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## FALSE ECONOMY.

The present Legislature is adopting the same fallacious policy, which was condemned under the Monarchy. While swelling the budget by extravagant appropriations, the wise men are showing their "economy" by cutting down the salaries of the over-worked, under paid officials who barely make a living while their over-paid, under-worked superiors live in ease and comfort.

The striking out of the salary for the fourth clerk of the Supreme Court is poor policy, and the reflections made on the clerical department of the said Court by certain representatives, are uncalled for, unjust and coming with very poor grace from Representative Achi, who, it is well-known, does not look with favor on our highest tribunal. It may be true that Chief Clerk Henry Smith went to Maui some weeks ago on private business. Is Mr. Smith not entitled to a vacation? Are there no other officials who attend to "private" business without being censured? There is no better conducted office under the government than that of the clerk to the Supreme Court, and his present staff has all they can do in keeping their work up to date and satisfying the public.

While one representative votes for an increase of the President's salary and another one advocates more money for the Cabinet, a motion is made and carried to reduce the salary of the District Magistrate of Lanai to the magnificent sum of \$8 a month. The statesman proposing such a reduction must be of the kind, who knows all about running a 7x9 hog ranch in the back woods, and who cannot see beyond the tip of his nose. It may be true that the Lanai judge has very little to do, and that there is very little litigation on the island. If so he deserves great credit, and it is to be wished that other districts will follow the example of Lanai. Magistrates are not appointed to go around like roaring lions in their districts and cause litigation. But if they are told that their compensation will be reduced, if they don't get some "cases," they will very soon arrange the matter with the nearest policeman, and have the people of the district arrested by the dozen for swiping selling, manufacturing of sour potato cocktails, adultery and other offenses not unusual in the "outer" districts. The magistrate and police will then be busy and earn more than \$8 a month, and each case will cost the Government at an average of \$300. That is the kind of economy which our Solons preach.

The whole system governing the salaries of public officials is extremely wrong, and it is difficult to form an idea of the principles which the wise men follow. It seems that salaries are voted for the incumbent rather than for the position. Why should the Deputy Postmaster be paid more than the Deputy Col-

lector, and he again receive a higher pay than the Deputy Marshal, who certainly carries more responsibility and risk on his shoulders than the other officials ranking with him. It is too late to suggest anything in regard to a civil service reform during this session, but we do hope that the Legislators will not run a-muck as their predecessors did in their struggle to rub Peter's back in lieu of his scratching Paul's.

## MORE GERMAN IMMIGRANTS.

Another batch of German laborers is expected to arrive by the Marie Hackfeld, due here shortly. Seventy men and women have been induced to leave their homes in West Prussia, Posen and Mecklenburg to cast their unhappy lots in this semi-Asiatic country. In their ignorance they believe the representations made to them by the runners of their unscrupulous countrymen, who are obliged under our labor laws to introduce a certain number of European or American laborers in proportion to the Asiatic coolies. The poor people at home listen to the generous seducer, who points a future for them in Hawaii in rosy colors and eloquently tells them of the wonderful chances of becoming rich, which they will find here. They foolishly submit to the temptation. Their government, so paternal otherwise, only knows officially what its representative writes about the conditions here, and is ignorant of the notorious fact of the dual capacity of the man, who is Consul and plantation agent, and who *de facto* becomes the employer of the deluded people upon their arrival here. Alas! the dream of wealth is soon dispelled, and after a few months' work, say on Libus Plantation, the immigrants wish themselves back to their poor homes in West-Prussia or Posen, and long for the growling of the "Verwalter" at home after having experienced the brutality of the "luna" in their new land. The men who induced these ignorant people to leave their homes, however poor they may be, for the purpose of slaving as contract laborers on the plantations in Hawaii, assume a very grave responsibility which can no longer be ignored by the home government. In China, any man who induces a countryman to immigrate to a foreign country under false pretenses is decapitated. The German Government can hardly go as far as that. "Official decapitation" is within its power, however, and will be considered highly appropriate under present circumstances.

## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

"Annexation was never so near."  
—Star. Yes, dear, so near—and yet so far.

It is amusing to see the stress placed by the annexation-jobbery press upon the views expressed by American malibinis or interested visitors upon the desirability of the annexation steal being completed. Is it not a matter of fact that a thief covets a thing before he consummates the theft.

The present war between the United States and Spain is possibly only the precursor of a greater war which will result in a closer amalgamation of the English speaking races. Either this, or a general peace for many, many years with the Goddess of Commerce as Dictatrix and Directress of the World.

There is one consolation left to the anti-annexationists which is almost as sweet as God's revenge and that is that when annexation arrives, "by the next steamer," the disunited government with a president in opposition to his Cabinet, and a Cabinet in opposition to the people and the Legislature, will take up the line of march to their respective political cemeteries. Dole to Riverside and Cooper to his Roman Mansion, Damon to his Arboretum, Smith to Lunalilo Home and King to his legitimate business.

## "Hawaii Nei."

A very pretty song has been added to Hawaiian music by the publishing of "Hawaii Nei," a song which will become very popular in these Islands. The words are written by Mrs. Haley, a sister of Mrs. C. N. Spencer, the relict of the late Minister Spencer.

The words are touching and will stir the cords of the hearts of all who wish to see Hawaii an independent country, and Hawaii for the Hawaiians.

The composer of the sweet music is Mrs. Teresa Bowler, who has always been admired here for her musical taste and culture—and her patriotic feelings for this, her adopted country.

The music is for sale at the stores of the Hawaiian News Company and Wall, Nichols Co.

We publish herewith the words to the song:

When the twilight softly lingers  
And the shadows pale and die,  
On the distant sloping landscape,  
'Neath the bending, brooding sky,  
Then I sit and gaze with feelings,  
Much more deep than words can

say,  
Thoughts so deep and feelings  
tender

For our loved Hawaii nei.

CHORUS.

Deep blue sea spread out before me,  
Gently heaving to and fro,  
Rock bound coast with white spray  
dashing,

Pinkly touched by evening glow,  
Distant land, blue mountains, ocean,  
Twilight's tender lights display,  
Best to me and in my heart is,  
My love for Hawaii nei.

If in distant lands I wander,  
Lands perhaps I long to see,  
Still my thoughts will ever hover,  
Dear adopted land, 'round thee,  
Twilight's thoughts and twilight's  
shadows,  
Like all things soon pass away,  
But my heart will never alter  
It's love for Hawaii nei.

CHORUS.

Persons requiring tombstones should apply to Fred. Harrison who has a choice lot of new designs on view.

## A DARING BURGLARY

The General Post Office Entered

by Masked Men.

American Money Stolen—The Police On the Track—Spaniards Suspected.

When the Post Office clerks arrived at their office this morning it was found that a pane in the back door had been broken and the Post Office presumably entered. The mail and papers were undisturbed, but fifteen cents (in American money) were missing. As the police across the street didn't see the burglary, it is supposed that the bold men were masked.

Twenty-fourth of May

## A BALL

Will be given at Independence Park, opening at 8 P. M. on May 24, 1898, in celebration of the

BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY

Queen Victoria

AND FOR THE

BENEFIT

OF THE

British Benevolent Society

Tickets \$2.50 each, admitting a gentleman and ladies. For sale at the usual places and by authorized members of the Committee.

## Timely Topics.

Honolulu, April 29, 1898

## DO YOU LIKE WATER?

If so, the proper way to get it, is to buy an

## AERMOTOR

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