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Tomorrow is fresh woods and pastures new.
—Milton.

THE STOCK MARKET AND THE WAR

Although war and rumors of war are shaking Europe, the financiers neither of the Continent nor of the United States seem to be greatly perturbed, in the opinion of that same and dispassionate organ, the Commercial and Financial Chronicle of New York. The Chronicle even seems to find room for hope that the war will be a measure stimulate transactions in securities at good prices.

Local businessmen will be interested in the Chronicle's summary of the situation from its peculiar point of view. After commenting on the fact that the Turks have failed to live up to their reputation as fighters, the Chronicle says: "On the European stock exchanges the news of actual war operations has been received with greatly increased composure. Even the hard-pressed Paris market has recovered, and in fact all the European markets have shown that, at any rate, the panicky feeling which prevailed in the second week of October has been effectually allayed."

Recognizing the fact that European sales in America of securities were unusually heavy just after and during the commencement of hostilities, the Chronicle nevertheless says: "It is now reasonably clear that although Europe's selling of stocks was largely based on apprehension of serious complications among the Great Powers, its more recent and more heavy liquidation was particularly due to existing conditions on the Continental stock exchanges. Scarcely at Paris and Berlin, warnings had been hastily given out, even before the first Balkan news, to the effect that the financial position on those markets was vulnerable."

"No one has heard any talk to the effect that the trade revival will be upset by the outbreak of the Balkan war. There have been no rumors, at least not of the stock exchange, even of such temporary distresses on financial markets and a general trade as occurred shortly after the general war broke out in 1893. Indeed, it should be remembered of the 1893 episode itself, that despite the numerous small complications which followed the British reverses and the withdrawal of money in December, it was only a few months before the American markets had resumed their equilibrium and the American trade revival was pursuing its course with no undue interruption."

"It is possible that when acute apprehensions regarding the Balkan war and its possible complications have passed away, the movement of money prosperity and even the advance on the foreign stock exchanges may be resumed. Under similar circumstances, after the outbreak of the Manchurian war of 1901, exactly this occurred. The sequel to the Boer war outbreak of 1899 was the opposite; the European boom was definitely ended."

FIELD REPORT VALUABLE NOW

It will be well in discussing possible changes in the city charter to turn back a few months to the report made by H. Gooding Field, the municipal expert of the chamber of commerce. That report pointed out precisely some of the things that have more recently been emphasized and which, it is stated, will be used as an argument for the next legislature to change the charter.

Mr. Field's report resulted in the dissatisfaction of the city fathers. He made a number of suggestions as to improving the organization of city government to secure greater efficiency. He pointed out the weak spots in the administration. He said, among other things, "Politics play a leading part in the administration of our local affairs, resulting in much friction, lack of co-ordination and absence of responsibility on the part of the governing board." He urged that politics be entirely eliminated from local administrative campaigns; that businessmen be elected to office; that the multiplicity of elective officers be reduced by means of the short ballot, saying very properly, "There is in city legislation neither safety nor wisdom in numbers." While not arguing it in so many words, he advocated the commission form of government adopted by many American cities, and now favored by not a few of the more prominent citizens of Honolulu. He declared that the city charter "needs a thorough remodeling, with a view to modernizing and energizing the public machine." He pointed out the necessity of the

segregation of territorial and city and county revenues, and the centralization of city offices.

This paper, at the time of the publication of that report, pointed out its value as a basis on which to work out needed changes, and recommended a similar investigation and report on matters territorial. It is not too late to take advantage of Mr. Field's suggestions. The "steering committee" recently appointed is a step in the right direction.

SCHOOLS THAT BUILD UP THE STATE

Hawaii's aims along the line of vocational training for youth will be brought before the next legislature. It is interesting to know the success that is meeting a movement of precisely this kind in a commonwealth where some of the industrial conditions are not dissimilar, — the state of Mississippi. A far-reaching movement now on in Mississippi is the wide range of industrial training being given in its common schools. Of the nine states in the Union engaged in this work Mississippi is understood to be in the lead.

This industrial training is known as the Boys' Corn Club and the Girls' Canning and Poultry Club movements, and is conducted under the leadership of a remarkably brilliant woman, Miss Susie V. Powell, supervisor of school improvement and state agent for girls' clubs.

The movement is making rapid headway. In 1911 two counties, with 150 club members among the girls in the common schools, put up 5,000 cans of tomatoes, potatoes, corn, figs, native fruits, and vegetables. In 1912 twelve counties, with 2,813 club members among the school girls, put up more than 200,000 cans of like products.

The central idea of this great movement is to teach the home with new life; to stimulate self-reliance and industrial productiveness; to strike hands with mother earth and utilize her vast bounties in the support and comfort of the home, as well as in the creation of thousands of modest bank accounts belonging to the school children of Mississippi; for the products of their industry are easily sold because of their excellence. The motto is, "To make the best better and to make the home living easier." The result will be that Mississippi will not only soon cease to be buying canned products from without, but will be shipping canned products beyond its borders by the carload.

