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INCONSISTENCY OF BENNY.

At a private and sentimental affair the other day, among those specially invited as guests was B. F. Dillingham. During a certain stage of the function, apart from the sentimental side of it, Mr. Benny Dillingham wrung in business matters which we considered entirely out of place. In his address, he did not forget to speak of his railroad enterprise, saying that if it had not been for the vote of the Hawaiians in the Legislature, the Oahu Railway & Land Co. wouldn't be what it is today, and that the bill granting the franchise was finally carried by the vote of one Hawaiian, whom he didn't mention when asked by others present. He further added that no Hawaiian had ever asked him for a five-cent piece.

In this last remark of his, it may be said that we did not know how to take it. Whether he meant to convey the impression that he paid nothing for the franchise, or whether, since he got it, no Hawaiian had ever approached him for pay. Or else, because they knew they couldn't get anything from him anyway, they were scared of approaching him; and furthermore, they are not accustomed to begging for a living or otherwise, unless it be for work, which they never can get even from Mr. Benny Dillingham.

That occasion was not the first time we have heard Mr. Benny Dillingham make these statements. We have heard him before about two or three times. Yet at no time have we ever heard him give credit to the one Hawaiian who had the faith to make the railroad a

possibility instead of only a probability. But what we are after is the making of these flattering and creditable statements, favorable to the Hawaiians at large as a people, in private and narrow circles, and never publicly. Since the overthrow of the Hawaiian Government in 1893, there was no time that he ever made statements like these to the credit of the Hawaiian people. Never once have we ever known nor has it ever been brought to our notice. From him and others of his narrow clan and clique, it has always been statements derogatory to the native Hawaiians as a class and a people.

Everything to discredit the Hawaiian people is being said by those who are opposed to Hawaiian rule and to the Hawaiians ruling their own country, he is silent and mute in public, except only in private and in nooks and crevices. Why is it? Is it because it is policy for him to do so or is it the policy of his clan? Which is it, pray? Is he afraid to come out with it, for fear it will hurt "the forcible minds" of those whom Judge Hartwell referred to in his ancient historical events of the trying days of the revolution of 1893 the other day at the inauguration of Mr. Doie as U. S. District Judge? We can hardly believe that he was earnest and sincere, because they are all more or less tarred with the same brush. In our humble opinion, it is much better for him to come out openly than attempt to hide his "light under a bushel."

Let us look about us and see who are being employed by the same railroad corporation which had its being through the action of native Hawaiian legislators. Hardly a Hawaiian is being employed as a laborer outside of a few young men on the cars and in the workshops. The majority of laborers are Asiatics, and yet there are any amount of Hawaiians and other American citizens floating around doing nothing and are only too glad to have something to do. But no, Mr. Dillingham and those largely interested employ Asiatics almost altogether, even to doing the work of skilled laborers. A car shed is being built mainly with this kind of cheap labor, even to doing concrete work, which is a poor commentary on the generosity of the people and of the country that has harbored him and them, and in which they are receiving a handsome subsidized bounty without the payment of taxes in return, although we concede that the opening of the railroad has done a great deal in the way of enhancing property values and of creating valuable sugar enterprises whereby taxes are being indirectly paid to the Government. Instead of the railroad paying taxes direct, it has caused others to do it indirectly.

But is it just that the labor should be given out to aliens who board and send most of their earnings out of the country? Why not employ those of the country, by paying them living wages, and who will spend their earnings right here with us? One good turn deserves another, and here is a case in point that it should be. The claim is (privately) made that Hawaiians granted the impetus to this enterprise, then why not give them the same in return for past favors? Had it not been the generosity and the foresight of Hawaiians, now being despised by many of our southerly corporations in like manner as the O. R. & L. Co., claiming Mr. Dillingham as our best

authority, where would the railroad be today, and where would his success be as a promoter? We think he would be floating in the air with a demented mind, in the same manner that killed Samuel G. Wilder, and his then hobby would be but as a mere chimera of unknown quantity.

