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## WHAT TO DO WITH

### DELINQUENT CHILDREN?

The letters published in this issue, under and her head, in regard to the treatment of delinquent children call attention to a matter which deserves the most careful consideration of the intelligent public.

Criminals are the most expensive and undesirable product that any community can raise, and any plan which will reduce that output will be not only a worthy humanity, but also a mighty good investment.

In spite of all the investigations, and all the promises of reform, the Industrial School for Boys still remains a deplorable failure, as the governor frankly admits. Evidently it is a difficult problem, one to be approached warily and with an open mind.

While we are in hearty sympathy with any constructive effort to deal with the situation, we would suggest that an intelligent commission should study the matter and work out some promising plan of solution, in order we may avoid the pitfalls into which other such institutions have fallen.

We would commend most heartily the intelligent interest which Judge Achi takes in the matter, and would bespeak for him a careful and sympathetic hearing.

### SUGAR PROSPECTS

Prophecy in the sugar business has been such a signal failure of late that we are naturally suspicious of any forecast, however modest it may be. However, here is the way "Facts About Sugar" looks into the future, and what it sees. Take it for what you think it is worth.

The Cuban crop will be smaller than last year; that much is pretty well assured. The home crop will be about the same. There will not be any large invasion of foreign sugars into our home field this year, as there was last, for the simple reason that there will be no high prices to attract them. It was the phenomenal high prices of last year that brought down our house of fortune about our ears and wrought our ruin. The supplies in sight promise about 86 pounds of sugar per capita, which with present prices, is a very moderate supply.

Present indications are that 1921 will be marked neither by a serious shortage nor by a disconcerting over-supply. Prices should strengthen gradually and should show less extreme fluctuations than last year.

In fact it should be more nearly a normal sugar year than any we have had since the beginning of the world war.

### HIGHER RATES ALL AROUND

Our tax rate takes another jump this year. It was 2.364 last year, now it is 2.90.

The other Islands are having a similar experience. Maui goes Kauai one better, with a rate of 2.94, while Hawaii is content with 2.74, and Oahu with 2.57.

The respective increases are; Maui 0.83, Kauai 0.636, Hawaii 0.476, and Oahu 0.28. Maui is at the head of the class, with Kauai next.

It stands to reason, of course, that we cannot have public improvements without paying for them. If we will have roads, and bridges, and schools, and waterworks, and all the other necessities and comforts of civilized life, we must just pay for them, and there is no use "kicking."

These things have been, and still are, phenomenally expensive. In addition to this the falling price of sugar pulls valuations down with it, so that the tax returns are lower. This means, of course, that the rate must be raised to meet the deficit.

### KA HALE O NA ALII

The advent of Princess Kawananakoa and the organization of the Hale o na Alii on Kauai are events worthy of special note because of what that organization stands for, and what it is seeking to do for the Hawaiian race.

With a frankness and honesty that are very commendable, the Princess tells her people that they must look to themselves for prosperity, influence, and advancement. By means of industry, thrift, intelligence and morality, they must build up their own fortunes. In a word, they must "make good."

We understand that the organization is partly a mutual benefit society in the interest of the members, and partly a philanthropic organization somewhat along the lines of the Red Cross, to assist and relieve need or suffering among the Hawaiians.

Much of the work, however, will be of a constructive permanent nature, seeking to prevent and cure the evils rather than give mere temporary relief.

The social charm and grace of the Princess,

as well as her wise tact, make her very popular among the Hawaiians, and give her much influence among them. It is a very commendable work that she is doing—and we wish her, and those assisting her, much success.

### ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS

This office is in receipt of a communication requesting the publication of a certain resolution. As the communication is not signed by a responsible individual, we must decline to publish it.

We have stated repeatedly in these columns that anonymous letters to the editor will not under any consideration be published. In this special instance, we would advise the writer to mail a copy of his "Resolution" to the party or parties he wishes to reach.

### OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS

Taking exceptions to the way other people run their business is a favorite pastime of the American people, and quite a few of that kind of Americans make their home on Kauai. Not that this community is different from any other, for it isn't in this respect. But just as charity should begin at home so should the work of eliminating criticism of others start at home.

It seems to be human nature for a fellow to think he could run another fellow's business better than it is being run. Take for example the newspaper. You wouldn't run the paper the way we do, would you? Of course not. Possibly you could do a lot better, but this much we know—you would not run it the way you think you would. No man ever ran a newspaper, or any other business, just exactly as he would like to do. There is a desire on the part of every editor to please everybody—but he soon learns it can't be done. He starts in determined to print every item of news that comes up, and pretty soon learns that he can save a lot of sorrow and unhappiness by leaving out some few items that occasionally come up. Again there are times when he must publish a story, even though it hurts some of his best friends. If a certain item does appear it makes some people mad, and if it is left out others are mad because it wasn't printed. So the newspaper is criticized either way it turns, despite the fact that the editor would like to please everybody. The same is true of the conduct of every other business. You might run it differently from the other fellow, but you wouldn't even then run it to suit yourself, and we doubt if you'd run it any better. Try to remember that before offering criticism of the other fellow's business, for it will help the business in which you happen to be engaged.

### THE "BLUE LAWS"

There's a great deal of space being devoted in daily newspapers and magazines these days to a discussion of this country's possible return to the old "blue laws" of Pilgrim days, and since the matter has become national in its scope naturally citizens of Hawaii are taking their share of interest in the discussion.

Out of Washington comes a report that the Lord's Day Alliance proposes to stop everything on Sunday which involves any kind of manual labor. That would mean all trains would stop, milk couldn't be delivered, Sunday papers would have to suspend; drug stores and ice cream parlors would keep their doors locked and auto pleasure riding would cease. Not a gallon of gasoline—or anything else—could be sold on Sunday. At the same time there comes a denial of this, a high official of the League declaring that it is proposed only to stop everything which borders on commercialism. There could be ball games, if no admission was charged, and autos could run provided it was in order to get their owners and their families to and from church.

We do not believe there is a more law-abiding community in all the land than the one in which this paper is printed and circulated. And we do not want to see Sunday commercialized to the extent that it will mean only a money-grabbing day. But we do feel that our citizens are entitled to fresh air and exercise and such innocent pleasure as they feel is best for them after six days of labor. And any attempt to legislate them into being any better than they are is going to meet with a hearty protest from them "right off the reel."

Where is the man who can say he never got in a hurry but what a shoestring broke or his coat got caught in the door?

Everybody criticizes the citizen who spends his money freely, but everybody is willing to get busy and help him spend it.

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