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MAKE A MOVE.

Notes of approval from different quarters were early heard regarding the Advertiser's suggestion of an aquatic carnival at Honolulu two years hence. There is little doubt that only the initiative needs to be taken by our boating fraternity for gratifying responses of a practical kind from the community to be made. But the start ought not to be long delayed. There is a great deal of preliminary business to be done and time never slips by faster than when people bank upon the idea that there is plenty of it to go and come on. An illustration of the truth of this statement is right before our eyes today in the matter of the Hawaiian exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition. When Commissioner Barrett came here two years ago to stir up our citizens for the representation of this Territory at the great fair, there was an easy feeling as to time for preparation though the event was then almost definitely set for the following year. Then, when postponement until 1904 was announced, the local interest fell dead as a door nail and was only resuscitated when the meeting of the Legislature made an effort to obtain public funds necessary. Now, when the time for shipping the exhibit, to have it installed properly in good season, is close at hand if not fully arrived there is nothing but confusion of ideas as to the manner and method of making the display. Whether there is to be a Hawaiian building and, if there is not, can space be obtained in one of the departments for a homogeneous exhibit or must the different classes of our display be scattered far and wide throughout the vast compound, are questions still distracting the local committee.

With this example before us of the unsatisfactory results of our sub-tropical habit of too heavily discounting future equinoxes, all those in favor of an aquatic carnival in 1905 ought not only to signify it by holding up their hands, but by getting their heads together for planning systematic action. One practical suggestion has been made already, following a hint in the Advertiser's former article on this subject. That is, to hang up a cup for first prize in an international yacht race here. The most important action, however, for immediate accomplishment is the making of a decision to hold the carnival. It will need all of two years for having the event talked up abroad so that people may lay their plans, amidst other attractive schemes of travel, for visiting Hawaii when it takes place. As already argued in these columns, an aquatic carnival is one of those things having universal interest which this community is best adapted for, and at the same time capable of handling in some creditable fashion.

THE QUESTION OF BONDS.

It is the question of bonds more than anything else that makes the Home Rulers hesitate in picking candidates for county office. Of course they know that some of the men mentioned as possible candidates would be unable to get bondsmen, and if elected, the office declared vacant on that account. For that reason the Home Rulers are looking for candidates among the Republicans. There are of course men who are not fitted for office, who still might be able to get bonds but there is the bonded protection against dishonesty even in such cases.

The minimum amount of bond, each officer must give, is as follows: Supervisors, \$10,000; treasurer, \$20,000; clerk, \$5,000; auditor, \$10,000; assessor, \$30,000; district attorney, \$10,000; recorder, \$10,000; surveyor, \$10,000; district magistrate, \$1,000, and road supervisor, \$5,000.

The Board of Supervisors is empowered to increase the amount over the minimum prescribed by law.

With the press notices the band boys and lady vocalists have been receiving lately, Herr Berger ought to be able to make a successful tour of the mainland with the government band.

As long as it takes one hundred and twenty-eight days for a cargo to come from Hilo to Honolulu, Hawaii has nothing to fear from sugar competition in the Philippines.

Naturally when Ellis Lando arrived at Annapolis any prejudice which may have existed among the naval cadets there, against a Hawaiian, was dispelled.

Labor Day was legalized in Hawaii at the last session of the Legislature.

The algaroba probably isn't much for beauty, but it is for business.

The Hilo Tribune complains that

Sheriff Andrews is trading promises of places for promises of support, and says it is dishonest. Yet the editor of the Tribune knows that in the State from whence he came a political candidate who didn't make ante-election promises of this kind would be set down either as a fool or a freak. It is only in Hawaii that political enemies are rewarded with office.

The receipt of the official notification of the election of Pius X recalls the interesting fact that all official business of the Catholic church is transacted by the use of Latin, even in the Hawaiian Islands.

MURMURS FROM THE WOODS

(Washington Post.)
SUCH A NICENESS!
Elvan (Va.) News: Oh, how nice it is to go to the mail box and get the mail.

