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Our local journals have much to say of the flourishing condition of trade and industry. The crowded condition of traffic of every sort proves the activity of business. To the casual observer, the progress of wealth is visible in the substantial and costly improvements in process of completion on every leading thoroughfare of the city. Extensive investment of capital in real estate operations is an infallible sign of commercial prosperity. At no time before in the history of San Francisco, perhaps, were there so many high class buildings in course of erection as now. The claims of solid material advancement which the papers never weary of heralding, are therefore well founded.

In spite of it all, however, there are amongst us people who find it impossible to keep body and soul together. There is an infinitely larger number who, by dint of the hardest kind of scraping and pinching, are barely able to make ends meet. Nor are these of the shiftless, improvident kind, dragged down by sheer weight of unfortunate habits. They consist in the main, of industrious, capable, sober men and women, victims of circumstances over which they have no control. Want is no stranger to hundreds of well-ordered households in the more populous sections of San Francisco, through no faults of the heads thereof.

The fact suggests, to the layman unversed in the complicated theories of modern social science, that there is something ethically and economically wrong with society in which extremes of opulence and poverty are steadily drawing farther apart, despite circumstances which, under normal conditions, should bring them closer together. Prosperity, which makes the rich richer at the expense of the poor who are no better, if not actually worse off, than they were before, cannot be regarded as a healthy social or industrial symptom. That the poor have not enjoyed relatively with the rich the benefits accruing from existing "good times" is a self-demonstrated proposition.

Prosperity has enhanced the cost of living to all classes, within the past

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The First Local Mint.

One of the institutions here which has the special attention of tourists as well as the local people is the Mint, which is established on Nuuanu street, opposite Queen Emma Hall. It is interesting to enter the large main working room where general manager McDonough and his corps of assistants are at work. The cool and large lanai is a proper resting place and the vaults, where the "bars" to be minted and beer are kept present a very tasty spectacle. The Mint is open from 5:30 a. m. to 11:30 p. m. and during those hours the work never ceases. Visitors after looking over the place will find first class refreshments and the purest of liquors.

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WHITES VS. COLORED PEOPLES.

The growing illiberalism of "the whites" towards peoples of all other colors is shown in this excerpt on "Nigger Britain" from the New York Sun, copied from the Sydney Bulletin:

"The alliance with Japan marks a further move in the process of converting the British Empire into a nigger State. Somewhere about nine-tenths of the Empire's population is already black, brown or yellow. It has already threatened, in Disraeli's time, to bring an avalanche of black soldiers down on white Europe. It now makes alliance with a colored nation against white Europe. Its interests are becoming every day less white and more black, brown and yellow. And this is where further trouble for white Australia looms ahead. To Britain it doesn't matter a straw if Australia is over run by Asiatics, and turns black or brown."

What the "colored" races need to fight with is money, as is shown by the following clipping:

"Although the prejudice against the Hebrew race is as violent and unreasonable in Germany, as it ever was, the Jews are pushing forward and gathering strength year by year and gradually assuming control of the financial enterprises of the empire. The finest residences in Berlin belong to Jews. The same is the case in every German city. Notwithstanding the anti-Semitic agitation and legislation they are not only foremost in all lines of business, but continue to occupy the first places in professional life. They have no social recognition; they are not admitted to court; the church authorities are bitter in their hostility, and in some of the universities Jewish students are not admitted, although there is no formal regulation against them. Yet some of the ablest physicians, surgeons, lawyers, scientists, musicians, artists and literary men are Jews, and although

they number less than 2 per cent of the population, 40 per cent of the wages paid in Berlin are paid by Jewish employers."

THE AMERICAN INQUISITION.

The Baltimore Sun makes a few remarks about the "Water Cure" aspect of the American's benevolent policy in the Philippines. We cannot do better than reproduce here the views expressed on the subject by one of the sanest and most conservative of American newspapers. Of the ingenious torture which appears to have been in common use for nearly three years by the military vanguard of the higher civilization in the islands the Sun says:

