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COURTING INVESTIGATION.

No Governor Carter, from a layman's standpoint, fails "to understand the reason for the Federal grand jury being called to investigate the alleged election irregularities." It is as plain as a, b, c. And we, also, from a layman's standpoint, don't understand the reason why the Federal grand jury shouldn't be called into being to investigate the alleged election irregularities, as many of them were so "raw" that even any schoolboy could easily see them as clear as day is from night. Don't worry over the result, as it will settle all for once, for good and for all time to come, as far as this particular election is concerned. Let's court the most searching and minutest investigation.

Governor Carter is further credited with saying "that everyone concerned in the Administration courts the most careful examination." Held on there, Georgia; don't be too hasty, else you may rue what you now so boastfully say that "the Administration courts the most careful examination." From all accounts, it is even hinted that the Adminis-

ularities, but first they must be looked into and rightly placed.

As these "alleged election irregularities" will, no doubt, be carefully probed into by the Territorial and Federal grand juries, there need be no uneasiness felt among "everyone concerned in the Administration." But the captioned statement by the morning avenger that the "Territorial inquisitors steal march on Federal body" need not be seriously taken, as no march was stolen other than to get down to good, solid business, not "hard cash." As the Administration did not court the present investigation by either of the inquisitorial bodies, not until it was compelled to, then the Governor now says that "the Administration courts" it. Good. One body having begun, the other to follow soon, it is hoped that no stone will be left unturned to discover some tangible results.

Democratic candidates in their ante-election speeches promised the voters that the Democratic party, although since defeated, courted these investigations by bringing it up to the notice of these bodies. And now we await the result of their respective findings.

Having now courted investigation, will the Governor ask for one into the methods officially and partisanly employed at the Settlement, which was exclusively exposed in Monday's issue of THE INDEPENDENT? Being solicitous for the morals and good order among our unfortunate countrymen, many of whom are slowly and surely pining away to death, while yet living in the throes and agony of death in that living grave, we sincerely hope that an impartial investigation will be the outcome of that rottenness.

Our Kindergarten Judges.

And we have lost another kindergarten magistrate for another. It's really too bad, these frequent changes in the District Court, where many of our would-be young judges are coached and where they really learn more than they ever did know before, even while as practicing attorneys.

Days were, which have all gone past recall, when men of experience sat on the Bench, not only in the Police Court, but in the higher Courts as well. Now we are confronted with an inexperienced lot, which began since the overthrow, in all the Courts, and we have heretofore referred to them from time to time: It does seem that the lower Court is the chief seat for these kindergartners to gain experience at the expense of the taxpayers and the inconvenience of the people. Most of these appointees are not in sympathy and in touch with the masses, all belonging to one narrow clique or party. But we have to submit.

During the few weeks that ex-Judge Judd has been holding down the District Court bench, he has shown himself to be a careful and conscientious young judge, but one who has yet lots to learn. We have scored him on some of his decisions, but not with any intention of belittling him or the position he temporarily held. But we do say, and that without expecting any favor,

Deputy High Sheriff Rawlins, who has become quite a bully in Court, in the belief probably that he knows it all and that none is better than he. In our opinion, the Deputy High Sheriff has lots yet to learn before he is capable of passing judgment, off-handedly, over others while before the Court. While the ex-Second District Magistrate was there, he appeared to be always carried away by what the Deputy suggested and urged, and we fear that the new incumbent will be no better served. It is not so with Judge Lindsay, who decided as he saw it, and who, when once his mind was made up, never changed nor allowed himself to be used and bullied by another tyro in legal lore or in the art of wordy warfare.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

No better man and no more competent man than Eric A. Knudsen for Speaker of the House can be found in the whole Legislature. Sheer good policy and party government demand there be no issue on this score.—The Garden Island.

A "body specialist" was mistaken for a "body developer" does not speak well for our police. How comes it that such a mistake was made in serving a subpoena yesterday? The mistake must be made in not giving the correct identity of the "professor" desired to appear as a witness in Circuit Court.

It is a satisfaction to have the Advertiser come out in opposition to the "sweat box" system proposed for extorting testimony from unwilling witnesses. A late repentance is better than no repentance at all; but there are many in this community who will not fail to remember the applause that came from the pages of the morning press in 1895 when Marshal Hitchcock starved men and locked them in dark cells in order to elicit testimony, chiefly manufactured, from them.

