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THE THANKSGIVING DAY GAME

Thanksgiving Day will again have a real tang to it as it is planned to have Kauai High School and the Kauai Veterans again present a game of American football for the public.

It is hoped that this game will become an annual affair so that the high school may have some competition besides its interclass games. With an annual game with the Vets the school team has something to look forward to and the outside competition helps the students develop a pride in their school as well as foment that mysterious quality called school spirit.

The game is important from another standpoint, as it is the main financial support of the school's athletic program. The sum netted from the game is practically the only income that the school has for the support of athletics. It is hardly necessary to say that the game deserves the support of the entire public.

Much stress has been laid upon the Americanization of local born children of oriental parents ,and it must be admitted that one of the biggest factors in securing results in this work is thru the teaching of American ideas and ideals in athletics and as the carrying on of this work in the school depends largely upon the support given them in their annual game, it behooves the general public to support the school to the limit of its ability.

THE AMERICAN APPLE

This has been a wonderful year for the apple. In all parts of the country the crop is abundant and if the fruit has been gathered and distributed in a scientific way the American people would have cheap apples for months to come. Under present conditions a big percent of the crop is going to be wasted. High freight rates and low prices offered producers will have a good deal to do with it.

According to the United States census, 136,560,000 bushels of apples were produced, and 98,582,000 bushels sold in 1919. This year the crop is larger. The state of Washington leads all others in production, her crop being one-sixth of the crop harvested in the entire country. New York ranks second with over 14,000,000 bushels; California is third, Oregon is fourth and Idaho is fifth place.

America leads the world in apples produced, as well as in the number of apples wasted. We price apples here in Lihue only to find that the same conditions prevail as on the mainland—they are no cheaper because the crop is larger. What this country needs is a market system which will make it profitable to gather every apple produced and make the fruit available for everybody at a reasonable price. Waste deprives the nation of wealth which should be enjoyed and, if there is any truth in the slogan that "an apple a day keeps the doctor away," then we would be a healthier as well as a wealthier people.

A REAL BENEFACTOR

James Lewis Cowles died recently at his home in Richmond, Va. To residents of Kauai this announcement means little, until it is explained that Cowles was the man who first conceived the idea of parcels post system. Then everyone will know him as a great public benefactor. He met with opposition but finally Uncle Sam decided to try out the scheme. And now, when we reflect upon the many advantages that have grown out of its introduction and development we are immediately impressed with the fact that not since the postoffice department was first established has any man added to it a single development as important or as popular as the parcels post. In fact, it has about reached a state where we doubt if the country could get along without it. We build monuments to and celebrate the birthdays of men who haven't done one-half as much for the community as James Cowles did when he thought out our parcels post system.

The man who says he doesn't play second fiddle at his house is possibly a better liar than he is a musician.

You often see two men calling each other liars, and both of them may be telling the truth.

Our advice to the Thanksgiving turkeys of this country is to call a hunger strike.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED

Isn't it strange what great changes can come within a little space of time. We were talking with a man a few days ago and something was said about the many changes that have taken place since 1900, just 22 years ago. That isn't a very long time, yet he was able to point out many things of interest that have come up in those 22 years, things we knew nothing about before.

For instance, he pointed out that 22 years ago we didn't know a thing about parcels post, or radio, and the air was not filled with flying machines. Nobody wore a wrist watch, or swatted the fly, or had appendicitis and farmers had to come to town for their mail. Twenty-two years ago there was no such thing as a submarine boat, a hired girl was perfectly satisfied to work for $1.50 a week, the butcher threw in a chunk of liver with the meat order and a merchant made us a present of a pair of suspenders when we bought a suit of clothes. There wasn't any listening in on party-line telephones, straw-stacks were generally burned instead of baled, nobody ever heard of bolshevism, and we were still slashing our face with an old-fashioned, straight back razor.

Yes, sir; 22 years brings wonderful changes, and we could have gone and enumerated them column by column. We marvel at the wonders that have come in that short space of time. And we can only register amazement and agree that if we move as fast in the next 22 years as we have in the past 22, then we will, as the small boy says, certainly be "going some."

THAT IS OUT

It would be a good idea for the men of Kauai to keep in mind the fact that all good lookers are not good cookers.

