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THE COMMISSION GETTING "NEXT."

The Commission had a chance at Wilcox yesterday and must have got instruction from it. The Hawaiian Delegate made a most pitiable appearance and this despite the efforts of Humphreys to prompt him and to put answers into his mouth. It must have seemed incomprehensible to the three Commissioners that a sane man, a Delegate in Congress, and a sworn witness, should deliberately accuse the Hawaiian Board of Health of inoculating the Hawaiian people with leprosy so as to get rid of them. Yet this is what Wilcox told the Senators, with the air of a man who was uttering gospel truth.

But it served to give the Commission a glimpse of the kind of political intelligence and honesty with which the people charged with the civilization of Hawaii have to contend. Two years ago we had a Legislature full of Wilcoxes—men who were quite as irresponsible and mendacious as he. The Commissioners would be astonished, even after hearing and seeing Wilcox, to look at their record. There were no end of scandals, no end of intriguing, and in the attempt to get a franchise for the Tramways people there was a distant flavor of corruption; and with it all went a geyser stream of accusation against the Dole government which was as false as Wilcox's testimony about the Board of Health and the lepers, and which utterly wasted the Legislative time.

The Commission is having its eyes opened rapidly to the actual state of things here and this despite Humphreys' efforts to conceal and misinterpret them. The friends of good government have hard work indeed keep public affairs reasonably decent; for between Home Rule incompetence and worse, and the knavery of carpet-baggers with a past and with hope of a safer future, every kind of obstacle has been raised. Wilcox and Humphreys are types; we hope the Commission will not leave until it thoroughly understands them both.

DEMOCRACY'S CHANCE.

The Advertiser has said and still insists that the failure of fusion with the Home Rulers is the best thing that could happen to the Democratic party.

If the Democrats should help Wilcox to win, the Home Rule party would stand pat for years and the Hawaiian Democracy would amount to nothing. But if they help defeat Wilcox, the inevitable result will be to break up the Home Rule party and divide its members between the American parties. In picking up recruits the Democracy would have some special advantages over any other organization.

On the whole the Democratic position this fall is highly tactical but it remains to be seen whether the leaders will make the most of it.

COUNTERFEIT MONEY HERE.

Counterfeit silver coin has become prevalent here within the past few days. Where it originated nobody knows.

It would be funny, wouldn't it, if a small sailing vessel were afloat on this vast sea, equipped with a counterfeiting plant, and occasionally calling at some port to work off the product?

The ways of the counterfeiter are devious and they are all laid out with a view of standing off police raids.

Yesterday when the Star extra announcing the Wright ebbement came out, Humphreys ran with a copy to the Commission and proudly showed the story as evidence of the quality of the Dole administration. He knew that Wright was an enemy of Mr. Dole and was forced into office by his fellow Home Rulers of the Senate with the connivance of Humphreys himself. He knew that when the Governor tried to curb the Treasurer the latter declared his independence and that Humphreys' newspaper backed him up in it. But the branded ex-Judge did not tell the Commissioners anything about that. His business was to mislead them and make out that Wright was a "missionary."

Humphreys pushed the bill to authorize the third judgeship because he thought he could name the man. When he found he couldn't, he discovered that the judgeship law was unconstitutional; and although the court is two years behind its cases, he has the impudence to tell the Commission that two judges could do all the work of the First Circuit bench and have plenty of time to loaf. "Why haven't they, then?" as W. O. Smith queried.

