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WANTED—AMERICAN FARMERS.

The people of this territory are much indebted to the Commissioner of Immigration, Honorable Frank P. Sargent, for his broad views with reference to the development of diversified farming and to the increase of the best elements of population. His address of Wednesday last in the executive chamber was excellently conceived and expressed, and derived additional force from his official position. It sounded a word of warning to the limited class, that has long sought to apply a rigid rule of exclusion to permanent settlers, through the land policy and in numerous other directions.

Mr. Sargent draws a joint line of distinction between immigrants from the North and from the South of Italy. The former are usually hard-working, experienced, economical and honest viticulturists, although, in the use of modern inventions and improvements, they are far behind the viticulturists of California, among whom their class is abundantly represented. They are undoubtedly desirable immigrants, for they are law-abiding and scrupulous in their attention to their own business and are almost invariably clear from any alliance with the ignorant, fierce and turbulent, lower order in the southern part of Italy. For this reason, probably, the transfer of them and their families to the United States is not encouraged by the Italian government.

It is natural that Mr. Sargent, in considering the future of the Hawaiian Islands, should dwell mostly on foreign immigration. His official relation to the question would necessarily turn his thoughts in that direction. His suggestions are timely and pointed and should induce immediate action by the local authorities. But it is to be remembered that even the northern Italians are far away from actual knowledge of American institutions and of American civilization, that they are clannish and set in their ideas of government, and that it takes long for them to become citizens and to be assimilated to the mass of the American people. The imperative and pressing need of this Territory is the increase of the intelligent and educated body of American citizenship. Small farmers, in all quarters of the Union, and perhaps especially in the west, are the salt of the earth, and the antidote to the smart and grafting politicians, who infest great cities, and who, in Honolulu, owing to peculiar conditions, have acquired and are straining heaven and earth to retain, a power that is measured only by the possible burden of taxation. Over and over again, in the most critical periods of our national history, they have acted as the balance wheel of the Republic, and, in presidential, in congressional and in local elections, have proved that selfishness and corruption are within the grasp of American sovereignty, as exercised through the ballot. It is within the truth to say that no vital issue in the United States has ever been wrongly decided by a popular vote, and that, on such issue, farmers have cast the controlling ballots.

It is upon the rapid introduction of this class of American citizens that the efforts of the Hawaiian people, who are capable of a statesmanlike comprehension of their opportunities and of their necessities, should be concentrated. Artisans, tradesmen, merchants, professional men of character, laborers, who are American by training and by habit, are all desirable and their advent, ordinarily governed by the law of supply and demand, should not be discouraged. But the multiplication of small farmers, diversified in their production, is our greatest need. Mr. Sargent, on his visits to the various islands, has discovered, what every disinterested observer cannot fail to see, that the Territory includes bodies of land in every direction, which are better adapted to that range of farms which are home centers than to any other purpose. The inducements to this kind of immigration that exist in North and South Kona and in other parts of the island of Hawaii, as well as in Oahu, Maui, Molokai and Kauai, have been clearly and fully presented in the columns of the Advertiser. It has been urged, again and again, that, in these islands, climate and rainfall are largely regulated by ocean currents and ocean winds, and that this fact should have its proper weight in adjusting forest reservations, so as not to tie up tens of thousands of acres, useless for the sugar cane, but available for agricultural purposes. There is certainly room for a large accession to our citizen population, composed of American farmers. The Honolulu market and the markets of the world are open, and the question of transportation will easily adjust itself. Wherever there is freight, steamers or other vessels to carry it soon make their appearance.

The use of our resources, the breaking down of our isolation, the enlargement of good citizenship, and the actual Americanization of the territory, in which all the factors of durable prosperity are included, demand the application of statesmanship, divested of personalities and factions, to the question of immigration.

THE CIVIC FEDERATION.

"What the Civic Feds didn't do," amuses the Bulletin, but what the Civic Feds did do doesn't excite any hilarity among the friends of Messrs. Booth, Quinn and Lane nor yet among the managers of the straight ticket campaign. To the average citizen who measures things as they are and not as this or that partisan would like them to be, the Civic Federation, despite the fact that A. M. Brown was saved from defeat by the organized, election morning falsehood that Henry had withdrawn, rendered a high public service and made good its claims as a powerful reform body.

