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VOTERS WILL CALL BLUFF OF SPECIAL INTERESTS ON ELECTION DAY

One week from tomorrow, fellow citizens, we go to the polls to decide whether our beloved Hawaii is to be governed by the people or to be ruled by King Sugar and his hired court.

If each man, for love of country, for the protection of his home and the happiness of his loved ones, will cast his ballot strictly according to his conscience, a tremendous victory will be won by the Democratic party. Such a victory will mean the overthrow of the Republican party that has for so long kept the Hawaiians from their rights and that has, ever since these Islands became a Territory of the United States, made the poor man poorer still and the rich man still more rich.

Republicans Discourage Good Labor.

The Republican party, through false representation, threats, smooth talk and by spending great sums of money, has for ten years suppressed and oppressed the workingman and the humble mechanic. The Republican party has discouraged thousands of workingmen, who were willing to remain here with their families and spend all their money here, and has forced them to return to the mainland or to seek employment in the Philippines or other parts, for the reason that this same Republican power has put a scourge upon this fair land in the shape of undesirable immigrants like the Porto Ricans and the Russians and the Filipinos whose cheap labor drives away all chance of our own people finding employment whereby they might support their families.

Party Without a Conscience.

Not satisfied with what has already been done to make the people suffer, this same Republican party, whose soul is a mixture of sugar and brimstone, and which has no conscience, now wants to fling upon Hawaii thousands of undesirables and to make them work at starvation wages on the sugar plantations, so that there will not be any chance of Hawaiians and others getting good wages on the plantations; so that soon the Portuguese and others now trying to make a living on sugar estates will be driven out to make room for cheaper help.

It has been said, and it is true, that sugar is the soul of the Republican party. It has been said, and it is true, that the sugar industry in Hawaii is a solid combination that has, year by year, become more like a great devil-fish, a monster squid, a huge octopus whose tentacles reach out in every direction, grasping greedily at almost every institution in Hawaii and crushing the heart's blood out of all that is most important to the happiness of the people of this land.

Sitting on the Press.

One great, writhing, powerful, snake-like arm holds the newspapers in a relentless grasp, squeezing out courage, honesty and all ideals, for if the papers should dare say anything against the methods employed by the sugar ring, which is another name for the Republican party, those papers would be

promptly suppressed; the corporations supported by the sugar interests would at once take away their advertising from the newspapers and the papers would have no money to keep going. It is a remarkable thing that a town of fifty thousand inhabitants should have three English daily newspapers all of which are Republican. And why are they all Republican? Because they are all supported by sugar. The plantations control a great proportion of the business of this city; they control directly or indirectly the smothered newspapers; they control the wealth of Hawaii; they control the best lands of the islands; they control the government of this Territory to an alarming extent at present, BUT THEY CANNOT CONTROL YOUR VOTE!

We no longer exist under a monarchial form of government where we have no say in governing. We can have a very great say in the government of Hawaii if we will capture the ballot box on November 8 by the majority of our voters. By voting the Democratic ticket we will defeat the ring that has for so long kept the man of small or moderate means from his full rights to the enjoyment of life, fair wages and prosperity.

Bluffs Won't Work.

Many voters are being terrified into promising to vote the Republican ticket, for it is hinted or even threatened that they will lose their jobs if they do not vote the way their employers tell them to vote.

DON'T TAKE ANY BLUFF, but vote according to your own conscience. Remember this: if every Democratic voter in your employer's firm was to lose his job your employer would have to close up his business. He can't fire you all, and he won't fire you, anyway. When election is over he will have no object in firing you from your job. He is only bluffing when he hints that unless you vote the Republican ticket he intends to fire you. It is not his business how you vote. That is between you and your conscience. And, after all, if you vote the Democratic ticket you will vote for your employer's best interests, for you will be voting against the Republican policy of assisted immigration.

KILL ASSISTED IMMIGRATION!
KEEP OUT THE PAUPER PLANTATION LABORERS AND FORCE THE PLANTATIONS TO PAY HONEST LIVING WAGES TO PEOPLE ALREADY HERE, SO THAT THERE WILL BE MORE MONEY IN CIRCULATION AND CONSEQUENTLY MORE BUSINESS IN ALL LINES, INSTEAD OF ALLOWING THE PLANTERS TO SWELL THEIR MONEY PILES BY THE SWEAT OF SLAVES.

