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Good company and good discourse are the very sinews of civility.—Walton.

HAMILTON WRIGHT MABIE

Theodore Roosevelt's associate in the fight for Progressivism in national affairs, Hamilton Wright Mabie, speaks with authority today when he declares that the fight will go on. His interview in the Star-Bulletin today is an important announcement direct from the councils of the Progressive party.

Honolulu is glad to welcome Dr. Mabie not only because he brings a message of international importance, but for his own sake. He has achieved deserved recognition in many years of editorial work. He stands high as a critic; his is a vigorous voice always raised for truth and sanity.

SUGAR SANITY

The Star-Bulletin presents with much satisfaction today a summary of the sugar-tariff situation from its Washington correspondent, C. S. Albert. Mr. Albert, an sugarman here known as "the turn" on tariff legislation consistently during the last session of Congress, never failing to keep the readers of the Bulletin informed as to what was about to happen both in the House and in the Senate. The one unexpected over-night move of the Democratic caucus in favoring a free-sugar bill came as a surprise to everybody, even Democratic senators, and this was the only action of either house that Mr. Albert had not accurately forecast.

In summing up the situation, Mr. Albert finds practically no danger of a free-sugar bill passing Congress, and he believes that the cut in the tariff, even if made by the Democratic powers after March 4, will probably be not more than a third.

As this paper has often urged, there is no use in being downcast over the sugar situation, and a long face, assiduously at this time is entirely unwarmed for.

UP AND DOWN

The commissioners of public instruction got through some good work at the meeting just finished, not the least of which was holding a two-day session in harmony and without evidence of factional feeling. Prior to the meeting of the board there arose the crop of rumors that has invariably preceded a gathering of the educators, most of the rumors dealing with rows that were likely to develop in the board itself. Nothing of the sort happened.

The reason was that the commissioners "talked out in meekness" fully and frankly, and what might have been grievances if nursed in secret were easily disposed of by open discussion among the members of the board. More businesslike methods of handling the board's work will unquestionably result from this meeting, as it was shown that much of the small, nagging trouble of the past has been due to needless misunderstandings as to just what the board did, just what motions were put, in just what form business was carried through.

One unpleasant duty confronted the commissioners in considering the case of a teacher who had erred and whose dismissal from the department was necessary. In making public the reasons for asking the teacher's resignation, the commissioners took precisely the course that should settle the incident once and for all. The community where this teacher had been stationed was torn open by factional feeling engendered because the circumstances surrounding the case were not known or understood in their true significance. The only way to end the gossiping and harmful rumors and to put the school back into working order again, was to clean up the matter thoroughly, and this the commissioners did. Moreover, the department has given formal warning that it will not tolerate teachers who personally smother the high ideals of the profession they represent.

The board finished its work with good feeling all around and mutual respect heightened among the members. It has been Hawaii's misfortune that the commissioners of education have been divided among themselves in the past. The meeting just closed demonstrated that the commission is not only capable, but that it will attack the big problems of educating the youth of Hawaii without stopping for petty irritation and small misunderstandings.

SKIRMISHING FOR THE GOVERNORSHIP

Democrats of Hawaii are certainly living up to time-honored party tradition in starting some healthy fights over the governorship situation. Indeed, one of the chief joys of the defeated Republicans this winter is going to be in watching the Bourbons scout, deploy, charge and skirmish in the endeavors of one or another faction to convince Mr. Wilson that one or another party leader here is deserving the gubernatorial scepter. Unquestionably the certainty that Mr. E. M. Watson is in the field, not as a candidate, to be sure, but as a possibility, is going to head off support that otherwise would have gone either to Mr. McCandless or Mr. Walter. Watson has been a life-long Democrat; he is a Democrat because he believes in the principles of Democracy, whether his party be in power or out of power. He has the confidence of all classes in the community. Furthermore, he would have assured standing in Washington, probably the widest acquaintance there of any gubernatorial possibility so far mentioned, and friends of great influence in Congress and with the new president. Mr. Watson's statement to the Star-Bulletin the other day cleared up the doubt as to whether he would accept the position were it offered him, and from that moment he is to be regarded as a serious possibility.

