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## THOUGHTS FOR THE AUDITOR.

Can anyone tell us why Judge Weaver and three or four officers of the Registration Land Court should be paid large salaries from July 1 to the middle of September when there is no court and no work to do save the inconsequential details of organizing the office system, which might easily be completed in a day? After receiving his appointment as Judge, Weaver decide that he must go to Boston to "learn" the proceedings of the land court there. It was presumed at the time he was appointed that he was capable and ready to assume the duties of the office, but such seems not to have been the case. While away, and doing nothing direct for the good of the country, he draws his salary and, we are reliably informed, expects to draw a large sum for expenses of the junketing trip in his own behalf.

In addition to this large, unauthorized and illegal expenditure and proposed diversion of public funds, it is intended to keep up the salaries of three, and perhaps four officials of the court for more than two months, while they do absolutely nothing and have no duties to perform. Registrar Savidge makes the apology that the officers will, between now and the return of Judge Weaver, have upon them the "onerous" duty of getting the office in shape. One would suppose from this that a Great Eastern department or a new Government was to be established. As a matter of fact the work of getting the Court in shape could easily be performed in twenty-four hours.

There is an important thought in the case for the Auditor. That official is supposed to issue salary warrants for work performed for the Govern-

ment. In this case there has been no work, and there can consequently be no salaries.

## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Charles Notley is a good joker. He is a good joker because he tells a political joke in an entertaining way and is able to palm it off on the Advertiser and Star at par. 'Rah for Notley!

Treasurer Kepoiki was this morning presented by Miss Anna M. Prescott with a copy of her book "Makapala-by-the-Sea." He is her beau-ideal of "a marvel and a masterpiece, the *che d'oeuvre* of Hawaiians." May we ask in what is he "a marvel and a masterpiece?" Miss Prescott may know and be able to answer our question.

Thus far a Hawaiian has not received recognition at Annapolis as a Government aided student. The first cadet from Hawaii was a Connecticut boy, a son of Captain Pond of the Iroquois. The second, Ellis Lando, was born in a mainland State and has been here but a very few years. Up to this writing, therefore, Hawaii has not been represented at Annapolis, save for the late Paul Neumann's son and perhaps other "psy" students.

The San Francisco Call is just now making a tremendous bid for public favor in the Sunday field. Its Sunday editions, besides containing the news of the world, carry a valuable fund of interesting and reliable matter on numerous topics. A vast amount of talent and money is also expended upon its art supplement, an innovation in newspaper "extras" not exceeded in point of excellence and attractiveness on the Pacific Coast. The Sunday Call is above par in the scale of reading matter for the home.

The late Pope Leo XIII., the "man of peace," probably averted more clashes between civilized nations than the world has ever known or ever will know. His successor must follow his example, or there may at any time be serious disruptions of the peace of Europe and perhaps general wars. It is very doubtful that Cardinal Oreglia is just that man. He is a man of strong prejudices, particularly in a political way, which will probably introduce into the Papacy an element avoided by the late Pontiff and most undesirable at this time. However, the future alone can tell.

Of the six names endorsed by the Republican Central Committee for the new position of Deputy Insurance Commissioner under the Treasurer, three are mentioned as "esquires," they having the "Eaq." tagged after their names. Such being the case, pray, what are the others? Are they "nobodies" or "nobodies?" Or are they—? Or as suggested by a prominent Republican, the three "esquires" are of the upper crust, and those without are of the people. But of the lot, in the order presented, as elsewhere herein shown, we would suggest the Biblical saying that "the first shall be last and the last first." The last name is our choice and drop the other Republican office seekers and job chasers.

We object most positively to the locating of the military armory on the Palace grounds at the corner of Hotel and Likelike streets, and are

surprised that the suggestion of such a thing should ever have been made. For many years it has been generally and strongly felt that the park around the Palace has been too much encumbered with secondary and outside obstructions. The old kitchen and Wray Taylor's garden at Hotel and Likelike streets are among the number. The Palace grounds should—and must be—kept clear of unnecessary buildings. Let the armory go to some unoccupied Government lot, of which there are a number. If it is located on the Palace grounds we can assure the men responsible for it that they will hear something drop with a mighty "dull thud" in the next Legislature. Let that be remembered.

While the Democrats and Home Rulers are working on the same lines, and closer together than ever before, there is still not that unison that will positively assure success in the County elections on Oahu and Kauai. As to the two counties of Hawaii and Maui County there has for some time been no cause for doubt. It seems to us, however, that on this island there should be some slight rearrangement of central committees. The heads of committees, most of all, should be willing and aggressive workers, and should have the confidence of the precincts. Men who work one week for a cause and rest fifty-one do not, as a rule, make good political motormen. A little readjustment is in order, and it should be carried out before the battalions are arraigned for the fight.

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