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The true worth of a man is to be measured by the objects he pursues.—Marcus Aurelius.

LET THE SUPERVISORS KNOW

Two subjects of vital interest to Honolulu will be discussed at a meeting of the Oahu Central Improvement Committee tonight:

- 1—The frontage tax and street improvement.
- 2—Honolulu's water supply.

By all means the sense of tonight's meeting should be expressed clearly and emphatically in favor of the frontage tax system. More—the meeting should call upon the supervisors to put the frontage tax system into effect not later than the beginning of 1914.

The supervisors have said that they wish an expression of opinion from the people of Honolulu. The Central Improvement Committee represents a large proportion of the taxpayers and property-owners of Honolulu, whose will, in this particular, is more to the point than the will of voters who are not taxpayers and property-owners.

The second subject, that of water supply, is equally important. Both deserve very earnest discussion. The meeting will be held in the Makai pavilion of the Young Hotel at 7:30 o'clock.

JUSTICE HUGHES FOR PRESIDENT

Republican leaders, preparing for the meeting of the national committee on December 16, are credited with a plan to run Justice Charles Evan Hughes of the supreme bench for president in 1916 and they have gone so far as to talk of either Senator William E. Borah of Idaho or Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa as his running-mate.

It is a plan of startling boldness, and if Justice Hughes would accept, he should make a strong candidate. Of avowed and pronounced progressive principles, he would command the support of an army of Bull Moosers and he would hold practically all of the Republicans who voted for Taft last year.

This presidential ticket is planned to effect complete reconciliation between the two wings of the now-severed party. Members of both wings are said to have given the subject serious consideration.

Mr. Hughes, associate justice of the United States supreme court, is not a party to the deliberations, it is stated. The time has not arrived when he can be consulted.

At this time negotiations are proceeding mainly with Progressives to determine their possible attitude. The outcome depends, it is said, upon whether the Progressives will insist upon winning first place and inviting the other side to come along, or whether they will be willing to grant the other side has some reasonable claim to consideration and show a willingness to treat on an equal basis.

The claim to be presented in behalf of the regular Republicans is that a Republican victory in the next campaign is absolutely essential upon carrying New York. They believe Hughes can carry New York and they do not believe that any Progressive from the far West can do it.

As governor of New York, Mr. Hughes displayed plenty of executive ability. His fine mental equipment and administrative power would weigh heavily in a race against Woodrow Wilson. The men are something of a type, but their opinions on the tariff are fundamentally different.

AMERICANS AND SPORT

An aftermath of Thanksgiving Day is often a letter or two to newspapers criticising the growing tendency to devote part of the great national holiday to sports. For once we shall forestall the expected communications with the statement that the Star-Bulletin believes thoroughly in outdoor sports, and if the sports are clean and do not interfere with the patriotic observances that are an even more essential part of the day, there is no good reason why Young America should not play baseball or football or any other game. Indeed there are plenty of good reasons why the sports should be held.

At yesterday's baseball and football games there were thousands of spectators harmed not one whit and in fact benefited by the keen and pleasurable excitement of open-air competition. In the crowd at the baseball park was noticed a minister of the gospel who is a "thirty-third-degree fan." Men and women in all walks of life are close followers of the events of gridiron or

diamond. They are benefited as the participants in the games are benefited.

The German government not long ago sent an imperial athletic commission to the United States to investigate Uncle Sam's methods of athletic training, the results of which have won pre-eminence at each set of Olympic games. The commission has gone back to Germany declaring that the United States has the finest body of athletes in the world. The head of the commission, Lieutenant von Reichenau, declares that in this country training methods are so well advanced as to have completely upset the old theory that athletic competition is harmful to boys and youths. Here, he says, we train our boys to avoid strain of immature bodies while making the most of their youthful powers. And, in making his report, the head of the commission recognizes the incalculable value of properly-handled athletic training:

"First, you either help to keep the boy from the temptations of the street or you bring him from well-nigh the kindred harmful atmosphere of being too much indoors. You draw him out into the open air and you give him a chance to play in security, and then furnish him with facilities that make for a spirit of sportsmanship. Here, too, you watch over him and you see that he does not overdo the thing. These things in themselves are excellent, but you have other features that count equally in the harvest of benefits. You provide swimming-pools, lockers and other furnishings which encourage bodily cleanliness, hygiene and orderliness and a sense of ownership and responsibility. In short, you are laying a moral as well as a physical foundation and the results are patent in the wide social range from which you can muster your record-breakers and prize-winners."

