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THE LEGISLATURE.

It is too early to judge the work of the Legislature at this date. When it adjourns sine die we will endeavor to see Colonel Mazuma and throw some leis and bouquets at the departing Solons. Instead of retrenchment there has been a strong tendency on behalf of the Legislature to make a raise all round. We face the remarkable conditions that an appropriation amounting to more than \$5,000,000 has been passed and no revenue measures of material effect provided for. Should the Supreme Court decide that the Income Tax Bill is unconstitutional, and the Boards of Tax Appeal oppose the enormous increase in value of property placed by the Assessor, where will we be?

We notice also that grievous mistakes have been made in the Appropriation Bill. We say "mistakes" because we cannot believe that the Legislators with their eyes open could drop the appropriation for school buildings on Oahu, and yet not a cent has been passed for that purpose, although we need a Royal School, a Normal School and a school for the Honolulu Plantation where there now are 125 children of school age and no school. How to remedy this mistake we cannot see at the moment, but we hope Mr. Cooper will see a way to rectify a wrong so injurious to this island.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

It is very characteristic that the tableaux in which American Admirals, Generals, and Presidents are represented, receive the frosty stare of the large audiences which have attended the performances of the World's Entertainers. Every theatrical manager should bear in mind that spread eagles, American heroism and blatherskiting will never become popular in Honolulu. The people of this country have no aloha for Dewey, McKinley and the rest of that gang.

If the so-called governor, Mr. Cooper, has not yet got softening of the brain he will sign the appropriation bill at once and allow the Legislature to adjourn sine die. It is all rot for him to say that he will give the bill his "careful consideration." The man has had nothing to do besides watching the work of the Legislature and, as the estimates of the government virtually have been adopted in toto, we can see no possible reason for him to make a "spiel" to the gallery by looking wise and taking the matter into consideration. All of us recognize him as being a fine specimen of the political humbug family, but we did give credit for being wise enough to drop his play to the gallery when a chance occurred to rid himself of a hostile Legislature.

Little Stronger Than Usual.

"One day back in Detroit," remarked a Douglas-street man, "I accidentally left some aqua fortis in a glass and soon afterward was horrified to find the glass empty. I inquired as to what had become of it and some of the boys in the store said the Bill Webster—a tough old sot who dropped in on us occasionally—had just gone out and may be he had drank it, supposing it to be liquor. In a short time he came in and I said:

"Bill, did you drink that stuff in the glass on my table?"

"He said he did, and I then told him that he had drank poison and that he'd be a dead man in five minutes.

"Oh, I reckon not," said Bill, "but I knowed it was somethin' a leetle stronger than I'd been a bayin' for every time I blowed my nose. I burned a hole in my handkercher." — Omaha "Mercury."

Miss Davison Recalled.

Owing to the fact that Miss Rose Davison's services are needed by the Board of Education she has been asked to transfer the care of the Hawaiian exhibit at Buffalo to other hands and to return at once. She will arrive here by an early steamer. In speaking of the matter last night Supt. Atkinson paid a high tribute to Miss Davison's work in installing the exhibit but said her presence here was most desirable at this time. She has been instructed to pick out her own successor at Buffalo.

Good News.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Mr. Tracewell, the Controller of the Treasury, has decided that the Secretary of the Treasury has authority under the law to refund to Lascelles & Co. of New York the duties paid by them on sugar imported from Porto Rico between the date the treaty of Paris took effect and the date of the approval of the Foraker act. The duties so paid amounted to over \$170,000. This decision is based upon the recent insular decisions of the Supreme Court. Other claims are on file for refunds amounting to about \$1,500,000.

Embassador's Son's Suicide.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., July 8.—Attorney Frederick D. White, son of Andrew D. White, embassador to Germany, committed suicide tonight. He had been suffering from neurasthenia. He went to a bathroom at his home and shot himself in the head with a rifle. The suicide, following so close upon the divorce suit by which Embassador White's eldest daughter seeks release from marital bonds with Professor Newberry, may lead to the diplomat's resignation.

Danish Princes Coming.

COPENHAGEN, July 9.—Prince Christian, eldest son of the Crown Prince, intends to visit the United States on board his yacht in the spring of 1902, unless, in the meantime, the King's age should bring about the accession of the Crown Prince. Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark also contemplate a trip to America in 1902.

A Strong Combination.

LONDON, July 9.—"It is reported here," says the Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail, "that John D. Rockefeller and J. P. Morgan have decided to establish a banking house in Paris with a capital of £10,000,000."

A. E. Augustine of this city has brought suit for damages in the sum of \$1,231 against the Oceanic Steamship Company for the failure of the latter corporation to deliver to her a trunk which was placed aboard the steamer Mariposa on which she was a first-class passenger.

A native woman, some 27 years of age, asks through her attorney, W. J. Robinson, that J. A. Magoon, who is and has been the legal custodian of her property since October 1, 1889, be discharged from that office, as he is not only uncongenial to her personally, but refuses to present accounts as the law directs.

Another Honolulu House.

A new commission house under the firm name of Walters, Waldron Co., Ltd., has been established at Honolulu, the officers being W. Walters, president; W. G. Cooper, vice president; F. L. Waldron, treasurer; C. Girdler, secretary; C. Bolte, auditor. Mr. Walters was for many years a member of the firm of H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., and Mr. Waldron was in charge of and practically built up the grocery department of Theo. P. Davies & Co. The third member of the firm is Charles Girdler, who, during the past ten years, has been associated with L. B. Kerr & Co., and the N. S. Sells Co.—Hilo Herald.

Mrs. E. A. Nawahi left for Hilo by the Kinau at noon. She was accompanied by her son Albert and her foster daughter.

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(Signed) E. S. BOYD,
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