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A Bright Prospect (?)

THE St. Louis Globe-Democrat had the following editorial the other day:

It is not by accident that the American wages are the highest in the world. Republican platforms have always avowed the purpose to maintain them, holding that the pay of workmen in this country ought to be the best, and that this advantage for labor, and for the national welfare as well, should be safeguarded in Tariff laws. The Democratic party not only denies that such Protection is right in principle but declares in its latest national platform, that it violates the constitution of the United States. If this were true Protection as a policy need not be considered at all. The point of debate would be amending the constitution. Tolerating infractions of the organic law is not debatable. A Protective Tariff was put in force by President Washington and his advisers when the machinery of National Government was first set in motion, and the idea that it infringed the constitution they helped to make never occurred to them.

Break down the Protective Tariff and wages will inevitably decline to correspond. Many workmen may not have considered how rapidly the immense steamships of today could pour goods of all kinds into our ports. Vessels over 600 feet in length, and crossing the ocean in from five to eight days—there are many such—could flood the American market with manufactured productions, including vast quantities of shopworn stuff that can be bought abroad at auction figures, and would be intrinsically dear at any price. Our own factories would necessarily close. This situation is threatened by the Democratic party, which even insists that to avert it by Tariff regulations is unconstitutional.

War.

WAR seems to be in the air and although the great European conflict has not yet started, there are indications that there will be trouble before long. Greece is aching to enter Constantinople and re-establish Christianity in that stronghold of the Turk. The Greeks still remember that dark day when their Archbishop was butchered on the altar steps of the great cathedral. Greece will never be satisfied till that murder is avenged and the Cross is placed where the Crescent now flashes.

Austria seems determined to fight Serbia and, if that war starts, the European tragedy that has been predicted for years, will at once be staged.

Inspect the Theaters.

WITH the cable and wireless almost daily telling of moving picture fires and panics, it behooves the authorities on Maui to be extra careful regarding our own theaters. Proper exits and plenty of them should be insisted on and chairs that are bolted to the floor should not be allowed.

The room in which the machine is operated should be fireproof and isolated from the main doors. Fires always start in the machine first and if that room becomes a mass of flame, what chance is there of escaping in that direction?

It does not always need a real fire to kill hundreds. A false alarm will do the work just as thoroughly. With fixed seats to become entangled in and the main exit blocked by fire, one can imagine what would happen in a theater crowded with women and children.

Those people who understand how easy it is to start a panic realize how close we were to something of the kind on Maui this week.

Gasoline drums, even when empty, should not be allowed to lie in public places. The fumes in the drums are dangerous and a carelessly dropped match or cigarette may cause a tragedy.

JUDAS.

Desertion is a crime. We all know that. But when, for the love of a girl, a youngster tires of cleaning the cuspidors of the officers Mess, or doing other menial work, and clears out to what he considers liberty, who is going to throw the first stone?

The above all apropos of a case right in our midst. Yesterday a young man named McBryde was arrested as a deserter from the Fifth Cavalry. The lad, he is nothing more, has been away for over a year. He is married and has a baby just three weeks old. He has been a diligent worker on the Wailuku Sugar plantation for some months. His has been a happy little family, and everything has seemed all right till Judas arrived on the scene.

Judas is represented by a peddler of suits, who has no real tailor shop. Every article ordered, and upon which a deposit is paid, is let out to tailors of all nationalities in Honolulu, and the peddler draws his commission on the order. This individual happened to have some peculiar dealings with McBryde a year or so ago, and some uncharitable people say that the suit peddler was looked upon with suspicion by the Honolulu police department. That remains to be proved. We cannot vouch for that part of the story. All we know is that this peddler happened to see McBryde at his work on Wailuku plantation, and thereupon, filled with the lust for the fifty dollar reward, rushed off to the County Sheriff and had the lad arrested as a deserter. When asked about the matter, the "tailor" told the MAUI NEWS man that the soldier owed him fifteen dollars on a suit. "I swore to Jehovah that I would have my revenge," said the rag man, "and I have it now."

Men of Maui! Would not this story arouse the ire of anybody. We know the deserter must face the music, but what about the crawling informer? Maui has stood for peddlers of phoney jewelry and shoddy clothing. Why continue? We have our own stores and most of us are in touch with decent stores in Honolulu. Get wise and let the other lot try some of the other islands in the group.

Dr. St. Clair on Disease.

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awakening public interest in harder in Hawaii than it would be in San Francisco and the subject is even more difficult to become aroused over. The hotel proprietor who recognizes the theory of public sentiment and contributes generously to the promotion committee because he sees a good thing in it, would not even read this appeal to his generosity in the matter of tuberculosis, although the benefits to himself would be just as obvious if he looked a little longer. Yet he is asked to be generous in this case, not with his finances but with his enthusiasm.

Tuberculosis intimately effects persons engaged in large industrial pursuits, factory and shop owners. Their employes usually would not become interested in such an article as this. Either they would not see it at all, or its logic would not appeal to them. Yet this class became interested in San Francisco in the Fair because those around and above them were enthusiastic about it. Enthusiasm is a species of logic that appeals even to the most densely illogical person.