McCandless is sure of the support of the Democratic organization of the territory, and his recent remarkable run in the election for delegate strengthened him greatly with party leaders in this county who were previously inclined to disaffection. If the friends of Mr. Watson press his name actively, the question is going to be whether the Democratic territorial committee, county committee, precinct clubs and national committeeman can outweigh the strong support of substantial business interests, hosts of personal friends, many party supporters and influence in Washington. The strength of the first will be for McCandless, the strength of the second for Watson.

These two men are most prominently mentioned in their own party.

Unless the Democrats here can agree pretty thoroughly upon a candidate for governor, the result of a scrap between party factions is not unlikely to be, as Mr. Lorrin A. Thurston has predicted in San Francisco, that Governor Frear, reappointed by Taft, will be allowed to serve out his term.

PATERNALISM IN DENMARK

When Denmark was yet an absolute monarchy, the mildness of its king's rule was quoted as an exception to the general run of despotism, ancient and modern. Today Denmark is rivaling the ultra-progressives of the United States in paternal measures of protection for the pockets of the masses. It even discounts the makers of the Kansas "blue sky" law in an enactment that went into effect on the first of October this year.

According to Consul General Winslow at Copenhagen, this Danish law, which has called forth some criticism by the merchants, has a provision that forbids more than two "clearing" sales a year by any firm. Exceptions are made in case a bankrupt stock is to be sold or the death of a partner or owner shall cause the closing out of the business "below cost," or if a bona fide winding up of the business is undertaken, or if the place of business is to be removed to another locality, etc. If, however, any of the above exceptions can be shown not to have been true a criminal prosecution is possible. The law furthermore contains penal clauses for persons who are found guilty of using false descriptions of goods offered for sale, of employing false business names or firms in carrying on trade, and the like.

Consular Reports says that similar laws have come into force in Germany.

"Sunny Jim" McCandless hasn't sold a dollar of his sugar stock, even after a summer spent in the midst of California's political upheavals. Nobody ever accused him of being slow to grasp a situation, either. The reason why he hasn't sold is that he is not afraid of the immediate future of sugar in this territory.

We note from press dispatches that the word "imbroglio" seems to have been dropped by the war correspondents in favor of "ultimatum".

Col. Bryan denies he has been offered a cabinet job, but he does not deny that he would take one.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

BERT LIGHTFOOT — Tell Jack Lewis there's a letter from one of his Alameda pals awaiting him at the Healan house.

W. O. AIKEN — Affairs on Maui are prospering. We have no reason to fear the next administration, and things are moving along about as usual.

E. A. MOTT-SMITH (who has been signing several thousand birth certificates the last few days)—It's lots of fun making funny citizens, but my right hand gets awfully tired.

WM. BUSH—Kapaeha intends to have the Kapaeha road widened during the year 1913 or make the Democratic party think a tornado has struck the old town good and hard.

AL. EVANS (who is toward, Chiyo Maru)—It seems good to be back on the trans-Pacific run again. After a year spent on the mainland, I am prepared to witness many changes in Honolulu.

A. E. LARIMER—The class in advanced shorthand, which started Tuesday night, is proving a great success, and more students are applying for admission. There is still room for a few more.

ALEXANDER HUME FORD—I think it will be a great improvement when the men who can write better articles than most of us literary men are admitted into the Honolulu Press Club. It will benefit both us and them.

JAMES A. RATH—We have moved into our new building, and I am pleased to say that in the new quarters we will be far better able to carry on our work. The dispensary, which is located in the basement, is much larger than the old one and is better equipped for our line of work.

H. FRANKEL—The Hughes Musical Comedy Company, which has been recruited on the coast, will be a far better and more evenly matched company of players than any similar organization playing to Honolulu audiences. The company is to arrive here the last of this month.

E. R. HENDRY—in subpoenaing a young Hawaiian woman as a witness for the federal grand jury yesterday, I found her a member of a "dago red" drinking party. When she came to my office this morning her nerves were so badly shattered she was hardly able to write her name on the appearance papers.

J. H. HUNT—I am down here in the interests of the preferred stock issue of Hunt Brothers Company, also inspecting the pineapple interests. I have been coming to Honolulu for ten years and if I didn't believe in the development of the Islands I would not be here so often. We are sales agents for the products of the Hawaiian Pineapple Company.

