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THE INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS.

In almost every department of government constant supervision is required, but it is especially necessary in the Department of Public Instruction, where not merely inspection is needed, but assistance and instruction.

The inspector or supervisor should himself be an expert, who knows both how to teach and how to show others how to teach. He should devote his whole time and thoughts to this work and to no other. In order to enable him to do this, he should receive an adequate salary.

The report of the special committee on supervision, appointed by the U. S. National Educational Association, makes the following statements:

"Underpaid supervision is often unskilled and inefficient. * * * Such supervision is of no value to the schools—a penny-wise policy that economizes in the wrong place. * * * Every rural school should be visited at least once every two months. Better once every month.

"No accurate information can be gained concerning the conditions of the school, nor can the proper influence be exerted over teacher and pupils, unless the supervisor has time to make a thorough examination of the school and its surroundings. * * * The length of his visit must depend on the needs of the school, of which he must be his own judge. An ideal system would give one inspector from fifty to seventy-five teachers to supervise.

"Allowance must be made for other important duties, as well as for interruptions to his work, such as rainy days, holidays, and demands upon his time for office work, committee meetings, school conventions, etc., so that it is impossible to put in every day in supervision.

The following passage fortunately does not apply here, where the school system is not yet "in politics":

"As well put an ordinary seaman, selected from the crew, in charge of an ocean steamer, with its precious cargo of lives and wealth, as to place an inexperienced, uncultivated man or woman, selected by the chances of a political convention, in charge of the schools in which our youth are being trained for citizenship."

The passages quoted above are in line with the views held by the leading educators here for many years past. While the need of thorough normal inspection has been fully realized by the department, it has made but slow progress for lack of means.

For many years but one Inspector-General was employed, who was expected, single-handed, to visit all the schools in the Islands twice a year for inspection and instruction. This office was held, in succession, by a number of able, hard-working men, who repeatedly asked in vain for assistant deputy inspectors. It took the department twenty years to arrive at the present system.

In the Report for 1896 we find the following passage:

"As has been stated in previous reports, with the great increase of the schools the duties of the Inspector-General have been growing in difficulty, and have become too great for one person, however competent, to fully discharge. * * * It would be a decided advantage to have a resident inspector upon each of these islands (viz., Maui and Hawaii), who would, under the direction of the Inspector-General, have the immediate care of all the schools on the islands to which they might be respectively assigned."

The Report for 1897 treats of the insufficiency of the inspection at that time, stating that the inspections were "too brief and too few for purposes of assistance. And what is inspection worth without assistance?" It recommends the employment of three deputy inspectors. Mr. T. H. Gibson was afterward employed as "Traveling Normal Instructor," and his work was pronounced "invaluable."

At last, in 1900, under the superintendency of Mr. A. T. Atkinson, the present system was inaugurated, with Mr. T. H. Gibson as Inspector-General, and three traveling normal instructors, viz.: Messrs. J. K. Burkett, C. W. Baldwin and S. Keliinoi. Their duties were to visit and examine the condition of the schools, to give advice to teachers, explaining methods of teaching, and, if necessary, taking actual classes in model lessons, to see that the requirements of the course of study were carried out, and that proper discipline was maintained, to assist in the conduct of examinations, to inspect the condition of buildings and grounds, to take an active part in teachers' conventions, and to make weekly reports in writing to the department. The office is certainly no sinecure, but it affords great opportunities for usefulness.

The ideal inspector should inspire the teachers with interest in their work, direct their studies, and lead them to look upon him as a friend and counsellor, and not as a mere critic and fault-finder.

It is hardly necessary to point out the gross injustice and folly of a policy that would leave young teachers in isolated country districts to depend entirely upon their own resources, without the aid and supervision of the normal inspectors.

To dispense with their services is unthinkable, and to restrict the department to a single Inspector-General would be to step backward twenty years, to the disgrace of this Territory and to the irreparable damage of our schools.

W. D. ALEXANDER.

THE DEPUTY SHERIFF DODGE.

The scheme to turn over the police work of the License board to deputy sheriffs is about the rawest thing which the Liquor Dealers' Association has yet devised.

As elected officials the deputy sheriffs would not be answerable to the License Commissioners and, for all the latter could do to prevent, might, as have some members of the Senate, conclude to take their orders from the Whisky ring.

