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WHAT TO EXPECT.

From the present look of things political, Hawaiians will hardly receive consideration as time goes on. The time is now on for the movement to oust them from positions of emolument and be replaced by the upper crust of Americans now hankering for jobs in this country.

And that the time will come when they will all be outcasts in their own country, as was formerly the case when the descendants of missionaries controlled affairs. It is as sure as day and night that the ballot is their only weapon, but they throw away their only chance of reaping what is their reward and their due. There's no denying that they were misguided into doing what they have done, for which, to a certain extent, they are not to be held accountable, for they knew not what they were doing. But time will tell. Be more careful and cautious the next time, provided we are not all disfranchised by that time.

And when 30,000 Chinese laborers are introduced, if it should ever come to that, then look out for the time when this Territory will be

instead, it will be a colony ruled by a commission appointed from Washington, the people not having a voice in affairs locally. Hawaiians will then have themselves to blame for being too easily led and bamboozled into believing that otherwise is their salvation. "Hard cash" will not be in it even then.

THE FROG INDUSTRY.

As compared with other parts of the United States, where winter weather prevails and interferes with the catching of frogs for the table use, the frog industry in Hawaii ought to prove a successful field of operations. In northern climes where cold prevents the search for the amphibian for several months during the winter season and he has to be caught through ice covered ponds, the prices are almost doubled. A frog farm in Hawaii at this time of the year would have almost a free field of operation and the wonder is that there is not more men engaged in this industry. Hawaii was the first to grow the bull frog, but now the industry is extensively carried on in Molokai and other parts of the islands with profit and ease.—Hilo Tribune.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Of the two Portuguese events last night, the banquet is claimed to be by Portuguese and the dance by those of them who have since become Americans. But they all enjoyed the fun while it lasted.

Attorney Frank Thompson, who defended Stephen Mahaulu, is to be complimented for the good work he did in behalf of his client. The verdict of "not guilty" which the jury gave within a few minutes is the only right and just one for them to have brought in.

When one is so eager to get a fat billet, and in so doing does another out of a job that he has held down with credit to himself, does not speak well for the persistent job chaser. But such is of the "kingdom" of our present day existence, a taste of genuine Americanism least anticipated by would-be patriots.

Right now is the time to flood California and Florida with tourist literature. Travellers from the North are pouring into those States by the thousands and tens of thousands. They will tire of those scenes in a few weeks, and will then become just the material to work upon for a tour of a few weeks in the Islands.

Apart from our personal feelings in the matter, we think the substitution of Vida for McGurn is not a good one. Vida can never be the officer that McGurn was. And now, there you are. A known competent man has to make room for another who is not as competent. Such political methods is not the kind that will appeal to the masses who decided to vote Republican when the crucial time came around.

At last Henry C Vida is to be rewarded for his recent political work in carrying the Fifth District, the former Home Rule stronghold, for Republicanism. It's about time that something came to him, this after having been turned down on road

much influence by rewarding those who helped him in carrying through his formidable political undertaking, a task more complex and arduous than that for which Sam Johnson is credited in doing in the Fourth, wherein Republicans were always sure of winning. But his reward takes the form of depriving one, who has been a good officer, of a livelihood, and this is all on account of strenuous politics.

We understand that the Government is enforcing some of its collections for overdue rents. Prior to election they weren't enforced, but that they are being enforced since then. Some of those whose rents are remaining long overdue and unpaid were strenuous Republican politicians, and it surely must be an injustice (?) to compel them to disgorge. Yet we believe in all being treated alike, unmindful of who and what they are.

Attorney General Andrews has finally given an opinion, which is an ex-parte judgment, that the Pacific Club should take out a full retail liquor license, so that its members may be lawfully served with the various kinds of stuff that inebriates. The Territorial Treasury will be that much in when the license fee of \$1,000 is paid and collected. Good for Andrews; he's earning his lucrative salary, which is more than he can earn in a down town office.

In place of expensive fortifications Uncle Sam might load a few muskets with the Advertiser's alluring pictures of the benefits of small farming. These would certainly cool the hatred of the enemy. Honolulu would then capture the ships, for use as cattle transports between here and Sam Parker's ranch, and set the sailors to growing potatoes, cabbage, castor beans and—cut worms. Think it over, gentlemen of the army; there's millions in it.

For the present at least these islands are not the place for our people from the States who have little or no capital. The sugar industry dominates everything and with the need of artificial irrigation and great mills, it runs into millions. Small farmers would have a hard time. Prices at hotels are much the same as with us.—George W Morse, in the Newton Journal.

This, coming from a practical business man, extensive traveller and close observer should be very comforting to our over-strenuous advocates of small farming.

Porto Ricans are being employed in cleaning the bricks of cement from the demolished Government workshop near the old fishmarket, preparatory to the proposed work of slip dredging in that vicinity. It was time that they were made to do something. We dare say, for all those who are willing to earn an honest living, instead of sweating others in immorality, there's plenty to do. These Porto Ricans are citizens as much as the Hawaiians are, and therefore, they are entitled to some work, even if they are not eligible as voters.

Now that Stephen Mahaulu has been acquitted by a jury of his equals of the terrible charge of embezzling public money, what is the Government that brought the false charges and pressed them to the bitter extreme going to do about it. The finger of scorn which was pointed at the young man must have had an offset even worse than

actual imprisonment. His position was taken away from him and, in the very nature of things, the presence of the charges against him made it next to impossible to secure lucrative employment. Nothing can be more proper than that a government should right a wrong committed by itself; and, so far as the public knows, this is a case in point.

The slaughter in and around Port Arthur is something appalling. Fifteen thousand men were added to the Japanese dead yesterday, making a total of about 100,000 men since the assault began. Although strongly fortified, it is to be presumed that the Russian loss has also been great. It begins to look as though only the intervention of the Winter's ice can save both or either of the armies from being practically annihilated. History hardly shows a campaign attended by such hardship, such valor and such loss of life by small armies.

NOTICE OF REWARD.

Notice is hereby given that the Democratic Central Committee of this Territory will pay a reward of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for evidence that will lead to the conviction of any person voting illegally, or otherwise violating the election laws of this Territory at the coming election. By order of the Executive Committee.

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