C. H. MERRIAM—I got four deer and a few birds on Molokai. It is not easy to get at the deer, owing to the practice of the ranchmen in hunting them with hounds—something that is not allowed in any of the states. At first it was hard to get the range, the depth of the gulches, making distances hard to estimate. I don't think the deer are doing as much damage as they are charged with.

PERSONALITIES

MISS HELEN K. WILDER and Mr. Sam Wight will arrive on the Lurline, Dec. 18th to spend the winter with Mrs. E. K. Wilder.

MR. AND MRS. C. L. WIGHT are in Madrid, Spain. After traveling through Italy, Germany and England they will arrive back in New York for the winter.

THREE MORE SUGAR STOCKS SLUMPED

Sugar stocks that had not already got "there" have been getting it as fast as any of them have been let go since yesterday's session of the stock exchange. Hawaiian Commercial sloughed off four points to 33 for 150 shares. Hawaiian Sugar dropped two and a half points to 37.50 for 100 and 25 shares. Onomea fell on the board, also two and a half points, to 33.50 for five shares, which was the only transaction at today's session.

McBryde has again relapsed, shedding a half point in a sale of 60 shares at 5. Waihalu, which had lost four points since Thursday last, held its own at 98.50 for 40, 10 and 10 shares.

Oahu Railway is unchanged at 27 for 10 shares. Hilo Railroad tumbled off a half point to 3 for 10 and 5 shares. Pineapple is down a quarter point to 45.75 for 20 and 10 shares.

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SUGAR CUT WILL NOT BE HEAVY

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of the changes suggested and they must abandon the making of sugar. Wilson's Position.

It is understood President-elect Wilson does not favor free sugar, but believes a small reduction in duties should be made. This could be later followed by another limited reduction, if the industry was able to stand the cut. He favors piecemeal modification of all tariffs, the second slice to depend for size on the effect of the first installment.

The only present handicap which threatens to confront Governor Wilson when he assumes the Presidency, is complete inability to carry out any fixed or systematic policy of downward tariff revision. While the House will certainly be Democratic, to the extent of having an unwieldy majority of that faith, the Senate promises to remain under Republican control. That is, the Progressives will hold the balance of power. They will only consent to limited revision and thus the Democrats will have no opportunity of going to the limit promised in campaign harangues. The same will prove true regarding other partisan legislation. The Progressives will be the balance wheel, the governor on the engine, and prevent any radical damage by alternately voting with the Regulars and the Democrats.

Progressives Hold Key. Even if late returns should give the Democrats an actual majority in the Senate, it would be useless, as many of the Southern Senators have seen the advantages of protection and will never vote to throw them aside. Their country is now being built up under tariff benefits derived by certain industries. Their constituents would promptly repudiate them if their votes were cast for any reckless downward revision which would prove detrimental to the people at home.

The Progressives will surely cooperate with the Democrats in making a reasonable reduction of many tariff schedules, but they will balk at any which withdraw what they consider fair and adequate protection. This stubbornness is fully illustrated by the position assumed by the Progressives relative to revising the sugar schedule of the Payne-Aldrich act. They will under no circumstances go below a rate of 1.52% per 100 pounds of refined sugar. They would in addition remove the differential and abolish the Dutch color standard.

Middle Ground on Other Duties. A middle ground is also taken regarding lower duties on steel, other metals, wool, cotton and chemicals. They will not consent to the sweeping reductions proposed by the Democrats.

Many shrewd observers of signs and prophecies predict the Democratic party will almost at once split into two or more factions. They foresee that Governor Wilson as president cannot carry water on both shoulders without getting drenched.

Seemingly united, the Democratic party today is well-nigh as badly divided as the Republicans. Wise-appearing doubt prevails whether the new President will be able to keep it from being hopelessly split in the next four years.

The thing put up to Governor Wilson and put up to him hard is to keep his party from breaking to pieces as the Republican party has done in recent months and at the same time accomplish enough in fulfillment of Democratic pre-election promises to satisfy the country.

On the face of it, an achievement of this sort seems almost impossible. How to meet the demands of the progressive elements of his party and not have a hopeless falling out with the reactionaries of that party, few are able to discern. Many believe he will be at war with one wing of his party in Congress before he has been in office six months. He cannot run things to suit Bryan and the Bryan men and at the same time get along with the conservatives, if he tries to trim between the lines and please both factions, his political fate may be as disastrous as that of Mr. Taft.

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