A well-known supervising principal of the territorial department of education, sitting at the baseball park the other day, declared that baseball is the greatest factor of all in bringing up Hawaii's youths as Americans. That is a significant statement from a man whose life-work is that great work of educating the Hawaiian race-mixtures along American lines.

Yes, we believe in wholesome outdoor sport, and we rejoice that Thanksgiving Day in Hawaii can produce sport of the most keenly exciting sort without unmanliness or un-American sharp practice. There is occasion for rejoicing in this as in the striking union services held yesterday morning at the Methodist church—services notable for the spirit of unity and high patriotism and observance of the deep-founded principles of this essentially American holiday.

PUBLICITY HELPS

After last Tuesday night's hearing on the proposed milk ordinance before the board of supervisors, members of the board expressed themselves as inclined to favor the elimination of the paragraph opposed not only by this paper but by a large number of interested citizens, by the territorial board of agriculture and forestry and by public-spirited men in the dairy business. That paragraph would have left inspection of dairy herds for tuberculosis to any veterinarian, removing altogether the protection afforded by the inspection of the territorial board and its official veterinarian.

Publicity helped to bring to the attention of the supervisors this unwise provision, and publicity will help to secure its elimination. With the ordinance amended on the lines suggested at the public hearing, Honolulu's milk supply will be well protected.

The federals announce that the rebels have lost most of the recent battles, but we notice that Huerta's men seem to be footing it back toward the capital from several directions. The military experts can draw their own conclusions.

Viscount Haldane strongly upholds the Monroe doctrine—rather at variance with those Americans who say that Wilson is making a terrible mistake in declining to let Mexico go to the dogs of international politics.

Attempts to establish a state religion in China should fail. The principles of a republic cannot be made to jibe with those of the church in politics.

A large number of people find ground for further thanks in the fact that they have survived the annual gastronomical battle.

The Ultimate Consumer is glad that Yesterday comes but once a year.

The civil service commission is certainly not railroading through the Kellett hearing.

Well, that's one Thanksgiving Turkey the free-sugar bill can't take away from us.

Letters of TIMELY TOPICS

[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 to anonymous communications.]

IN DEFENSE OF THE BAND.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin: Sir: In your issue of Nov. 21st, 1913, there is a letter signed by one who gives his name as R. O. Lynder, minus his titles and address.

I have tried to get some information as to the whereabouts of this R. O. Lynder and his standing as a musician, but have not been very successful.

I am informed that Chief Musician Peitriehell of the U. S. 1st infantry has or had a man in his band who claimed to have played in Pryor's band. Perhaps a great many men have tried to make good in Pryor's band, and failing to do so, joined some inferior band, but never forget to boast of the time he played in Pryor's band.

A musician that makes good in Pryor's band don't have to come to Honolulu and blow his own horn, and do the knocking stunt.

R. O. Lynder in his letter writes: "The four military bands of the United States army and the county band, as I understand it, are to be linked together and led by Professor Berger. Now then whoever suggested this idea is going to have a ticklish job making it a success." I would like to call R. O. Lynder's attention to the fact that there are five U. S. military bands here, and for his information would state that "whoever suggested this idea" does not necessarily have to make a success of it; Captain Berger will do that part of it.

R. O. Lynder also writes in his letter: "In the first place, you cannot class the county band with any of the army bands on this island." This is a bold assertion to make, and no one but one who is ignorant and possessed with an unmitigated lot of gall would make it. I am not going to try to compare our county band with the military bands, for the simple reason that my opinion would not be much better than R. O. Lynder's, as I do not know enough about music.

R. O. Lynder also goes on and writes: "I am in a position to know what I am talking about, as I played a cornet in Pryor's band, one of the best bands in the world, and have a good ear at all times for good music." That sounds to me like a fellow blowing his own horn of conceit and to me absurd and foolish to comment on. I might state here that a great many people know what they are saying, but don't always know what they are talking about.

Captain Berger has been a band master over forty years and has made many good musicians and has many good musicians in his band, and doesn't need any suggestions from an unknown who falls to make himself known personally. If R. O. Lynder believes that every knock is a boost, then he is the champion booster, but my opinion of him is otherwise.

Why not let Captain Berger have a try at the scheme? Why condemn the idea before it is tried? Why start hammering before even the first rehearsal?

Hoping the Carnival committee will disregard all such letters coming from those whose one idea and only motive is to knock.

There are ways of making suggestions, other than the one used by one R. O. Lynder, which is not only insulting, but abusive. I presume that Captain Berger did not answer the letter, because he placed it beneath his notice, knowing that his equals or superiors would not insult him, and his inferiors can't.