"While it is more brutal than and entirely different from the 'sextant' or 'third degree' proceedings of certain police systems, which even in their comparative harmlessness have provoked a cry of horror, it is nevertheless effective in extracting 'confessions.' According to the soldiers, who say they were eye-witnesses, the subject suspected of treason or harboring knowledge of the seditious sentiments of others, is stripped to the waist with arms securely pinioned. He is then thrown under a tank holding about a hundred gallons of water, which runs into his mouth, held forcibly open. This failing to lead him to do almost anything to enable him to escape the torture, another degree is added; that is, the water this time is supplied through a syringe into his mouth. Sometimes an adamant nature will successfully resist this, but the resources of benevolence are not yet at an end. The syringe in the next stage is directed into the subject's nostrils and allowed to play with the hope of bursting the heart of its secrets. At times, however, even this is endured and then the last and most effectual of all remedies is applied. Salt is thrown into the water! It seems that this will dislodge a confession no matter how remotely hidden it might be"

And all this by the army of a nation whose loftiness of purpose at one time held the world in silent admiration! All this is tolerated by a people who affect to be appalled by the horrors of the South African war! What crime has the Filipino committed in refusing to disclose the motives for resisting alien aggression? Is the "water cure" and the "kill all over-ten" policy one of the symbols of the superiority of the "civilized" over the semi-barbarous? If it is, then the half civilized people of the Philippines seem justified in preferring to remain in that benighted state which teaches them less of the glories of a superior moral and mental development.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Just as the youthful King Alfonso of Spain emerges from the nursery to take his seat upon the throne, there disappears from all earthly scenes the venerable figure of a former king, Don Francisco, the grandfather of the new ruler, and consort of the second Isabella. The ex King was eighty years of age at his death. He was expelled from Spain in 1808 as a result of the Revolution of that year. Don Francisco died in Episcay, France, on April 17 last.

THE INDEPENDENT would suggest to the Attorney General, who no doubt recommended the appointment of the new Magistrate at the Leper Settlement, and to Acting Governor Cooper, the appointing power, to at once withdraw the appointment of Thos. K. Nathaniel as District Magistrate and cancel his

commission. He is not a fit person for the position. This paper some time ago suggested Wm. Nottley, and would again recommend another good man who is resident there in the person of J. M. Naole, both of whom we consider are good men for the position.

THE INDEPENDENT ventures the opinion that in the advancing of money by our mercantile bodies to the Board of Health, for the purpose of assisting in the fumigation conducted by the authorities, with the evident idea of looking to the next Legislature for reimbursement, another bad precedent is being established and which it is claimed to be very un-American. How could the Board of Health pledge the Government's credit? How do they know what the composition of the next Legislature will be and whether the amount loaned and borrowed will be paid? It has been the custom here in the past to borrow and trust to the Legislature to make it good, but is it good policy? An extra session was the only remedy.

Politicians at Washington were falling over one another, so it is said, to point out to Governor Dole at a banquet given in his honor that "these mid-Pacific Islands are not a possession, but rather a part of the United States." Pray, when did these Islands become such a part? Was it not by forcible annexation that this country became a part, and as such a possession thereof? They accepted the stolen "ripe pear" of Minister Stevens, aided and abetted by our revolutionists and annexationists, who gave the country away for a mere song without the assent and acquiescence of its people, the rightful owners of the soil. By forcible annexation, we mean the taking by brute force that "might makes right," and that by the strong against the weak, without consent being thereto granted, the weak quietly submitted without assenting, but have since somewhat acquiesced in a measure for policy and propriety's sake, for what else could we do.

Dr. Sloggett's refusal to entertain any proposition towards rescinding the order of the Board of Health, ordering Father Wendelin to leave the Settlement and his stubbornness in refusing to discuss the matter with any citizens' committee have brought their fruits, and the doctor's deep pockets will soon tell the result. Although our Roman Catholic fellow citizens have been calm during this unfortunate controversy and while they will await the result of the citizens' committee's work, still they have taken certain actions which will prove very effective. The Lusitana Society the richest and more numerous organization of its kind in the Islands and the San Antonio Society, the next in proportion, which includes 1500 members have decided to strike Dr. Sloggett's name from their lists of physicians. Probably Dr. Sloggett now wishes that he had been a little more polite in his manners and had used some diplomacy before constituting himself a Czar of the Czars.

Concerning the appointment of the new District Magistrate for the Leper Settlement, a friend from there writes commenting on the appointee's personality as follows:

"I note that Thos. K. Nathaniel has been appointed magistrate for the Settlement. A worse man for an honorable, dignified position never could have been selected; a parasite and a willing tool who, for a pittance, can be made to do any dirty work, and a pupule. Such is the kind of animal our officials like to have to dispense justice."