WRIGHT WAS WITH, BUT NOT OF THE DOLE ADMINISTRATION

Wm. H. Wright, the missing Treasurer of Hawaii, was an opponent of the Dole administration whom the Home Rule Senate of two years ago forced into office under it. Governor Dole had a competent and honest man in the office of Treasurer, but the Home Rule Senate, dictated to by Delegate Wilcox, refused to confirm him. It wanted a man there of its own stripe. The Advertiser was but one of Governor Dole's friends who urged him to stand by his old Treasurer and reappoint him after the adjournment of the Senate, but others thought that would make a bad impression on Congress and the Governor on that account, and as a means of showing that he bore the Hawaiians no ill will, accepted Wright. But early in the latter's incumbency Wright refused to be influenced by the Governor and heads of departments, comprising an unofficial council of administration, and set up his right to do as he pleased. In this contention the newspaper organ, (the Honolulu Republican,) controlled by Judge Humphreys and edited by the present U. S. Commissioner Gill, vigorously sustained him. One of the editorials doing so (issue of June 20, 1921) reads as follows:

TREASURER WRIGHT IS RIGHT.

W. H. Wright, Treasurer of the Territory, has taken the stand that every head of a department ought to take and has refused to submit to any interference by the so-called "Executive Council" with the administration of the Treasurer's office. For having taken this stand Treasurer Wright deserves the support and commendation of every citizen. The "Executive Council" has no standing in law, and its acts, if it acts as a body, and it has so acted, are illegal and void. Mr. Wright, as Treasurer, has certain duties devolving upon him, and it is no more the business of the Secretary of the Territory, the Attorney General, or any of the other appointees of the Governor as to how the Treasurer shall perform these duties than it is the business of any other citizen. The Treasurer is not answerable to these appointees but to the Governor and to the people at large. In fact after his confirmation by the Senate he is answerable solely to the people excepting in a few instances where the law requires the sanction of the Governor to be secured before his actions are legal.

The "Executive Council" as it exists in Hawaii is un-American and has no precedent in all the century and more of American Territorial Government. The whole subject was threshed over by the Hawaiian Commission which was appointed to draft an Organic Act for Hawaii. Governor Dole, who was a member of that Commission, was a strong advocate of an Executive Council as a board of advisers for the Governor. He wanted a "cabinet" around him after the manner of the ruler of a great and sovereign nation.

Notwithstanding that neither the Commission nor Congress recognized his recommendations for an executive council, no sooner did Governor Dole receive his commission and make his appointments to these respective offices than he called all his appointees together as an "executive council," and that body proceeded to assume legislative and judicial functions. Regular meetings of the "council" were held and the "council" decided whether or not any member of the administration should carry out the law or set the law aside. Many illegal acts were performed by this "council" that any taxpayer, had he cared to go into the courts, could have enjoined. The "executive council" as a body usurped the rights of the individual members of the Governor's official family and in many instances attempted to usurp the rights of the Legislature and of the courts. The body has no standing in law and every act and meeting and order issued by it was, and is, illegal and void.

Every citizen knows this and Mr. Wright is tired of such a farce, as well he may be. Mr. Wright was nominated for Treasurer by the Governor and by and with the consent and approval of the Senate appointed and confirmed to that position. As treasurer the law imposes upon him certain duties and it is for him and not for any "executive council," OR EVEN THE GOVERNOR TO SAY HOW HE SHALL PERFORM THOSE DUTIES.

On the question at issue between Treasurer Wright and Secretary Henry E. Cooper, who imagines he is playing at being Governor, the law is explicit. It says:

"The Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a license for the brewing of malt liquors in the District of Honolulu, on the Island of Oahu, for the term of fifteen years; provided, etc."

Nothing is said in this section about the Treasurer having to secure the consent of any "Executive Council" or of the Governor, or any one pretending to be the Governor, before he shall issue a license. It says most explicitly, "The Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a license."

The stumbling block that caused the downfall of Treasurer Lansing and Superintendent of Public Works McCandless was their trucking to the "Executive Council" instead of running their departments as the law says they shall do. It is well that Treasurer Wright has thrown down the gage of battle and refuses to be dictated to by a man pretending to be acting Governor or by a so-called "Executive Council" which has no legal existence. The people will most loyally support Mr. Wright in his position because he is right.