We have the same class in Hawaii which we must interest in tuberculosis before any class can be benefited but we have not the same industrial conditions that make it easy to reach a hundred workmen through a single employer. In its stead such as those who read this article will be the mainstay of this campaign. It is they who must arouse that indescribable enthusiasm in others who might not read it. There is no necessity to consider superficial logic at all in matters pertaining so clearly to the public good. Such a logic most apparent to you might be that neither you nor yours have tuberculosis and are thus not interested in the propositions regarding the eradication of the disease as you see them in the public press and meet them on the street. Good logic—the best logic—is to carefully inculcate the enthusiasm within yourselves and impart the pleasant infection to your less logical friends.

To be come interested—to know the status of tuberculosis in your community—to know what is being done to cure it—in short, to be come intensely interested, that is what the Anti-Tuberculosis League conceives to be the duty of every Hawaiian citizen.

Intensity makes American history. It is a force which we conjure now. The appeal might not be met spontaneously. We can only hope for progress and that each day that molecular motion of enthusiasm will become a trifle more excited. Ultimately we will win with a full house.

Honolulu Letter

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NEWSPAPERS.

I note that some of the mainland newspapers are taking issue with the postmaster General in the matter of "publicity." Just what reason, aside from a desire to know what papers sold their editorial columns, there was in the order nobody knows. It seems to me that it is no concern of the department whether a newspaper has a thousand or ten thousand subscribers so long as postage is paid on what goes through the mails, nor does it strike me that it is necessary to the happiness of a cabinet officer that the word "advertisement" be put after every free puff that goes into the columns. Pratt of Honolulu had to admit the other day that the ruling was beyond his ken and he did know how far he is to go in the matter of enforcing this particular feature. On that score he was asked to find out and he has communicated with the third assistant. In the meantime the Supreme Court may give a decision and the way will be clear to answer questions. But it seems like bally rot to have to put the sign on a five line reader setting forth the fact that the Unity Brethren Church will hold a grab bag social on Tuesday. Such things usually go at special rates and what does the public care anyhow?

NEW CHARTER.

President Gignoux received an intimation from the governor yesterday that he would like to appoint a committee of three members of the Merchants Association to confer with him in matter of a new charter for this county and Messrs J.P. Cooke, George W. Smith and another were selected. Just what will become of the charter when it is framed is about as difficult to answer as is the question relative to the twenty five thousand dollar

WHEN IT IS TIME TO

Re-Tire

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THE FAMOUS **FISK** TIRES

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1912 INDIANS

We are now receiving our first 1912 Indians and they have proved to be the most perfect Motorcycle ever put up.

Over 8000 Indians have been sold and delivered by the factory in the first four months of the year and still we find it hard to get our orders filled, especially the 2 speed models.

Write US for a 1912 catalogue and get full information.

A large and complete stock of spare parts carried in stock.

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STATIONARY MARINE
HOISTING

Honolulu Iron Works
COMPANY, AGENT.

donation Sam Parker promised Sir Jubilee Tea for the transpacific yacht race. However it will give the townies something to do and to scrap over.

Business among the retailers is not as brisk as it was a year ago and sugar tariff real or imaginary has the blame for it. People seem to want to hold on to the cash pending a decision of congress as to free trade. The bone and sinew in Honolulu have a feeling that little will be done that will hurt an industry in which so many mainlanders are interested. However there is no telling. According to the reports of the various conferences of the democratic national committee before the election it is plainly figured out that free trade will not hurt the individual but will help the masses. It shows that of the millions made in Hawaii out of that industry and how much the United States got out of it and how much the poor man paid toward the profits that went into the pockets of Hawaiian sugar plantation companies. Also it shows a gown that cost a thousand dollars in Paris and compared it with the work of Americans and a lot of stuff that makes one sit up and notice. When through with the report one cannot but wonder why there is a duty on anything.

In The District Court of Wailuku, County of Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

JAS. N. K. KEOLA, Deputy Assessor and Collector of Taxes, Wailuku District, Second Taxation Division, Territory of Hawaii,

Plaintiff, vs. MRS ROSE CUMMINGS, a non-resident, Defendant.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION. The Territory of Hawaii to Mrs. Rose Cummings, GREETING:—

You are hereby notified that the above entitled cause is now pending before W. A. McKay, Esq. District Magistrate of Wailuku, Maui County, wherein plaintiff alleges that the defendant is indebted to the said plaintiff in the sum of Eight and 85-100 Dollars (\$8.85,) for real property taxes assessed against the defendant on the books of the Tax Assessor for the Second Taxation Division, Wailuku District, Territory of Hawaii, and prays judgment for the sum of Eight and 85 100 Dollars including

penalties, interests and advertising costs, as by law provided, and for costs herein incurred.

You are commanded to appear before me at my Courtroom in Wailuku, Island and County of Maui, upon Friday the 27th day of December 1912 at 10 o'clock A. M. and defend the said action, and

If you fail to appear, judgment will be rendered against you ex parte by default.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of December, A. D. 1912. W. A. MCKAY, District Magistrate of Wailuku, Island and County of Maui, Territory of Hawaii. Dec. 7, 14, 21.