WITHOUT THEIR MOTHER?
Emporia (Kan.) Gazette: The Hubbard girls called in this vicinity Saturday.

A SPIRITLESS PRAYER MEETING.
Bradford (Ohio) Sentinel: Prayer meeting was a fizzle here last Sunday evening.

NORMAL ONCE MORE.
Harrisonburg (Va.) Spirit of the Valley: Mr. Peter Pulse is getting all right again.

A SCOOP ON PROF. LANGLEY.
Radford (Va.) Advance: Mr. W. H. Williamson made another flying trip to Auburn Sunday.

TOURING AT HOME.
Warrenton (Va.) Index: Mr. John P. Wyer, of Richmond, is at home on a recuperating tour.

AN OSSIFIED VISITOR.
Gordonsville (Va.) Gazette: Mr. L. M. Bowman, the Charlottesville marble man, was in the city Thursday.

TIME FOR HIS ANNUAL, ANY WAY.
Eagle (Wis.) Quill: Jim Coogan fell out of H. Erling's birch bark canoe, but as he needed a bath, no damage and much good resulted.

SUCH A LADY KILLER.
Cape Charles (Va.) Times: Mr. William Powell, of Portsmouth, spent last Sunday with relatives and friends. We are always glad to welcome Willie to our town, as it brings smiles to the lips of one of our fair damsels.

COMPONENT PARTS OF "FAMILY."
Shenandoah (Iowa) World: The editor and his family (that sounds bigger than to say just his wife) spent last Sunday at the home of Francis Bradley and his family (the family in this case means two daughters, three sons and one brother) up near Summit on the Wabash.

ANOTHER POSTAL SCANDAL.
Washington (Iowa) Democrat: Henry Schultzy has been mailing some matter in his rural mail box that is not allowable in the United States mails, so the carrier, Henry Rathmell, didn't do a thing to it but eat it. And it doesn't make Henry a bit mad, either. Mr. Schultzy fills the box with apples and the mail carrier eats them.

Language Difficulties.

Americans are sometimes surprised at the difficulty with which they make themselves understood in England. They find it altogether impossible to buy a "paper of pins or a spool of cotton;" they get the wrong thing, whether they ask for calico or muslin or gingham; the bus driver hasn't the ghost of a notion as to what they mean when they want to "get off;" and until they have learned at least half as many new forms of speech as they would have to in any other country of Europe they have no sort of comfort traveling, sight-seeing or shopping. It is consoling to know that English people encounter some difficulties when they visit us. An Englishman, relating his American experiences in a British paper the other day, mentioned the fact that on entering a hotel of this city he asked the attendant at the desk, "Is this the hotel clerk?" "No," was the reply, "This is the Hotel Lafayette." He discovered that we say "clerk," although we conform to the Old World usage in "sergeant" and a few similar instances; "learning" for "learning;" we regard as hopelessly illiterate, just as we do "figger" for "figure." Our visitor had a bad time trying to get timetables until he reformed his pronunciation of "schedule." He was used to saying "sedule," in remote districts he had heard "sedule," but "schedule" never. It is a little difficult to determine precisely what sort of Americans this particular Englishman associated with while here, for he reports that he found "quinine" pronounced with two long "i"s; "parent" with a long "a;" "tribune" with a long "i;" "vase" rhyming with "baize;" "route" with "doubt," and "wound" with "round." The accent given "inquiry," "advertisement," "address" and "detail," annoyed him, while "corollary," "eczema," and "paresis" were quite unintelligible without explanation. It is safe to say that, except in the case of "corollary," where we have departed from the classic rule, educated persons, Americans and English, would be at no confusion in these matters. Of course, we have among us people who put the accent on the last syllable of "locate" and the penult of "municipal."