Rich Men Have Enough.

Is it not better that the plantations be compelled to pay higher wages among those people now here, to Hawaiians, to Portuguese or to any people now here who are willing to work on the plantations at a decent wage, so that the money benefit all, than for the sugar barons to keep on amassing

wealth to hoard it up for future sugar barons, their children, or to spend it in luxurious traveling about the world, or to invest it abroad, or to put it into more plantations, which will mean that they will want more assisted immigration to work those new plantations?

Think seriously about these things for yourself, instead of taking the flowery language of Republican candidates who are working for the sugar interests and have to stand by them or be bounced off the ticket.

Should the laborer's wages be raised to a living standard, or should the already over-rich sugar barons continue to increase their fat dividends?

This sugar-Republican squid we have been talking about has one of his giant pneumatic-holders on the Territorial government. The Republican party is in power and the Republican party is the sugar party. Sugar dictates the policy of the party and the party dictates the policy of the government. There we have a direct connection. Sugar dictates the policy of the government of Hawaii.

The Republicans, if you will talk to them, give as excuse that sugar is the main industry and has made these Islands prosperous and therefore sugar should be protected and therefore sugar should have assisted immigration and pretty near anything else its wants.

Suppose sugar is the main industry, what has that to do with allowing the main industry to run amuck with a swelled head and try to make this Territory a poorhouse, just so the sugar interests might fatten?

Assisted Immigration Unnecessary

The sugar industry in these Islands is able to take care of itself. It is on a firm financial foundation and is rich beyond the needs of successful operation and big profits. It is in a condition to double wages or at least to very materially raise wages; it is in a condition to make co-operative propositions to laborers; it is in a condition to continue making good profits and at the same time to greatly assist thousands here willing to take the place of coolie labor at a fair remuneration.

So sugar sits in the high places of this land, in the offices of government, and it influences our conditions, forcing on the workingmen the cheap competition of coolies who leave the plantations and whose places are sought to be filled by Filipinos.

How long are we Hawaiians going to stand this tyranny of sugar?

We don't have to stand it.

One week from tomorrow we can pull King Sugar from his throne and make him a private citizen, if he behaves himself as worthy of private citizenship, for we will have no king where the people have the right to rule.

Vote with the people and for the people. Sugar can take care of itself. The sooner we are free from Republican bossism the sooner we'll be happy.

The Democrats of the Twelfth Precinct of the Fourth District will meet at 7 o'clock this evening at the clubhouse.

BE ON GUARD AGAINST REPUBLICAN FAKES

Yesterday the Advertiser made its usual mid-campaign announcement to the effect that its readers should be on guard against canards which might be sprung toward the end of the political campaign with a view to defeating the Advertiser Republican crowd. Dear, old-maidish Advertiser. It issues this hypocritical warning in every campaign and follows it up the next day with the most glaring misassertions it can invent.

Stand on guard against the deliberate falsifications of the Advertiser from now on, and particularly watch for some last-moment faked cable, faked wireless, or faked communication, or alleged discovery. The Advertiser lies clumsily, but lies so often that it is difficult to pick out truth from lies sometimes, for the uninformed always to distinguish between half-lies, lies, and damned lies.

Supervisor Aylett, be it remembered, made the statement in Kakaako that if the election could not be won honestly, the Republicans would steal it.

Watch the Republicans at the polls and watch the Republican runners—whither they go and what they have to say, and don't believe the ever-changing Advertiser, whose editorials are written by several, with as many objects, each object suiting the situation irrespective of what the policy was yesterday or what it will be tomorrow.

WATCH THE LAND OFFICE

Of two applications filed with the Land Office for the opening of a certain tract of land now leased to the Waianae plantation, one was by twenty applicants, mostly plantation employes, under the form of a settlement association. The other was signed by thirty applicants, chiefly natives of the place. The first was illegal, not having complied with the law recently passed by Congress, and, furthermore, it is decidedly against the government's policy to recognize settlement associations. But the surveyor is now on the ground plotting the land, and it is claimed by certain knowing ones that the cane-growing portion of the land is for the settlement association, while the rocky and prickly-pear portions are for the people,—the devil taking the hindmost. Of a certainty, the Land Office bears watching in this case.

"Save me from my friends." This is directed to the voter, and it is up to him to save himself from his alleged, but really false, friends, the Republican Special Interests. Vote the straight Democratic ticket, both Territorial and County.

