

**Commercial Advertiser.**

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**FOOD AND THE PRICE OF WAGES**

In these prosperous, but perilous days of Hawaii, the fact that the price of food must to a large extent regulate the price of wages seems to go unnoticed. The people of these islands every year are becoming more dependent upon imported foods, both from the East and the West. We import meats, vegetables, fruit, groceries, flour, grain and hay. On the whole, it is safe to say, that we import more food for man and beast, in proportion to the people, than Great Britain does. In fact, we are now entirely dependent. Great Britain is also dependent largely on imported food, and her prosperity is undoubted.

Prince Kropotkin, in that remarkable book, "Fields, Factories and Workshops," to which attention was called the other day, discusses this dependent condition of Great Britain and declares that in the end it will place the wage earners of that country at a disadvantage. He shows by reliable data that the British may obtain from their own soil the food needed by the entire population, but that they unwisely rely upon importations. As industrial expansion continues, and each nation, through a distribution of industrial machinery and the use of educated labor, supplies it own needs of manufactured goods, the competition for foreign trade will increase and the profits be reduced. The Americans have largely reduced the iron trade of England, and, in due time, under the superintendence of American brains, the Chinese, with their vast resources of iron and coal, will reduce the American trade in iron. Other products will be subject to the same conditions. Kropotkin claims that imported foods must cost, by reason of freight, handling and commissions, more than the foods produced at home. Therefore, in the coming competition, the community which supplies its own foods will be able to fix the rate of wages below the rate prevailing in communities which import their foods.

This factor in the cost of manufactured goods has only of late become important, because it is only of late that the industrial expansion has taken place. If his proposition is correct, the economic condition of Hawaii is not satisfactory. The cost of food is high. The price of meat is rising. With scientific cultivation one bullock to the acre may be raised. The ratio here is not known, but it is at least ten acres to the bullock. While hay and grain may be cheaply raised on the uplands, they are hardly produced at all. Fish is simply a luxury, which is beyond the reach of those with moderate wages or incomes.

The moment Federal laws are applied which restrict Asiatic immigration, the resident laborers, discovering their power to control the labor market, will agitate for the increase of wages in order to "live," if for no other reason. The day has passed when we can say to these laborers, "If you will not accept the wages we offer you, you can leave." Labor will soon be King here, as it is on the Mainland. In demanding and fixing the rate of wages, the cost of living will be an important factor. Discontented laborers are a standing menace to law and order.

As the time gradually approaches, when the United States will produce a surplus of sugar, and be forced into the markets of the world in competition with the sugars of the West Indies, Russia, Germany, Africa and Australia, it is not the scientific production of sugar alone which will settle the cost of producing it here, but the cost of feeding and satisfying the laborers. The enormous growth of the manufacturing interests of Philadelphia, is largely due to the cheapness of land and homes of the working classes as well as the low price of food. During the many commercial depressions which have caused so much distress throughout the land, Philadelphia has suffered the least, because of her opportunities to furnish her working people with food and houses at the lowest rates.

It is not the duty of the government to consider these questions, unless the community impose it upon them. It is the high and, indeed, solemn duty of the intelligent men to take up these perplexing questions that confront us, and deal with them earnestly, seriously and effectively.

**WATER THE SOLDIERS.**

It is a pity that our interest in the soldiers in transitu has fallen so low, that we cannot devise a way to give them comfortable and even necessary baths, during the few hours in which they remain in port. One of these young enlisted men, in a recent interview, said that on the trip across the continent and on the voyage from San Francisco, the men suffered from the dust, heat, and crowded conditions of

the cars and vessels. The sleeping bunks on the lower decks were close together, and at times the heat was intolerable; that many of the men on landing here desired a fresh bath, and cool drinking water, but that neither were to be had without begging for it. The cost of erecting fifty bathing houses near the coal sheds, and the cost of distributing pipes through them, so that there would be an abundance of water for shower baths, is small. If this arrangement was made, fifty men could bathe together at a time, and a regiment would be washed up in two hours. Both sea and fresh water bathing could be provided for at Akaaka. The late Pope, Pius IX., was a humorist. During the sessions of the great Ecumenical Council in Rome, a lot of the Oriental bishops, noted for their uncleanly persons, asked for the Holy Father's blessing. They knelt before him, and the Pope raised his hands and said, (in a whisper), "Very dirty as ye all are, (in a loud voice), I give ye my blessing." If Honolulu will reserve her blessings, but give the soldiers water, externally and internally, Heaven will not feel insulted. Even the flag wavers, and those who blow the confusing notes of the "un-American" blast should descend from their perches and "wave" and "blast" for bathing arrangements. The saloons have profited by this want of consideration.

**THE DEVIL.**

Dr. Bishop in the Friend says: "That a personal devil is actually stimulating the depravity of men, and organizing the forces of crime and wickedness, is a working hypothesis of no small utility."

Dr. Shew of the Connecticut Insane Asylum had a patient some years ago, who was permanently insane. He had been a distinguished and eloquent preacher. After thirty years of service in the pulpit, he arose in it one Sunday morning and after giving out his text said: "Brethren and sisters, I have for thirty years preached against the Devil, but during these years I have never acknowledged his usefulness in this world, and I shall now, and hereafter from this pulpit show to you that he is more useful than many of the deacons who are in their pews before me." At this point the deacons got together, cautiously approached the pulpit, attracted the preacher's attention, and got him out of the church. The next day he was taken to the Asylum. This divine agreed with Dr. Bishop that the Devil was "a working hypothesis of no small utility," and as a useful member of society, had a most

important part to play. The Scotch proverb is: "Thou wouldst do little for God, if the Devil were dead." From this point of view the Devil is not only useful but necessary, and Dr. Bishop's theory of a useful working hypothesis, becomes a grand truth. The respect which the insane divine paid to him was simply intended to be a recognition of his necessary services. Why they were necessary, he did not attempt to explain, but applied to him one of the approved maxims of the moral world, that he who does his appointed work well, is entitled to respect, and usually to admiration. Indeed, in some lands, the Devil is worshipped not because he can be trusted, but because he is great and powerful. If Dr. Bishop encourages the use of any special ritual in the Central Union church, in order to emphasize the value of the Devil as "a working hypothesis," he should be restrained until the Chief Justice returns, who will put him under an injunction.

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Honolulu, Nov. 10, 1899.  
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