

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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For there was never yet philosopher  
That could endure the toothache patiently.  
—Shakespeare.

## STREET IMPROVEMENT POLICY

Mayor Fern has brought to the front a topic that needs careful consideration by the citizens of Honolulu, that of a definite policy of street improvement.

In brief, the mayor's idea is that the city should be divided into twelve districts, and that a month should be taken for street and road repairs in each district, provided that length of time is necessary. He would assemble the municipal plant in one district, complete the work there with a full force of men, equipment and material, move the plant to the next district the following month, and so on.

Mayor Fern has a Democratic board of supervisors to back him up for the next two years, and this plan is not unlikely to be carried into effect. Meanwhile, it behooves the people of Honolulu to be thinking over their needs for street improvement and getting ready to present them to the board. If the district plan seems feasible, the only question will be where the work is to start next January. If there is any disagreement with the mayor's policy, the citizens should prepare to manifest that disagreement.

At least, let the people of the city and their municipal officials be in accord on this important subject and work together for the next two years more effectively than the present board and the citizens have worked.

## SUPPORT THE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Honolulu's progress in culture is keeping pace with her industrial achievements, and while so in music, in art, in literature, her efforts take high place. It is fair to say, however, that musical effort does not receive the amount of encouragement in this city. There is a noble support for the Hawaiian band, but not a worthy organization as the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra society is kept alive only by the tireless work of a few non-professionals who give their time and energy for the love of it, and a few professionals who have spontaneity and enthusiasm left over from their firing routine performance.

The symphony orchestra will give a concert opera house next Tuesday night, and be accorded the courtesy and support of those as large as the house will accommodate Honolulu gives something to these or an besides casual attendance. The city deserves support. There ought to be the support of Honolulu's own organization, a kind of spirit of help that is responsible for the great work of Palama settlement, adding a racing yacht to the coast, or a swimmer to Stockholm. There should be pride behind our organizations of what and, if they are devoted to Honolulu's development, it is certainly just as much to the credit of this city to produce a great musical so as to turn out the fastest swimmer in the world.

Intense pride in local achievement is a sure sign of a city bound to progress.

## TERIBLE LOSSES IN TURKISH WAR

No such fighting is chronicled in modern history, save in one instance, as that now in progress in Turkey between the Allied Armies of the Balkans and the Ottoman soldiers. The solitary exception is the terrible and splendid example of the Russo-Japanese war.

According to cable news yesterday, 75,000 men are wounded in the field in Europe. Of these the larger portion are Turks, while the Bulgarians comprise probably the majority of the stricken allies. It is not unlikely that an equal number of wounded have been gathered in the disorganized Turkish cities, sent back home by the Allies, or are lying in border hospitals and garrisoned towns.

Turkey's army in the field has been variously estimated at from 300,000 to 400,000 men, while

the armies of the Allies combined will probably reach between 250,000 and 300,000.

In the greatest battle of the Russo-Japanese war, the series of engagements around Mukden, Japan's three divisions numbered all told 400,000 men and the Russian army fifty thousand less. The Russian loss at Mukden was placed at 1,900 officers and 87,000 men killed, wounded and prisoners, the Japanese loss at 57,000. Fifty thousand Japanese gave up their lives at Port Arthur, of whom 15,000 perished in that magnificent assault of 203-Metre Hill.

Compared with these tremendous losses, the casualties of the Civil War seem insignificant. Gettysburg is generally regarded as the greatest and Antietam as the bloodiest battle of the Civil War, yet at Gettysburg the combined loss of both armies was but 5,662 killed and 27,203 wounded, while Antietam's toll was 3,994 killed and 18,897 wounded.

Casualties of the Balkan-Turkish war are not yet definite, but both sides have suffered severely. In one engagement, that of Saturday, November 2, when the Turks were being driven back to Tchatalja, the last line of fortifications guarding Constantinople, the Ottoman army was depleted by 20,000 killed or fatally wounded. In several other engagements each side has lost upwards of the same number.

The stanch Bulgarian army, numbering 275,000 men when it took the field scarce a month ago, has stood the brunt of the fighting. Today, it is said, the army is exhausted, more than half of its hardy veterans killed or wounded, the others sustained only by their dauntless spirit. Little Montenegro's 50,000 men have thrown themselves recklessly into the fray on the other side of the hated enemy, and have suffered a loss of almost a third. Greece and Serbia have likewise lost heavily. But they have won a brilliant succession of victories, and the map of Europe has been changed overnight.

Philosophers will find room for marvel that in a generation that has made more progress toward world-peace than any other there should be such a bloody and inexorable war; fighting men will feel their veins fire with enthusiasm at the story of heroic sacrifice written with such unflinching hand in the face of certain death.

