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Defer not till tomorrow to be wiser.—Cicero.

FREE SUGAR SCARE AGAIN

Honolulu is going through its periodic state of near-panic because of a rumor that something is going to happen to the sugar tariff.

Now, in the opinion of this paper,—an opinion shared, we happen to know, by not a few conservative, keen-thinking businessmen, there is no need to worry over the prospect of free sugar, and no use in worrying, anyway.

Champ Clark, speaker of the House, is reported to have declared for free sugar, William Jennings Bryan is reported to favor free sugar, and other Democratic leaders are talking free sugar.

But the House is going to be a comparatively small factor in sugar-tariff legislation. The probabilities are good that the House will affirm its stand for free sugar by the passage of just another such bill as that which was sent out of Democratic caucus last year and which the Democratic House only to be defeated by the Senate refusing to consider it.

As a matter of politics, the House is virtually forced to favor free sugar again. But between the time and perfected free sugar legislation there will be time for a Senate veto, President Wilson. The Senate is not going to pass any free sugar bill, in the opinion of men who know the governmental game from the inside and outside.

The House will pass a bill as a matter of expediency on pre-election announcements from Champ and of making political capital for the future. The Senate, still strongly protectionist in complexion, still with a staunch Republican membership, with Democrats from tariffed areas, will play better politics than the House and will stand by the business interests of the country.

It is a certainty that the Democratic administration as a whole will do everything in its power to avoid a clash with the big business interests of the country. The most conspicuous example of this is the administration's policy on the sugar tariff.

Secretary Fisher announces that he will make an elaborate report on the Hawaiian Islands, separate and apart from his conclusions on the governorship matter.

During the next few months there will be many free-sugar scares emanating from Washington. But have no fear, they will be inspired for political effect; they will be either the foreboding moans of the politicians going out of office, or the loud trumpets of politicians going into office.

Hawaii has re-elected a Republican as delegate to Congress and thereby placed this territory in a position not only to oppose free sugar, but to oppose the Democratic attitude in the House.

This territory is in a position to fight free-sugar consistently and will do so. Meanwhile, we advise those holding sugar stocks not to be alarmed. They can't unload, anyway, in the present state of the market, and they might just as well go through the winter in a cheerful as in an anxious frame of mind.

A NEW VIEW OF CANAL DEFENSE

Thoughtful students of military affairs will find much of good sense in an article on Panama Canal defense that Admiral Mahan, U. S. N., has recently written.

Granting even that the treaty with the two states named imply more than an engagement on the part of the United States to assist and to secure the neutrality of the canal, and pledge also Great Britain and Panama to an active support of that neutrality, their pledges do not involve any other states.

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When Victor L. Berger was elected to Congress, the first Socialist to receive the honor, his party jubilantly announced that his victory was but the beginning.

Honolulu is always on the verge of learning just who are the "higher-ups" in the opium traffic here, but as yet the sleuths have failed to make good on their dark hints.

Somewhat the Wyoming contingent does not seem much dashed to earth since the election.

William Jennings Bryan for secretary of state is the guess many mainland newspapers are making.

No Democrat has yet had the temerity to suggest ousting Kappelmeister Berger from his municipal office.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

IN HONOLULU GOING TO THE DOGS! Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Sir:—Has Honolulu a poundkeeper or has it not? If it has one, why does he not make periodical trips, say once ten years, to the suburbs of the city and clean up some of the curs that are getting so numerous that one has to kick them out of one's way?

come as overtopping with dogs that, outside of their becoming a nuisance during the night hours, it is getting positively dangerous to travel the outlying streets after dark.

FREAR'S PLANK

false rumor that has gained circulation is Honolulu and doubtless on the other islands, Governor Frear has announced the formation of a commission to investigate the possibility of recommending for Honolulu will not include the appointment of the commissioners by the Governor, but will provide for their election by the people.

On this understanding the Governor's idea already has received the endorsement of Mayor Joe Fern and Supervisor Eben Lee, both of whom have openly announced today are in favor of the plan.

CHINESE HERB DOCTOR MAY FACE CHARGES Chew Fong, the Chinese herb doctor, who treated a patient for compound fracture of the leg last week, will be brought before the board of health for investigation.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS EDUCATION BUDGET The commissioners of the board of education will hold a special meeting tomorrow in the senate chamber to decide upon several items of business and considering the financial budget.

WAIALUA HITS PAR FOR 137 SHARES Heavy dumping of sugar stocks is shown on the stock sheet today.

WANTS LOST From Palolo Valley, black horse, freshly clipped, branded "K. A." left hind leg. Finder return to T. C. McCuire, 1633 South King St. and receive reward. 294-17

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BIG WAR JUNK BELIEVED SEEN

The big Chinese war-junk, Ningpo, manned by an intrepid little company of European officer and Chinese sailors, dispatched from Shanghai, China, to southern California is believed to have been sighted by officers in the Japanese freighter Unkai Maru, Number "2" which has arrived at Honolulu with a cargo of coal and is being fumigated at an instance of the Special Public Health and Quarantine officials.

It is claimed that the three attempts to sail the old vessel across the ocean have cost the promoters in the neighborhood of fifteen thousand dollars.

THE DUKAI MARU is expected to be brought to a berth at the Inter-island dock, where this afternoon, it is the present intention to give the vessel a prompt dispatch. The vessel is understood to proceed to the coast upon leaving here, where a cargo of lumber will be loaded for the Far East or Australia.

HILLO, November 15.—County officials are discussing a plan to secure from the legislature an appropriation for a concrete county building here.

County Engineer Southworth is now busy getting together data and information in regard to the proposed concrete building. From Architects Ripley and Reynolds, who designed the Kauai building, he has received a set of these plans, which are being used as a basis of comparison and for the purpose of letting ideas for the ground plan.

The new building should be erected on the site of the present county headquarters, and this brings up again the proposition of a civic center for Hilo.

Special rates for Island people at "Pleasanton Hotel" for all year round.—advertisement

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