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PARTY CONVENTION AND THE CANAL.

(Special Correspondence of THE INDEPENDENT, by Charles A. Edwards.)

WASHINGTON, D. C. Jan. 16:

The thing of most interest to democrats that has happened, or rather is still happening at this writing, is the meeting of the Democratic National Committee in this city. The convention will go to St. Louis. The other only interesting development of this meeting was the sentiment anent presidential preferences. There was some Gorman talk and some Parker talk among the members of the committee, and the sentiment for both these gentlemen was about equally divided, but the surprise of the meeting was the amount of Hearst sentiment that developed not only among the members of the committee, but among the people from all sections of the country who came here to attend the meeting.

Many of the so-called reorganizer, readjuster, rebalcitrant section of the party came here cocked and primed to walk off with whole thing, and they were very cocky when they got here and swelled up like a poisoned pup when they were approached on the subject of the candidate, and announced that there was no doubt the old element of the democracy would be in control of the committee, and that they would fix things to suit themselves. They had not looked into their hands well, however, before the game started, and when the people who interested in the success of the party began to roll into the city from every train and began to talk Hearst out loud, the reorganizers began to look wildly about and wonder what it all meant, and began actually to renege the audacity and nerve of the element that wanted Hearst, and incidentally a man who had been true to the ticket in the days of 1896 and 1900. The overwhelming sentiment for Hearst that developed the day of the meeting stampeded the reorganizer crowd and the first visible result was the practical withdrawal of the New York people from the contest for the location of the convention. They had come here to test the Parker sentiment, and if they had found it strong enough they intended to set the pace from the standpoint of dollars so fast that Chicago and St. Louis could not stay in the race, for they figured that if, with a strong Parker sentiment prevailing, they could get the convention at New York, the nomination of Parker was a cinch.

Their game failed to work on schedule time and they dropped the thing like a hot potato. It is the consensus of opinion here that the Hearst movement has come to stay and that all other candidates have got to reckon with the man from New York who has so endeared himself to the great common people of the country. Politicians sometimes propose, but the people dispose.

From the action taken by several of the southern states, it looks now that the treaty with Panama would be ratified by the Senate. The people of the South undoubtedly want a canal that they have so long been denied by the machinations of the transcontinental railroads and the help of their co-adjusters, the republicans in Congress. They are eminently right in wanting a canal. It means much for them and their future, but they ought not to tie the hands of their Senators in Congress in the matter of this ratification. If

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CARTER AND COUNTY LAW.

The news by cable of a decision by the Supreme Court of the Islands, declaring the County Act unconstitutional, has been received here. Representative Robinson, of the Committee, said today that meant all proceedings before Congress to make the act valid would be dropped at once.

"We do not altogether regret that decision," added Mr. Robinson, who is accounted a good friend of the Islands and whose opinions on the subject of the County Act are approved by most of the members of the Committee. "We might have been able to approve the act here, had it been only the matter of a defect as to provisions about the title. However, there were many defects in the County Act, which I know many members of the House did not approve. It was not well drawn. Many of the provisions are such as we would not like to sanction."

The above is from the pen of the Advertiser's special correspondent in Washington. It discloses a situation precisely in line with our idea of it. Congress will not act upon the county matter until near the end of the session, if at all; and when it does act (if at all) it will give us a law to suit itself and a law that will most probably not be at all suited to local conditions. Certain it is that if the measure is ever passed by Congress it will foist upon the Islands provisions of all sorts that the Legislature would not dare to pass.

The people of the Islands have Governor George R. Carter to thank for

the miserable fix in which we find ourselves. At the very first intimation by the Supreme Court of the illegality of the County Act the Legislature should have been called together for the purpose of remedying its defects. Had this been done the matter would have been settled before now and we would have had smooth sailing. In the light of events one is entirely justified in feeling that while Governor Carter claims to be in favor of county government, he is secretly working to delay it. In other words he is an enemy to county government, and is its most powerful foe. How long will the people stand idly by and see their wishes blocked in this manner?

PRESERVE THE OLD HULK.

