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RIGHT TO ORGANIZE
This office is in receipt of a communication requesting information on the organization of labor in this Territory in re the rumor of a recent attempt by coast agents. From the best information we have at hand, we learn that the right of organization on the part of labor is not recognized by the laws of the United States. However, if capital can, and does organize, then it stands to every standard of reason we ever heard of that anybody else who has a legitimate object, may organize, and there should by all means be an absolute equality in regard to that right.

We do not mean to defend anything organized labor has done. Organized labor has been unwise in many things, but that is another story. At present there seems no legal right to organize. Of course the law must regulate what capital can do with its organization, and we will all of us agree that the law ought also to regulate what organized labor can do with its organization. The dealing of one great body of men with other bodies of men is a matter for public scrutiny and should be at all times, a matter for public regulation.

AFTER INFORMATION

EDITOR GARDEN ISLAND,
DEAR SIR:

Having observed a decided tendency upon the part of your paper to speak frankly on public affairs, I beg that you will find sufficient merit in the following few lines to grant them space in its valuable columns:

Being a taxpayer, and general observer of things as they go, must account in a measure for my views in regard to the manner in which the county fathers are administering affairs in so much as our public schools are concerned. It has been brought to my attention more than once, that the Lihue school receives first consideration in every instance. In other words, the impression that the above school gets about all it asks for, seems general. If any school improvements are to be made, cottages to be built, new furniture, etc., Lihue school can always be counted on to the last detail, while other schools are forced to put up with "we cannot furnish all just yet," or some other excuse equally as satisfactory (?). I do not know, nor do I say, that the Board of Supervisors do or do not show partiality in such instances, but the fact remains that the Lihue School is furnished with single desks while not more than 18 miles distant, schools are using old wooden desks which indicate by lines and gashes, the dates when the fathers of the present school population were in school. I note also the fact that the grounds of the Lihue school are looked after by county employed labor. I mention these two specific facts, as matters of personal observation, desiring to be absolutely just in my contention. There is also a school in Hanamaulu where the Board elected an additional two rooms, and then changed its Honorable opinion and built a thousand dollar cottage. Is this fair to the other districts?

OBSERVER.

EDITOR'S NOTE:
As to the Lihue school getting the big end of the bargain in regard to equipment, etc., we will not discuss, but as Ve Editor has the honor of being the principal of the Hanamaulu school, he naturally feels that it devolves upon him to correct as far as possible any misconception of the real situation which readers may form by reading the opinion of Mr. "Observer."

The Hanamaulu school has six rooms, thus necessitating accommodation for as many teachers. The teachers' cottage has but four bed rooms, and at a meeting last summer, the board decided to add two additional rooms.

Feeling that it would be pleasanter to be able to enjoy a greater degree of privacy than all living together would permit, the

writer kindly requested the members of the Board to build a separate cottage—providing such would not prove too expensive. After due consideration, the Board granted the request, and a cottage costing an even thousand dollars, and containing two small bed rooms, a bath, a kitchen, a very small dining room and parlor, has been partly completed. That is, the carpentry work has been completed, but as funds are now exhausted, there can be no plumbing nor painting done until after the first of the year. In the meantime, six teachers occupy a four room cottage and a tent in the yard, facts which apparently failed to be observed by Mr. "Observer."

THE GARDEN ISLAND is always willing to oblige its friends by printing society announcements which will be of interest (not for money making enterprises) especially when those friends have helped to maintain the paper by paying for it and by their influence. Such friends are usually thoughtful enough to bring or send such notices early in the week when copy can be handled with convenience. But when those who never had enough interest in THE GARDEN ISLAND to subscribe and pay for it, ask us to leave our work on press day, take dictation over the telephone, lick their stuff into shape and pay for having it put into type, delaying other work—well, language (English, German, sacred or profane) is simply weak and inadequate. Friends, we have quit doing that sort of thing.

THE workingman groaning under the burden of the constant increase in the cost of living commodities, is finally rebelling against the thread-worn cry of the greedy monopolists, that the high cost of living is due to the fact that our population has increased faster than our production. Can these blood-sucking trusts even imagine the working men are to be fooled any longer by such rot as this? Not on your trust-ridden life. The people have their eyes opened at last, and they are going to tear up this gigantic robber system, root and branch.

WHILE many of the republicans are prophesying that the country will go to the bow-wows under democratic rule, they should remember that it has been none other than republicans who have employed tariff duties as a means of fostering special privileges. The forces of our nation are asserting themselves against every form of special privilege and private control. No group of directors, economic or political, can speak for a people. Our government has much more to do than merely to set the house in order.

Now that Roosevelt is recovering, we may be pardoned if we refer to an important omission on the part of the ubiquitous reporters who disclosed to an anxious public the surroundings attending the Colonel's detention at the Mercy hospital in Chicago, the names and personal description of his nurses and other minutiae of absorbing interest to a waiting and pulseless world. The reporters failed to tell us what kind of a night shirt the Colonel wore.

HONOLULU society was recently given a sermon from one of its leading pulpits on "how to choose a husband or wife." We ken not the scheme the Rev. Gentleman offered a feller who wished to claim a wife, but its buttons to fish-hooks if it can be worked successfully, it will skin every patent right granted His Satanic Majesty, by a mile.

It is reported that a man in California was fined \$15 for kissing the arm of a suffragette while the latter stood in a line at the polls. It strikes us that the arm of the law was just a trifle too severe—unless, of course, the arm was a pretty, round, plump one, in which case the fine is ridiculously low.

The refusal of the Japanese doctors who administered to the last sufferings of the late Mikado, to commit suicide sounds a death knell to an old superstition which caused the loss of two of Japan's distinguished personages not long since.

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