The Advertiser has not mentioned veal for a month!

The same set of planters that today stands behind the Republican party is the same that paid plantation laborers eight and ten dollars a month prior to the raising of the American Flag over these Islands. Don't forget that they are the same set that refuse to pay a living wage to the citizens of the present day.

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WARNING TO HAWAIIANS
STEPHEN DESHA SEVERELY
INJURES REPUBLICAN
CAUSE

Mr. Hawaiian Voter: The rich planter is politically Republican, and, being such, seeks your vote for that party on November 8. And why? Are you not able to understand why he needs it? It has been your vote in the past that has made it possible for him to wax fat in the land. With your votes, through the legislature, he has been given the right to import hordes of Asiatic laborers for his baronial sugar estates, and this same labor has driven you to the wall in your native land. Do you think the sugar planter cares how soon you go over the Pali so long as nothing disturbs his large dividends? Well, I think not. Did you ever notice how the sugar baron howls when you talk of higher wages?

Now if it were shown that they were unable to pay a higher wage all would be well and good, but quite the contrary is the fact, for witness all the wealth they possess.

And how have they amassed this great wealth? In no other way than by employing Asiatic coolies at starvation wages to the exclusion of yourselves at a reasonable wage.

Mr. Hawaiian, you have the power with your vote to make life better for yourself, but never by voting the Republican ticket, which means the prolongation of conditions as they now exist. If this "sugar clique" had ever done anything for your interests, we could forgive it.

When the Japanese strike was on last year, this same Asiatic cheap labor, which the planter had shipped here by the thousands, refused to work; then, and only then, did the rich Republican planter need you, but not for long, for he let you go mighty quick when the poor Japanese, hungry and beaten, returned to work.

Workingmen, stop and let us consider your own interest now. You have looked after the planters long enough. In past legislatures you have favored them only to the detriment of yourselves. Vote for the party in this coming election whose platform and principles are for your upbuilding. The Democratic party is your only hope. You have had ten years to learn how much to expect from the Republican party. Your interests and those of the planters are in direct opposition so long as they are permitted to import cheap labor, and if you think the planter is doing business for your welfare you are mightily fooled. This planter element has kept you from owning the Government lands for all these years, and why? Because they wanted it for themselves, and they have the most of it too, haven't they?

Mr. Hawaiian, heretofore, you have worked together, struggled together, starved together, and gone to prison together, but you have never learned to vote together, and that is the secret of your downfall. Why do you vote for the clique that wants to fill the country with poverty-stricken immigrants who are certain to be placed in a position to take away your own opportunities? If the Islands needed them, all would be well. But we are not suffering from an insufficiency of labor; we are suffering from an insufficiency of wages. Look at the poverty and misery of the last government-aided immigrants, compelled to labor for next to nothing. This is what the planter wants.

The Democratic party promises, if placed in power, to stop this wholesale immigration business, and it is up to you, Mr. Voter! You have the power to place your disapproval on the sugar schemers on the eighth of November. Will you do it?

HAOLE DEMOCRAT.

High Henry Sheriff should hold his next political meeting in the prison yard proper, then all of the audience instead of half of it could share in the sport.

and smile and smirk and pretend that he likes it.

Stephen Desha has not even the grace of common courtesy. Yesterday while a Democratic speaker was talking from a box on the corner of Bethel and King streets, Stephen Desha mounted another box on the opposite corner and began to make a loud noise with the intention of interrupting the opposition speaker. Desha was greeted with the cries of derision that his impudent action warranted. His attempt to imitate Balaam's ass converted no one.

Stephen Desha ought to confine himself either to Republicanism or to preaching. The two do not mix well, and he ought, above others, to know it.

SOLD AGAIN

Has Charles Notley sold out to the Republicans again?

The absurdity of Charles Notley running for the office of Delegate to Congress is and always has been apparent to all.

Do not for a moment suppose that he runs because he thinks he has any chance of election. He knows he has no more chance of election than has the Advertiser a chance of gaining the public respect. He gets into the running as a matter of speculation, merely, and then throws his votes to Kuhio.

"If you don't vote for me, vote for Kuhio," says Notley. And then Kuhio gets up and with the same impertinence says, "If you don't vote for me, vote for Notley."