Anything antique, i. e., not funny, but antiquarian in age or as coming from the glimmering past or from "the old world," is highly prized and appreciated by those of the present age, even if it was only a decade ago, to finally find a final resting place in some museum, where it is shelved and classified; in other words, a museum is a store-house of antiquity. In connection with this appreciation for things antique, we desire to particularly call attention to the hulk of a vessel, given up as being out of its day and dismantled, now lying in the harbor's "rotten row," out of commission. This hulk was active only a generation ago, but today it is somewhat forgotten and is only awaiting, so we are informed, a purchaser who will break it up for kindling firewood. We speak of the hulk of the steamer Mokoli. That little steamer is said to have been the beginning of the making of the late Samuel G. Wilder and she made the money that built his residence, known as the "Eskbank," from an iron vessel of that name wrecked many years ago off Waikiki, the wreck of which was bought up for a song almost. Mr. Wilder made money out of its cargo, after saving a great deal of sugar mill machinery, liquors, cordials, etc., and disposing of them to great advantage to his fortune. The little Mokoli then was the steamer that did the work, assisted by native divers. Being out of commission, its machinery taken out, dismantled, etc., leaving only its hull remaining. As being the forerunner to the great affluence now enjoyed by Mr. Wilder's heirs, we think they ought to have enough sentiment remaining to preserve this hull, if possible. We don't mean to say in a museum of itself, but in some befitting way, by mooring it at some place and turning it into a public or private bathing house, or else, move it up to Eskbank and turn it into a hot house or a tea house. It is worth all of that to the S. G. Wilder Estate, Ltd., owned and controlled by the heirs of the late deceased gentleman. By doing so all and every one of them and their children, as well as those to come after them, may point with pride to the beginning of the fortune that they are now enjoying, living on the easy side of Easy street. We give this suggestion free gratis.

THAT BURGLARY CASE.

Some of the lodgers at the resort—or whatever it is—of "Russian Frank" in Queen street have taken offence at the venture of this paper that the burglaries committed in that neighborhood last week were not carried out by Porto Ricans but by white men who hang around in that locality. In referring to the matter it was not our intention to specify the men lodging at "Russian Frank's" or any other place. The thefts, however, bore the earmarks of white men so plainly as to be almost unmistakable. The robbery at the old German woman's place, back of the Opera House, was committed by a man or men thoroughly familiar with the premises and with a full knowledge of where the old lad kept her money. No Porto Rican would possess this information. Our opinion remains the same—that some white man or men familiar with the lodging houses in Queen street committed the whole chain of burglaries.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

So Governor Carter has been hooked by a steer. That's bad again. Roosevelt would not have had that happen for anything. Imagine Roosevelt getting caught by the horn of a Waimea bullock! Preposterous! It is indeed painful to think that our own Football George, the pet of the Administration, should have fallen by the wayside in this manner.

Mr. Henshall's Dooley work in the Star is very good. But is it not a kind of rape on a man's life-work and reputation to burglarize his trade mark? Dunne's Mr. Dooley is famous on at least two continents and represents many years of hard work. To be extremely charitable we would say that we do not think it either proper or fair for Mr. Henshall or anybody else to build cupoles on anyone else's literary castles.

Bill Huihui, the Hawaiian fighter, acquitted himself splendidly in his go with Jack Weday Saturday night. In fact he surprised his most confident friends. The sporting generally was fearful that, in running up against the bull-dog of the local ring, Huihui would meet his Waterloo and spoil his ascending reputation. But such was not the case. He not only held his own but scored points that easily places him in line for more important battles.

We understand that Frank Harvey, the renegade Democrat, prepared a column and a half article to be inserted in Sunday's Advertiser in reply to the charge of The Independent that he was responsible for all the trouble in connection with the nomination of a National Committeeman, but, on second thought, and the advice of better poised minds, he decided not to do it. Harvey reminds us of the story of the parrot that talked too much. He has already talked too much, and the more he talks the worse he makes of a bad matter.