Both houses of the next legislature will suffer as the result of the election of last week. This is not a partisan cry. Impartial examination of the legislators chosen last Tuesday shows that several men of much-needed experience were defeated, in some instances by men lacking both experience and ability. The house will be left without an experienced man for the chairmanship of the important judiciary committee, and several other committees will be made up almost entirely of mediocre material. The senate has suffered less severely. Although both houses have Republican majorities, their record in the next legislature will undoubtedly be marred by lack of material for the body of the committees.

The kind of publicity that Honolulu is going to get out of the Makura quarantine incident is not desirable. Certainly the famed hospitality of the islands does not seem to have extended to the people detained on Quarantine island through no fault of their own.

In his younger days Colonel Roosevelt wrote an essay on "The Deceitful Red Herring". It is possible that he may write another one, shortly, on suckers.

Having his own way is a characteristic with Teddy. When he was shot he said that he wanted the campaign to go right ahead, and it did.

In the language of the turf, Link is off with a rush in the governorship race and leading by several lengths at the quarter-post.

Teddy has found out that the south is just as solid as ever, notwithstanding his visit. No shaky ground anywhere.

Russia and Austria apparently want to be in at the death of the Sick Man of Europe.

Christmas shopping is a very desirable topic to substitute now for party politics.

This silence at Oyster Bay is so sudden.

## LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

### "ELECTING" SENATORS.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir:—Permit me to question the announcement made in Saturday's Star-Bulletin that Senator Warren of Wyoming was re-elected to the Senate of the United States.

What is probably the case is that a legislature has been elected in Wyoming in which Senator Warren's party has a majority, which is likely next January to re-elect the Senator.

Senators are not chosen at popular elections, though a few states have primary elections for the nomination of a candidate whom the members of the legislature are pledged in advance to support.

The first Tuesday after the assembling of the Wyoming legislature just elected—certainly not earlier than next January—the two houses of the legislature will vote for senator. If Senator Warren has a majority in each house he will be declared elected.

If no one has a majority in both houses, on the following day the two houses meet in joint session and again vote, and anyone receiving a majority of the combined vote is declared elected.

A ballot must be taken each day of

the session until a senator is elected. If a deadlock continues throughout the whole session, the governor is not allowed to fill the vacancy—as he is with vacancies occurring when the legislature is not in session—but the state is unrepresented in the senate until the legislature does elect someone. For some years the state of Delaware had no representation in the senate, the result of a prolonged deadlock. Respectfully yours,  
HOWARD M. BALLOU.

[The Star-Bulletin is aware of the inaccuracy of speech which refers to a senator as "elected" when in reality only a legislature probably favoring him is elected. The same inaccuracy of speech is used in referring to a presidential election in November, whereas only the presidential electors are chosen at that time. In the case to which Mr. Ballou refers, the cablegram received here actually used the word "re-elected." The American habit of taking short-cuts in speech is ineradicable in politics and the reference to a senator as "elected" is so common as to approach dangerously near good usage. Mr. Ballou is perfectly correct in his statement as to the case, though the loose habit of speech will doubtless continue.]

## PERSONALITIES

J. A. BUCK, president of Hutchinson Sugar Plantation Company, is at present visiting the plantation in Kauai. MR. AND MRS. JOHN MADEIRA have announced the engagement of their daughter Lily to Mr. O. H. Ottersen.

MISS FLORENCE R. YARROW, who for many years was pastor's assistant at Central Union Church, is delivering lectures in New Jersey, with Hawaii as her subject.

MRS. A. C. SMITH, matron of the Homestead, was tendered a reception last night. A linen shower and loving cup (given in the remembrance Mrs. Smith leaves the position today.

REV. HENRY P. JUDD, of Kahului, Maui, accompanied by his wife and son, arrived in the city Sunday morning on a business trip. He will return to Kahului next Friday on the Clarendon.

FIRST LIEUT. W. H. PRIDGEN, First Infantry, has been detailed as judge-advocate of the general court-martial to meet at Schofield Barracks, vice Lieut. Harry Wells, who spent stress eating yoo.

## PEARL HARBOR

### JOB

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pled to say, and there are no delays threatened, just now. Drydock Coming Fast.

The big drydock itself has probably excited the interest of the general public more than any other single feature of Pearl Harbor, and for a time the contractors and navy engineers met with most disheartening setbacks. It being found that the bottom of the dock kept rising, and that it was seemingly impossible to get a solid foundation and a water tight concrete. The concrete troubles hung fire for months, and literally hundreds of experiments were made before a mixture was found that would properly set when poured under water.