All of which is a put-up job of long standing and not decent or fair politics.

Notley is in the running for what it is worth, and the Republican party sees that he gets what it is worth on the theory that the subterfuge is worthy of its hire.

The local branch of the Ananias Club meets every evening during this month and until the 8th of November. The High Chief Falsifier is busy in his office during the day, but he attends the evening sessions.

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(Continued from Yesterday)

The Story of the Portuguese.

In the forties and fifties of the last century a few Portuguese came to Hawaii, chiefly sailors, who deserted or otherwise left the whaling vessels on which they were employed. These formed the nucleus of what is now one of the most important divisions of the population of Hawaii. Those early Portuguese established homes in the Islands and raised families. Some of them tilled their little plots of land; others went into business.

Up to 1853, however, there were but eighty-six of them in the Islands, and the next quarter of a century brought only a comparatively small number, the Portuguese in 1878 numbering 436. Few of them, or of those who came later, hailed directly from Portugal, being chiefly natives of Fayal, Graciosa, St. Jorge and the Cape Verde Islands.

Even thirty-five years ago the scarcity of labor was a serious drawback to the success of the plantations, and when, in 1876, the reciprocity treaty with the United States was concluded, by which Hawaiian sugar was admitted to the States at a low rate of duty, thereby making the sugar industry permanent and much more profitable, the demand for more and better labor became pressing, and the Kingdom decided that something must be done. Through the agency of Dr. Hillebrand, the Royal Commissioner of Immigration, arrangements were made to recruit laborers in Madeira and the Azores. On September 30, 1878, the sailing vessel Priscilla arrived at Honolulu with 180 Portuguese contract laborers.

This was the beginning of assisted immigration to Hawaii—of a system which, in some form or other, has been in effect up to the present time, and which the last importation of laborers, that of the Russians, has in all probability fortunately brought to an end. For while there have been some good results from the system, the evil effects are to-day a curse to the country.

From that time up to the present Portuguese have poured into Hawaii, until today the Portuguese population numbers about 20,000. Shipload after shipload came around the Horn. The current of immigration was fully established by 1882, a treaty of immigration being arranged between Portugal and the Kingdom of Hawaii.

Portuguese Good Citizens

As a whole, the Portuguese have made good citizens. They are industrious, thrifty and economical. None has made a large fortune, yet there are few who are abjectly poor—notwithstanding the fact that those who went to the

plantations have had to work for ridiculously small wages. Associate Justice Perry, of the Supreme Court, is a Portuguese, his father being one of the first who came to the Islands. Frank Andrade, district magistrate of Honolulu, is a Portuguese. Last year four of the members of the legislature, Castro, Correa, Affonso and Furtado, were Portuguese.

The Portuguese of Hawaii own real estate valued at about \$3,000,000. They have two or three newspapers and several mutual benefit societies. Two of the latter have 1,800 members each.

The last lot of Portuguese that were brought to Hawaii as assisted immigrants came last year, being recruited in the Azores and Madeira by A. J. Campbell, special agent of the Territorial Board of Immigration. But they did not prove an entire success, for most of them are poorer mentally, physically and morally than those who came earlier. Furthermore, it cost the Territory a large sum to bring them to the Islands, partly on account of accidents and partly on account of poor judgment. About 778 Portuguese arrived in the steamship Swanley, and they cost the Territory about \$150,000. Most of them, however, are now settling down as plantation laborers.

A Pinch of Porto Rican in the Mess

If the importation of the Russian immigrations is a serious mistake, the bringing into the country of about 5,000 Porto Ricans was a blunder that was hardly less than a crime. The sugar planters fatuously hoped that in the Porto Rican they might find the solution of the labor problem. But they didn't; they only made still worse the social and economic conditions of the Territory. Fortunately, many of the Porto Ricans have gone away. Some have been hanged and others are in jail. Of the remainder, a portion are working on the plantations; but many are loafing about Honolulu, living in the filthiest tenements, doing as little work as possible, and being looked upon with suspicion every time a crime is committed by an unknown offender.

The Porto Ricans had been in Hawaii but a short time when they began to complain noisily that they were not well treated. They made so much noise about it that the Federal Government in 1903 sent a commissioner from Washington to investigate into the truth or falsity of the tales that had reached the National Capital. The following extracts from his report pretty well sum up the Porto Rican situation as regards Hawaii:

Were Not Promising.

