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THE PLATFORM AND THE LEGISLATURE.

The attitude of the Legislature towards the pledges in the party platform of its majority, makes an interesting study:

Coelho's restricted fishery bill passed the Senate, but the Republican Territorial platform says: "We believe that the sea fisheries should be open and free to all the people."

The bill for a revision of the liquor law passed the Senate, but the Republican platform says: "We endorse the present liquor law and oppose any general revision thereof."

The Senate killed the direct primary bill, but the Republican platform says: "We favor the enactment of a general primary law for this Territory, under which the nomination of candidates for the Legislature and elective offices shall be made directly by the voters."

It appears that, as Thomas C. Platt once said, a political platform is like a street car platform; it is not to stand on but to get in on.

THE OBLIGATIONS OF TREATIES.

In line with recent discussions in the local press about the rights of Japanese and other foreigners under their treaties with America, these remarks of Senator Elihu Root, late Secretary of State, have special pertinency:

"The Nation ought promptly to enact legislation to enforce the obligations of its treaties within our own territory. As we grow greater, as our wealth increases, and the travel of our people in foreign lands grows, as more and more of the people of other countries come to our country, we more and more rub elbows with our neighbors and incur wider obligations with the nations. All our immense foreign trade and our continued enjoyment of happy relations with the nations depend on our determination to fulfill our obligations. Our Constitution gives to our National Government the right to protect the people of foreign countries in the exercise of their rights here, just as other countries protect our citizens in foreign lands. If a man comes here from Europe or Asia, we protect his property through the jurisdiction of our courts. Our Congress has not yet discharged the duty of giving to the Federal courts the exercise of criminal jurisdiction. So while we protect the property of foreigners we do not protect their lives and liberties. When mobs maltreat an innocent foreigner, when his most sacred rights are set at naught, this great imperial Government is obliged to give the reply that we have no power to keep our pledged faith. I hope that you will exercise your influence towards urging our National Government to repair the defect in our law which prevents the Nation from keeping its word."

The plan of giving Federal courts complete jurisdiction in protecting the personal rights of aliens living in America suggests the simplest possible way of getting out of difficulties which might otherwise lead to war.

THE THIRD DEGREE.

The "third degree" has lately had a ghastly and barbarous exhibition at Newark, N. J., where a woman suspect was awakened from a sound slumber, in the middle of the night, and taken to the morgue, where she was suddenly confronted with the dead body of her husband. The woman collapsed and is now in a state of nerve-prostration. Detectives were to blame for the outrage, as they thought by driving the widow to an extremity of anguish they might force her to incriminate herself.

Commenting on this incident, the Kansas City Journal says:

"This is supposed to be the age of civilization and enlightenment. We are informed that our methods of dealing with suspects and condemned criminals are now humane. Yet in many cities detectives still maintain the cruel and unjustifiable 'third degree' in all the horror of the inquisition of the Middle Ages. The woman thus mistreated at Newark was only suspected of having had a hand in killing her husband. There was no positive proof. The professional reputation of the detectives was at stake, so they resorted to the 'third degree.' This expedient is a form of torture employed by many police departments to force some sort of confession from a suspect by means of mental torment scarcely less terrible in the anguish suffered by the victim than that inflicted by the rack or the iron pincers. The woman was allowed to go to sleep peacefully in her cell. This was an exquisite idea from the standpoint of the torturers. At the hour of midnight she was rudely awakened and was told to follow the detectives, although she was not told where she was being taken. The whole thing was made as theatrical as possible to work the victim up to a condition of nervous terror which would result in her complete breakdown at the moment when the sheet was removed from her dead husband's face and she was pushed forward to scream out the words that would be used against her. In this instance the miserable woman merely sank to the floor, crying aloud for her dead husband to speak and tell the names of his murderers.

"The Newark incident is a reproach to American manhood and gives the lie to our boast of humanity and chivalry. And it is being duplicated all over the land. No doubt in this instance the victim will never fully recover from the shock, and the experience may even deprive her of her reason. How the people of Newark can justify such a travesty upon justice is a mystery. Here is a point at which our lauded 'criminologists' may begin in their program for the reformation of justice as dealt out by our police departments."

The local third-degree scandal—the one that led to the unjust sentence of the Rosa boy—will, we understand, be investigated by the grand jury.

Mr. Fairbanks is coming at a good time to see Hawaii at its best—in the earliest part of our tropical summer. The weather should then be fairly dependable as to dryness, the heat not uncomfortable and the roads good. As respects entertainment we suggest that an automobile with an intelligent chauffeur be put at the personal service of the ex-Vice President and his party while they stay and that they be given a fair chance to go where they please and when they please without the intervention of committees. Some formal entertaining will be done of course; but the English system of letting a guest have a good deal of time to himself has points of merit.

It might also be remembered that this same "reform" combination did its utmost to defeat a competent county officer by covering him with abuse.

And it should be remembered what the voters did to the blackmailers stalking in the guise of reform.—Bulletin.

The people defeated him by over 300 majority on the popular vote, despite his unanimous Home Rule support, but they divided their strength between two opposing candidates and thus lost the election. Next time they will do better.

