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## THE CASE OF NOTLEY.

As much astonishment is expressed on the streets over the nomination of Charles Notley as Home Rule candidate for Washington as was heard when the notorious Ng Mon Wai was put on the ticket of the same party for the House of Representatives. Many Home Rulers can still hardly realize what has been done and most of them feel that an outrage has been committed. The smell of money is so strong in the deal that the atmosphere around it can be imagined as full of eagles.

It is now a notorious fact that the better class of Hawaiians did not want Notley and that they will not support him. He was sprung on them by surprise and before they had time to recover their breath the candidate was named. Since then there has been some tall, large, hard thinking. The better element have come to realize that Notley would do more harm in Washington in a week than a good man could counteract in two years. They see and understand that he would be persona non grata at all hands in Congress, especially after his reputation reached that body, as it most surely would. They have come to realize that of all men in the Islands, Notley is just about the best that could be picked out to stay at home.

So glaring are the deficiencies of Notley that many Home Rulers are

already talking of a movement to back either the Democratic or Republican nominee. The suggestion has also been made that one of the parties stay out of the field as to the delegateship, believing that it would be better to have a good man of opposing politics in Washington than a bump on a log of no business value whatever. We hardly think such an extreme measure is necessary; but if it should become necessary to resort to it in order to defeat a man who would as certainly ruin the country as the sun rises, we would gulp down the dose with as much relish as we would take a plate of ice cream this warm afternoon.

### Influence Of Wealth.

When it happens that some Hawaiian or anybody else of less influence, our more ponderous contemporaries are very silent with regard to what some influential person has done towards some poor and un-influential person. One reason may be ascribed because a certain influential person is the president of a corporation who doles out certain privileges or favors for the asking only without any remuneration whatsoever, and these ponderous parties, out of consideration for such privileges or favors, dare not say anything that may be deemed damaging to such an influential person, for if they dared, these privileges or favors might be cut off. But this mite, which has been graciously granted such privileges or favors by the same concern in control of the same influential person, is not afraid to speak out.

It is a case of the rich and influential taking the law into his own hands as against that of the poor and weak; but as "murder will out," a case had also to come out in the light of day through the medium of these columns, even though it may be done in our own weak way. Should the one complained of be all what we say he is, it is nothing more than right that he should be made to pay for property, which he unintentionally may be, had destroyed, and that to its full value.

### One Bad Mistake.

The failure of the Japanese to try at all to check the operations of the small Russian fleet that came out of Vladivostok will undoubtedly have a most damaging effect on the commerce of Japan. No shipper of Europe or America will any longer risk goods in a Japanese vessel and no conservative exporter will send goods in any vessel to Japan. Already shipments from Canada via the Empress line have been stopped and freight from Europe has been cut off. It is presumed that what the Russians did once they can do again; and with their ability to appear off Yokohama in a very few days no vessel in that vicinity can be considered safe. Japan missed it sadly by not going out to attack the Russians, even had it been a losing fight. By not doing so the commercial world now fears that the Mikado's navy has been so badly crippled that it cannot fight.

In other words, the Advertiser would like to have A G M Robertson on the Republican and S M Damon on the Democratic tickets for Congress. This might look fine on paper but it would mean the election of Notley to Congress.

## A County Act.

How would the following do for the body of a County Act:

"The people of the islands of the Territory of Hawaii are hereby authorized to organize their respective districts into counties, the following being the boundaries of each such county (Insert boundaries).

"Inasmuch as direct control of government by the people is the object aimed at, the people are hereby authorized to organize their respective counties and conduct their respective county governments as they blame well please."

## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

We now have four cents sugar, which is the figure that always brought a boom to Hawaii; but as yet we have not heard a single squeak in regard to dividends from the plantations promoted by L A Thurston.

The action of the Home Rule party in leaving the different election districts to take care of themselves is apt to lead to more or less confusion. Those who claim to know say that it will result in a solid combine between the Home Rulers and Democrats on Maui and Hawaii and most probably throughout the Islands. Certain it is that the Home Rule party has escaped from the clutches of the Kalaokalani hui and things will be very different in the future.

In The Commoner of July 15, Mr Bryan states his position on the Democratic ticket, beginning by saying: "I shall vote for Parker and Davis, the nominees of the Democratic national convention," etc. He gives his reasons, which are that the Democratic candidates are safer men than the Republicans and that the platform is better. He says, however, that as soon as the polls close he will again begin the agitation of his economic platform.

The Republicans have played well their little game of the million dollars of loan money in the treasury. They have held it back so as to give everybody a little work just before election, to get them in good humor and cause them to "vote right." But does the citizen pause to think how much this monkey business is costing the country? For the sake of helping out the aims of a political party the Territory has been strained for interest on a million dollars of idle capital for nearly nine months.

Before starting any small farms the morning press ought to build an asylum for jackasses and put the man who has ruined Emma square into it. Trees that it took forty and fifty years to grow has been ruthlessly cut down and all of the valuable shrubbery uprooted. What was once a beautiful park is now a hot, sunny waste, wholly unfit for use in the day time and despoiled of its verdant beauties by night. The destruction of the park was a piece of flagrant vandalism for which the Government cannot be forgiven. It is a public outrage.

## DEMOCRATS ATTENTION.

All members of the Sixth Precinct, Fourth District, Democratic Club are requested to attend a meeting to be held in the Reading Room of the Occidental Hotel on the evening of Thursday, August 4, 1904, for the purpose of nominating delegates to the Territorial Convention and members of the District Committee.  
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