We quite concur in the above estimation of the man, for we as well as many others here know him only too well. The above characterization of the man needs no further elucidation nor exploitation from us, for he is all that is said of him, and which is only too true. Moreover, he is an ungrateful ingrate, we knowing him during days at Iolsei and since in public life, prior to his being transported and isolated away from home. He may have somewhat changed since then, but we doubt it very much, as the above denotes that he is there still plying at his old tricks and has been weighed and found wanting. "Like father, like son" may be applied to him, for he no doubt has inherited these traits from his immediate ancestor

"King Lear" at the Opera House.

The Opera House was filled to its full capacity last night, even chairs were pressed into service, to see Frederick Warde, the eminent actor, for he is really such, in one of his strongest parts, the title part of Shakespeare's tragedy of "King Lear."

Mr. Warde's acting was all that could be desired—his control of himself and voice was wonderful. Cordelia—Miss Warde—as loveable a character as could be imagined, then Regan—Miss Ashton,—and Goneril, Miss Trescott—were well placed as the two hard and scheming daughters. But, may we say it was rather hard to hear them? In this respect the gentlemen—some of them—were rather at fault.

Barry Johnstone as Edgar was really good in his assumed madness and role of "Poor Tom," and Edmund the villain, by Charles Herman, was full of force and originality. But Miss Bartule as the Fool deserves creditable mention.

An evening at the Opera House, witnessing these standard plays, is really time well spent.

Miss Hatch and party, Judge Gear and party occupied the lower boxes, the upper ones were filled by visiting guests from the transport, and the loges were filled by Col. and Mrs. Parker, with the Prince and Princess Kawananakoa, and Mr. Albert Cunha and party.

On Their Second Trial.

Robert and Edgar Williams, the two colored boys who are accused of having carried away a trunk full of jewelry from Waru's jewelry store while the police were watching them, are being given a second trial in the Circuit Court upon a charge of larceny in the first degree. C. F. Reynolds appears for the defendants.

Father Wendelin Will Stay.

At the time of going to press THE INDEPENDENT learns on the best authority that the Board of Health will permit Father Wendelin to remain at the Leper Settlement, the Bishop having conceded that it had full control and authority.

To Fumigate Again.

All outward bound sailing vessels will be required to fumigate again from now on, before they can be given a clean bill of health. The first boat to be affected by the order is the bark Alden Base, which will sail for San Francisco to-morrow with a load of sugar.

Tax Assessors in Chief W. T. Robinson, of Maui, and N. W. Willfong, of Hawaii, returned to their respective posts of duty at Wailuku and Hilo by last evening's Kinau and Claudine.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Mail for the Coast this afternoon.
Board of Health meeting this afternoon.

The band plays at Thomas square this evening.

Meeting of Damien Council Y. M. I. this evening at Harmony Hall.

The Hawaiian Band gave a concert on the transport Buford this morning.

A nice front room for lady or gentleman to rent at No. 9 Garden Lane.

The Buford sails for San Francisco at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Mail closes at 4 p. m.

The Ala Moana road along the beach is now open to the public for light vehicles.

Captain Olson has relieved Captain Brockaw of the command of the tug Fearless.

An appeal to the Supreme Court has been taken in the case of Robert Hind vs. Eben Low partnership accounting.

C. L. Wight, Andrew Adams, Judge McKay, and others were outgoing passengers by the Claudine last evening.

Francis Gay returned home to Kauai by the W. G. Hall last evening. F. M. Swazy also went by her for a visit.

An answer making general denial has been filed in the case of Manuel P. Ferreira vs. Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land Co.

Aleck Harris, the well known horse trader, was kicked by a horse which he was driving yesterday and sustained a fracture of one of his legs.

The regular rehearsal of the choir of St. Andrew's Cathedral will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the church. All members are expected to be present.

A. Lucas charged with assault and battery on J. Namaau, a tram car driver, was discharged in the District Court yesterday. He was defended by J. J. Dunne.

The four masted schooner James Rolph arrived in port at 5:30 yesterday afternoon from Kiliisnoo, Alaska, after a smart trip of twenty-two days. She brings a cargo of fertilizer.

After an absence from this port of almost a year the Wilder Steamship Company's steamer Hawaii arrived yesterday afternoon for an overhauling. She will probably go on the marine railway to be scrapped.

