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Inter-Island's Position

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the reply of President James A. Kennedy to the agitation on Kauai for certain improvements in the passenger and mail service of the Inter-Island Steamship Co. It will be noted that while he points out obstacles to any changes at this time in the present system he is disposed favorably toward Kauai and is open to further argument. The first point made by the Inter-Island Company is as follows:

The difficulties and danger of getting passengers and mail to and from the island are particularly on foot, although when the tide is in.

We would simply like to ask if there are any more "difficulties and danger" attending the getting of passengers out to steamers at 8 p. m. than there are in bringing them ashore at 2 a. m.? We will answer our own question, and defy argument to the contrary, by declaring that there are less "difficulties and danger" (to say nothing of the annoyance of being dumped ashore at 2 a. m.) in the former. The point raised by Mr. Kennedy is not well taken.

The second point is as follows: The contracts with the United States government, which require that mail be delivered at points in Kauai, Niihau and Waimea early in the morning.

The postoffice department is ready and willing, at any time to meet the wishes of the people in the matter of the delivery of the mails; and in order to do that, stands ready to amend any contract for carrying the mails at any time and in any way that may seem desirable. Leaving Lihue shortly after 6 a. m., the mail auto would be quite able to deliver the mails at all points to Kekaha before 8 o'clock, which is quite early enough. This point is also not well taken.

The third point is as follows: With a delay of approximately four hours in leaving Niihau, would mail the loss of a whole half day in the work of discharge at Waimea.

How about the hours from early Saturday morning to three o'clock in the afternoon the Kinau is slowly sauntering along the Coast between Waimea and this port, and the two to three hours engaged in the sport of wave-riding outside of Nawiliwili, waiting for "leaving time" at 5 o'clock? In hours and minutes of working time, it would be a stand-off between the two plans; and the point is not well taken.

Thus, the arguments of Mr. Kennedy fall to the ground; and if these are all, it is quite likely that neither the Kauai Chamber of Commerce nor the public will be satisfied at all. The spirit of Kauai is to work with the steamship company—not to hamper nor inconvenience it. It is not expected that the company will do things, or even provide conveniences that may prove annoying or may result in a financial loss to itself. It is impossible however, to see how the improvements proposed will result in either; and it is to be hoped that, on second thought, Mr. Kennedy will see the matter in a different light and grant the wishes as set forth.

The Maui Compliment

The compliment paid by the probe commission of Maui county to the county government of Kauai is gratifying. At the same time, when the facts are sifted, it is nothing extraordinary that our county officials have done that brings into them this laurel wreath; but in view of the experiences of the other counties, it would seem to be the things they have left undone that has supplied the reason for commendation and praise. Kauai's county government is composed of business men, who handle the public's affairs as they would their own. They have been beset by temptations to spend money recklessly, precisely as have the supervisors of Maui, Hawaii and Oahu; but they have had the regard for their oath of office and the backbone to say "no" and to stay with it.

In all of the counties, except Kauai, public office has become very largely a "private snap". On Maui on Oahu and on Hawaii officials have paid more attention to dignity than to business. They have surrounded themselves with useless secretaries, bookkeepers, stenographers and what-not, giving "tone" to their offices, to be sure, but winding up in the inevitable scandals which have filled the air for some time over in their direction.

County government is good, and can be made a success. It is a success on Kauai and can be made equally so on Oahu, Maui and Hawaii. But before this is possible, the office-holders over there must get down to Kauai principles (which are merely the dictates of ordinary business policy), turn a deaf ear to the job-chaser and praifer, and shape their budgets of expenditures according to their respective incomes.

That Cannery Site

As was most naturally to be expected, a few land-hungry parties are clapping their hands in glee over the grand-stand play made by Mr. Trent, of the land board, at Honolulu, in regard to the site asked for by the cannery people near Kapua. The appraisers appointed to place a valuation on the land asked for recommended that the nineteen acres be turned over to the company, and added a proviso that the land be used for cannery site purposes.

Brother Trent saw a "nigger" right away; and proceeded to take a fall out of the cannery company and the appraisers on account of it. Immediately the little land wolves joined in the chorus, and have kept it up since.

