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The word, Canton, as a date line in the newspapers, is hobnobbing up quite numerously, both from Ohio and China.

One thing can be urged in favor of China—that country did not participate in the Cui's peace conference at The Hague. Give the dragon his due.

A new party has been organized in New York to "purify State politics." The labor element is behind it. It certainly has mapped out for itself a most herculean task.

The Republican is just one month old to-day. It's a pretty lively infant, isn't it, for that age? And look over its advertising columns at the business showing. Good, isn't it?

It is about time the Boxers sent commissioners to the nations. These Chinese agitators are evidently not up-to-date in statesmanship. They would do well to engage a few of our idle American statesmen.

Shall it go forth to the national administration at Washington that the Republican Governor of Hawaii has strangled the party organization in the new Territory in its infancy by making unfair partisan appointments?

Alaska boasts that it will add \$40,000,000 of gold to the wealth of the world. Secretary Seward's \$7,000,000 purchase, much ridiculed at the time, was a mighty fine investment, no matter from what standpoint it is viewed.

There are many well-informed citizens of Hawaii, active participants, too, in the various movements against the monarchy, who say that "this is American territory," not "because of some of the old-timers," but despite them.

The "atrocious effort" will figure strongly in the pending campaign. It is as Conkling said in nominating General Grant for the Presidency in 1880, "the arduous greatness of things" that has always characterized the Republican party. It is a part of its entire history, and never more fully realized than in the last four years.

The Democrats and Independents of Hawaii are entitled to representation upon the boards of registration in every district in the Territory. The Republican party cannot afford to be charged with being so partisan as to refuse any other party representation upon the boards. Such appointments would give color to the most groundless charges of corruption and dishonesty. The party must avoid this by all means.

Thousands of the friends of Thomas Brackett Reed are sorry to note that he is still sulking in his political tent. Political disappointments have so soured the ponderous Maine statesman against the party which so frequently and signally honored him that even a \$50,000 a year position in the shape of an insurance retainer has not mollified him. His old henchman, Joe Manley, is to the fore, however, and Maine will again be in the Republican column this year, as usual.

The Republican believes there are good Democrats and Independents in every district in the Territory, who would make valuable members of the boards of registration—men, too, who have the esteem and confidence of the people in the communities in which they may live, irrespective of partisan bias—and whose appointment would reflect credit upon the administration. Shall it go forth to the country that the Governor of Hawaii refused the Democratic and Independent parties representation upon the boards of registration?

Manitoba, Northwest Territory, has about determined to adopt a prohibition law, and the liquor men are asking compensation in the total sum of \$2,000,000. The demand of the saloon men is generally regarded as reasonable, inasmuch as they are engaged in a business that was legalized and regarded as legitimate. The Government is disinclined to allow compensation, and, despite the strong prohibition feeling in Manitoba, there is said to be danger of defeat unless the liquor men are made whole, in part, at least, for the losses they will naturally sustain.

Bad news comes from the States as to the wheat crop of this year. It is said to be a big failure, and the Chicago expert, Snow, declares that "the situation is a national calamity." California reports only half a crop, but has 400,000 tons over from last year, so that there is now a visible supply in that State of 800,000 tons. It is in the great grain States of the North-

west, however, where the main loss is sustained. The combined yield of the Dakotas and Minnesota is estimated at but 75,000,000 bushels, as against 200,000,000 last year and 225,000,000 in 1898. In view of these statements Chicago wheat ought to be a good buy.

PARTISAN APPOINTMENTS.

In selecting the boards of registration for the Territory, Governor Dole has, in our opinion, done the Republican party of the new Territory almost irreparable harm. It is hard for many men to acknowledge themselves in the wrong, but Governor Dole can do much to reinstate himself in the confidence of all fair-minded people if he will promptly recall the appointments made and reappoint new boards.

In every State and Territory in the Union since registration and election boards were established, it has been the universal custom to make these boards non-partisan or bi-partisan. It has not only been the unwritten, but the written, law that registration and election boards should be composed of men representing all political parties, whenever any State has varied from this principle fraudulent elections have resulted, and the voice of the people has been overridden by dishonest methods.

The infamous Goebel election law of Kentucky, under which the election of last fall was held in that State, placed the entire election machinery in the hands of the Democratic party. Under it Mr. Taylor, who was honestly elected Governor of the State by a majority of several thousand votes, despite acknowledged frauds, was counted out of the office by a partisan Legislature. Republicans and honest Democrats throughout the length and breadth of the land denounced the Goebel act as the most iniquitous law of the kind ever enacted. Under it party feeling in the State became so aroused that rioting and assassination resulted. Senator Goebel, who stood as the embodiment of the law, and who was to benefit by its infamous unfairness, not to use a harsher term, was assassinated in the capitol grounds and the great State of Kentucky disgraced. All this from having partisan boards which knew not the meaning of fairness.