Former suburbanite (astounded)—

"You don't mean to tell me that you have fifty chickens and you are still on speaking terms with your next-door neighbors?" Suburbanite (smilingly)— "That's exactly the case." Former suburbanite—"Keep 'em cooped up, eh?" Suburbanite—"Not on your life! You see, the day I bought the fool fowls I made a bluff at driving them out of my garden, and pretty soon they thought they belonged to my neighbors, so since then they stick to my garden like glue!"—Brooklyn Life.

A HUMAN MARVEL AT THE ORPHEUM

Dr. Keith, the government medical officer stationed at Lautoka, who, with Dr. Murray, a specialist from Sydney, recently examined Ferry, the "Human Frog," after his performance in the above town on Tuesday evening last, says Ferry's exhibition is extremely interesting; his extraordinary degree of bodily flexibility is astounding, and that his (Ferry's) health is as sound as a newly issued coin, and that his form is that of a young Greek athlete of great beauty.

Mr. Edmunds, the well known critic of the Sydney Bulletin, says of Mr. Ferry's performance: "Later on there is a scene consisting of a great flood of moonlight streaming over a slab cottage, a creek, and on the bank, scintillating in the moonlight, Ferry, the Human Frog. It hops down on to the little lawn near the footlights, and plays about after the manner of healthy, athletic frogs. Then it hops up on to a stump and puts itself into positions that no other frog ever dreamed of. When everybody expects it to fall down dead and be carried off, it balances itself on a piece of wood about as thick as a bookmaker's pencil, and contorts to a degree that passeth all understanding."

The Human Frog appears tonight at the Orpheum, also on Wednesday and Saturday of this week. Mr. Ferry, who for many years was connected with the spectacular "South Before the War," is well known in America as the specialist in contortion acts, has for many months been playing for Harry Rickards, the big vaudeville manager of Australia, at a nice little salary of \$250 per week.

The seat sale is open at the Orpheum today at popular prices.

NATIVE BOY HAD MONKEY HABIT

What police officer Espinda took for a monkey up a coconut tree last night, proved to be Keawe-kau, a thirteen year old native boy, who had shinned up a tall tree to pluck the husked fruit. Espinda was walking along Queen street back of the "Old Plantation," and near a yard filled with coconut trees, when several nuts came hurtling down from aloft. Looking up he saw a form in relief against the moon which had the appearance of a simian.

In response to Espinda's hail, a human voice answered and the youngster quickly slid to the ground. Neighbors said that the boy had been in the habit of hypothecating the fruit on several occasions during the past week, and Espinda thereupon took him to the station where a charge of larceny in the second degree was entered.

THESE FAKE DISPATCHES.

The Turk is as noted for his treachery as have become the Balkan dispatches, with which the world has recently been supplied, for their inaccuracy. Today we hear that Adrianople is burning while tomorrow comes the startling information that Ferid Pasha has carried the whole of Bulgaria off and hidden it in a dark corner. Then the man at the other end of the wire makes it hot, to the effect that eighty-five towns have been razed and the inhabitants inhumanly put to death. Next, all former "news" is called off and a new report hatched to keep the world guessing. The only authentic dispatch yet received which has any reasonable foundation on fact and which needs no alibi, is that: "Ibrahim Pasha is marching on the insurgents at the head of 100,000 Douglas Patent Closets."

"How savagely that cow looks at me," said the typewriter boarder from the city. "I reckon as how it be an account up that air red waist yew've got on, miss," answered the old farmer. "Dear me!" exclaimed the key-typing maid; "of course it isn't quite up to date, but I'd no idea a country cow would notice it."—Chicago Daily News.

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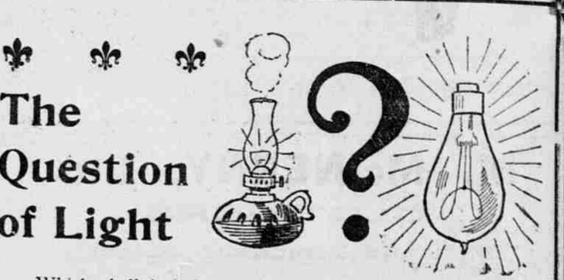
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