The majority of the Ways and Means Committee of the Senate was not too emphatic in saying that the loan bill is "an invitation for the people of each county to grab all they can from the common pot." Additional proof of that fact or of something equally odorous, is to be found in the support given the measure by Coelho and Brown.

The Somalis, in whose country Mr. Roosevelt intends to hunt, threaten an outbreak. They have probably heard from Foraker on that Brownsville affair.

It would be of interest to know if Wyoming has yet decided what broken down political hack it will next send here for U. S. District Attorney.

It will be a mistake in tactics if the Legislature does not make a reasonable protest against mainland appointments to Federal offices here.

France has joined the Anti-Castro League and it looks now as if the fallen dictator would have to go back to Europe.

RECEPTION ON THE WARSHIPS

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cers. The reception of the Japanese Admiral was a striking success, and the thoughts of it will live long in the memory of those who attended.

American and Japanese flags were crossed over the entrance to the naval wharf, where the warships lie, and all during the reception the greatest display of friendship between the representatives of the two nations was in evidence. The deck of the Aso was gay with the beautiful gowns of the ladies present. The ladies were taken over the warship by the polite officers and were shown many of the distinctive features of life on a Japanese cruiser.

The following is the toast to Admiral Ijichi which was proposed by Representative Coney:

"Gentlemen: I wish to propose a toast which I am sure voices the hearty sentiment of every representative of Hawaii gathered here and of every thinking citizen of the nation of which we are the Pacific outpost. Long before the United States of America gathered in this string of pearls in the Western Seas to add them to her jewels of States and Territories, the little Kingdom of Hawaii and the great Empire of Japan were as a little and a big brother to each other. Great men of Japan have rested in this mid-Pacific Paradise en route around the world, adding to the respect the tiny monarchy bore the big Empire of the Rising Sun and assisting to full growth that feeling of friendship and brotherhood which should always prevail. And now that we are a part of the United States—Japan's good friend across the sea—we feel doubly the honor in thus being able to welcome to America's newest Territory so famous a representative of Japan; a man, who, in that terrible war with Russia, was the right hand of the great Togo himself, and whose visit to this port is welcomed by Americans and Japanese alike with enthusiasm, and whose fortunate journeyings and safe return home when the cruise of his squadron is over, is earnestly wished for by his friends in Hawaii and elsewhere.

"Gentlemen, I propose we drink to the health and long life of Admiral Ijichi."

The toast was drunk standing, there being many high officials present at the time.

After being presented to Admiral Ijichi, the guests were shown to a room downstairs where elegant refreshments were served, consisting of Japanese dishes and drinks. The most of those present were more than interested in the athletic games among the sailors and midshipmen, which were played on the wharf. Unique these undoubtedly were and of a decidedly strenuous nature, though there was no rough feature to any of them.

Governor and Mrs. Frear, accompanied by other Territorial officials and their wives, arrived early at the reception and paid their respects to the commander of the squadron. Captain C. P. Rees, U. S. N., commandant of the local naval station, as well as many other Navy and Army people called and were entertained. Colonel Schuyler, in command of the Fifth Cavalry at Leilehua, was, unfortunately, not able to come, being detained at his post. He regretted very much that he could not be present.

On board the cruiser Soya there were many Japanese who had come in from the country districts to be in attendance at the function. The leading Japanese residing in this city were also present, and all took an intense interest in the games and athletic contests which were held on the open wharf. These also attracted a good deal of the attention of the visitors on the Aso, to whom jiujitsu, fencing, and sword display were something new.

A wrestling contest was first on the program, and this was gone through with the usual interesting features attending. Next came fencing contests, and these drew the attention of all, for they were almost wonderful in the exhibition of skill and strength that was shown. The jiujitsu fights, battles of cleverness and muscle, were on a high order, tending to show, as they did, how marvelously agile the Japanese athlete must be. The games were contested in teams, a fresh man taking the place of his fallen comrade after each clash.

Japanese sword display came next, and, although the better part of this show was incomprehensible to many of the onlookers on account of their not understanding the Japanese language, it was very pretty. The officer in charge of the program announced after the sword display that the next event would serve to show how the Japanese fought in the olden days, in the time of the ancient samurai.

Twenty husky fencers, ten on a side, were then lined up about fifty feet apart. At a given signal they rushed each other, and there ensued such a terrific whacking of heads and bodies with the foils that many ladies on the Aso were afraid lest there should be bloodshed. The men were well protected, however, with headgear and bodyguards, and beyond a few hard bumps were not injured in the slightest. They were given a hearty round of applause when the bugle blew and their encounter was over.

Following the fighting of the midshipmen came the burlesque dance of seamen, masqueraded in almost every popular conception. The sailors were dressed as fair American damsels, as clowns, as tough Bowery girls, as Chinese and Hawaiians, and altogether their costumes and their antics when the chair race was in progress were laughable to the extreme.

The Aso and the Soya were dressed in their gayest for the occasion, national flags, bunting, and Japanese lanterns being strung across the wharf from ship to ship. Berger's Hawaiian band played on the Soya, and the Japanese musicians played on the flagship.

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