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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

"The Lord tempers the wind to the shorn lamb" and Dr Frederic Bell has permitted himself to trust in the ability of a Honolulu barber and has had his Samsonian locks scissored by a Young Hotel artist.

Now we came from New York last evening that Mayor McClellan had been renominated. That was to be expected. His only opponent was probably W R Hearst, and Mr Hearst, is not yet "the man of the hour" in New York.

Nearly 100,000 prisoners are to be returned from Japan to Vladivostok. Ordinarily it would be Russia's policy to keep them there as a penalty for surrendering. If they are really allowed to return to their homes it will show that Russia has been considerably civilized by the war.

So Dr Bell, of bell fame, is a great I-am. We had thought that Governor Carter was the only great I-am, but here is this Dr Bell. And he's a mighty good bell ringer when

the belles are about, as he showed the other evening during his first lecture here. We wish the bell to ring long and loud while here.

And so the Hawaiian Historical Society is anxious to save and preserve a certain heiau down country. Why? Any old pile of old rocks will answer just as well as that. What's the use of attempting to preserve them now, when others of much more interest have already been destroyed and forever lost to posterity?

The constant turmoil between the Japanese consul and his people suggests strongly that something is wrong somewhere. Almost from the time of his arrival here Mr Saito has been at loggerheads with the leading Japanese of the country. We do not know the ins and outs of the trouble and don't care but it certainly seems unfortunate.

The action of the barbers of the State University of Illinois in refusing to shave Filipino young men who had come to Bloomington to go to school shows the kind of welcome the nation's wards may expect to receive at the hands of the people on the mainland. Americans are willing to hold the Filipino as a subject but when it comes to a question of accepting him on a broad plane of equality they draw away. In other words, they are willing to tote fair only when it seems to pay.

Why is it the Advertiser has not said anything about the gambling joint in Kakaako near where Sam Johnson used to take his men into the hay loft to pay them off? This outfit used to make large money out of the garbage department and, from all accounts, still has the men of that department on its list of best customers. Is the Advertiser afraid to tackle the men who are running it? If so, is it because they have more money than Charlie Moore?

The fact that the Alameds, of late years, has been making \$230,000 per annum should certainly set the commercial interests of the Islands to thinking. Add to this the revenue derived from passengers and there would appear a net income from the boat of at least \$150,000 in twelve months. At this rate it would take but very few years for a steamer even larger than the Alameda, owned and operated by local merchants, to pay for herself several times over.

Hilo's frenzy over the delay in getting her high school seems to have been the result of a misapprehension. Just how the idea got abroad in the Rainy City that the appropriation had been cut out it is impossible to say, but that does not matter anyway. The facts are that the building was delayed in order that the people over there might decide on a site. This proposition started a wrangle which, in Hilo, is capable of holding up anything. As soon as the people

get together and make a choice upon which all can agree, the work will go ahead.

We would modestly inquire if when the Advertiser gets through with exposing Chinese five-cent gambling joints, it will take up the matter of two leading hotels and one of the most prominent lodging establishments that run—or allow to be run—gambling joints as accessories of their respective enterprises? We venture that it will not dare do so. The morning press is ever ready to shine in a crusade against petty offenders of the law, but when it comes to tackling big fry that paper has business in another street in-stanter.

The Advertiser thinks that the work of checking gambling in Hawaii might be turned over to the Federal authorities. If such could be done no time should be lost in shifting the responsibility. As a matter of fact, however, there is no Federal law touching the class of cases referred to the extent that the United States could legally take charge. The central government can act only in cases where the mails are used for the promotion of gambling enterprises, such as lotteries, etc; but there it stops, leaving the rest to States and State law.

The dissatisfaction of the people of Puako, Hawaii, with their school teacher, Mrs Wagner, is a case not exactly parallel with the Wailuku school muddle of a few weeks ago, but the effect is equally damaging. In all such cases—cases in which the teacher has become *persona non grata* with the patrons of a school—the teacher should be quietly removed to some other place, where he or she might do better. This is an extreme measure, but in the interest of education it should be unhesitatingly taken. The people of Puako have gotten it into their heads that Mrs Wagner is incompetent. They may be ever so badly mistaken, but the impression stays, it has caused a breach and the influence of the lady in the school work of that community is gone.

The Advertiser is hot foot after the small gamblers, but leaves the big fellows alone, we mean those fellows who dabble in stocks, etc. Even business is another form, but more refined and lucrative. But what is... anyway, if it is not gambling? Marriage even is a form. In fact, all are more or less gamblers, either in one form or another, whether approved or not. Even our courts, instead of doling out justice, are legally speaking, places where chance is given litigants to either win or lose, according to the whims of those dealing the packs. Because of the patronage gives, a paper will speak well of anything even if it was not good, and that's gambling also, in a sense, and we are all in it for all that it is and they are worth. Better shut up or put up.

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