

The Primary Election--A Victory For Good Government

Honolulu voters responded magnificently on Saturday to the opportunity to strike a vigorous blow for good citizenship and a better-governed city. Heading the Republican ticket, Mayor Lane was re-elected by an impressive majority over J. C. Cohen. Furthermore, the total of Lane's and Cohen's vote is so far ahead of that given Joe Fern by the Democrats that Lane should win the final and save Honolulu from the unwelcome experience of again having as chief executive of the city the grotesque and ridiculously inadequate Fern. As the situation looks now, Lane will be returned to office by a decisive figure and the city's executive administration will not be wrecked by Democratic patronage-grabbers. Out of eighteen Republican and fourteen Democratic candidates for supervisor the voters picked for their largest support the best men running, almost without exception. There is not a candidate on the Republican ticket who is unacceptable. And the voters gave a tremendous non-partisan support to two men on the Democratic ticket--Petrie and McClellan--who will be elected on June 5. These two stood head and shoulders over their comrades, while the first five on the Republican ticket ran so high that their success is assured--if the vote on June 5 stands squarely by the issue of good government as it did on Saturday. For the first time in years, the way is opened to redeem the police department from its rotten inefficiency under Rose. The size of the vote polled by Edward Hopkins in defeating John Wise for the nomination was a revelation to scores of the old-timers who hadn't given the youngster a chance. Hopkins brought to the campaign fresh blood, a vigorous, straightforward pledge to the people to give the best that is in him, and a record for efficient, soldierly qualities as one of the best Hawaiian officers of the national guard. Unhindered by old political or personal feuds, he was able to make a thicket primary campaign and simply ran away from John Wise in getting the nomination. Wise and Hopkins together polled far more than enough votes to beat Rose, and if the backers of these two Republicans now stand staunchly by Hopkins in the final, Hopkins will win and will go into the sheriff's office with one of the finest chances that ever came to a young man in Hawaii. That the people are going to give him this chance, and that Rose cannot overcome the rising tide of resentment against his arrogant, ignorant and petty administration of police affairs, seems evident at a glance from Saturday's returns. That Wise will give his successful opponent the shrewd and strong political support that Wise can give is fully expected. Hopkins' victory is getting the Republican nomination for auditor was a splendid demonstration of what the majority of voters will do when

they know the facts in a political campaign. When the fact was published that a factional city hall fight was being turned into a political raid on the auditor's office, with Bicknell a possible victim, there went through hundreds of voters an instant wave of indignation and they turned out at the polls and beat Bicknell's opponent to a frazzle. At the same time, the voters expressed their intention to keep in responsible office a man who has made good. In other words, they upheld the merit system at the polls. They took a solid stand for good government. No other result of the primary election gives more gratification to Republicans and independents alike. And unquestionably there was many a Democratic vote cast for Bicknell, too. Arthur M. Brown's victory over Joseph Lightfoot for city attorney was a foregone conclusion. The voters showed that they had no confidence whatever that Lightfoot would do the things he said he would do, make the improvement he said he would make, if elected. And in selecting the city attorney, the people again upheld the principle of protecting the public service, for in his office there is a vast amount of current work which would be badly disorganized if he were retired. In a way, the candidacy of Lightfoot added to Brown's strength, for the attacks on Brown coupled with praise for Lightfoot in which the voters evidently took no stock roused in many voters anger which showed itself in the support Brown received at the polls. The contests for clerk and treasurer could hardly be called contests. Both the Republican incumbents were easily successful, another proof that Honolulu can be trusted to support for reelection officials who have given reasonably good satisfaction. On the whole, Saturday's primary was the most striking proof ever given under county and municipal government that public sentiment is moving definitely toward non-partisanship in local elections. Democrats of ability ran far ahead of Republicans of mediocrity or who woefully lacked ability. While the Republican vote was generally very active and strong, it was not the sort of vote which is tied with a party tag. It was cast in the Republican column because in the great majority of cases that column contained the best men. The primary is a long step toward a victory for good government on June 5. But the fight is not won yet. It will not be won until the votes are actually cast for the best men of those now nominated. It will not be won if the "good citizens" grow apathetic. It will not be won if there is a stay-at-home vote. It will not be won unless there is concentration on the best men for supervisors. It will not be won unless the sheriff's office is cleaned of the present misadministration. It will not be won unless there is plenty of activity and alertness between now and June 5.

WHAT BECOMES OF BREWERIES?

