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COLOR.

Has any one read the county bill through?
 Enquiries made among the members of the Home Rule party, are always answered in negative. Certainly the most prominent members have not read it, or they would never have allowed it to appear in the form it is. It contains an absolute insult to Hawaiians, an insult which has been carefully prevented by their Kamaaina friends, and it has been left to the Home Rule party, trusting to the venal whites who have been using the party for their own interests, to give a slap in the Hawaiians face, which the Hawaiian must resent intensely.
 If there is any position which the Hawaiian resents more than another, it is being classed as a "nigger." Now The Star wants to be clearly understood upon this point. There may be an Hawaiian point of view, there may be and is another point of view. The Star is not putting up any argument against negroes. It knows by personal contact and business relation that negroes can be and are honorable gentlemen, just as the best of any race may be.

But this has nothing to do with the present argument. Rightly or wrongly the Hawaiian resents intensely being classed with the colored population of the United States. The Star very thoroughly agrees with the Hawaiian. The Hawaiian is not a negro. He is a Aryan. It is unfortunate that the negro has for centuries been regarded as belonging to a subject race, no matter who the subject may be. He has been European and Asiatic. He might have been Polynesian, and as a fact the Polynesian Fijian dominated the Melanesian who was of negro stock. Nigrito is the name the scientists use, and fail to understand or rather explain how the negro race exists in the Pacific Islands.

The county bill formed or supposed to be formed by the Hawaiian Home Rule party, deliberately sets to work to insult the Hawaiians. Men who have lived here the best years of their lives have used their best efforts to show that there is no difference between the Hawaiian and the foreigner who has settled in the former's midst. The main aim with those who really deal with, and strive to help the Hawaiian has been to show the equality of the race with any other race.

It was only a little over a year ago when the question of designating Hawaiian as "colored" and thus classing them with the negroes of the United States was considered in regard to the Census. There happened to be a person at the Census office who pointed out that to class the Hawaiian with the negro was unjust and would be resented as an insult by Hawaiians. The subject under debate even went to the extent of a refusal on the part of the Census Agent to take the Census of the Islands, if Hawaiians were to be classed with negroes. Finally, as everybody now knows, Hawaiians and part-Hawaiians were enumerated. There was nothing in our Census questions asking for "colored," or the many subdivisions of "quadroon," "half caste," "octoroon" and so forth.

In this there was certainly a consideration for the Hawaiian which is not shown by the county act. This badly asks under Chapter XXI, Section 8, as follows:
 "The clerk of each district shall, at least five days previous to the annual meeting in May in each year, make a written report, etc., and said report shall show:

"FIRST—THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN, MALE AND FEMALE, WHITE AND COLORED."

Of course it is evident that the men, or man who got up this portion of the bill had no idea of conditions here, of how the Hawaiian resented being classed as a colored man, or how the susceptibilities of the part-Hawaiians would be hurt. According to the classification in the bill, everyone who has a drop of Hawaiian blood in his or her veins would be classed as a colored person. To this has the Home Rule party allowed its own to come. Those who have lived with and appreciated the Hawaiian have done their utmost to establish equality, have done their best to elevate the Polynesian and make him outclass the negro. The Home Rule party has decided to reduce the Hawaiian to the rank of a colored man.

INFORMATION.

County Government, which is if properly laid out, really a good thing, and could be made an economical thing, is not going to be so if the Home Rulers bill passes. The Home Rule bill very ostentatiously provides for the necessity of the Home Rulers. The question of salary for certain offices is not left to the tender mercies of the voters and tax-payers of the counties, but is prescribed by the law. The voters and tax-payers shall have the privilege of electing, but they will have no say in the matter of emoluments.

Under the act creating county government there will be five counties in the territory. Therefore, there will be

five officers of each class created. In addition to county government there is also to be municipal government. Thus in Oahu there will be the municipality of Honolulu, with its proper quota of officers. There will also be the municipality of Hilo, also with its proper quota of officers, and there may be other municipalities with like advantages. But after all this has nothing to do with the counties. You may have dozens of municipalities but the counties will remain solid. The officials of the counties, as provided by the law are county clerk, county sheriff, county treasurer, "Register" of Deeds, whatever that may mean, possibly Registrar—it is no slip of the pen because the misapplication of the word occurs over and over again in the bill—Probate Judge, County Surveyor, Coroner, County Assessor and County Superintendent of Public Instruction. There is also to be a Board of County Commissioners.