If the Public Works department will properly investigate it will probably find that the waste from the water mains goes into private flower gardens and lawns at night. The suggestion of Superintendent Holloway that a large part of the waste goes into taro patches about Honolulu is absurd on the face of it. Taro patches are not usually equipped with water taps, and for the very good reason that they are too expensive. Taro is grown in low places, and in such positions as to make it possible to draw upon the mountains for water.

Detective Hatter suggests the employment by the underwriters of a few men whose business it should be to investigate, in conjunction with the fire chief, all fires, and where incendiarism or other crooked work is discovered, reports be made to the proper authorities in order that arrests and prosecutions might duly follow. This is not a new idea; in fact it is the practice throughout America and Europe. Insurance companies have found it cheaper to maintain a private police system of their own in cities, as the saving by the discovery of fraud has frequently proved far greater than the cost of the patrol.

It makes little difference to the public and less to the Democratic party who is made president of the

next Senate. The Republicans are so greatly in the majority that they must and will be held wholly and strictly responsible for everything that goes on, be it good, bad or indifferent. However, the president of a Senate is usually held responsible for many things, whereas his powers may easily be nil, and he may be, in such a position, harmful in place of a benefit to his party and the people. Palmer Woods, as the lone Democrat in the Senate, should not aspire to the chair. On the other hand, party fealty, party dignity and even personal dignity would suggest that he retain his modest position on the floor. The Republicans will get all of the glory to come out of this Legislature, and they should be compelled to bear all of the responsibility.

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Tomorrow is the day the Portuguese celebrate.

The prosecution closed its case in the Mahaulu embezzlement trial yesterday.

The next regular mail for San Francisco will be per the Ventura on December 6th.

The Kaulani will leave at the usual hour this afternoon for Maui and Molokai ports.

The Alameda sailed at 9 this morning and the Siberia at noon for San Francisco.

There is talk among the National Guard of a camp-fire to take place sometime in January.

Mr Bidgood, of the Volcano house, will likely be the new manager of the Haleiwa hotel.

About 200 children will take part in the Mother Goose fete to be given in the Hawaiian Opera house.

The army transport leaving San Francisco tomorrow will be the Christmas boat for the Philippines.

Government employees were paid off this morning. There being funds enough, no warrants were registered.

On Wednesday last Mr Isenberg gave a luau at McBryde plantation for the benefit of the people there.

A reception and big dinner was given by Mr and Mrs W H Rice at their home on Kauai Thanksgiving day.

Mrs D McConnell has moved from No 9 Garden Lane to No 1223 Emma street. Furnished rooms.

Judge Whitney assumed his duties in the police court yesterday, succeeding A F Judd who has resigned.

The Alameda took about the last of this season's sugar intended for California. She had a little over 5,000 bags.

The gates to the St Clements' fair on Saturday afternoon will open at 2 p m and close at 6 o'clock, but will be opened again in the evening.

On account of the rush of street and other public work in November, the Government's pay-roll today was larger than in many months.

The first performance of the Mother Goose play by the Kindergarten children will take place on the evening of December 10.

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

The money for the lands at Kalihi and Pearl harbor, which are required for defense purposes, will likely arrive here by the transport of December 8.

Another batch of Japanese reservists is being gotten together in readiness for the next steamer. They are instructed daily by two sergeants who are here.

Former Detective McDuffie was called in the court this morning and pleaded not guilty to each of the five indictments against him. The first case will likely be taken up tomorrow.

Senator Aehi is out with a county scheme which provides for the election of such officers as are now provided for, thus doing away with a large part of the red-tape in the old County idea.

When Prof Edgar Woods, of the Normal School, was sent for as a witness in the Mahaulu case, the officer returned with Jess Woods, the trainer, in tow. The summons had it plain "Prof Woods."

D W Stevens, who has visited Honolulu several times as attorney for the Japanese government, has been appointed by Japan to reorganize the government of Korea. Mr Stevens was last here in connection with the claims of certain immigrants who had been refused a landing.

December Weather.