Here is the good news. The Lansing High brewery that was, is now used in the manufacture of automobile parts. Brewery plants in the West Virginia cities noted below have, since that state went dry, been converted into commercial establishments as follows: Fairmont, an ice cream and milk products plant; Bessemer, a chemical and soap plant; Huntington, a meat packing establishment; Unesa, a milk products concern; Charleston, a cold storage plant; Blue, an ice cream factory; Wheeling, a meat packing plant. Turning westward, the Balmier brewery of Port land, Ore., is now a tannery employing 1600 men where it formerly employed 154; the Coors brewery of Denver, Colo., is now being used in the making of malted milk; the Salem, Ore., brewery is manufacturing loganberry juice; the building once occupied by the Portland Brewing Company, Portland, Ore., employing 100 men, is now a furniture factory and employs 500 men; the North Yakima, Wash., brewery is now a fruit products company; the Pacific Coast brewery, Portland, Ore., is now a shoe factory, and it employs 2500 men as against 125 when it was used to manufacture beer; "Hyde's," once the finest saloon in Seattle, Wash., has been remodeled as a bar room. Of course this doesn't exhaust the list. Down at Augusta, Ga., the brewery has become the Augusta Ice and Beverage Company, while at Washington, Pa., the Star Brewery is the Capital Paint, Oil and Varnish Company. The price of them all in the Flint, Mich., brewery that was, for now it is a Methodist church. It is true that Methodist churches are not taxed, but at this it doesn't exactly look as if a community were always ruined by voting itself dry. Another submarine scare has been shown harmless. It is extremely improbable that any U-boat is in the Pacific at all. There will, however, be rumors galore, and the only way to explode them is to publish the facts. Every day on the west front sees a battle comparable in slaughter to any of the great engagements in medieval or modern military history--except the earlier ones of this war. Several thousand people watched the Star-Bulletin election returns Saturday night. They and the rest of Honolulu are invited to see the final returns on the night of June 5. Books and magazines for the Schofield library are coming in at a good rate. What about the books you own spare? Bring them to the Star-Bulletin and they will be sent to Schofield.

SEPARATING POLITICS AND BOOZE.

"One of the significant things about the primary campaign was that I did not see a single man at the night meetings disorderly on account of liquor," comments a well-known Democratic leader. "I have attended many meetings previously and an entirely confident that there was less drunkenness than at any other time within recent years. For this we can thank the early-closing regulation adopted by the license board and the liquor men." On Saturday there were very few reports of drunkenness at the polls--less, it would appear, than ever before since local elections have been held. Reports came from one or two precincts that some of the voters were "tanked," but in general the election was quiet, orderly and well-handled. As usual, the count was tedious in some precincts where the election officials were slow. The vote cast was approximately 63 per cent of the registration--rather heavy as Honolulu elections have gone in recent years.

ENLISTMENT.

(From Daily Financial America.) Some action should be immediately taken by the government to permit those willing to enlist to do so for the term of "the duration of the war." There are many of our citizens who feel it their duty to join the colors and yet do not want to remain in the service after peace is declared. They wish when their duty to their country no longer requires them to return to their desks and benches and help again in forwarding prosperity. To demand long-term enlistments now is working against the rapid filling of our military and naval units. These may be brought to standard through conscription, but to enforce conscription at the outset is to enforce loyalty and that is at best a dangerous proceeding. All Americans, worthy of the name, are loyal but they also are lovers of freedom. They abhor all legislative enactments that favor of force. Let the first enrollment of 500,000 consist of volunteers for the "duration of the war." If such a method should fail to bring out the strength required, which we very much doubt, then prescribe who shall serve the colors, but first give the people the chance to show their patriotism without hampering restrictions. The election is not an end but a means to an end. The end at which campaigns and elections aim is decent, progressive, economical and representative government. If this mistaking of whales for submarines continues, the U. S. navy ought to enlist some whales as lookouts along the Pacific coast.

REDUCED TO MASS OF WRECKAGE

VERDUN, France--The visitor to Verdun must approach it stealthily, clad in steel helmet and carrying carefully his gasmask in its waterproof bag. Thus fortified and with his eye watchful for any commencement of activity by the distant German batteries, he may walk and climb among the ruins or follow the debris-cluttered banks of the lovely Meuse, broad, green, calm and indifferent to solitude such as it has not known for a thousand years. The rain drips through the shell-torn roof of the Cathedral, plipping the choir-scores and the missals tossed with the fallen masonry about the floors, making mud of the altar's dust, rotting the canvas of the fallen pictures, rendering things squalid. Close by is the theater, with its broad galleries brimming over with wreckage, flaunting rags, and revealing through the uncurtained stage all the shabby mysteries of its mechanism, all in wild confusion. Few Visitors Seen. Visitors are rare in Verdun, but the town holds out to them emphatically the freedom of the city, every door and window open and no human eye to watch. Along the river bank are the little restaurants and cafes, the floors strewn with cups and saucers, glasses ranged on the counters, the open ledgers on the cashier's desks inviting the inspection of the curious. It has been many months since the customers sat around these upturned tables or out on the terrace, and watch the green Meuse slide below the bridges on sunny afternoons. The humble shops along the side streets are more pathetic than the big clubhouses or the pitted warehouses with their shattered windows. The shops are wide open, with their scales