"The Porto Ricans gave the least promise, either as citizens or as labor-

ers, when they arrived. They had been carelessly recruited at a time when the laboring population of Porto Rico was in a condition of acute distress. Few were in a physical condition to make the long voyage when they embarked; they were mostly people from the coffee country, who had been starved out when the region was devastated by the hurricane of 1899. They were half-starved, anaemic, and, in some cases, diseased. A considerable number were petty criminals, wharf-rats and prostitutes from Ponce and other coast towns. They were not so much representatives of Porto Rico as of famine and misery in the abstract when they arrived at Honolulu. Numbers of the men were afflicted with hydrocele and other diseases, and were manifestly incapable of working their way among the immigrants. But this was hardly the fault of the Hawaiian planters, who spent nearly \$565,000 to get these men, or more than \$192 passage money and recruiting expenses for every adult male arriving, and who were practically interested in their physical welfare.

When they reached the plantations, many of them were taken to the hospitals, and never left them alive. They did not know how to take care of themselves. They were morally upset by their long travels and changed environment, and many could not acquire the new habits of life necessary to their new condition. So a considerable number of them became strollers and vagabonds, and whenever possible flocked into the towns.

"The planters appear to have kept their side of the agreement. In most cases, however, the men have left the plantations where they were originally employed, and have wandered from place to place, taking positions as fancy or necessity dictated. Their habits are untidy, and this prejudiced the managers of the plantations and the people against them. They became unpopular on account of the large number of criminals that accompanied them. Thieving was extremely rare in the country districts previous to their arrival. Doors and windows were seldom locked, and small articles could be left about with perfect safety. With the arrival of the Porto Ricans all this was changed.

"Commitments to Oahu prison during the first ten months of 1902 were, per thousand inhabitants: Japanese, 1.1; Chinese, 3; whites, 5.3; Hawaiians, 6.1; Porto Ricans, 33.2."

Notwithstanding, the planters are still casting envious eyes in the direction of Porto Rico, and last year it was announced that they were going to send agents to that Island again to recruit more Porto Rican labor. The announcement raised an outcry that made them pause. Ex-Governor Cleghorn declared that if any attempt were made to bring in more Porto Ricans, he would appeal to Congress to put a stop of it. This threat was effective, for there is no desire to have the Federal authorities examine too closely into immigration methods.

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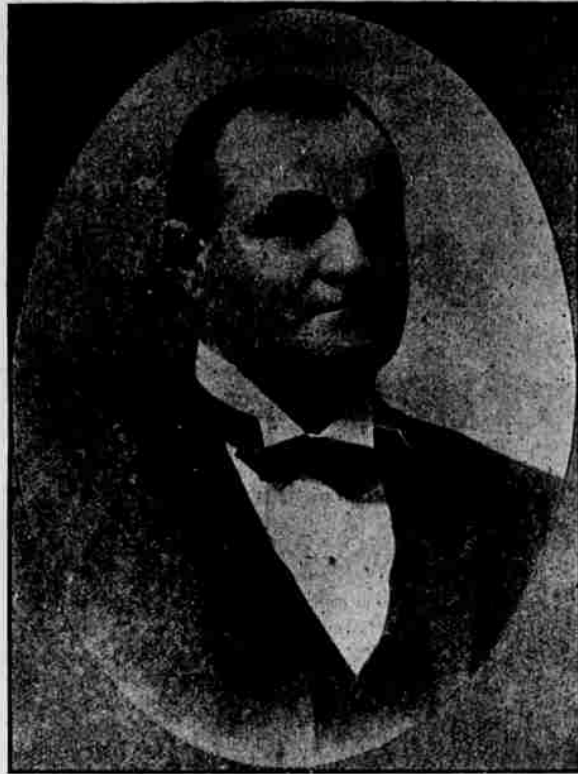
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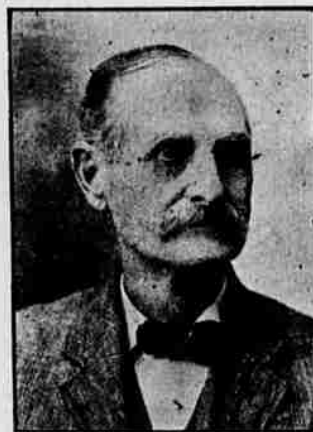
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