If Mr. Dillingham and others are sincere as they make themselves appear to be, let them show forth a little of it and of the stuff that they are supposed to be made of. Give the people some work and in like manner a little of the gains they are reaping handsomely instead of passing it into the hands of foreigners who do not own this country as their home and who had nothing to do with aiding and fostering the enterprise. Let us see some of it let loose.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Governor Carter has already been found out to be a man not of his word. He has become Governor with Kepoikai still in office as treasurer.

E. S. Boyd, Commissioner of Public Lands, has found his medicine in resigning. That's what he gets for attempting to be an accommodating fellow to the new gubernatorial incumbent. Serves him right for being such an easy prey.

Isaac Noar, der man mit der diamants, has sent a picture of President Roosevelt to Governor Carter, together with a letter of congratulation that is extremely "touching," to say the least. The only thing left out in the proceeding was the football. Too bad, Ike; try again.

Besides the impulsive temperament inherent in our new and young Governor, he is also a grand bluffer, a buffer between himself, the Polynesian born and the Anglo-Saxon origin, and, well, a man that don't mean what he says. So much for our football Governor.

Read and mark Governor Carter's taffy on the Hawaiian people, when he said in his inaugural address that "in all the Islands of the broad Pacific there is no aboriginal people equal to the Hawaiians—the flower of all Polynesia." Did he mean it? We know better, for he did not, as he has no use for the Hawaiian people, not by those accidentally born haoles who are wrongly classed as Hawaiians.

Once upon a time, among those who went head hunting down to Kalalau valley, Kauai, for Koolau, the leper outlaw, was J. W. Pratt. It was then said of him that he was so scared of that one diseased and desperate man that he did not know that his life was his own and that his trousers were always wet with internal perspiration. And they would have him remain in office. What for, pray?

Treasurer Kepoikai was abused by the Advertiser-Star combination for being a man not of his word, because it was claimed by them that he twice promised to resign and then flatly refused to do so when asked by Mr. Carter. But how about Carter, who wouldn't take office till Kepoikai had resigned, and then did the opposite? What is to be said of such a man? A crow eater. Sure keia, Mike.

Having expressed himself in the

public prints that he would not take office as Governor until all the department heads had resigned and not until the last one of them (Kepoikai) had done so would he (Carter) become the Governor de facto. Without gaining this requisite, he has now done so. Then, what are we to believe in him? Was it only a bluff then, a bluff which didn't do the work intended.

In a war with all South America the United States would almost certainly not encounter the open hostility of any European power, but there would be private aid in the way of money and men that would be vastly important and dangerous. Germany and France are both largely interested in the continent in a commercial way, and they will not likely be "looking" when their citizens are helping in a quiet manner to protect themselves.

We fail to see what there is in Kimo Palaki (Jim Pratt the Brush) that the Republican Central Committee should recommend him for another executive appointment. Will Carter dare appoint a defeated candidate, and thereby establish a precedent in this Territory for the future? And quoting our new Governor, who said of "the future—that grand and wonderful future which is looming before us, portentous with great events." Yes, the future will yet have something to say relative to such as Jim Pratt.

If there are faulty points in the county law let them be disclosed as their damaging effect becomes apparent. The political parties of the Islands are unanimous in favor of county government. It is true that the law given us by the Republican Legislature is full of kinks, but it is better than nothing. The bridge is strong enough to support the system until the Legislature meets again, and in view of that we say "drive on." We have nothing to gain by attacking the law on small points before we know positively that those points are illegal or will work injustice at some hand.

"I, George Robert Carter, Governor of the Territory of Hawaii, was born a Polynesian, reared among Hawaiians, but I sprang from the Anglo-Saxon race, of which I am one by blood as well as by ties, yet always an American citizen. As I love Hawaii, I dedicate such talents as I have to the best interests of Hawaii and Hawaii's people (the aboriginals among them I hate and despise) and still, I am more anxious to advance Hawaii (for their gain) and Hawaiians (not on your life) in their progress (digression towards extinction) to statehood." Did any of you ever see such egotistical impulsiveness as is in the young football player, George Robert Carter, now the great "I am," young and impulsive.

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