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Faith is the root of all good works. A root that produces nothing is dead.—Bishop Wilson.

DELAYING THE FEDERAL BUILDING

From the Hawaiian angle of view on the federal building situation, it is dangerous to load the bill down with such a rider as that of the amendment proposed by Former Governor Frear, the details of which are told in the news columns today.

Mr. Frear appeared before the house committee on public buildings on June 10 proposing an amendment which provides for the reimbursement of the Mahuka site defendants for their expenses of attorneys' fees, etc., during the litigation of the last few years.

The temper of the committee has been plainly shown against the amendment—not against justice for the lessees and owners of the Fort Street property who were put to expense during the condemnation suits—but against the presentation of their bills to the committee on buildings and ground. In the hearing on June 10 the chairman of the committee twice stated that the matter should come before the committee on appropriations, and that the buildings committee has no jurisdiction.

Businessmen of Honolulu may remain calm and let the federal building bill go through the lower house—or kick up a fuss about a few thousand dollars' expense to which they have been put and probably delay real action on the building and site for another year.

The federal government is not going to beat any just claimants out of their rights. But the public buildings committee quite evidently does not intend to pass on what it considers a question for the appropriations committee.

FRAZIER AND BEADLE BOOST

Now comes another proof of the effective advertising of Hawaii done by the Honolulu Ad Club's two delegates to the Toronto ad men's convention—Charles R. Frazier and I. H. Beadle.

The Ad Men's World, a newspaper published daily while the convention was in session and circulated among the thousands of delegates and attendants at the convention, devotes a large part of its first page to a photograph of Messrs. Frazier and Beadle duly decorated with badges and leis. An article accompanying the picture says:

Who is Jack Allcoate of San Diego? The Honolulu delegates to the Ad Club convention want to send Jack a geography, for Jack claims he has traveled the greatest number of miles of any American delegates. "Just add 2100 miles to Jack's mileage," said Charles R. Frazier, one of the Honolulu delegates, "and you'll see where we have him beat. Add another 2100 miles for the return trip, and there we have him beat some more."

"You bet we like Toronto. It has a climate just like Honolulu—that is, while we have been here—and we think Honolulu has the finest climate in the world. Toronto is not only beautiful and hospitable and up to date, but it is clean—cleaner than any other city we have been in. Yes, we like Toronto, and would choose it next to Honolulu to live in. The World has given the Ad Club convention great publicity, and it appears to me to be Toronto's one best bet as a newspaper."

MISSING THE POINT

The afternoon paper gravely points out that the chairman of the Republican territorial central committee should be neither a pronounced Kuhio man or a Rice man. Which is about the same as saying that the man to be at the head of the committee should be a political nunny of some kind who takes not enough interest in politics to have a choice as to who should be its leading candidate.—The Advertiser.

Don't go off half-cocked, Brother Tiser. This paper did not say that the chairman of the Republican committee "should be neither a pronounced Kuhio man or a Rice man." In the first place that is bad grammar, and in the second place it is unnecessary misinterpretation of the point the Star-Bulletin made. What we wished to emphasize is that the spirit of the direct primary law as well as the spirit of Republican party fairness makes it imperative that the Republican territorial central committee—and most of all its chairman—play no favorites in the pre-primary campaign. That proposition is so self-evident that it should not need reiteration. We might ask, Has the Advertiser a candidate for the chairmanship of the Republican party?

To Provisional President Carbajal we extend our sincerest sympathy.

Ulster's "battle of the century" must have been postponed.

That New Haven Mellen certainly wasn't green!

Huerta is now, but a psychological memory.

SENATOR ROOT RETIRES

Estimates of Senator Elihu Root have varied remarkably. He has been alternately praised to the skies as one of America's greatest statesmen and condemned to the nether depths of contumely as the abject servant of the corporations.

The New York World, long a bitter political adversary of Mr. Root, in a recent editorial gives this remarkable characterization of his career and powers. With the World's conclusion—that public life can ill spare this man of great talent—there will be little disagreement:

"Had Elihu Root exercised better judgment in the selection of his clients he would have been president of the United States. By the time the statesman had lived down the record of the corporation lawyer it was too late.