Judge Gear has ordered the sum of \$632 returned to A. T. Atkinson, he having deposited this amount in the case of Sister Albertina vs. Kapiolani Estate, the suit having been discontinued by agreement.

By the Kinau last evening Mrs. E. A. Nawahi left for her home at Hilo for a two weeks visit and recuperation from her recent illness. She was accompanied by Mrs. S. K. Aluli, of Wailuku, sister of Judge Kopoikai, and child.

S. W. Spencer, G. C. Stratemeyer, Wm. Nailima Jr., M. do Rego, Mrs. Espinda and child, C. Klamp, S. M. Damon, C. A. Widemann, wife, child and servant, Judge A. W. Carter, and others, were outgoing passengers by the Kinau yesterday.

The owners of yachts of five tons and over will have to conform with the legal regulations and register their boats, according to an order issued by the authorities. The Hawaii, Helene, Gladys, Healaui, Mary L. La Paloma, Dawey, Abbie M. and Clytie are the boats affected by the order.

Hon. John Barrett, Commissioner General of the St. Louis Exposition, gave a lecture at Kamehameha School last evening on the St. Louis Exposition, the circumstances surrounding it and the importance of Hawaii's exhibit. About 225 students were present and enthusiastically cheered the speaker at the conclusion of the lecture.

GOVERNOR DOLE BANQUETED.

Future of Hawaii Discussed by American Lawmakers.

Gov. Sanford B. Dole, of Hawaii, was the guest of honor at a banquet given last night at the Metropolitan Club by Mr. William Haywood, formerly United States consul general to Hawaii. Covers were laid for twenty-five, and the guests were mostly Representatives and Senators, who have manifested interest in the welfare of Hawaii.

Speeches were made by Gov. Dole, Speaker Henderson, Senator Cullom, Senator Foraker, Messrs. William Haywood, and W. N. Armstrong, and Representatives Tawney, Grosvenor, and Knox.

Gov. Dole said that he is in the main well satisfied with the form of territorial government outlined for Hawaii, and expressed the opinion that in a short time the system will work out all right. He said that there is good material in Hawaii for American citizenship, and expressed the opinion that it will not be many years until the people will show themselves worthy of their foster parent, the United States.

"I have always believed in Hawaii and in President Dole and what he represents," said Speaker Henderson. "I believe that we have annexed Hawaii for good. Our partnership with the island will be permanent and will be of great importance in the development of the Pacific. The Republican party will stand by Dole and his administration."

Senator Foraker reviewed the history of Hawaii briefly and said that he has never hesitated in voting to take Hawaii under our protection. He emphasized the fact that the island is a part of the Union and is not owned by the United States. He called attention to the amount of money the United States collected from customs in Hawaii last year. He urged that it must be considered that more than \$1,600,000 was paid to the government by the island last year, and that it has not been a burden in any sense to the United States.

Mr. Armstrong expressed the opinion that in fifty years all the mixed population will be thoroughly American in sentiment and will be free from Asiatic environment. After speeches by Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Knox, Mr. Tawney led in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The following attended the dinner: Gov. Sanford B. Dole, Speaker Henderson, Senators Cullom, Clark of Wyoming, Foraker, Spooner, and Carter; Representatives Ditzell, Grosvenor, Newlands, Tawney, Payne, Southard, Knox, Van Voorhis, and Cannon; Gen. John W. Foster, Messrs. E. S. Boyd, Archibald Hopkins, William Haywood, Lorrin A. Thurston, W. N. Armstrong, and B. J. Hermann.—Washington Post, April 23rd.

New England for Dole.

Governor Dole has made out his case in Washington and appears to have secured a new lease of office as Hawaiian Executive. Commenting on this fact, a secular exchange remarks that New England is thus vindicated. "The sons of New England stand together through thick and thin. The New England Senators rallied to the support of the Governor and foiled his enemies, the carpet-baggers, evil-minded persons who came to the islands in search of 'pickings' overlooked by the original missionary 'carpet-baggers' from New England 'whose descendants have monopolized every good thing in a political and business way.' Between the old carpet baggers and the new, as the same journal observes, the natives have little to choose. The Anglo-Saxon from the States has left nothing for the unfortunate Kanaoka but a legacy of death.—S. F. Monitor.

For a change this morning the Advertiser has an editorial on rate! Oh, yes! R-a-t-a!

