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**NEEDS OF THE MERCHANTS.**

Honolulu retail merchants complain that trade is falling off and ascribe the cause to Asiatic competition and the exodus of white men. Very likely they are right in their diagnosis; but it is not so important to find out why customers have been lost as it is to devise ways and means for getting new ones; that is, unless retrospection will aid in avoiding future errors.

Of late the merchants have not suggested much in their own behalf, although they have an association for that purpose. In the last series of resolutions passed by the Chamber of Commerce, to promote the welfare of Hawaii through suggestions to Washington—resolutions in which the Merchants' Association is understood to have concurred—there was very little proposed for the benefit of the retail trade of the Territory. What was asked for sugar was chiefly for the welfare of the few; harbor improvements could not do much for retailers; Chinese labor would not materially benefit white tradesmen, and the purchase of government stores in the local market would be of chief interest to wholesalers. All these requests were admirable in their way, but we fail to find where the permanent relief of retail merchants was covered by any one of them.

Obviously the first need of the merchants is a larger purchasing public, living on the soil, dealing with white tradesmen and able to pay cash. Tourists are good so far as they go, but they can not be depended on for more than four months in each year. Population from the States and Europe is the prime objective; and the Merchants' Association can deal with no question of such importance to it as how to get solvent new inhabitants to take the place of the white people who have gone, and how to keep those who are yet here but who think of moving.

There is no use in taking up the matter sentimentally. The idea of getting plantations to employ white mechanics instead of Asiatics, who are cheaper and who do not belong to trades-unions, does not seem to be practical. Besides, mechanics, unless in government employ, are a nomadic class and they usually buy in the cheap Asiatic shops. We have heard it said that "One settled well-to-do farmer is worth three journeymen mechanics as a customer of white merchants." Perhaps the saying is not quite true, but it represents a prevalent conviction.

What then? Well, if the merchants would unite upon a platform like the following, they would be in the way of getting results:

I. The opening of half the available farm land in the Territory to bona fide colonists of the Wahaiwa derivation and type, the rest of the available land being opened to bona fide agricultural residents with a special view to keeping the present Portuguese population here.

II. The creation of an army acclimation camp near Honolulu, consisting of at least 5000 men, at which troops from the mainland could be prepared, climatically, to answer calls from the Philippines, Panama, Samoa or other southern points.

III. The building of a first-class navy yard on Pearl Harbor—a procedure which would add, in the numbers of workmen and their families, a new white population of not less than 5000 souls, exclusive of sailors and marines.

The camp alone would be worth to the merchants of Honolulu about \$100,000 per month. The navy yard would be worth more. Farmers are the basis of the prosperity of every thriving town in the United States.

Not one of these objectives is beyond reach. All that is required are hustle and push such as the sugar people use in furthering their own interests. It is the duty of every merchant, if he can not think of a better program, to help work out this one. Else what?

**THE AMERICAN WAY.**

It would have been proper yesterday in the Advertiser's discussion of schools to admit the success which the High School has had in making itself acceptable to white parents. By gradually raising the standard of knowledge of English the High School has so far changed its color that, during the past year seventy-three per cent. of its pupils were Caucasians. It is not so many years ago that more than seventy-three per cent. were non-Caucasians. At the present rate of progress it will not be long before the High School will have its student body as thoroughly Americanized in blood as it long has been in instruction.

The idea of having mixed schools where the mixture is of various social and political conditions is wholly American; but not so mixed schools where the American youth is submerged by the youth of alien races. On the mainland the Polacks, the Russian Jews, the Huns and the negroes are, as far as practicable, kept in schools of their own, with the teaching in English; and only where the alien breeds are few, as in the country, are they permitted to mingle with white pupils. In the South, where Americans of the purest descent live, there are no mixed schools for whites and negroes; and wherever color or race is an issue of moment, the American way is defined through segregation. Only a few fanatics or vote-hunters care to lower the standard of the white child for the sake of raising that of the black or yellow child.

One great and potent duty of our higher schools, public and private, is to conserve the domination here of Anglo-Saxon ideas and institutions; and this means control by white men. We have no faith in any attempt to make Americans of Asiatics. There are too many obstacles of temperament and even of patriotism in the way. The main thing is to see that our white children when they grow up, are not to be differentiated from the typical Americans of the mainland, having the same standards, the same ideals and the same objects, none of them tempered by the creeds or customs of decaying or undeveloped or pagan races.

**GLANDERS AND TUBERCULOSIS.**

The Board of Agriculture and Forestry took important action yesterday, under the powers granted to it by the last legislature, which created a division of Animal Industry under the Board of Agriculture.

Dr. Norgaard, the recently appointed Federal Animal Inspector and Territorial Veterinarian, has been studying local conditions and regulations, more particularly with relation to glanders in horses and tuberculosis among cattle. He finds that both glanders and tuberculosis are prevalent; that the local regulations are inadequate to deal with the situation and that there are practically no rules or regulations governing the inspection and quarantine of animals coming into the Territory, or disposition thereof if diseased.