Drydock work is progressing rapidly now, however, and the contractors are rushing things to make up for lost time. Since the extension to 1000 feet was authorized, the dock has been divided into five sections, of 200 feet each, and these are being concreted and finished separately. The second section is almost ready for pumping, and no accidents are looked for when the water level is lowered. The first section, which contained the original faulty concrete, is being cleaned out preparatory to having the new mixture poured. Word has just been received here that the collar Nero will make regular trips to and from San Francisco with loads of the Coast sand which forms a part of the successful concrete mixture. Coaling Plant New.

The coaling plant, which is located at the southern end of the reservation about midway down the entrance channel, is one of the most interesting construction jobs that the government is doing with its own labor.

As originally planned the plant was to cost \$300,000 and have a capacity of 100,000 tons. The word now comes that this will be increased to 200,000 tons capacity, which will almost double the cost. The coal is to be kept in a concrete container, under water, and it is merely a question of raising the height of the walls to increase the capacity. However, there is a running appropriation for "de-architect" in the navy, and funds

could be secured without the passage of a special added appropriation for Pearl Harbor.

The coaling plant includes a substantial wharf that vessels can tie to when filling their bunkers, and an electrically operated overhead railway, to carry coal cars to and from the supply fill. Everything about the plant will be automatic, so that there will be practically no handling of fuel. The wharf, which will be 400 feet in length and 45 feet wide, will be parallel to the shore line. It will rest on concrete piers, built according to an absolutely new design. These piers are hollow cylinders of concrete, 37 feet in length, and with a flaring, bell-shaped base, 9 feet in diameter. They will be cast on shore, and then swung over the water by the giant floating crane which is now being assembled at the Honolulu water front, and each cylinder will be fitted over a cluster of eleven piles, the tops of which extend 2 feet above the bottom, just enough to fill the base of the cylinder. Concrete will then be poured in the tube, making a solid pier. There will be 53 cylinders in all.

Building Complete. The seven industrial buildings are almost ready to receive their machinery equipment, but this will probably not be on the ground for almost a year. Its purchase was authorized in August, 1912. These shops are arranged in a double row off the waterfront, directly back of the drydock. In the front row are the pipefitting and plumbing, machine, shipfitters and boiler-makers, and forge shops. In the second row are the foundry, the wood-working shop, the power house, and the big storehouse. Back of this row is the administration building, on which no work has been done as yet. Still further back from the waterfront, about half a mile from the drydock, are the marine barracks and marine officers' quarters. Three houses—five sets of quarters—have been practically completed by the Spalding Construction Co., and the barracks, designed to house 500 men, are completed up to the first story. The contract for the industrial buildings and the administration building is held by the Concannon Co., and as soon as the industrials are completed, the construction force will be swung onto the administration job. In the meantime the engineers have their office in the completed bay of the wood-working shop.

No work has been done as yet on the naval officers' quarters, six sets in all, the contract for which is held by the Spalding Co.

## BUCKEYE CLUB WILL HOLD FALL MEETING

Rev. W. D. Westervelt to Show His Photos of New Zealand Geysers

The Fall meeting of the Buckeye Club will be held Friday evening at the residence of Dr. J. M. Whitney, Punahou. The feature of interest for the evening will be an exhibition of about 100 stereopticon views of the geysers region of New Zealand. These pictures are from photographs taken by Mr. Westervelt during his recent visit to New Zealand. There will be no special notice sent to individual members of the club. All Ohloans are very cordially invited to be present.

### BORN.

ABRAMS—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Abrams, Nov. 12, 1912, a son.

With regard to the large building which it was reported lately the Bleshop Estate was going to erect opposite the Young Hotel, it is stated on authority that the matter has not advanced even to the engagement of an architect by the trustees.

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### Furnished

Tantalus	\$40.00
Kaimuki	\$35.00
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## MAY CONFISCATE LOT ON FRONT STREET, HILO

Unless a fireproof building costing not less than \$3000 be erected on Lot No. 3, Front street, Hilo, Governor Pelear will order steps taken to confiscate the property. Such was his announcement yesterday following the

receipt of information that the present Japanese owners do not intend to comply with this building provision.

The lot was acquired originally from the Territory in a sale to W. S. Wise who in turn sold it to Hata, and the latter leased it to a Japanese firm there. The Territory made the condition given above when the original

sale took place. Now it is understood the lessees intend erecting a frame fish market structure on the premises. If the lessees persist in their intention the Governor says the Territory will take the matter into court.

Do a friend a favor and he will think he is doing you a favor in letting you do it.