Another Suicide.

About 7:30 last evening word was received at the Police Station that a Japanese woman named Ito had been found dead at Iwilei in a two story shack with a bullet wound in her breast. Coroner Chillingworth at once proceeded to the house and found the body of the woman lying on the matted floor. In her right breast was a bullet wound and close by her side lay a revolver. An empty bottle which had contained carbolic acid was also found there. The police are investigating the matter thoroughly and Chester Doyle has charge of the case. A coroner's jury was empanelled and after viewing the remains where they lay adjourned until this afternoon when an inquest will be held.

THE INDEPENDENT 50 cents per month.

A haul of 35,000 skules is reported by H. Birkmyre from Kaula.

The remains of the late Robert Lishman were interred yesterday afternoon at Nuuanu cemetery.

Another star chamber meeting was held by the Board of Health yesterday and at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The town was full of drunken and riotous soldiers off the transport Buford last night, and were most promiscuous at Iwilei, Kakaako and other places.

Among those who arrived yesterday morning by the Mauna Loa were Senator J. D. Paris, Gen. Clark, J. A. Maguire, Treasurer W. H. Wright and wife, J. P. Cooke, Col. W. H. Cornwell, Miss E. Mossman, Rev. E. S. Timoteo, M. do Rego and others.

Wm. H. Tell, the late bailiff of the Fire Claims Commission, has been appointed by Judge Robinson as the bailiff of the grand jury for this term of the Circuit Court. The grand jury is holding its sessions in the old throne room of Iolani Palace, and by so doing dislodged the Fire Claims Commission without previous knowledge, although still in session.

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tive estimate. The increased product-
iveness of invested capital and the en-
larged profits of business and trade,
equalize matters so far as the moneyed
class is concerned. It is different with
the wage-working body. Rents, cloth-
ing, foodstuffs, all the necessities of
life have responded to the upward ten-
dency of prices inseparable from "good
times." Wages and the cost of labor
remain stationary. This, on the face
of things, should not be so, but it is.
And the only apparent reason why it
is, is because in our working social and
industrial code, the guiding principle
is selfishness. The actual beneficiaries
of material prosperity do not recog-
nize any moral responsibility in the
premises. The fault lies not so much
with individual turpitude as with the
spirit of the times which fosters this
condition.

The gradual elimination of the sense
of personal obligation in the matter of
equitable dealing between man and
man in the commercial world, can be
traced to the popular decadence of re-
ligious influence. Religion furnishes
the highest motives of human conduct
in all the relations of life. Though
nominally Christian, society is not gov-
erned by the precepts of Christianity.
Its philosophy is not based on the idea
of the fatherhood of God and the
brotherhood of man. In practical af-
fairs the maxim which civilized men
follow, is each one for himself and the
devil take the hindmost. Hence the
prevalence of destitution and the occa-
sional but not rare death from starva-
tion in the midst of abundance and
luxury, must be regarded as a natural
result of the crowding out of Chris-
tianity from our social life by a certain
pagan altruism which ignores the vital
motives of concrete justice and imper-
ative duty.—San Francisco Monitor.

A CONTRACTOR DISAPPEARS.

And Japanese Carpenters Wonder
How to Get Their Money.

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building contractor, who has a
planing mill of his own on the Mc-
Cully Tract, left the city a few days
ago for the mainland, ostensibly
for a few weeks' visit on business.
The event cut no figure at all to
the community at large, but his
rather sudden departure played
havoc among his numerous Japan-
ese employees or sub-contractors to
whom he owes a large amount for
the wages in arrears, etc. When
several Japanese carpenters, each
holding Campbell's promissory note,
which is already over due, represent-
ing \$50.00 to \$75.00 called upon his
bookkeeper for settlement a day or
two ago, they were told by that
person through C. A. Doyle who
acted as interpreter, that Mr.
Campbell had left no money to pay
his debt, and if they persisted in de-
manding a settlement, they would
have to be satisfied with 25 cents
on the dollar; that moreover, the
notes, having already passed the
date of payment, had no value
whatever according to the Great
American Constitution, and that his
kind advice was to give them up
peacefully in exchange for new
notes which would bear the signa-
ture of somebody else than Mr.
Campbell. Thereupon, the Japan-
ese retired to consider the proposi-
tion, and incidentally to look up the
American law book which records
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