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The Evolution of a Statesman.

James Jinks was born in '51; and when the babe aroove. The wise old neighbors toddled in and sat around the stove. And said they reckoned that the kid would not be worth a blame; His father was a thriving cuss, his mother was the same.

They all agreed that Jink's heir was born to grief and woe. And then they toddled out again, the men of Broken Bow. The baby grew, and grew, and grew, and thrive, and thrive, and thrive. Until at manhood's high estate he gracefully aroove.

None better knew to whittle sticks or whistle "Belle Mahone." But if a friend suggested work he'd only weep and moan. The wise men shook their hoary heads and said: "I told you so," When Jinks the younger loafed around the streets of Broken Bow.

He took a farm at twenty-one, and sowed a little grain. And raised the finest crop of weeds that ever graced the plain; The burdock and the cocklebur and jimson all took root. The only corn our hero raised was on his ample foot; And then he sadly realized that farming wouldn't go. And drifted back to loaf around the streets of Broken Bow.

And then he bought a little sheet and moulded thought a while; The kind of thought he used to mould made all his readers smile. And so they called, beseeching him to go to Dr. Hay. And have his mental part repaired and soldered right away; The Sheriff took his fountain pen, and closed his moral show. And once again he loafed and loafed all over Broken Bow.

He got a little country school and as a teacher taught; He took a little cross-roads church and as a preacher praught; He tinkered for a month or two, repairing ancient tins. He opened up a barber shop and butchered people's chins; But failure roosted on his flag, wherever he might go, And so at last he only loafed, and loafed at Broken Bow.

And as he loafed he talked a streak, as loafers always do; He said that Wall street kept him poor, and many others, too; He knew just how the Government should run to do us good; And so he talked and talked away while other men sawed wood; He talked so long, he talked so loud, of ruin and of woe. That people came to think he was the sage of Broken Bow.

We follow his career no more; the rest you surely know; The man who failed at everything, made money out of woe; He helps to run the Government, and there are folks around who say his great ambition is to run it in the ground.

But still the wise men shake their heads and say, "I told you so." And life, a calm and peaceful stream, rolls on a Broken Bow.—From the Nebraska State Journal.

Who is it?

Work for Mr. Dole

The time has passed to discuss Mr. Dole's title to the office of President of the Hawaiian Islands. However opinions may differ as to the methods adopted by the framers of the constitution under which Mr. Dole is acting, its faults have been cured by prescription; he is President de facto, and must be acknowledged as such by the foreign world. His policy may now be discussed as if he held supreme power by as irrefragable a title as the Emperor William of Germany.

It is thus in order to consider seriously his recommendation that the Hawaiian Government should lend every effort to secure the laying of a cable between Honolulu and the shore of California. If Mr. Dole and his cabinet study the subject with intelligence, they will perceive that the most promising way of laying the cable is to undertake it as a Hawaiian enterprise. The United States have done their share in surveying the route which the cable must follow; the attempt to induce Congress to appropriate four or five millions to complete the enterprise will almost certainly fail. Perhaps it would be a wise expenditure of money. But the East is not yet ripe for it. And if Hawaii waits till a bill passes Congress it will wait a long time.

On the other hand, there is no prospect that either Great Britain or Canada will appropriate money to lay a cable on a route which up to this time they have not thought worth surveying. The extension of the Canadian Pacific cable to Honolulu is a project in the dim and distant future. Canada cannot afford the money. England has no direct interest in the scheme.

But there is no reason why the Government of Hawaii should not undertake the cable, and offer to the world an issue of bonds to defray the cost. As a financial proposition the bonds might not be a catch. But the advantages of the cable would be so manifest that capitalists interested in the islands might subscribe, and it might be possible to make Congress see that it would pay to sink a million or two to connect the new naval station at Pearl Harbor with San Francisco. There are cable companies in many parts of the world which might be induced to undertake the enterprise on the chances of disposing of the bonds to Governments which would be benefited by the cable.

If the islands seem sure of a stable government, they ought to be able to borrow five millions at a fair rate of interest. They owe less than \$3,000,000, and their income is nearly \$4,000,000. They grow some \$18,000,000 worth of produce, which is merchantable property everywhere. A moderate tax on the sugar plantations would yield a sum in excess of any probable deficit in the budget of a cable company.

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