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FOR PRESIDENT,

WM. McKINLEY.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,

THEO. ROOSEVELT.

Now the people want to know whether the jury reached its decision by means of a cold bottle and high low jack and the game.

It has remained for the Republican to epitomize public opinion on the jury bill for "cigars and playing cards" as follows:

"Cards ..... shrdlu cmfwpapjtja." In other words the items of the bill are so funny as to be unspeakable.

The only real difficulty between Chairman Carter and T. McCants Stewart appears to have been caused by Stewart talking too much. Mr. Stewart's flow of quotations ranging from the British Parliament to the Fifth Ward of Long Island City is enough to dazzle Speaker Reed himself.

When it comes to strife the Fifth can give the Fourth district cards and sapdes. Party history thus far, however, has shown that the sharper the contest the larger the more active the enlistment of voters for the party. If this holds good up to election day the Fourth will have to look well to its laurels.

After three months of American administration, a calm review of the situation shows that in the course the anticipated radical changes of management have occurred. Judge Estee is upholding with quiet force his first American text, "American law is common justice," and the Territorial courts are promptly following the American lead.

The resolution of the Fifth District opposing Hilo as the convention city for the Territorial gathering cannot have much force since it offers no reasons good, bad or indifferent to support the contention. Honolulu residents naturally prefer the convention in this city as a matter of personal convenience, and the action of the Fifth has the appearance of making personal convenience paramount to the advancement of the party in the outside districts.

Aside from a few complimentary ballots it is certain that Hon. Samuel Parker will receive the unanimous support of the Republican Territorial convention for Delegate to Congress. Mr. Parker stands in the enviable position of the office seeking the man. His interests on all the islands of the group free him from the possibility of prejudice in securing Federal favor for the Territory, and his intimate associations with national leaders are an assurance that Hawaii will get its full share of public improvements from the Congress of which Parker will be a member.

If the superintendent of public instruction is to be the recognized official reporter of the Governor's Council, it would certainly be a courteous act on the part of the Governor and his councillors to properly publish the fact. The present policy of the council seems to be to give the general public as little knowledge of its deliberations as possible. Whether this is the fault of the secretary or the council, can best be answered by the latter. In dealing with the newspaper reporters the secretary of the the council can lose nothing by taking a lesson from Judge Estee and the officers of his court.

The annual boat races are about the only sport followed in Hawaii that can be classed as an established institution. In all the long list of amateur contests, the acquatic events alone have escaped the temporary enthusiasm that mark a fad and it is to be hoped that this legacy of the late King Kalakaua will never be allowed to fall by the wayside as tennis, baseball and kindred recreations have done. The only possible suggestion to be made in connection with the annual regatta is to urge a greater activity among the Hawaiian-Americans. Honolulu is large enough and interest in boating sufficiently well established to warrant three or more active clubs with a crew for each race.

"Rules and regulations" are the shibboleth that has thus far invariably called forth whatever clashes have occurred in Republican conventions. Many believe that the party is best managed that is the least "governed," and their opponents are firm in the belief that the action of every committee and convention should be tied down to a mass of detailed direction, which shall control the action of its officers and members. In these days when the people of Hawaii are taking their first lessons in American political work, the necessity for pressing upon them a mass of "thou shall and thou shalt not," in reference to insignificant details is not apparent.

BUSINESS OF IDLENESS

The thoughtful voters will distinguish between the transient and the permanent differences between the Republican and Democratic parties. Each campaign brings to the front some temporary questions of expediency, which are intended to blind the eyes of the thoughtless and attract the floating vote.

"Tippecanoe and Tyler too" won more votes than logical arguments. "Fifty-four forty or fight" aroused the whole country and not a few would have preferred the fight to the fifty-four forty. And "16 to 1" drives sound money Democrats into the Republican party, and Silver Republicans into the Democratic ranks.

However, back of all these campaign cries, deeper than the money question, more important than the subject of imperialism, more vital to the future welfare of the nation than militarism, is the radical difference between the two great historical parties on the tariff question. It is not a question of protection and free trade. No party advocates and no government practices absolute free trade. The Democratic party has, however, for years advocated in its platforms the well defined policy of "a tariff for revenue only," refusing to recognize as democratic the wisdom, justice or propriety of affording either protection to American labor or American capital invested in American industries.

The avowed Republican policy, often reiterated in national platforms and enacted into law, as is evidenced by the McKinley and the Dingley tariff bills, openly affirms that the Republicans favor a protective tariff that will encourage the investment of American capital in manufacturing enterprises and insure to American labor, both native and naturalized, the advantage of "a fair day's wages for a fair day's work."

Both of these plans have been tried within the memory of most of those who will cast their votes next November.

The Wilson-Gorman tariff bill and the effects thereof were Democratic. The Dingley bill and its results are Republican. The effects produced by these two measures should be carefully weighed by every voters who desires his ballot to influence national prosperity and personal advantage.

Under the operation of the Wilson-Gorman revenue tariff, the income of the government was not sufficient to pay current expenses. The tariff for revenue only did not produce the revenue. Government bonds were sold in time of peace to pay the daily obligations of the Democratic administration. From being a debt-paying nation we became a debt-creating nation. Industries languished. Mills shut down. Factories closed. Building ceased. The army of the unemployed increased. Panic came. Banks failed. Fortunes crumbled. Labor begged in vain for work.

With the election of a Republican President and a Republican Congress, a protective tariff measure was enacted. The Dingley bill became a law. What have been the results? The national treasury overflows. The nation has fought to a successful issue two wars and has been paying debts at the same time. Bond issues have given place to bond redemption and refunding the outstanding obligations of the Nation at a lower rate of interest than was ever before secured by any Nation in history. Mills have been started. Factories have been running day and night. Wages have been increased. Labor has been profitably employed. The exports during the four years of the Dingley Republican tariff have exceeded the combined amount of all the exports of the Nation during all the previous years of our history from the beginning of Washington's first administration to the close of Cleveland's last administration.

There is the record. None deny it. The books have been audited, and the balance is known to all. What do the American voters want? A return to the Wilson-Gorman tariff bill and panic times, or a continuation of the Dingley bill and McKinley times.

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