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A BUSINESS MAN'S BOARD.

There are more reasons than one for having the Board of Health consist of business in place of medical men. To begin with, the Board has to contend with business problems almost exclusively. The instances requiring an intimate knowledge of medicine or the finer principles of hygiene are so few that any body of sensible men should be able to intelligently handle them. It is a matter of common notoriety that a medical man is a machine. Reared in a go-cart of pills and pills, he gains from actual experience very little of the stuff that makes men and the world move. When it comes to handling affairs of the magnitude of the Molokai settlement, the insane asylum and the arduous routine of the Health Board's administrative work, the interests of the community call for the brains and acumen of business men, in place of the bubble of medical theories, useful only in the proper provinces.

In the past the medical Board of Health has been a little kingdom of its own, as it were, in which a few doctors lorded it over their fellows and the important work carried on by their profession. Favorites of the pill-making element of the Board were invariably given the best to be had, while doctors with infinitely greater ability but with the fatal absence of a pull at the Day-Wood-Cooper court, have been held in the background and crowded

down. The case of Dr. W. S. Noblitt is one of a number in point.

But that is another story. The business of any board of health is regarded as peculiar, and yet there is nothing out of the ordinary about it. It must be conducted along straight business lines, precisely as is the work of the counting house, the factory, the steam laundry, the railroad or the newspaper office, if you please. Men experienced in business are essential to its proper operation, and completely satisfactory results can not be expected of tools of "rattoon" professions. Give us a board of health composed of business men—men who have successfully contended in a practical way with the problems left to us by a Providence Divine—and not men who are simply the push-buttons of theories exclusive in their applications and results.

IN DUAL CAPACITY.

In scanning the calendar of the Fifth Circuit Court, now in term session at Lihue, Kauai, we find the name of M. F. Prosser appearing as counsel for plaintiff or for defendant, as the case might be. He is the one sent by the Attorney General's Department to represent the Government's side in criminal cases, being also a member of the staff of that department. Some of these cases were gotten by him before his translation here to act as one of the deputies to that overworked (?) department. In civil cases, it is pretty much the same thing, either him or J. D. Willard, a friend of his. Both together, they are reaping a harvest over all other attorneys, including visiting ones from here. This may appear right to some, but to others, it is not.

In two criminal cases (Nos. 3 and 4) on the calendar, this same Prosser appears for both the defendants, who are charged with selling liquor without license. These cases have been continued for several terms, and have again been further continued. We understand that the witnesses in these cases (Chinese) are out of the country, and in his present position as prosecuting attorney, are further continued for the term. The above is a protest received from the seat of Court and there are still others. One is a very recent case against a Chinaman for selling liquor on Sunday, and at Prosser's recommendation, the defendant being a former client of his, Willard was engaged by the defense. It is claimed that it is not Willard but Prosser under a sub-rosa subterfuge.

In a former issue, attention was herein called to his going into and handling civil causes, some of which are seen on the calendar as old matters which he already had before transference to this city. But the greatest objection is to his going into new causes. The same thing happens; it is either him or his friend Willard. Is it right that he should be so allowed? This is a clear instance of graft, his expenses being paid by the Government to attend to Government business. In our opinion, this is not fair nor just to the others, and should not be tolerated, because the others are striving to earn a livelihood, while, in his case, he is sure of a monthly stipend without much hustling or striv-

ing. Governor, look into this scheme of making personal aggrandizement at taxpayers' cost and nip it in the bud before much further harm is done to the public service.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

To even up things, we suppose the Treasurer will cause to be registered the salary and expense warrants of the Legislature, ain't it?

As a hater of Hawaiians, Walter Gifford Smith is not one whit much behind his chief—the Devil's partner, and he tops all the malihinis that have been imported here, to write up the country, since 1893.

If the Nature Man, E. W. Darling, wants to go around town naked he ought to get himself a breech-cloth and kimona. That's what most of the Japs wear, and the hint of clothing about it seems to protect them from the police and the law all right.

We recently drew attention to the position of Registrar under the Board of Health. Dispense with it altogether, as the country can get along just as well without it and employ lower paid clerks. This is a useless position in one sense, but if the incumbent is made to do other work besides, well and good. But does he do it? Nit.