In matters of this sort, it is well to remember that there are two sides to a question. The cannery company has made no attempt to hog anything, and, as far as we can see, have asked for no more than is required by the legitimate and proper demands of their cannery business. This was evidently the opinion of the appraisers, and is the opinion of the land department at Honolulu, which has gone into the matter very thoroughly. The company plans to put in a very large plant—one capable of taking care of all the fruit in that neighborhood. Besides, there will be an office building, store houses, homes for employes of the cannery and a part of the tract is to be occupied by neat little cottages for laborers who will work in the cannery and the neighborhood, for the company. When the whole thing is worked out, it will be found that there is none of the land left for any other purpose, and that every foot of it has been taken up for legitimate cannery necessities.

This paper is able to make the above assertions, knowing exactly what it is talking about. It is further able to say that the government is a great deal more familiar with the situation than the land commission appears to be; and it is further willing to venture that there may in a very few days be another land commission in charge of this and other such matters, and that the present commission will thereafter be at liberty to do its grand-stand playing on the street corners.

After the above was put into type, a letter from two of the appraisers referred to (Mr. H. H. Brodie and Mr. C. Wolters) was received, and is presented in another column. The third appraiser, Mr. J. H. Moragne, is away in Honolulu, but had he been here (we are informed) would probably have also signed the communication.

Mr. Brodie is interested in the pineapple business in another part of the island, and had he followed a practice quite common near Honolulu would likely not have been so favorable to an opposition business and cannery, as to the government. Mr. Wolters is manager of the Hanamaulu end of the Lihue Sugar Company's business, and we have not yet heard of sugar men of other islands putting themselves out of the way to assist the pineapple business along. Mr. Moragne is a county official and disinterested. All of these gentlemen are old residents and stand high in the business community. As between them and the above facts on the one hand, and Mr. Trent and political grandstand playing on the other, the public may very easily reach a reasonable conclusion.

The land in question is near the beach, but is not water frontage, a strip 100 feet wide, extending along its makai boundary being reserved for railway purposes. The soil is very shallow, and it is the poorest land imaginable. There is not enough green stuff on it to

make a dinner for a goat, and never has been. Five to ten dollars an acre is the limit of value for any ordinary purpose, and the appraisers are assessing the cannery company \$52.63 an acre for it.

Future Carnivals

The suggestion in last week's issue of this paper that an agricultural and mechanical fair be added to the Carnival program next year in order to "fill it out" found emphasis in the experiences of the last few days at Honolulu. The program had been stretched out to such an extent, in an effort to cover the ten days of the "celebration," that it ran exceedingly thin in places, and earlier visitors to the city were compelled to spend most of their time window shopping. There were two real carnival days—Saturday and yesterday; and the balance of the program could have been fitted handily into those days in a pinch.

We have no objection to a week or ten days of carnival features. It would be fine, and everybody would enjoy it. But there is no fun in standing around on one leg and then the other, all day, waiting for something to happen. There should be something doing every hour of each day—yes, every minute; and the country folk and strangers should be informed as to just when, where and how to find and see it.

An agricultural and mechanical fair would itself create other features, such as conventions, banquets, perhaps, etc. Then there are other things that could easily be thought out. By starting early (profiting, of course, by the experiences of this year) a program could be shaped out which would be worth everybody's while to witness.

Kauai got together on the High school matter, and a big success has already been scored. Kauai is now together on the matter of a welcome to the Honolulu Ad. Club, and another triumph will be realized. Now, why cannot Kauai get together on the harbor question, and, by united effort, pull that over the line? This proposition is at this time very much alive at Washington. It has its foes, as well as its friends. Its friends need Kauai endorsement and encouragement. The support of outsiders is good, but is local effort that will count. It would be a splendid idea to arrange a public mass meeting; thresh the question out thoroughly and submit to Washington resolutions expressing in plain terms the wishes of the island in regard to the matter. Something should be done—and quickly; for the whole proposition will soon be submitted by the committee to Congress for action, one way or the other. If this chance is lost, it will be a long time before Kauai gets another show for the harbor.