It is the universal rule in every State and county for the duly organized party committees to recommend to the appointing power the names of reputable party men to serve on the registration or election boards. With a narrowness worthy of a better cause Governor Dole utterly ignored all party organizations in the Territory. Both the Democratic and Republican parties were duly organized in Hawaii two months ago. Both chose Territorial committees to represent the party organization. The Republicans have gone further and organized precinct clubs in the island of Hawaii and perfected a splendid party organization. Governor Dole was appointed Governor of Hawaii as a Republican, and as such he stands as the representative of a Republican administration at Washington. Any acts of omission or commission that he may make while in office are charged against the national administration at Washington. For him to ignore the party organization in the Territory is to put himself above party and is virtually a reflection upon the Republican President who appointed him.

In appointing the registration boards for the Territory, Governor Dole ignored the party organization of the Territory. The Territorial committee was not asked to recommend a single man for the boards. Likewise was the treatment accorded the Democratic organization. The Territorial committee was not asked to recommend anyone; it was in no wise consulted, given a hearing; no more was the Independent party. So-called Republicans, close personal followers of the Governor, were appointed, regardless of their standing in the party. Notwithstanding this, the Republican party, as a party, and not the Governor personally, is held responsible for these appointments.

The Republican party, in all its history, has been too big and noble and generous and grand ever to resort to such unfair partisan appointments as the Governor of Hawaii has been guilty of. In New York State, despite the frauds perpetrated by Tammany, the Republican party enacted honest election and registration laws, providing for bi-partisan boards, the Democrats having equal representation with the Republicans. Following the notorious election frauds in the city of Cincinnati in 1885, the Republican Legislature passed a new election law providing for a bi-partisan board of elections and registration, and as many Democrats as Republicans were on the board, and dishonest elections in that State have been unknown ever since. The State of Maryland elected a Republican Governor and Legislature in 1885 for the first time in its history, and one of the first laws enacted by the Republicans was one providing for bi-partisan election boards under which the old repeaters of Baltimore could not perpetrate their work.

The whole history of the Republican party is one of justice and fairness, and it falls to Governor Dole of the new Territory of Hawaii to change all this bright record of the party by appointing registration boards in every district in the Territory made up exclusively of so-called Republicans, with but one possible exception.

As chairman of the registration board in the island of Oahu, the Governor appointed Mr. Lorin Andrews, who was one of the men turned down by the late Council of State for a po-

sition upon the Court of Claims. Mr. Andrews' affiliations are not with the rank and file of the party, but with a small minority which was repudiated in the primaries in May by the votes of the straight party men. He could not have secured the endorsement of the members of the Territorial committee of Oahu, and no appointment could have been made that would have been more displeasing to the real party workers.

As a wrecked of the Republican party of the Territory of Hawaii, Governor Dole has made a most admirable start in these strictly partisan appointments. He should at once proceed to undo the wrong he has inflicted upon his party and upon the Territory. No creature is greater than his creator, and no man is greater than his party.

HAWAIIAN STATEHOOD.

The possible demand of Hawaii for admission to the American Union as a sovereign State is just now agitating the statesmen on the mainland. It has given some of the more timid over there a political ague. It will be seen by an editorial from that able, and usually level-headed and fair, newspaper, the Washington Post, republished on this page, that Hawaii's ambition in this direction is not to go uncontented. Indeed, the Post is disposed to chaff us and to speak disparagingly of our population. It even goes as far as to threaten to shut us out by Constitutional amendment. That's unkind, to say the least. The Post ought to suspend judgment until it knows us better. We are not "whoopers" over here, and as the statistics demonstrate, there is a lower standard of illiteracy in the Territory of Hawaii than in the District of Columbia or in 90 per cent. of the States and other Territories of the Union. Hawaii has a population nearly double that of Arizona. Its inhabitants will surely compare favorably with those of Oklahoma and New Mexico, either as to the white or the brown people. "The back counties of Hawaii" will cast as intelligent a vote as the "hoop-pole counties" of Pennsylvania, where they are said to be still voting for Jackson's "Cracker" counties of Tennessee, the blackbelt of Georgia and Mississippi or the Tarantula-juice counties of Indiana. And if the people of "a back county in the State of Hawaii" prove themselves good Americans, loyal and law-abiding, why should not they have the right to upset "the balance of parties in Congress" equally with any other section of the United States?

This is not a "whoop" for Statehood, but for justice. Hawaii has been admitted unreservedly as a Territory of the United, and is entitled to all the rights and privileges accorded Territories on the mainland. It would now scarcely be possible to pass a Constitutional amendment that could apply adversely to the political rights of Hawaii as an integral member of the American federation. Such an effort would be in violation of our treaty rights and the at least implied contract between Hawaii and the Union contained in the Organic Act.