"Mr. Root is today one of the two commanding intellects in the public life of the country, the other being Woodrow Wilson. He will be remembered as a great secretary of war who reorganized the United States army after the military experts had muddled with it in vain. He will be remembered also as a very competent secretary of state, and in the United States senate he has upheld the highest traditions of that body.

"Although his name is not identified in the public mind with any notable piece of legislation, Mr. Root is generally recognized as the ablest man in the senate. His time and his talent have been devoted exclusively to public questions. He has not been a patronage-broker or a manipulator of bills or a party whip. Few senators have shown such consistent independence, and he has debated no question without shedding light on it.

"The World was a vigorous opponent of Mr. Root's election to the senate, but it is pleased to testify that none of its misgivings was ever realized, and it sincerely regrets his determination not to be a candidate for reelection. There is nobody left in either party who can fill his place.

"It has been said of many men that their retirement was a loss to the state and nation, but in the case of Senator Root it is a very real loss, and a loss for which there are no compensations."

EXIT HUERTA

Somehow the departure from the bright-lit Mexican stage of Senor Victoriano Huerta, ex-minister of war, ex-generalissimo, ex-provisional president, ex-dictator, brings a feeling of reluctant regret. The old Indian's iron rule was the only rule he knew. He was brought up in an atmosphere of brutal violence, where might made right and presidents ruled like kings, with their subjects under-heel. What did this grim-faced descendant of the blanketed, painted savages know of the "new freedom," of the rule of the ballot, of the primary law, of the universal voting franchise? The only initiative he recognized was that of the bayonet and the only referendum that of the sabre and the carbine. Huerta lived up to his traditions in trying to reign in Mexico as Porfirio Diaz had reigned before him. And the spectacle of the stolid savage, surrounded by enemies, by spies, by plots, by conspiracies; in peril of abduction, in peril of assassination; almost friendless; afraid to trust the guards outside his bedroom, afraid to trust his ministers, his councillors, his generals—the spectacle of this aged man standing firm for many months against all the suasion of foreign Powers and all the threats of Uncle Sam—well, it commands unwilling admiration. Of course Huerta had to go. He is a relic of barbarism; he is an anachronism. His type of ruler is obsolete in America. He must make way for the kind of president who can make a stump speech and write a magazine article. Truly the pen is mightier than the sword—and Woodrow Wilson has proved it by eliminating Victoriano Huerta.

The Ad Club and the Chamber of Commerce have voted in favor of naming one of Uncle Sam's new battleships "Hawaii." Go to it, promotionists—your efforts will help emphasize the fact that this is just as much an American commonwealth as Massachusetts or Virginia.

The Southern colony is authoritatively reported ready for another addition tomorrow.

Recent political events indicate that McCandless is not yet out of the Woods.

Palmer Woods is the original "watchful waiter" of territorial politics.

And Villa goes marching on.

Letters OF THE WEEK

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

URGES SAFETY FOR BATHERS.

1839 Makiki Street, Honolulu, T. H. Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: I wish it possible to correct an altogether wrong impression which would naturally be conveyed to the reading public in an article from your special correspondent at Hilo of yesterday's date dealing with a series of suggestions which I made to the board of supervisors at Hilo recently for the betterment of conditions at the Coconut Island bathing beach. My suggestions were bartered by your correspondent.

As you are doubtless aware there have been during the past few weeks drowning fatalities both in and around the district of Hilo, which prompted my suggestions to the board of supervisors of endeavoring to awaken interest in forming a life saving society for the islands of Hawaii on similar lines to that far reaching and useful society, the Royal Humane Society of Great Britain.

With regard to the Coconut Island bathing beach I suggested that a few regulations such as are existent at many well known resorts and also a suitable equipment be purchased for use in first aid.

I still believe that if my suggestions were adopted in whole or in part they would prove extremely beneficial in the case of giving assistance to those requiring it and would obviate the possible loss of valuable lives through the absence of proper equipment at the right time.

I maintain that this is a matter which cannot be treated as material for comic allusions and regret that

DELAY OF HOUSE IN ACTING UPON BILL EXPLAINED

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bursed for the expense to which they were put by reason of these condemnation proceedings. This is proposed to be accomplished by an amendment in the nature of a proviso at the end of the bill, which I would like to submit. About \$28,000 involved.