Governor Carter told the people of Waimea that he wanted county government and was ready to do everything in his power to bring it about. If that be true, why has he not done something

practical in the direction indicated? He has trusted to a visionary prospect of some action by Congress months hence, which, even under the best of circumstances, will not save the law from more trouble in the courts, when, if he had called the Legislature in special session at the time the Act was knocked out the county system might have been in operation before now. Governor Carter may be reasonably sincere in his county law talk, but his acts certainly belie his words.

The absence of fire-fighting appliances in Hilo is a matter of criminal neglect on the part of the Executive and the law-making power of this Territory. There is poor encouragement to build homes in localities not fitted with adequate protection from the greatest and only danger with which house property has to contend. And there is no excuse for the lack of protection. Hilo is as much entitled to it as Honolulu. She pays as much, proportionately, in taxes and has as good a right to adequate fire equipment. A little additional money invested in water and hose would have saved the Peck mansion and, incidentally, Hilo and the insurance companies some \$50,000.

Certain ones who pretended to know all about how 'twas done gave it out Saturday night that the reason of the fluke decision given by Referee Tim Murphy, in the Weday-Huihui contest, was because the backers of Weday banked too much money on him, and rather than give Huihui the decision, it was better and safer for them all to declare it a draw, as was done, save Weday's reputation for the future, and as well save their money, which was really more to them than the fight. To attempt to give the decision to Weday would be too bald and raw, for anyone uninitiated could easily tell who had the best of it and how it was going. From first to last, Huihui was always the aggressor and Weday on the defensive.

Governor Carter is showing more and more every day that he is a "policy" man and is catering to the same influences that ruined Governor Dole. He is hoodwinking the people into believing that he is in favor of county government, when, as a matter of fact, he is failing to do the only thing that can make county government possible. He pretends to the public that he wants to get the drill-shed premises back as a suitable site for the new armory (which is a very easy undertaking) and at the same time is negotiating with one Sam Johnson (of Siberia) for the stables lot beyond the Judiciary building for the purpose indicated. The public pulse has been thoroughly tested on this matter. It is not desired at any hand to mar the Government parks with buildings of any sort. The availability of the present armory site makes the selection of any other property for military purposes ridiculous and extremely unbusinesslike. The public demands that the armory be placed on the site of the present drill-shed—and nowhere else. That is common sense and business. It is impossible to understand why Carter bobs up at intervals and insists upon placing it in one or the other of the Government parks.

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Mail for San Francisco will close at the local postoffice at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

George Truax, money order clerk at the postoffice, is enjoying a vacation of three weeks.

The China sailed yesterday from Yokohama for Honolulu. She has 700 tons of freight for this port.

Marshal E R Hendry left by the America Maru for Japan to return with Adachi, the much wanted law clerk.

The transport Sheridan sailed today from San Francisco for Manila and will arrive here about February 8.

The Maile Iliana football team won over the Punahou at football Saturday afternoon by a score of two to nothing.

Gertrude Kiha King, of Maui, and William Searle, of Honolulu, will be married at Lahaina on the evening of February 13.

The Kinau goes on the marine railway today. Her place on the Hawaii run will be taken tomorrow by the Claudine.

Judge Dole is making quick work of the Federal term business at Hilo and will probably return by the Claudine next Saturday.

George H Miranda, teacher of printing at Lahainaluna, came over on the Claudine Sunday morning. He will return to his post tomorrow night.

High Sheriff Brown, Auditor Fisher and Land Commissioner Pratt will leave by tomorrow's Kinau for Hilo where they expect to meet the Governor.

The office of THE INDEPENDENT is in the brick building next to the Hawaiian hotel grounds on Beretania street, Waikiki of Alaska. First floor.

The America Maru arrived in port yesterday morning and sailed at 5 o'clock in the afternoon for Yokohama. At Kobe she will become a transport for the Japanese government.

Mrs Margaret Morehead, grandmother of John Hansman, died Saturday evening, aged 78. The funeral took place from the Catholic cathedral at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

George Kempton, an old contractor of Honolulu, died at the home of A A Montana in Maunaloa valley yesterday. His immediate illness was short although he had been ailing for many years.

Despite the fact that Governor Carter and nearly all of the department heads are out of the city, the sale of first class liquors at the Shamrock, Nuuanu street, between King and Hotel, keeps up. "Pete" O'Sullivan, proprietor.