Besides the effort described above, domestic science for the girls and many useful branches of mechanic arts for the boys are fast being introduced into the common schools of Mississippi — meaning that the industrial deliverance of the state is largely to be wrought out through its improved system of rural and urban common schools.

The spirit with which the state is undertaking all this useful work is indicated by one of its citizens who says, "We of Mississippi regard these changes as more far-reaching than the conquest of nations or the fate of dynasties."

Two years ago the direct primary bill passed the House and was killed in the Senate. Some of the same senators who helped nail down the coffin-lid in 1911 are in power still, and they have assented to the Republican platform pledging the party to pass the bill. It will be interesting to see whether their hammers come out in preparation for nailing down the lid again.

The Industrial Workers of the World are beginning their meddlesome activities here. Their aim is to provoke public discussion, to violate some city ordinance or law, to get arrested, and to secure sympathy in the pose of martyrs. Such has been their course elsewhere. The best way to defeat their mischievous activities is to ignore them.

We have heard that old furniture is valuable, but the announcement that the chair of agronomy in the University of California is worth \$5,000 a year is rather staggering.

The National Guard armory has progressed as far as the pictures. Still, it's a good guess the armory will be erected before the federal building materializes.

Governor Frear's opening message to the legislature evidently is going to contain some interesting reading.

Nick Longworth seems to be another victim of the third-term ambitions of the doctory colonel.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

SUPT. ECKHARDT—The victim of the Chinese herb doctor was never in the Queen's Hospital.
GEORGE RODIEK—Nothing will be decided about starting a cigar factory in Honolulu for Kona tobacco until the return of Manager Daniels from New York.

PERSONALITIES

FRANK C. ATHERTON was yesterday elected a trustee of Oahu College and this afternoon signified his acceptance.
MR. AND MRS. ALFRED GERNER of Puunene are spending a few days vacation in the city. Mr. Gerner is one of the division overseers of Hawaiian Commercial.
ROBERT W. BRECKONS U. S. district attorney, who sustained a bad fracture of the shoulder on the eve of the recent election, is able to visit his office daily no wand the routine of duty will be taken up again. He is still unable to use the right arm and his work will move slowly. The physicians say he will not have the free use of the arm for several weeks.

RAWLINS NAMED NEW PRESIDENT OF THE A. A. U.

Planning a year of activity, the Amateur Athletic union held its annual meeting yesterday afternoon at Public Service Association headquarters and elected officers.
W. T. Rawlins, one of the leading amateur sportsmen of the islands, and whose experience in matters athletic is wide both here and on the mainland, was elected president of the association. Leslie W. Wisard of Punahou, vice-president; and Lorin Andrews, secretary and treasurer.
President Rawlins said this morning that the association plans an active year. Several feature meets are in contemplation and will be settled upon shortly.

BACKING LINK

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to take action forwarding McCandless' candidacy.
Indicating the determination of the committee to back Link was another decision reached last night. It was decided that if it became necessary to send a man to present McCandless' claims to the governorship to the Democratic administration in Washington, that the committee would send a man there for that purpose. National Committeeman John H. Wilson was also instructed to communicate the decision of the committee to the national body and to Governor Wilson himself, as soon as possible.
Miss Estelle Hiss, his present clubs out of the seven on the island, have already sent in their indorsements of Mr. McCandless, signed by the great majority of the club membership, it is stated.

At the meeting last night there was an advocate of O. J. Waller. Ben Kahaheuna stated that Mr. Waller had asked him for his support some time ago, but that his own precinct club had instructed him to support McCandless and he would do so. During the discussion, it was brought out that there is opposition here, and would probably be more in Washington, to Mr. Waller on account of his prominence in the Mormon church.

Harry Irwin of Hilo, who was credited this morning with introducing the resolution in favor of McCandless, asked the Star-Bulletin to state that he did not introduce the resolution, but that Mr. Waller did so. "However, I am strongly in favor of Mr. McCandless," said Mr. Irwin today, "and I know that the overwhelming sentiment of the Democrats of the island of Hawaii is with him. We will make an active campaign for McCandless if governor in case Governor Frear should be reappointed and give evidence of holding office after Wilson becomes president."
Another correction.

Mr. Irwin corrected another report that he is seeking the position of attorney general. "I have made not one move for an indorsement, nor am I seeking the position," he emphasized. "A number of Democrats have suggested my name for the position, but I am not an active candidate, nor shall I campaign for the place."
Irwin will return to Hilo tomorrow. He says that sentiment on all sides is rapidly solidifying for McCandless, and that the territorial and national Democratic committees will work in absolute harmony. "No appointments will be made here from Washington without consultation with the Democratic committee and the national committeeman, John H. Wilson, who is in close touch with Chairman McCandless of the national committee," said Irwin today.

EXPENSES OF CANDIDATES

Since last report in this paper no more statements of election expenses have been filed by municipal candidates. Those still to report are L. Keirle for supervisor, J. Lightfoot for attorney, C. H. Rose for deputy sheriff and some deputy sheriff candidates in the outside districts.

Some people can look so far into the future that they can't see the present.

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