The committee took the matter up at once. The report of the hearing showed that Frear's proposition met much opposition. Chairman Clark stated repeatedly that he did not believe his committee had jurisdiction. Frear said he had affidavits that the amount involved is about \$28,000 and that no further appropriation than the one in the pending bill would be necessary. The \$28,000 would come out of the general appropriation.

The members of the committee strenuously objected to including the Frear amendment, on the ground that it binds the government to pay an unsettled and unagreed-upon amount of attorneys' fees and other expenses. Chairman Clark made this significant comment:

"I would like to make this remark that if you write this sort of an amendment into the bill you will never get the bill through."

Other members of the committee also intimated that they would oppose the amendment, while not denying the justice of the claims. They insisted that the claims should go before the appropriations committee.

IMPORTANT MATTERS FOR KAIMUKI MEETING

An interesting matter to come before the improvement club at Kaimuki tonight will be that of the postoffice substitution to be established out there. The special committee appointed to confer with Postmaster Young on the subject of location will present a report. Probably the club will also discuss some procedure to follow in order to inaugurate the so-called frontage tax system in the district. All residents of Waialae, Kaimuki and Palolo are invited to be present.

Probably two-thirds of a woman's troubles come because she reasons with her heart instead of her head.

HOUSES TO RENT

FURNISHED.	
Manoa Valley	3 bedrooms \$65.00
12th Avenue	3 bedrooms 35.00
Tantalus	3 bedrooms 45.00
Lunalilo St.	2 bedrooms 35.00
UNFURNISHED	
Lunalilo St.	3 bedrooms \$45.00
Young St.	2 bedrooms 35.00
Wilhelmina Rise	2 bedrooms 30.00
Aloha Lane	2 bedrooms 17.00
Loo Joe	3 bedrooms 16.00
Kalihi, opp. Kam. IV Road	3 bedrooms 25.00
Falolo Hill	3 bedrooms 30.00

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205 Bank of Hawaii Bldg.

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THE VALUE OF PUBLICITY

When the thirty-five railroad systems that are appealing to the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to increase freight rates prepared to present their case, one of the first things done was to arrange that the arguments and evidence should reach the public ear as well as the ear of the commission. To accomplish this, bulletins were prepared and have been sent out two or three times a week to the newspapers and other publications of the country, to legislators, members of Congress, governors, college professors, commercial organizations, shippers and everyone else who would have an interest in, or whose opinion would be likely to influence the case for or against the railroads. These bulletins set forth the railroads' cost of living and from every possible point of view presented the reasons why the railroads should be allowed to increase rates.

Senator La Follette thinks that this effort to lay the case for the railroads before the public was a crime, and he proposes to prohibit by law anything of the sort in the future. So far as heard from there is no one but the Wisconsin Senator who holds this view. On the other hand, the railroads have been congratulated upon the frankness and effectiveness with which they have set forth their case.—Electric Railway Journal.

Abuse is doubly painful when its point is barbed with wit.

THE ZENANA POOL

But best of all in this embroidery of running water was the square pool that lay in the midst of the zenana, for the bottom of it was carved into the image of a huge and many-petaled lotus flower, all of one block of white marble without flaw or stain, and the petals seemed as if when the clear crystal passed flowing over them. And at each corner of the lotus, completing the square, were triangular panels of delicate water flowers, and through the water the carnation and the agate and the Jasper of which they were fashioned shone strangely with vivid gleams. All round the pool of the lotus used to sit the flowers of Shah Jehan's garden of girls, and there is no pool on earth that has reflected the image of such beauty.

Often did the Pearl-Lily, the chief flower and favorite of the harem, sit there with unsandaled feet, waiting for the summons of her lord; and sometimes a cloud would pass over the image of her face reflected there which she considered that her loveliness would pass, and her beauty be marred by wrinkles of the shriveling years, and desire would fail, and long after her lips had crumbled into dust and her soft limbs had been laid underground for the worm and the red ant to fatten upon, the water that flowed there would be ever renewed and know not the horror of age.—E. F. Benson in Century Magazine.

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