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Whatever makes men good Christians makes them good citizens.—Daniel Webster.

A QUESTION FOR THE VOTERS

What kind of men does Honolulu want for supervisors?

The board of supervisors of the city and county of Honolulu is perhaps the most powerful public body in the territory. Through its police committee it can control the police department, through its sanitation committee it can control the garbage department and city sanitary inspectors; through its street and road committee it can control the road department. Other departments of the city are similarly dominated. The domination would be even more absolute than it is were not Democrats strongly entrenched in the police department.

The mayor of the city has few duties and practically no powers, save that of the veto, and to pass a measure over his veto, only one vote more than a majority of the board is necessary.

The board of supervisors controls the city's finances, its public improvements, its public entertainment—all its public affairs; the board guides the progress of the city or hinders the progress, according to the character of the board itself. The office of mayor, originally intended as a check on the board's acts as well as an executive head for the city government, has no standing in Honolulu. It is a political plum, not a civic honor, and even as a political plum it is almost valueless.

What kind of men does Honolulu want for supervisors?

Does this city want men who go to office to serve public interest, or men who go into office to serve private interest?

Does this city want men who will have to be watched in office, or men in whom the citizens have confidence?

Does this city want two years of suspicion that its supervisors are trying to "put something over" or does it want two years of frank cooperation between the supervisors and all the people in the service of all the people?

TRUSTS AND EFFICIENCY

Louis D. Brandeis, the noted Boston attorney, whose advocacy of industrial efficiency has made him a noted figure, has recently punctured the claim that great trusts are efficient because of their system of organization.

Brandeis analyzes the later history of several big trusts, such as Standard Oil and the Tobacco trust, showing that with the growth of these huge monopolies they showed a distinct loss in efficiency. In telling of the Steel trusts history he declares that Andrew Carnegie was the greatest maker of steel the world has ever known. He could always produce steel several dollars a ton cheaper than his competitors, and the Steel trust, to get him out of business, bought his holdings for over \$490,000,000. With the retirement of Carnegie, maintains Brandeis, the steel business lost its most efficient figure, and he uses this as an illustration of the lack of relative efficiency in the huge and inflated trusts.

Brandeis' conclusion is that trusts owe their wonderful success not to efficiency but to their control of the elements of production and marketing; in other words, to monopoly and its accompaniment of special privilege. He shows that the Ship trust, although backed by the same great financiers that backed the Steel trust and Standard Oil, J. P. Morgan & Co, being one of those principally interested, has never been a success because it could not get a monopoly of Atlantic traffic.

From the facts, Brandeis deduces the interesting lesson that any business depends upon the brains and energy of one man, and when the system of organization gets beyond the grasp of some one master-mind, efficiency suffers. He therefore sets a human and physical limitation on the size of businesses that are efficient.

COMPLIMENTS FOR HAWAII

In an article upon fertilizers on the cane-field, being in part a review of a work by F. E. Nesom, director of agriculture, on the sugar industry of the Philippines, Tropical Life, a London magazine, says:

"Some years ago we met one of the officials on the Ewa plantation (Hawaii), and were much struck with the heavy yields of sugar per acre he said were obtained from that estate, but when

our friend went into details as to the cost of their manure bill per acre, then we understood how it was that they secured such yields. At the same time the heavy manure bills paid and paid well, and were our West Indian isles to manure and cultivate their lands as the Americans are doing on the Ewa, Waialua and other estates in Hawaii, they would find their returns and profits also increase. Those, however, who have visited British Guiana, Trinidad, etc., with the object of trying to induce the estate managers there to modernize their methods, met with so chilling a reception that, realizing the hopelessly out-of-date class of man they had to do with, they transferred their attention elsewhere and left the West Indian sugar estates to go their own way. When sugar prices assume their normal level, and we hear the cry of no profits, then we shall know the cause, for if you do not cultivate and manure, you cannot expect to reap."

A footnote to the article says: "In a report issued in December last at Honolulu the average yield of pure sugar per acre for the Sandwich Islands is given as nearly nine tons." This is too much butter for the sandwiches altogether. The editor must have mistaken the report of one plantation for a report of the whole group.