Thanking you for this space in your good and highly appreciated paper, I remain,

Yours most respectfully,
W. R. CHILTON, Jr.
Honolulu, T. H., Nov. 26, 1913.

NAVY BUDGET PASSED

BY JAPANESE CABINET

(Special cable to the Hawaii Shimpoo.) TOKIO, Japan, Nov. 27.—At a meeting of the cabinet here today, the budget to carry the navy during the coming fiscal year, which was presented by the minister of the navy and which amounts to ¥33,000,000, was passed. It will be presented to the Japanese diet for final action by that body.

It would help some if the civic conscience were equipped with a self-starter. Cranking up is the deuce.—New York World.

FOR RENT

Kalakaua Avenue	4 bedrooms	\$60.00
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Personal Mention

THEODORE RICHARDS will conduct special services at the county jail tomorrow afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock.

J. H. GONEY of Kaula spent Thanksgiving Day in Honolulu, having arrived in the city in the steamer W. G. Hall.

JUDGE F. M. HATCH, who recently returned to Honolulu after a tour of the east, is a guest of the Young hotel.

MRS WILL J. COOPER arrived by the Claudine yesterday morning from Haiku, Maui, and is the guest of Mrs. R. M. Morton of Ninth avenue, Kaimuki, for a few days.

F. A. ALEXANDER of Eleale, Kaula, who is manager of the McBryde plantation, is spending a few days in Honolulu accompanied by Mrs. Alexander. They are registered at the Young hotel.

MISS V. ALLEN, who spent some weeks in this city as a member of the Hughes' Musical Comedy Company, is a through passenger for the coast in the Oceanic liner Ventura. The Hughes' aggregation is reported to have made a hit in its tour of Australia, from a financial standpoint.

C. S. BROLLY, for the past nine years a resident of the Samoan islands where he has been engaged as a plantation manager and expert, is a visitor to Honolulu as a passenger in the Oceanic steamer Ventura. Mr. Brolly will remain in the territory for some weeks before deciding upon a permanent location. He intends to make an extended tour of the islands.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTSON: It looks to me as if you had all Honolulu at this Ad Club luncheon.

—E. L. SCHWARZBERG: I have just signed the ship's articles for the piratical invasion of San Francisco in 1915. General J. H. Soper is No. 1 and I am No. 2.

—D. WILLIAM DOUTHITT: As chairman of the vaudeville committee of the Elks' charity masquerade ball to be given on New Year's eve, I shall endeavor to make that part of the program entertaining not only to local people but especially so to tourists and other visitors in the city. We are planning a lot of international exhibition dances, and we have the material here which should produce something unusually fine in this line.

HAWAII IS SAFE IN INHERITANCE TAX FROM LARGE SPRECKELS' ESTATE

Having already collected about \$8000 inheritance tax from the estate of the late Claus Spreckels and his widow the territory of Hawaii will not be affected by the decision of the California state supreme court of last Wednesday, which ruled that the partnership interests of Claus Spreckels in these islands are taxable in that state for inheritance fees. It merely means, says Territorial Treasurer D. L. Conkling that the Hawaiian portion of the estate will be required to pay a double inheritance tax; one, which it already has paid, to this territory, and the other to California.

Following the death of the sugar magnate in 1908 the territory assessed and collected some \$5,455 from his estate, and shortly after the demise of his widow in 1910 the territory received \$565 from her estate. At the time of the former's death the major part of his wealth had been transferred to California, so the territory could assess only the property in his possession remaining in the islands. Had Spreckels continued his residence here until his death, however, says Conkling, his entire estate in California would have been subject to the territorial inheritance tax. The same ruling, applied to the insular holdings is the gist of the California court's decision of last Wednesday.

The court fixes the net value of the estate on which the heirs must pay inheritance tax at \$9,240,103.78.

Fig—"You have seen Scraggs' wife; what is she like? Would you call her pretty?" Fog—"I might if I were talking to Scraggs."

KOREAN GOVERNOR IS EXPECTED TO RESIGN

(Special cable to the Nippon Jiji.)

TOKIO, Japan, Nov. 27.—General Count Terauchi, governor-general of Korea, has left Seoul and is on his way to this city, according to dispatches received here today. It is Jones!

expected that he will resign his position as governor-general, as it is rumored that he is to be made chief of staff of the Japanese army.

Smith—"Have you any abandoned farms for sale?" Real Estate Agent—"I will have one in about two weeks that I just sold patches received here today. It is Jones!"

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