The Post, however, need not excite itself over "this sort of nonsense," as it is pleased to designate what should be a laudable ambition on the part of Hawaii. This Territory is quite content with its present political status. There is no serious agitation for Statehood here, and those who once thought that these Islands should have been admitted as a State have accepted the situation loyally and in entire good faith.

Of course, the Statehood germ is here, and every true American has been inoculated with it. It is the hope that stimulates every effort toward the rebuilding of the Territory, and it is a prospective right which the people of Hawaii will not surrender without protest.

Now will the Post be good?

NO STATEHOOD FOR HAWAII.

Only one of all the sixteenth amendment propositions that have been offered and discussed in the past thirty years has seemed to the Post to be desirable, or to have any chance of adoption. That one was proposed during the recent session of Congress, its purpose being to limit the area of the United States proper to our continental domain. In other words, it proposed to bar all of our insular acquisitions from Statehood. The Post would like to have such a provision as that implanted in our fundamental law, but it has little hope of such a consummation. While we believe there are millions of patriotic citizens who share our opposition to insular Statehood, we see no encouraging prospect that such an amendment will command the support required to place it in the Constitution.

We refer to this subject at this time because of the fact that one of the political parties in Hawaii pledges itself to support any organization in the United States which will work to make Hawaii a State of the Union. If insular Statehood were constitutionally prohibited, the inhabitants of Hawaii would not be exploiting that sort of nonsense, nor would their fellow citizens of the States be troubled with anticipations of a possibly coming time when Presidential elections may be decided and the balance of parties in Congress be upset by returns from a back county in the State of Hawaii.

But if our fellow-citizens in Hawaii will take the trouble to study the history of New Mexico and Arizona, they will probably conclude to let their successors of the next or some more remote generation do all the whooping up for Statehood. Meanwhile, in order to create fair conditions for those far-off whoopers to work on, this session should induce about 150,000 industrious and intelligent white people to emigrate to Hawaii and "grow up with the country."

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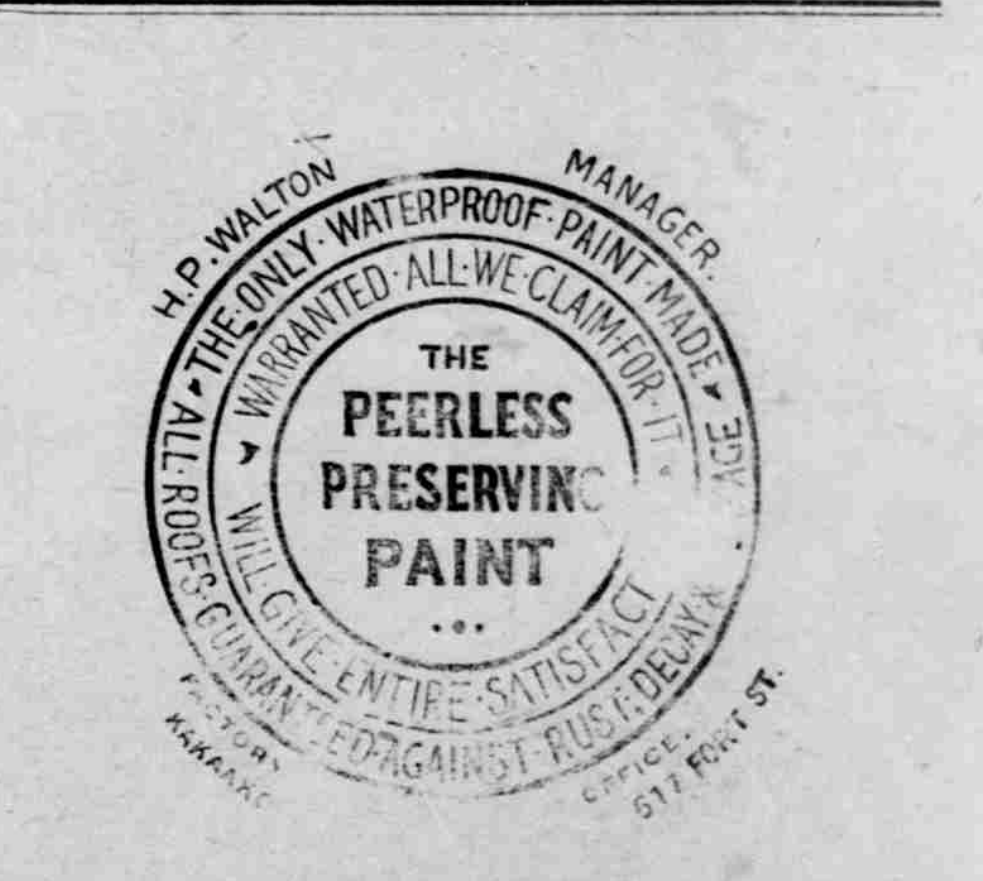


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