PHILIPPINE EDUCATION

Under the leadership of American educators, Philippine education is making a remarkable advance. Indeed, according to recent reports received at the United States bureau of education, there are features of present-day education in the Philippines that are well worth the careful attention of school leaders in the United States.

It is in the field of industrial training and useful arts that the Filipinos, under American teachers, are making the most notable progress; such progress, in fact, that in certain lines—particularly lace-making and embroidery—the products of the Philippine schools not only compare favorably with the work of the famous French and Swiss experts, but promise to compete with them successfully in the world's markets.

The whole system of education in the Philippines is based on the principle that the children should receive training that will prepare them directly for the life they are to live. The boys receive manual training from the very beginning. In the lowest grades they make articles that they can use and sell, both in their own localities and elsewhere. The most important industry taught the boys is hat-weaving.

In the girls' schools plain sewing and house-keeping have generally formed the prescribed courses, but recently lace-making and embroidery have been introduced because they are arts which, besides possessing educational value, furnish the girls with a remunerative occupation.

Canada is talking of refusing entrance to suffragettes as "undesirables." That would be an easy loophole for Premier Borden, whose movements to escape suffrage inquiries during his recent trip to England were rapid and frequent.

Now that aeroplanes in war have been forbidden by the Geneva conference, we might as well stick to the old, merciful way of spending billions for battleships in the expectation of a terrible sea fight at some future date.

If all the citizens of Honolulu were as vigorous in their appeal for above-board methods as are the men of Kaimuki, enough slates would have been broken last week to pave King street.

If any Republican party leaders believe that this community will stand for control of its city and county government by the liquor interests, there is an awakening coming.

The board of supervisors hesitates between ohia and bitulthic paving, reminding one forcibly of "I could be happy with either, were I either dear charmer away."

The noise of the steam-roller is heard considerably beyond McKinley high school. In fact, its echoes reached Kaimuki last Thursday.

Secretary Fisher has found flaws in the tax-law. Most of us haven't been able to figure out what it means, anyway.

Agua Prieta is getting almost as much publicity as Seagirt and Oyster Bay.

Paul Isenberg evidently figures that Congress won't revise a tariff on coal.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

ABEL S. NASCIMENTO—It's an ill wind that does not blow somebody some good. Owing to the drought in Nuanetsi, artesian well water is being pumped into the mains of Pinetown district and the people there are using the good water for the first time.

A. C. GEAR, On the thirtieth of January, 1912, the Electoral College will meet to vote for President. The soundly like a lucky day. On the seventh of February, 1912, the electoral votes will be opened up before a joint session of the Senate and the House, so that in all probability the date when the House will vote for the election of the president and the Senate for that of the Vice-President. The Vice-President is to be elected from the two highest candidates, who will probably be Johnson of California and Marshall of Indiana. As it is unlikely that La Follette and the other Progressives will vote for the Roosevelt man, the probability is that Marshall will be the choice, and in the event of a deadlock in the House, become President of the United States.

CENTRAL SCHOOL TO DIVIDE TIME

The Central Grammar school of this city has a great many more applicants for admission than it can at present accommodate with its present number of teachers and equipment. The greater number of pupils making application are little children of the first grade who cannot go any great distance to attend other schools. Tomorrow the lower grades will be reorganized. This will be done by dividing the time, giving each teacher of the first grade two sessions per day. While this arrangement shortens the hours somewhat, it will give all the children of the school age in that locality an opportunity to go to school.

This has been done in other localities in the territory and has proven quite successful.

TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE

A meeting of the educational committee of the Y. M. C. A. will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock to consider the problem of vocational guidance. It will be decided as to how it can best be introduced here, what studies must be introduced into the Y. M. C. A. curriculum, and the question as to the advisability of bringing an expert from the mainland to handle the problem. It is expected that a number of local people interested in it.

W. T. Potts, superintendent of public instruction, will preside, and others present will be President Gilmore of the College of Hawaii; Edgar Wood, principal of the Normal School; W. H. Habbit, Ernest Kopke and A. E. Larimer, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. educational department.

Yesterday was the first day of enrollment for the night school, and from all indications the attendance will be large. It is expected that at least three hundred students will be entered for the course in the school this term, as compared with two hundred and sixty four last year.