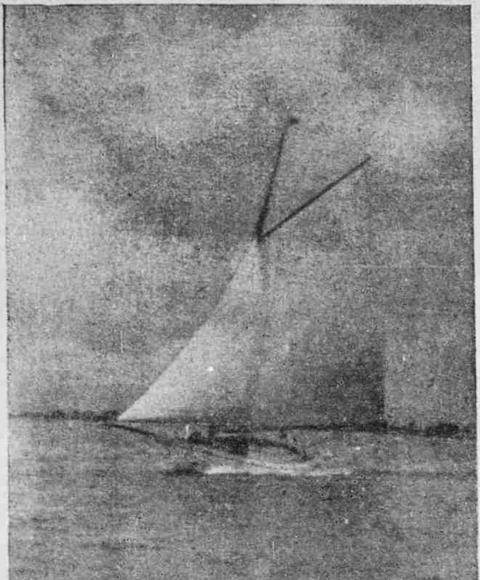
In office Treasurer Wright was not only independent but hostile to Mr. Dole. He felt that his place was secure whatever he might do and pointed to the Organic Act which made it impossible for the Governor to remove him without the assent of the Senate, as a guarantee of his tenure. He knew that while the Home Rulers controlled the Senate or while Republicans of the Humphreys ilk influenced it, HE WAS SAFE. And he was safe until it became advisable for him to disappear, leaving a shortage behind.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

List of deeds filed for record September 22, 1921:

- First Party—Second Party. Class.
- Kaukaaha—Haabeo et al. D
- M. Pavao Sr & wf—M. de Camara D
- Kaukaaha—Lepeka et al. D
- Kaukaaha—K. Kealoa D
- First Am. Sav. & Tr. Co.—C. Brown D
- R. Watson et al.—A. Kellett D
- Napoe et al.—A. Kellett D
- Castle & Cooke—Castle & Cooke Ltd. D
- Sept. 23—
- W. C. Achi—S. Apallona et al. D
- Wing Chong & wf—Joe de C. Pimental D
- Sept. 24—
- Mrs K. Singer—T. Schlemmer D
- Kaui—P. Ki D
- P. Ki & wf—R. A. Drummond D
- Sept. 15—J. J. Furtado & wf to M. J.

- de Gouvea, D., lots 1, 2, 5 & 7, blk F, Villa Franca Add., Hilo, Hawaii; con \$2000.
- M. J. Gouvea to Helena Furtado, D., lots 1, 2, 5 & 7 blk F, Villa Franca Add., Hilo, Hawaii; \$2000.
- Sept. 16—Kalalwaa to W. M. Kalalwaa, D., pc land Waiakea, Hilo, Hawaii; con \$10 etc.
- Wm. C. Achi & wf to M. R. Bisho, D., lots 13 & 14 blk 8 Kaulani Tract, Honolulu, Oahu; con \$400.
- L. Webb & hsb to S. M. Damon, D., R P 343 Moanalua, Honolulu, Oahu; lease R P 343 Moanalua, Honolulu, Oahu; con \$1500.
- Kalanui & wf to Honokaa Sugar Co., D., int in R P 7778 Kul 7252 Kulei, Hamakua, Hawaii; con \$52.
- Sept. 17—D. Kawananakoa & wf et al. to Api (w) et al., D., por R P 7429 Mahale 61, Honuakaha, Honolulu, Oahu; con \$1.
- P. Kanekoa (k) to L. Aimanuanu, D., R P 2031 Kul 5545 2 Aps Kailua, Koolau, Oahu; con \$60.
- Kahalaui (w) by mtgee to L. Kawaniho, D., R P 852 Kul 889 Waialeale, Ewa, Oahu; con \$210.



THE YACHT LA PALOMA.

The above is a picture of the speedy first-rater La Paloma which beat the Gladys in the run over the Rabbit Island course and which her owner thinks can win the race of the twenty-eighth over the same course. The illustration shows the new sloop rig of the yacht and was taken while she was under full sail.

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