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## REPUBLICANS INCONSISTENT.

As the end of the Home Rule party draws high through defection from its Executive Committee, the main central body of that monstrosity, as well as by desertions from among its rank and file in nearly every precinct throughout the group, chiefly into the Democratic ranks, it is asserted that Republicans are resorting to their usual trick of frustrating possible success. Is this the right spirit in which to display their sincerity in Home Rule disintegration? We say—no! Inasmuch as Republicans have publicly asserted, in all seriousness, that Home Rulers should discard their clannish organization for either one of the two great national parties, they should stay by such an assertion and not play false for the mere sake of playing politics by sending spies to detect who's who that are defecting away from their ranks and into those of the Democratic party. This should never be if Republicans are earnest and sincere.

Democrats for very surety, are proselyting among Home Rulers for converts and they have fairly well succeeded and are succeeding in their work of conversion every day. Converts are also being gained from the Republican rank and file as well, and prospects appear very promising and bright. From the outlook of things, the hybrid native party will surely have to make way for the party of Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson and Abraham Lincoln, the

party "of the people, by the people and for the people."

To coerce and intimidate the native people from Democracy is to let them remain as they have been—out in the wet and cold. This is the condition really desired by Republicans, in order to still retain their hold upon affairs. If they do not succeed in frustrating Home Rule disintegration, they will ultimately find that their grip will vanish into thin air, and this they do not care nor wish to see come and pass. But as already asserted, the Fates are against all interference, and that Destiny is in its wake. It must come and surely so, and that there need be no denying as to the ultimate and inevitable result. Democracy is here to stay and to rule, even if unsuccessful at first, it will eventually become an important factor to be dealt with in the near, aye, very near future.

## Hearst And Miles.

One Presidential combination being talked of by Democrats in the East is that of Hearst and Miles, the former for President and the latter for Vice President. This idea is supported particularly in the South and in the middle States, and seems to be gaining ground as the time for the St. Louis Convention approaches. A large number of electoral districts have already included General Miles in their instructions to Hearst delegates, and it is believed that others will follow.

The Hearst strength all over is admitted. General Miles would be able to bring to the ticket a new element of strength. A large part of the G. A. R. would have his unqualified support and his candidacy would have the sympathy of the entire military establishment. Besides that there are voters all over the country, irrespective of party, whose hearts still smart on account of the insult deliberately offered by Roosevelt to the old war heroes of the nation at the time of the latter's retirement, and they would jump at the chance to "get even." Undoubtedly the Hearst-Miles combination would be a strong one.

## A Case Of Imposition.

It is manifestly unfair for the Roosevelt government to request the people of Honolulu to entertain every prominent man or body of men happening this way. It costs both time and money, and there is nothing to it, except a hospitality lei for the Cabinet at Washington. Prince Pu Lun was entertained at the request of the Government, and during the year requests of a like nature have come thick and fast. Now we have one to receive and entertain sixty Filipinos, who are going to the mainland at the request of the Government and for the purposes of the Government. If Mr. Roosevelt wants these people or other travellers entertained here, let him have Treasurer Shaw send down the money with which to do it. It is unfair to expect Honolulu to put up for it, and Honolulu people are making fools of themselves in doing so. Does anyone imagine for a minute that the administration at Washington would request the city of San Francisco, Denver, Chicago or New York to put up a large sum of money for the entertainment of some person or persons happening

to pass through? Attorney General Andrew's State dinner for the son of Secretary Shaw must have convinced them over there that we are "easy."

## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

We understand that when Judge De Bolt charged the Grand Jury at the beginning of the present April Term he asked that if any of the jurors had ever been convicted of any offense and were disqualified, to step out. Of course, none stepped forth, and now we are in a pickle.

Nobody in this community seems to miss the presence of the "devil's partner." Lorrin A. Thurston is in San Francisco presumably doing his utmost to seek oblivion in a "rest cure" away from the confines of Hawaii, for "business" reasons. O, la!

In the affidavit to the Testa plea in abatement filed yesterday, the assertion made by THE INDEPENDENT some little while back that offenders and felons were impanelled as grand jurors have been shown and brought to light. It is now for the Court to say whether these are disqualified.

George R. Carter, personally, has a right to a "personal" car, but, as the Governor of little, impetuous Hawaii he would benefit the Territory more if he walked to Chicago. Only yesterday, as it were, the Territory committed an act of bankruptcy and Governor George represents the Territory.

Walter G. Smith, editor of the Advertiser, is slated to deliver an address before the respectable people who will assemble at the Oahu College Commencement exercises. THE INDEPENDENT wonders whether or not the character of informer will be presented and information given on the subject of "Did She Misbehave in Honolulu."

South street from Queen to the waterfront should either be straightened and fixed up or the old street should be macadamized, at once. The Legislature provided for straightening it, but no start has ever been made. In time of heavy rains the street becomes a kind of creek and bog, extremely dangerous to the health of the locality as well as to the city. Something ought to be done about it right away.

It would be a good thing, from a business point of view, to have a brigade of soldiers and a large military establishment in the Islands. But if established in the suburbs of Honolulu, it certainly would not contribute to the good morals of the city. On the mainland this fact is recognized, with the result that military posts are set up away from cities. It is true that towns frequently spring up around them, but the inhabitants that flock there are usually of the free and easy kind that care little for themselves and less for the Ten Commandments.

The editorials in the Star on the subject of the Russo-Japanese war are interesting in that they illustrate what hard pan perseverance will do. Figuring on the number that have already been printed, we make it out that the compiler has been working steadily with the scissors on the subject for five years. If the

war keeps up six months longer it will probably appear that the work of collating the clippings covers a period of twenty or thirty years. Believing that industry should be rewarded, we think that Japan should pass a vote of thanks to the Star for the invaluable fund of information it has been supplying in regard to the Russians and the plans of the Russian army.

A scientific analysis of the cotton stalk was recently made in Philadelphia with remarkable results. The samples showed \$2 to \$4 worth of sugar to the ton, material for a finer quality of paper than comes from wood pulp, two pieces of material resembling celluloid, smokeless powder composition, alcohol and a valuable fertilizer. Texas planters have taken up the matter and purpose establishing factories for the working up of the stalks. The information is given for the benefit of Mr. Walker and the other "small farmers" of Hawaii who are planning to tackle cotton as a crop.

We are deeply interested and in favor of the maintenance of the free dispensary. It is a most important institution, particularly in a community like this where a little doctor's treatment costs a fortune and poor people cannot afford the extravagance of medical attention. We deprecate the practice that has obtained in the past, however, of moving it from pillar to post at such frequent intervals that the needy have been unable to keep up with it. Let the dispensary be established in a public place and kept there; then the charitable inclined people of the community will not fail to appreciate its value and support it.

It begins to look as though the business of the public market is doomed. Already the market is not paying. In fact it is an expensive proposition. The opening of private markets, authorized by the Board of Health, has done the business. It is probably just as well that such is the case, however, for the Government has no right to engage in enterprises that the citizen is willing to tackle and is fully capable of handling for the best interest of the community. A good scheme might be to lease the present market to some concern by the year, the Government merely insisting upon Board of Health supervision and the prompt payment of rentals.

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