The trade winds of last night blew most of the mosquitoes out to sea and probably left them travelling in the direction of Australia. The incident would seem to suggest to Mosquito Catcher-General Larnach the wisdom of ceasing scurrying around for petroleum and a look, rather, to a means of raising the wind.

The simplest and best liquor law for Honolulu would be one fixing the charge for a full license at \$500, and allowing saloons to scatter out anywhere to localities other than near churches or schools. The arguments in favor of such a scheme are legion, while the present system has proved a failure in every respect.

The move of Count Bonzi in bringing down a string of race horses from the Coast for participation in local turf events should be generally appreciated. The pace set by the stranger should have the effect of buoying the Jockey Club and horsemen generally to activity and ensure the success of the June 11 program. Now let something be doing.

The President has done the proper thing in appointing A. N. Kepolka to be Circuit Judge of Maui. Not only is he the choice of the people of that island but he is entirely satisfactory to the whole islands. Once again Maui is to have justice and the law properly administered, one thing for which the President is to be heartily congratulated and thanked.

Of the professional job-chasers in the town only T. F. Lansing has thus far filed his application for the office of Treasurer to succeed A. N. Kepolka. There is something radically wrong about this thing. Either there is a hidden and mysterious undesirability about the office, or else a number of men have gone off and died. The

Bloodless Girls



Doctors have given the Greek name Anæmia, meaning "bloodlessness" to a disease which is much more prevalent among young women than is generally believed. In its early stages the disease is not marked by any decided symptoms and often makes considerable advance before its presence is noticed. An unusual feeling of fatigue after slight exercise, breathless and pallor are the first noticeable signs. In anæmia the blood becomes thin, the heart flabby, the skin pale and waxy. If the disease become chronic (persistent anæmia) it often results fatally. The one successful method of treating this disease is to build up the blood. The best blood builder in the world is

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grand jury ought to look into this matter.

Oahu should have two road supervisors, one in each district. Appoint them from each district and pay each \$150 a month. One at present at \$200, and he is a Fourth District man, is unfair to the Fifth. The road tax of each district should be spent within the boundaries of each, but not as at present, the Fourth gets nearly all, while the Fifth goes a begging. And further, employ the laborers from among voters and residents of each district. How's this suggestion, legislators?

If the truth were known it would probably appear positive that Ida Mooney was having the best possible thing done to her when she was shipped out of San Francisco to return to New Zealand. Alone in the world, she had been raised under the best of care in the Costley Home, but, withal, went to the bad. In San Francisco she fell into infinitely worse hands and places, and the people now seeking to compel her return are perhaps the very kind from whom the girl and her baby should be protected.

And so Johnnie Walker is not the only one acting as special police. There are others. Another one is Bob Atkinson, a brother-in-law of High Sheriff Brown, but he does not receive pay. One reason why they like to pose as special police is that they are relieved from doing jury duty. Is this fair and just treatment to the others who are doing such public duty? We think not. This scheme of shirking duty should be looked into and made publicly known. Why are these favorites immune from being called upon to do their share of such service?

New Zealand and Australia have a sadly practical way of dealing with cranks. Dowle found the thermometer down there so low that his whiskers froze, and the flow of money to his pocket turned to a motionless expanse of ice. Darling, the nature man now here, will go to Australia, but before some steamer going in a foreign direction rescues him from the land of

the kangaroo, he will have sighed to the stars many times for a warm seat close up to the North Pole. He'll be wearing a padded overcoat, a fur cap and Arctic boots one of these fine days, mark you.

Several specialists are employed under the Board of Health. We think they can just as well be dispensed with. They appear to be only grafters. Formerly, there was no need for them, and it is only since our days of Americanism, we have some recollection of one specialist (Dr. Arning) in former days, who received a salary from the Government and all his expenses paid, including his experiments, but what did the Government get? Nothing. One fine day, he up and dusted, claiming all the information he had collected and the plaster casts he made, which were paid for by the then Hawaiian Government as his own and we were left to mourn over the experience.

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