Proof of Prosperity

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THREE ENGINEERING PROBLEMS TO CONTROL PROSPERITY OF ITALY

ROME, Italy--The prosperity of Italy after the war depends upon the solution of three great engineering problems, in the opinion of Professor Luigi Luigi, president of the Italian Society of Civil Engineers. These three problems, he stated in an address here this week, are: The reclamation of marsh lands, the irrigation of semi-arid tracts, and the more complete utilization of water power, especially in the production of chemical fertilizers for the soil. The chief interest of the United States in Professor Luigi's program is found in his statement that it will require large sums of foreign capital, some of which Italy hopes to draw from America. "During the last five years of peace," said Professor Luigi, "nearly 700,000 of the best elements of our rural population left their native villages to seek better conditions of labor across the Atlantic, or worse still, in middle Europe. This excess of emigration is a drawback to the progress of Italy and of the Latin races, as France has no increase at all in her population, while the Teutonic races increase very rapidly. To reduce emigration it is necessary to offer to intending emigrants work better paid and in better conditions. This can be done by developing the natural resources of Italy, many of which are still lying dormant or are not yet completely utilized. "By improving agricultural methods, putting in cultivation land that now lies idle--either through excess of water or for lack of it--that is, by draining marshes and irrigating semi-arid regions, especially in the south, lands now almost sterile would be blessed by the most luxuriant crops. Also hydro-electric power should be utilized better for the production of nitrates and other fertilizers and for developing many industries connected with agricultural products. "There should also be better means of transport, by rail, by road, and by water. The sanitary and social conditions of the rural centers of population should be improved by better water supplies, better sewage, better housing and better schooling. "All these problems involve numerous and important engineering works, and require large initial outlay of capital to be refunded, including yearly interest, in about 30 to 50 years. "Upon the development of our natural resources along the lines I have indicated," concluded the professor, "depends the possibility of realizing an Italian population of 50,000,000 to 60,000,000 inhabitants, which is necessary to the British-Latin-Slav union to keep peace in Europe. Outside financial cooperation is of course a desideratum. Towards this cooperation we must bend all our efforts."

SELECTIVE CONSCRIPTION OF NAVY TO BE DEBATED

Resolved, That the United States Army and Navy Should Be Recruited by Selective Conscription" is the question upon which the Damon Lyceum Literary Society of Mills school is debating this afternoon against the St. Louis College Literary Society. St. Louis has the affirmative and Mills the negative. The judges were to be Prof. A. L. Andrews of the College of Hawaii, James A. Rath of Panama Settlement, and Judge W. L. Whitney. The St. Louis team is composed of Richard Hung Pui, Henry Lau Tan and Dermont Macconnell, and the Mills team of Edward H. K. Doi and Louis Choo.

PERISHABLE FRUITS ALONE TO BE CANNED DURING THE WAR

CHICAGO, Ill.--No more baked beans, huminy, kraut, oils, tobacco, molasses or lard is to be canned in the United States during war time. This decision was reached at a conference of canners and jobbers of canned products. The meeting was held at the request of Secretary of Agriculture Houston and Secretary Redfield, who urged that only perishable fruits be canned, owing to the shortage of tinplate.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—H. W. BRECKONS: It looks good to me for a Republican victory on June 5. —BRIG. GEN. SAM JOHNSON: It is interesting to note the enthusiasm of the Ewa Rifle Club. They have a

fine new range all fitted out and are getting ready for a rub with town rifle-men. —SHERIFF ROSE: This campaign work is rather "hot" business, so I bought a Palm Beach suit to keep me cool. —GABRIEL KEAWEHAKU: Eddie Hopkins is sure to defeat Rose for sheriff now. He will poll a surprisingly large vote. —CAPT. G. K. LARRISON: This is about the week recruiting ought to take a boost, word having been received officially of the draft system being put into effect. We expect a good showing by Saturday. —J. ASHMAN BEAVEN: I wish to thank personally each and every one of the 1253 voters who cast their ballots for me in the primary last Saturday and to ask them now to support

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