Now let us see the pay these officials are to receive:
 County Clerk, \$3,500 per annum.
 County Sheriff, \$4,500 per annum.
 County Treasurer, \$3,500 per annum.
 "Register" of Deeds, \$3,000 per annum.
 Probate Judge, \$2,500 per annum.
 County Surveyor, \$2,500 per annum.
 Coroner, \$1,000 per annum.
 County Assessor, \$1,200 per annum.
 County Superintendent of Public Instruction, \$2,000 per annum.

The total of this for each county is \$24,700 a year, and for the five counties \$123,500 a year. But this is not all the bill provides for. There is to be a Board of County Commissioners and they are to get ten dollars a day when actually engaged in county business, also when sitting as a Board of Equalization they are to get fifty dollars for the job, outside of the ten dollars a day above mentioned. It is impossible to rate how much the county commissioners would draw down annually, but it is very certain that county commissionerships will be eagerly sought after by Dusty Roads and Weary Willys. Even the average tramp would not want a better cinch than this.

Of course there is a whole lot of minor officials to be provided for, but the plums go in the direction indicated above. The tax-payers are allowed to settle the salaries of the minor offices. They can scrimp on the salaries of policemen, school teachers and such common truck, but the salaries of officers put down above are not to be touched. It is really a wonder that the miserable voter and tax-payer is allowed the opportunity of choosing his official. He may think himself fortunate that he is allowed to vote at all.

It is self evident that the list of salaries indicated is absurd. The amount of work in each county is not equal, and the county itself should decide what it is proper to pay for having its work done. The County Clerk of Kamehameha County, will not have anything like the work of the County Clerk of Hilo County. The County Sheriff of Kauai County is to get \$4,500, and his work will be a picnic as compared with the work of the County Sheriff of Oahu, who will get the same salary. It may be incidentally mentioned that all these salaries are higher than the salary of the present High Sheriff who has the supervision of the police of the whole territory.
 The county bill affords subject matter for much comment. Every taxpayer, and every voter should make himself thoroughly familiar with it. There are dangers ahead, and they must be guarded against.

Austria appears to be ready to disintegrate. If this is so there will be a serious change in the polity of the European states. Russia will get a strong hold among the Czechs and Slavics. She has always been egging them on to seek for independence. Now they will go over to her in pursuit of independence and will find that they have exchanged King Log for King Stork. But it will give Russia additional strength on the continent. On the other hand Germany will be strengthened by the accession of Austria's German section. Hungary will be a balance against Russia, also. The Hungarians have no reason to love a power which once basely betrayed them.

John A. Moore whose death was announced yesterday had served this Territory as a school teacher since the year 1881. It was an honorable service and he had done great good to many young men and young women who now occupy positions of trust and emolument which they would not now occupy but for Mr. Moore's teaching. Mr. Moore was a Southerner, an Alabamian and served through the Civil War, reaching the rank of major. After the war he went to San Francisco and there occupied positions as vice principal, and principal of some of the important schools of the growing city. Political influence in school matters, however, made him come to the Islands where he knew that worth and not politics gave a man a position. Mr. Moore first took a position at the Lihue school, Kauai. Then he was transferred to Walluku, Maui. He was principal of Lahalpaluna for some years, and then returned to Walluku. He was also Normal Instructor for a year. At the latter end of last year, he resigned his position in Walluku, his age not warranting his continuing in service any longer. Practically, however, John A. Moore died in harness. Those who knew Mr. Moore, knew a man of great kindness of heart, of genial temperament and whole souled friendship. He had not been very prominent in our body politic, but in a quiet, unobtrusive way he served the state and perhaps did far more good than more noisy and obtrusive people. There are many who can thank John A. Moore not only for their educational advantages but for countless acts of kindness done out of a genial heart.

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