National Committeeman McCarthy reports a deluge of candidates to go to the Democratic Convention in St. Louis in July. Most of them are men who intend to take in the exposition anyway, and wish to kill two birds with one stone.

Lieut Comdr A P Niblack, assistant lighthouse inspector, by circular of Jan 27, announced that for thirty days application would be received at his office, 35 Alexander Young building, for civil service examination for filling the positions now occupied by persons holding temporary appointments in the Territory of Hawaii, and for establishing registers of eligibles from which appointments of keepers and assistant keepers of lighthouses will be made. Applicants must be citizens of the United States, over eighteen and fifty years of age.

Returned From Hawaii.

Treasurer Kepoikai, accompanied by Mrs Kepoikai, returned yesterday morning by the Claudine. Mr Kepoikai having finished the business he went up to Hilo for, returned by the Kinau, landing at Maalaea. Mrs Kepoikai appears to have improved in health during her stay home on Maui.

While in Hilo, Assessor Willfong appointed George Kaihenui as deputy assessor for South Hilo, in place of Geo H Williams, resigned, and Dr A Schwallie for Kau in place of W P Fennell, who also resigned, and both appointments were immediately approved by Treasurer Kepoikai. Tommy White of Kona consented to withdraw his resignation and that ended the filling of that vacancy as far as he was concerned.

Mr Kepoikai, on being interviewed by a representative of this paper, said that he put up with Judge and Mrs Hapai, and was right royally entertained by them. On Thursday, certain of the Hawaiian people entertained him at a luau and a pleasant time was enjoyed.

Some Good Fighting.

There was some good fighting at the Orpheum Saturday evening. Dave Barry easily knocked out Williams, the Iroquois terror, and Bill Huibui held his own with "Bull-dog" Jack Weday. The latter scrap was a surprise, and showed the young Hawaiian to be better game than had been calculated for him by his friends.

The kid sports which opened the evening's program amounted to little, the first read lively brush being between Castro, the Guam fighter, and Soldier Gelp. The latter did all the fighting and the former most of dodging. At the end a draw was declared which was considered to be about all there was to the mill. Soldier Latham was an easy and fair victor over O'Meara, a man less dangerous than his name indicates.

The mob of toughs that has of late infested the prize fight entertainments objected to Paddy Ryan refereeing the Barry-Williams go. They had their dough up on Williams and knew that Ryan would give a fair decision, hence the kick. Ryan stayed with it, however, and his decision was satisfactory to everybody present except the hoodlums that do not know what true sport is.

Drowned at Papaikou.

Hilo, Jan 29—A second fatality to a member of the Maui crew occurred at Papaikou last Wednesday. A week ago a Japanese was drowned. Wednesday it was Kawaiinui, a Hawaiian from Pepeekeo. With others he was in a boat at work, the cove being smooth. A blind swell came in suddenly capsizing the boat. All but Kawaiinui swam to the Maui. He struck out for the shore but was killed on the rocks.

The Wilder S S Company provided for the funeral which was held at Pepeekeo yesterday. The company paid the undertaker and secured vehicles for the family of the unfortunate young man.

High Sheriff Brown, Land Commissioner Pratt and Treasurer Kepoikai have returned from Hawaii.

While the Democrats are scrapping over their national committeeman, the Aloha Saloon, at the corner of Richards and Queen streets, is serving a first class American and native lunch, with beer, to its customers every day between the hours of 11:30 and 1 o'clock.

W F Joehar and wife left this afternoon for the Coast by the George Curtis. They may remain away indefinitely, and we wish them a safe voyage and a speedy return. Many of their friends among the Elks, Symphony Club and the Carmenites were at the Railroad wharf, to bid them bon voyage.

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Per T K K S S America Maru, from San Francisco, Jan 31—Lay over at Honolulu: Mr and Mrs W F Funtson and son, J B Gillfillan, Jr, L S Gillette, W Gorham, G M Heckscher, M B Koon, R E Maynard, H P Olcott, J S Pillsbury, W M von Partan.

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