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THURSDAY

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As between the capacity, experience, common sense and record for the largest amount of efficiency with the least amount of talk, do you suppose that anyone of any standing will take the say-so of Superintendent Campbell as against that of Harbor Commissioner Wakefield?

WATER METERS AND EXPENSE.

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HOSEHOLDER

Hoolehua, March 29, 1912.

The Bulletin believes that the writer of the foregoing communication expresses the sentiment of the great majority of the people in connection with the installation of water meters. Certainly this is the opinion until such time as a more searching investigation can be given to the administration of and figures given out as coming from the water bureau of the Public Works Department.

The report made by the special committee of the Merchants' Association brings this fact home.

That report declares for water meters, after having shown by the figures of the Superintendent of Public Works that the profit made on the water works under the present system of management is expended in making up the deficit of the sewer system.

Why under the sun should the sewer system shortage be charged against the water works?

There is no doubt much waste in the water bureau. But even with the unsatisfactory figures the necessity for an increase of water rates for householders through the installation of meters is apparent only because of the deficit that must be made up in the management of the sewer system.

The present scheme of handling the sewer system, and endeavoring to make it "pay for itself" is an abomination. If there is any charge properly made against the general revenues of the city or Territory it is the charge for sanitation.

Nearly everyone in Honolulu believes in free garbage. Is there any reason why sewers should not also be free? It is ridiculous to talk about cleaning up the town and keeping it permanently clean when the scheme for doing this is an attempt to force a householder to connect with the sewer and then make him pay a sewer rate for the protection not only of himself but of his neighbor who does not and will not connect with the sewer system.

The scheme is utterly wrong and is so recognized by the Merchants' Committee in its recommendation.

According to the figures that have been given, there seems to be no reason why the water rates to shipping cannot immediately be reduced if the water bureau is relieved of the incubus of the sewer upkeep. And it is an open question whether, after being properly investigated, the water bureau would not be found able to stand the pressure of immediate reduction of the excessive prices charged ocean liners and still not show a deficit.

The water meter is the lazy man's route of settling the question according to the Bulletin's way of thinking. It evades the grievous errors in handling the expense charges for sanitation and soaks the small householders for expenses that should be distributed by general taxation.

Even China has a living ex-President at this early day.

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We ought to get some excellent moving pictures of some of the scraps that have taken place in China lately. The Generals on both sides are giving two and three weeks notice of the battles that are to take place.

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TEN CASES IN POLICE COURT

With the names of ten well-known drunkards appearing on the calendar of Police Court this morning, Judge Monnett disposed of their cases as quickly as they were presented by Prosecutor Brown.

Denis O'Brien, who was released from jail recently, was sent back to the Ash Hotel for thirty days. Ben Deroo, A. Matson, Charles Hoffmeyer, Lone and Sam Pun were each fined \$1.

Phillard and Charles Nelson were each fined \$1 and costs of court. Joe Case was assessed \$6 and Frank Duffy \$5.

Donald Mackay, head of the banking firm of Mackay & Co., New York, died in a Hudson tube train.

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