The announcement elsewhere in this issue regarding the high school may be accepted as official. The old court house will be the place, and, barring unforeseen circumstances, the school will be opened September 1. Taking it all in all, the recently organized "pull together" for the school has worked beautifully. It is now up to Kauai to make a success of it. Let everybody think well of it, speak well of it and encourage, in any and every possible way, the enrolling of pupils for it in September. It is a big advance in the right direction, and Kauai will appreciate more and more, as time goes on, the value and importance of the school.

A Kauai baseball team would likely have been trimmed up about as badly as were the Hilo and All Maui at Honolulu; but it would have been a mighty fine thing could Kauai have been in the games just the same. We now know exactly what a local team would be up against next year, and have plenty of time in which to prepare for it. Get busy thinking it over.

Kauai likes Governor Pinkham as a man, and will give him a unanimous glad-hand on his approaching visit to the island. He may be assured in advance that the welcome will be from the heart, and for what he used to be as well as for what he is today.

Much (most, perhaps) of the credit for the arrangement of Kauai's beautiful float in the Floral parade is due to Hon. J. H. Coney. Others helped with their ideas, their time and their money; but Mr. Coney simply "camped" with the float here and at Honolulu until it was made all it was intended to be.

The thanks of Kauai are due Mrs. C. A. Rice and Rev. J. M. Lydgate for their exhibits in the splendid flower show at Honolulu. They did not expect to reach the prize-winning class, against such great odds; but they did make a fine showing for the Garden Isle, and their efforts should be heartily appreciated.

HONOLULU is again squabbling over the site for the proposed new Federal building. It is not likely, however, that Congress will any longer pay attention to argument one way or the other, for it has long ago been apparent that the people themselves are hopelessly divided on the site subject. It is interesting to recall that the government itself has never deviated from its original purpose to locate the building on the Mahuka site, and that idea will doubtless be carried out.

ONE of these days two autos will crash together on the horse-shoe bend below the postoffice, around by the Lihue mill. A prominent man or two and perhaps women and children, will be killed or seriously injured. Then there will arise a great outcry for a straight road, or bridge, or both, across the neck of the shoe, to connect the thoroughfare in a straight line, as it should be.

JOSEPH A. SOUZA leader of the Lihue band, who is uniting in his efforts to give this end of the island good music, was in Honolulu last week and heard numerous band, civilian and military, at their best. He will return with many new ideas, which will be of public interest and benefit. The Lihue bands is a fine thing, and the public should heartily endorse and support Mr. Souza's efforts to keep it up to date.

WITH the sheriff gone, the judges of the courts gone, the preachers gone and a large number of Kauai's good people away on pleasure bent, Old Nick has had the opportunity of his life, it would seem, in the past week. But, from accounts of the lone policemen on their beats, Old Nick must also have gone to Honolulu; for in the matter of untoward happenings this island has been as quiet as a cemetery the while.

HONOLULU being full of tourists at present, it would seem to be an opportune moment for the Hawaii Promotion Committee to send a few over here. We have good hotels, plenty of automobiles, the best of roads and unsurpassed scenery.

ANOTHER benefit accruing from the Carnival at Honolulu was the

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crowding out from the city papers of so much stuff about the petty squabble in Mexico.

GOVERNOR LECHES E. PINKHAM.



"You have my permission to tell the people of Kauai that I will be a member of the Ad. Club's party at the time of the visit of that organization to your island in the near future," said Governor L. E. Pinkham to a representative of The Garden Island last Thursday afternoon. "I will go, of course, as a member of the Ad. Club, and not in an official way; and will expect to help make the fun and to enjoy the trip along with the rest of them. I have a great abode for the people of Kauai, and for the island. Years ago I spent considerable time there and formed friendships which I have never forgotten." The Governor looks considerably worn, and explained that the strain of official duties since his arrival in Honolulu had been very great. On this account, also, he is looking forward to the two-days outing on Kauai with feelings of even greater pleasure. Among the Governor's best friends in Lihue are Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Lydgate, with whom he travelled in the Orient some years ago.

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