The weather bureau has issued a statement in which he gives in detail the condition of the weather for the month of December during the last twenty-seven years. It is intended to show conditions as they have been but are not to be considered as a forecast. It is shown in the report that the mean or average temperature for the month was 72. The average rainfall for the month was 3.59 inches, the greatest being 8.86 inches in 1879 and the lowest 1.17 in 1888. The greatest rainfall on any one day was on December 22, 1879, when the precipitation was 4.30 inches. The average number of clear days for the month in twenty-five years was 12, cloudy days 14, partly cloudy days 5. The prevailing winds have been northeast.

Opinion of The Fight.

Paddy Ryan says of last night's fight in San Francisco: "The defeat of Young Corbett was a surprise to me, but when you come to size the thing up, it might have been just the thing to expect. In his fighting Nelson tried his usual boxing tactics. Corbett, being over-confident, easily fell a prey to the wiles of his antagonist. Corbett is still a good man, and if he had fought Nelson at his own game he would have beaten him."

Other sports around town seem to think that Corbett is a back-number anyhow, although not old enough to be classed as such.

District Court Doings.

New Second District Magistrate Whitney presided this morning for the second time, Judge Lindsay being still confined to his bed by illness.

M G Silva and J de Castro, both for unlicensed liquor selling, were found guilty and each fined \$100 and costs. Rama Kealoha was committed to the Circuit Court for burglary in the second degree; Sam Koko was fined \$2 for a slight assault, and one drunk received the usual assessment. All other cases went over.

Gibson On Kauai.

Mr Herbert T Gibson formerly principal of the Waimea schools and now superintendent of the Boys' Industrial School, Oahu, arrived on Kauai on Wednesday by the Hall, to spend a couple of weeks visiting old friends on the island. Mr Gibson is at present the guest of Mr H D Wishard.—The Garden Island.

Short In Accounts.

Henry Vierra has been dismissed from the water works department on an alleged showing that he is short in his accounts. The Grand Jury is investigating the matter, as is also the Attorney General, and it is not improbable that an indictment will follow. The shortage is principally in the fund collected from the wash houses, though the total amount is not fully known. Friends of Vierra declare that he will be able to make a clean showing.

To Try New Country.

W M Cunningham left today for Nevada where he will take charge of a \$25,000 hotel. The place is a mining town and is said to be in the midst of a big boom. The people there furnish most of the money, the Honolulu man putting up the balance.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The county set commission will resume its sessions the first week in January.

A meeting of the Board of Agriculture will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Cecil Brown left yesterday for Hilo to close up the affairs of the Volcano Mineral water works.

It is reported that Senator Palmer P Woods is a candidate for the office of president of the Senate.

The tax appeal court has remitted taxes to Hackfeld & Co on \$150,000 invested in the Hawaii Mill Co.]

A Japanese named Onishi Sena was arrested by Marshal Hendry yesterday for distilling okolehao over the Pali.

News comes from New York that Secretary "Jaek" Atkinson was banquetted by the Lotus club in New York city last night.

Col Macfarlane, wife and daughter left today for the Coast. The Colonel expects to go to Cuba but will likely postpone the trip until the new year.

The new Royal School building was occupied for the first time yesterday. There were 750 pupils enrolled, being mostly the overflow from other schools.

Miss Agnes Judd will address the Gleaners this afternoon on "Personal experiences in Old Rome and the Catacombs." The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs Judd.

The Nevadan will sail from San Francisco on December 14 for Honolulu direct. The Nebraskan will leave Seattle on December 26 for Honolulu, coming by way of San Francisco.

The annual meeting of the Hawaiian Historical Society will be held on Friday evening for the election of officers and hearing of reports. A paper will be read by Ed Towse on "The Voyage of the Schooner Detantua."

Land Opening On Kauai.

W O Aiken of Maui arrived at Hanalei Friday to represent the Department of Public Lands in the matter of the disposal of small blocks of government land at Hanalei. On Friday applications were made in due form for twenty of these twenty-two pieces of land. The other two pieces will undoubtedly be taken.

These lands all have more or less water and will make fair garden plots.—The Garden Island.

Passengers Departed.

Per stmr Likelike, for Kahului (Claudine's run), Nov 29—H G Danford, H N Almy and wife, Rev E Tokimasa, W Aysu, Miss Annie K Mossman, H P Baldwin, Miss Helen Noa and sister, R O Hogg, P N Kahokuoluna, H N Almy and wife, C W Ashford.

Per S S Alameda, Nov 30, for San Francisco—FD Elwell.

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