Old Winter makes quite a few detours, but he finally lands at the place he started for.

By the time a man has saved enough money to afford a wife, he's so old that nobody will have him.

More than one man will give three cheers for something he wouldn't give anything else for.

Many an automobile owner has discovered that painting a car never takes the knock out of the engine.

One of the hardest things in the world to do is to make a boy understand that somebody has got the neck and the gizzard.

It now appears that family skeletons are kept on the front page of the daily papers instead of in closets.

Some people contend that the worm is sure to turn. What if it does, it's just the same on both sides.

It has also been our observation that a little loving now and then is relished by the best of men.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

PORTIA REPLIES

Editor, Garden Island:—Thru the columns in the last issue of The Garden Island, "A Spectator" offered the thinking public a dish of "deep food for thought."

The question of married women in the public schools is one which is open to argument and should be given deep thought before the legislature is called on to consider some act restricting the right of families to regulate their own domestic affairs, and hampering the school department in its endeavor to supply teachers of ability and experience for our children. Neglect is indeed "reflected upon our future manhood" and the school is important as well as the home.

Is it not reasonable to suppose that the woman with children of her own would be more competent to understand and teach other children? Who, then is competent to say that such teachers are not benefitting the community and the nation to a greater degree by thus broadening the sphere of their influence?

Is "A Spectator", or you or I—yes, or is the legislature—competent to say that any one woman in the community is doing less for the welfare of the country, by teaching or is thereby neglecting her own children or her husband?. Then, how in justice may we dictate to a class, any member of which presents an individual problem?

The question raised by A Spectator was a general one of whether a married woman should engage in business. He however leaves the broad issue to confine himself to one item of teaching, and further narrows the discussion to our own little community and finally to the infinite narrowness of an all-sufficient salary of $125 and the attempt to impute to the Mokihana Club the ulterior motive of fearing to hurt the feelings of "social climbers" by a discussion of this so called "social problem."

But, coming back to the question in its application to the business of teaching, there are several other points to be considered—problems that do not require a highly mathematical mind or a peculiar knowledge either of grammar or of the private affairs of one's neighbors.

First, from an economical standpoint, married teachers living in quarters other than those which must be supplied at public expense, offer a saving to the taxpayer.

Second, conditions might exist, where the teacher is better qualified for the business of teaching than for that of housekeeping—caring for her own children or cooking her husband's meals .The realization of the inefficiency of misfits in all classes of labor and business is being brought more forcibly to our attention every day.

Third and last, and most important of all, is our own inalienable right to freedom—which has later been further guaranteed to women by granting of suffrage—the right to vote and hold office.

What chance, now, dear Spectator, of taking away that which has been theirs, when the right of self-expression so long withheld has now been granted, and teaching, the oldest vocation open to women, will in the future be considered as only one, and perhaps the easiest, of the many lines of business which married women will follow.

Hoping that we may have other expressions of opinion on this question, with the omission of the animus of irrevelent, immaterial nad inconsequential matters such as the salary of one's husband or the fancied or real social aspirations of one's dearest friend, I am,

Yours truly,
PORTIA.

KOKUAS SPECTATOR

Editor, Garden Island:—Will you kindly extend "A Spectator" my heartiest kokua in his views on the subject of married women teaching in our public schools.

Our Department of Public Instruction finds it all too easy to effect a doubtful economy by putting off until the last minute the employment of competent, trained teachers, either from our normal school or the mainland and then scurrying around and taking some young married woman from her household duties and giving her the minimum salary to fill such vacancies as—most unaccountably exist—a week before the opening of school.

Women hitherto perfectly satisfied with their business of making homes for their husbands and guarding the physical and moral health of their children, are thus led from the path of duty and it follows that either the home is neglected or the teaching is not worthy even the minimum salary.

How can a young married woman justify herself in the simultaneous acceptance of two contracts, the one as a wife, the strict fulfillment of whose duties would keep her at home, and the other as a teacher whose duties are far from home and incompatible with the essential requirements of a home in the making?

Hoping that the voices of many spectators will influence other wives and mothers when this question comes up for their decision, I am,

Yours truly,
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