OAHU IS ACTIVE ON WEAK MARKET

Although the market is designated as weak, there is a good deal of movement shown in Oahu from between sessions of the exchange as well as on the board, sales of 110 and 60 shares respectively being recorded at the former rate of 27.25, in lots ranging from 10 to 50 shares. Unusual maintenance 58.50 for 10 and 10 shares in recess and advanced a quarter on the board for 10 more. Kahuku is unchanged at 16 for 10 shares on the board.

Oahu Railway & Land Co. holds its late rise to 142.50 for 12 shares between sessions, while Brewery stock is shaded down an eighth in sales of 22, 28 and 15 at 21.12 1/2.

Bonds continue in evidence with sales of \$6000 and \$4000 Hilo Extension sixes at 96.50 and \$5000 Natanas sixes at 94.

Tanker Herrin Brings Fuel Oil. A shipment of 50,000 barrels fuel oil consigned to the local branch of the Associated Oil Company arrived this morning from San Francisco as cargo in the American tanker W. F. Herrin. The vessel sailed from the coast port on September 15th, in command of Captain G. B. McDonald. She went to the railway wharf to discharge. The vessel is to be given quick dispatch and is expected to return to the coast within a day or so.

PERSONALITIES

W. H. LAWRENCE, a Manila attorney, was a passenger in the Pacific Mail S. S. Korea en route to the coast.

MRS. P. P. CHASE, wife of an officer connected with the Philippine government, and stationed at Zamboanga, was numbered among the Pacific Mail line's through passengers.

DR. EGON LENOR, an army official connected with a foreign location in the Far East, arrived in the Pacific Mail S. S. Korea yesterday and intends remaining for some weeks in the Islands.

A. T. HELLAYER, Mrs. Hellyer and two sons are returning from Japan to the mainland as passengers in the S. S. Korea. Mr. Hellyer is a well-known tea buyer connected with a large Chicago firm.

A. MARONI, traveling chef for the Pacific Mail, joined the Korea at the Japanese ports, and is proceeding to the mainland in that vessel. Maroni is credited with having done much toward the improvement of cuisine on Pacific Mail liners.

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS NOTES

The 3rd Battalion of the 2nd Infantry from Fort Shafter under the command of Captain Geo. R. Jameson, reached the Post Monday at ten o'clock and are now encamped near the 2nd Infantry cantonment. They will remain here until Wednesday when the march for their home station will be resumed.

The march has been via the Pali and Halewa Hotel and has been devoted to field instruction. The entire command is reported in excellent condition. Lieut. L. H. McAfee, medical Corps is the attending surgeon.

The band of the regiment met the battalion a short distance outside the garrison and escorted it to its camp-site.

The officers are the guests of the Regiment and are being entertained at the various homes for dinners and luncheons during their stay, though sleeping of course, in their camp.

The continuation of the trial of Dr. Vans Agnew, veterinarian 5th Cavalry occurred Monday afternoon.

The proceedings were uneventful and the prosecution having finished its case with the examination of Major McClure, the defense began by introducing various enlisted men to rebut evidence previously brought out. An early termination of the case it now looked for.

The Signal Corps detachment has completed the work of erecting the masts for the new wireless station just east of Colonel McGinnegle's quarters. The masts are 140 feet in height and their erection showed great skill as no special machinery was available.

The intention is to complete the wireless station in time for its use during the coming maneuvers in connection with the portable wireless sets carried by troops in the field.

Two alarms of fire were sounded Sunday night at about midnight. One was for a small blaze at the Cavalry mess-hall and the other in the Post bakery. The flames were easily extinguished and but small damage done.

Fire continues a great menace as the water situation notwithstanding every economy is still a serious matter. Two additional sources of supply have been discovered but they are small in amount neither exceeding 1500 gallons daily. The daily minimum need of the garrison exclusive of animals is estimated to be 120,000 gallons.

A baseball game between the Shafter battalion and the 1st battalion 2nd Infantry was hurriedly arranged on the result was in favor of the home team by a score of 9 to 8. A game will be played today at two o'clock between the First Infantry and a picked team of the Second. Kibbey of the Oahu league is a member of the Fort Shafter contingent and will probably pitch.

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