if the Governor does not again name the men whom the Senate has rejected from the worst of motives; confessedly rejected so that it might demand the vacancies for politicians who hate Americans, Republicans and white men and who would ruin Territorial credit if they could; if, we say, the Governor does not reappoint these men he will do his cause an injury and his friends a mischief. He cannot afford to let the Home Rulers dictate to him; he can afford still less to accept and even tacitly endorse the imputations which, if the eight rejected officials are now abandoned, will hereafter be cast upon them. They were rejected for no good cause; let the Governor show, by reappointing them, that his confidence in them, like that of the public, is undiminished. If they choose to resign afterwards, well and good; that is their privilege. But they deserve an executive vote of confidence now.

Governor Dole, you and many of us have seen trying times together, and at every crisis you have been imperturbed by men who took counsel of their fears. Looking back upon the events of the past eight years, can you see a single instance where it would have turned out to be either wise or safe to

yield to them? Have not all your great personal triumphs and the triumphs of your cause and party been due to the kind of courage which led William Lloyd Garrison to say, "I will not compromise, I will not equivocate, I will not retreat a single inch?" Could anything have been gained, at any time, by sacrificing principle to expediency? There is no lamp like the lamp of experience, and the light which your experience casts before you shows that the true road is the straight road; and the light that it casts behind you shows that the brave way has always been the safe way.

MAY-DAY IN HAWAII.

Every day is Mayday in Hawaii now. Buds burst into blossom every single day; Perfume-freighted breezes, All the gifts of spring Bless these Isles of Sunshine— O! the joy they bring.

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Additional Instructions for the May Day Festival.

The following instructions, which were left at the Advertiser office yesterday evening for today's festival, are apropos, despite the original spelling: Honolulu, May the 1-1901.

All the Horveant school will leave at 9:30 a. m. sharp at foam Bank at the drill shed and we march from drill shed and then from drill shed and then from there to Hawaiian Hotel road and then from Hotel and turn down to Richead street and then from Richead to King street and then come in the Palla (Palace) and stand till 8. P. Dole talk to use. Every mother and father come to Capt ground and see the fun and you must bring some lunch for your children and the Head Teared and Red white and Blew take price of the fourth July day.

(We withhold the name of the educator sending in the communication.)

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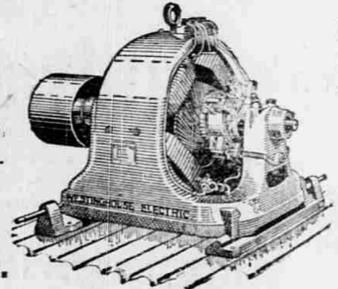
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