Outside of Honolulu on Oahu there is but one deputy sheriff who takes the slightest interest in enforcing the liquor law. One other is accused of covering up evidence in such cases; a third is known to serve moonshine liquor at his luau. In the hands of four of these officials out of five, liquor investigations would be an intentional burlesque. And that is precisely what the Whisky trust and its hirelings want.

The people and the Republican party are watching the Legislature keenly, believing that the House will not permit a revision of the liquor law however much the Republican pledge-breakers of the Senate may like to make good with the ring.

Among the letters from the people published this morning is a very moving appeal for funds to complete and equip the Salvation Army Rescue Home in the Manoa valley. Seventeen thousand dollars have been raised, but the needed fund to meet necessities and obligations is still short. In addition to the money a cow and some pigs and chickens are wanted and a horse and wagon. The Salvation Army is taking care of a large number of destitute children and it asks for nothing unreasonable.

President Eliot of Harvard will go, it is said, as Ambassador to England. He is in the ripeness of his powers and, in a very wide and true sense, he is America's first citizen. Dr. Eliot is better fitted than most of our political leaders for the Presidency, and the compliment of sending him to the Court of St. James will be appreciated by our English kinsmen.

A word to Mayor Fern: American municipal governments of a fortified capital are not expected to do the honors to visiting foreign warships. That duty devolves upon the naval commandant and the head of the State or Territory.

If the Bulletin would also take lessons of a Chinaman, it might get enough sense on a variety of subjects to rescue its name from the herd-book.

We fear that the example of Chief Crazy Snake in giving it all up will be lost on Kaniho.

There must be a yellow journalist traveling on the Roosevelt boat.

BUCKEYE CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

The Buckeye Club was entertained at the Kiloana Art League rooms last evening by Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Westervelt. Following the business routine a short musical program was given by Mrs. Westervelt and Rev. Mr. Westervelt showed a number of stereopticon scenes of Honolulu and vicinity and many of the crater of Kilauea, showing the burning pit. These were very interesting and a discussion followed on the volcano. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Rev. W. L. Whitney; vice president, Rev. W. B. Olsson; secretary and treasurer, Rev. A. E. Ebersole. Mr. John G. Woolley and wife were elected to membership.

ATTEMPT TO RAID THE TREASURY

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hard to see. Yet there is the claim over his own signature. Perhaps his title to the office consists in the fact that he needs the money.

If possible, a more barefaced claim than that of Cummins is that of Charles Coster. Coster was the particular man whom the Supreme Court said, in its decision, had absolutely no claim on the city and county, because of the illegality of his appointment. But he bobs up again with a claim for half a month's pay for the period from the first to the fifteenth of March. His name is on the payroll, and Cummins certifies that he "faithfully performed the services."

And yet both Cummins and Coster have been outdone by Sol Peck of Koloaupo. Peck has turned in a bill for a month and a half's services of the man who took care of his horse in the stable that the county built on Peck's land, but which he now refuses to give up. Peck kept the stable and he wants the city to pay the stableman. But he did give up the horse that belongs to the city.

JAP CRUISERS GO NORTH.

Japan Gazette.—The training ships Aso (ex-Bayan) and Soya (ex-Varyag), conveying 187 cadets, under Rear-Admiral Ijehi, left at 12:30 p. m. yesterday on a cruise to San Francisco, Seattle, Vancouver, Honolulu, etc. Admiral Saito, Minister of the Navy, made a valedictory speech and Admiral Yamamoto, ex-Minister, also delivered a short address. Among other high officers who saw the squadron off were Admiral of the fleet Ito, Admirals Inouye and Togo, and Vice Admiral Mitsu. Among the cadets is a son of Marquis Nabeshima.

ALAKEA-STREET WHARF SHED.

Construction work has at last begun on the Alakea-street wharf shed, the one which has caused so much comment. Superintendent of Public Works Marston Campbell had planned to put up a magnificent structure there, but he had to reject all the first bids submitted on account of a scarcity in the necessary funds. The shed which will be built on the Alakea street wharf will not be so much a thing of beauty as was at first contemplated, but it will be one of the most handy coverings along the waterfront.

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