Not only did the Civic Federation smash the straight ticket but it put the machine on its guard against future bad nominations. It is the history of reform bodies in politics that they rarely crystallize into political parties and rarely elect or defeat all the people they want to, but they do enough to compel the organized parties to be decent. They are the regulators of politics. In discussing this general subject the other day The Philistine said by way of illustration, that the Roman Catholic Church has many more communicants and is much more powerful than it was before it suffered the assault of the Protestant Reformation; yet it is far from being the church against the practices of which the Reformation was a protest. It grew better for its experiences; it once silenced Galileo but now teaches his astronomy in its schools; it has taken of their best from its old enemies and is the healthier and stronger for the fact. Precisely the same thing marks the course of politics. The Civic Service Reform Association of the United States never elected a President or Governor but it created a public sentiment which turned the ravenous Democracy of Andrew Jackson and the spoils-seeking Republicanism of U. S. Grant into organizations pledged to enact and carry out a civil service law. And that law is on the statute books today.

The Civic Federation of Honolulu has done well. Three of the four county candidates it opposed were beaten; the election of the fourth was achieved by a trick. It is in good spirits and is a growing concern. There are too many people rather than too few trying to join its ranks. By standing pat, with its eyes wide open, it will do more than any other agency to keep politics and administration clean and ensure good tickets in the future. By that taken its course in the past and its program for the future are justified.

Counterfeiting is easily carried on even in a military camp. Indeed it is practiced in San Quentin prison, under the eyes of the warden and his guards. For years spurious coins have circulated in and about the California penitentiary, the product being buried in the grounds by "trusties" where outsiders dig it up and exchange it for opium. Nothing is more simple than making bogus money, the apparatus not being bulky or complicated. The wonder is that the plants are so often found.

The arguments for a National Guard which apply to the States do not necessarily reach Hawaii where the militia ranks are filled with non-combatants.

If the revolt in Russia has extended to the navy it ought not to be long in reaching the army. Usually, at such times, the army gets disaffected first.

The Czar had better order a few more carloads of ikons. He'll need them.

CONTRACT FOR ARCHIVES BUILDING IS SIGNED

The contracts were signed up by the Superintendent of Public Works yesterday for the construction of the Archives Building. This will save the appropriation in the last loan bill made for the purpose of the erection of this building, and will give a fire proof structure for the keeping of papers and other articles of value which have for too long been in danger of loss from a thousand causes.

The new building will stand in the Capitol grounds, Waikiki of the Capitol itself and in line with it, and will front on Likelike street. The design shows a fire proof structure, with an office for the custodian of the archives, in which the collection of papers will be safe for all time to come. The contractors are the American-Hawaiian Engineering and Construction Company, and the contract price is \$35,200. Work on the building will be commenced as soon as the material reaches here.

TO PREVENT SPREAD

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of venomous snakes into Honolulu and the disposition of the same.

I stated that you had passed resolutions requesting him to prohibit the introduction of living snakes of all kinds. I suggested that he also exclude alligators, crocodiles and other dangerous reptiles. At the same time I wrote to Dr. T. S. Palmer, Chief of Animal Introduction permits, urging him to assist in having such regulations passed. In connection with my duties of horticultural quarantine officer in San Francisco, I also served under Dr. Palmer as one of the two special inspectors of foreign wild animals at the port of San Francisco. I have a personal acquaintance with both Mr. Wilson and Dr. Palmer and hope that they will extend to Hawaii your appeal for protection from such undesirable animals.

Respectfully submitted,
ALEXANDER CRAW,
Superintendent of Entomology and Inspector.

DEPLORE TREE CUTTING.

The matter of the deforesting of Tantalus by the Coney Estate was brought up and the following resolution was unanimously passed:

Resolved, That the Board regrets the announced intention of the Coney Estate to cut the wood in the Tantalus Forest and that they suggest to them that if they intend to de-forest for profit there would be more money in doing it gradually and under expert advice, and that the services of Forester Hosmer are hereby tendered to the owners of said forest in this connection.

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