On the recommendation of Dr. Norgaard the Board adopted three regulations, viz.: one regulating the inspection and regulation of live stock generally coming into the Territory; one covering the same ground concerning glanders and tuberculosis alone, and one concerning glandered and tuberculous animals already within the Territory.

The proposed regulations are subject to the approval of the Governor; but in view of the dangerous character of both diseases not only to animals, but to human beings as well, there can be no question that the Governor will approve of them.

There is no known cure for glanders and fifteen per cent. of deaths from all causes are caused by tuberculosis. The percentage of deaths in Hawaii, more especially among the natives, is higher than the world's average, and it is high time that protective measures were taken.

The visit of Oakland baseball nine to Honolulu would be a momentous event in the history of Hawaiian sport. The question of finances, of course, looms up large, but with the Californians in a spirit to accept slight concessions, all difficulties in the way of the trip being made should be easily smoothed over. With the Oakland playing a series of games here an invaluable line could be obtained on the calibre of the local ball-playing aggregations.

The Hawaiian marksmen at Seagirt, N. J., have not reported any victories yet. But as they are drawing down over \$3000 for the trip they may not feel so badly about it. Indeed the \$3000 plus might have been the target they were aiming at.

Has any travel on the beach been impeded by the sea walls? It might be well to find out before condemning a lot of costly improvements.

The crop of deputy county attorneys stands the inroads made on it remarkably well.

The supervisory red tape makes blue reading.

**QUARANTINE CONTRACT.**

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ers to settle in the islands and regards the Japanese laborers as no more desirable, at least, than Chinese. If either race were entitled to free admission to the islands, Mr. Lott, after his observations, thinks it should be the Chinese.

**SECRET SERVICE MATTERS.**  
Chief John E. Wilkie, of the Secret Service, stated today that the announcement of the name of a man to take charge of the Secret Service office to be established in Honolulu, had been postponed. "The man, who is to have the appointment," said Mr. Wilkie, "is now engaged on the case that the Department of Justice is investigating with reference to the cotton leaks in the Department of Agriculture. It was intended to make the announcement of his appointment by September 1, but because of that investigation the appointment will not be made till considerably later."

**THE SALE OF BONDS.**  
A letter from Acting Governor Atkinson, expressing thanks for the part taken in furthering the sale of the refunding bonds, has been received at the Interior Department. Except for that communication, the department has heard almost nothing from Honolulu for weeks. There has been a little routine business in the shape of approval of public land transactions. Governor Carter has not communicated with the department since his visit here. Up to the present time the department is officially, as well as unofficially, uninformed about the details of the bond sale in New York, unless some one has happened to read about it in certain of the financial papers.

**GOVERNOR'S REPORT.**  
It is well understood, however, at the department that Governor Carter is taking a vacation and that he will find, plenty of time to inform the department about what has been done, after he returns to Honolulu. It is thought here that he may postpone making an official statement about the sale until he writes his annual report. The time for that document is now close at hand. Along in October the department has to begin its preparations for the coming of Congress and also to make up the estimates for Hawaii, which the governor first suggests.

**FEDERAL RENTALS.**  
At the Department of Justice it is understood nothing has yet been done about the request of Governor Carter for the payment by the United States of the expenses of rent, janitor service, and the like for the federal court in the territory. Solicitor General Hoyt, then the acting attorney general, promised the governor to give the matter his personal attention, but Mr. Hoyt has been away for some time on his vacation and will not return here for about a week.

ERNEST G. WALKER.

**SEARCH FOR KING ALFRED'S REMAINS**

An influential meeting has been held at Winchester to consider the desirability of excavating and resorting the remains of Hyde Abbey, on the outskirts of the city. The city of Winchester recently purchased the piece of land (now occupied by a florist) on which stood the chancel of Hyde Abbey Church, in which were buried King Alfred, his Queen, and their son Edward the Elder. The abbey, which was dismantled by Henry VIII, was finally destroyed and leveled to the ground during the erection near the site of the church of a county bridewell, in 1788. It is feared, however, that during the final act of vandalism, the remains of Alfred and the other Royal personages there interred were scattered. It is known that the foundations of the chancel remain on the plot of land now purchased, and it is hoped that, by excavating, the exact site of the high altar may be found, and by that the approximate spot of Alfred's interment located.

**THE MAILS.**

Mails are due from the following points as follows:  
Colonies—Per Mowera, Sept. 20.  
Victoria—Per Aorangi, Sept. 23.  
Yokohama—Per Manchuria, Sept. 8.  
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San Francisco—Per Manchuria, Sept. 8.  
Victoria—Per Mowera, Sept. 20.  
Colonies—Per Ventura, Sept. 8.

Mrs. Ferguson—George, what particular failing of yours did the preacher touch on in his sermon this morning? Mr. Ferguson—What do you ask me that question for? Mrs. Ferguson—Because you have been as cross as a bear ever since you came home from church.

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