

THE HAWAIIAN QUESTION.

Discussion of the Treaty in Executive Session of the Senate.

Senator Davis Concludes His Speech in Favor of Annexation.

Asserts That the Nation Which Controls the Islands Will Control the Nicaragua Canal, and That the Nation Possessing Pearl Harbor Will Hold the Key to the Military Situation in the North Pacific.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Senator Davis continued and completed his speech in the executive session of the Senate to-day on the Hawaiian question, and was followed by Senator Allen of Nebraska, who spoke in opposition.

Davis requested in the beginning that no questions be asked during the presentation of his argument, as he preferred, he said, not to have the continuity of his thoughts broken.

The speech to-day was devoted largely to a presentation of the strategic features of annexation. He displayed a chart in front of the Presiding Officer's platform showing the location of Hawaii relative to this country and to Asia.

One of the points brought out with considerable elaboration was the probable effect on the Nicaragua canal of the occupation of the islands by some foreign power. He illustrated by reference to the map, showing that Hawaii was in a straight line between the western terminus of the canal and Japan and China.

He also devoted careful attention to the importance of controlling Pearl Harbor, now owned by the United States, saying that the nation which maintained possession of this harbor would hold the key to the military situation in the North Pacific.

He also presented the necessity for controlling Hawaii as a base of supplies in case of hostilities, saying that it was almost necessary to control it for that reason, on account of the impossibility of a warship crossing the Pacific without replenishing her coal supply.

Davis ridiculed the objection made by Japan that the addition of Hawaii as United States territory would work a violation of Japan's treaty rights in the island. He said, in reply to this objection, that all rights would doubtless be protected, and instanced the creation of the German Empire, as showing the effect of annexation upon the treaties of various countries which enter into a consolidation.

He referred to Japan's protest as an indication of a natural tendency to rapacity, and said that the Government of that country should have been satisfied with the territory wrested from China, instead of wanting to gorge herself by the addition of Hawaii.

Davis called attention to the apparent cordial relations existing between Japan and China, as manifested by Japan's offer to lend her fleet to the English in their operations in Chinese waters, where, he said, the greatest naval demonstration of history was about to be made.

Senator present upon the force of his argument the thoroughness of his research and the brilliancy of his presentation of facts. Both Senators Hoar and Mason were heard to remark that it was a great pity that the rules of an executive session prevented the publication of the entire document.

Senator Allen (Pop.) of Nebraska followed with a speech in opposition to the treaty, which was comparatively brief. He called attention to the distance of Hawaii from our shores, referred to the necessity we would be under of defending the islands in case of war, and claimed that on this account it was necessary for the United States to establish and maintain a separate fleet for their protection, as well as an army on the islands.

He said that coal was no longer contraband of war, and contended that the United States was in far greater danger from the possibility of its being declared a neutral power than it was from the possibility of its being annexed. He contended that the annexation of the islands would open the doors for a violation of our laws for the exclusion of Chinese, holding that they would find admission through Hawaii's becoming a State of the Union in some future session.

There was apparent to-day a disposition on the part of some Senators who announce themselves undecided as to what course to pursue on the Hawaiian question to mix it with the Cuban problem. They are friends of Cuba, and they desire to have the administration take a more pronounced position in the interests of Cuba, as a return for their assistance on the Hawaiian treaty.

THE MINISTRY TO CHINA.

EX-SENATOR CONGER NAMED FOR THE PLACE.

Charles Page Bryan Nominated for Minister to Brazil to Succeed the Former.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—An arrangement has been perfected by which Charles Page Bryan of Illinois, nominated to be minister to China, and ex-Senator Conger of Michigan, Minister to Brazil, will exchange posts. There was considerable objection to Bryan's nomination, on the ground that he had no diplomatic experience, and was not equipped for so important a place as that of Minister to China is likely to be during the present administration.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The President today sent these nominations to the Senate: State—Mark S. Brewer of Michigan, Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to China; Charles Page Bryan of Illinois, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Brazil.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED. WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The Senate today confirmed these nominations: Postmasters—Arizona, J. T. Coulter; Flagstaff, W. O. Kellner; Globe, J. J. Hoffmann; Tempe, A. J. Griswold; Nogales, J. J. Hoffmann.

The Senate also confirmed some minor nominations in the revenue cutter service.

PLOT TO MURDER MORAES.

Prominent Persons in Brazil Indicted for Conspiracy.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 2.—A great sensation has been caused here by the publication of the police report on the conspiracy to assassinate President Moraes on November 5th last.

The police allege that there were several plots against the life of the President prior to the one in November.

The report concludes with indicating twenty persons, including Vice-President Victorini Pereira, Captain Lopez Cruz of the Brazilian navy, seven Majors and Colonels, Senator Cordeiro, Deputies Glicerio, Granabara, Barbosa, Lima, Ireno, Mashado, Marquado who executed the crime.

Glicerio continues to be absent, and the Vice-President is still at large. It appears that he was in close relations with Niccolosino, who directed the crime.

Diccioceno and Marcellino have made full confessions. Feedhand Brunetiere, as editor of the "Revista da Deixa Monde", must stand trial in Paris for refusing to publish a reply to an unfavorable criticism of an unsuccessful treasury.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS. Rubstaller's EXTRA PALE SPECIAL BREW

GILT EDGE BEER Extra Fine Old Porter. CITY BREWERY, TWELFTH AND H.

SCHOOL MONEY. Apportionment of State School Funds for This County.

COMMERCIAL. WHEAT MARKET UNCHANGED FOR SPOT.

Barley Steady for Feed and Firm for Brewing—Oat Prices Have Advancing Tendency.

San Francisco, Jan. 12th. Wheat is unchanged for spot; the market is none too strong and the reappearance of rain would knock the price down.

Produce Quotations. FLOUR—Net cash prices for Family Extras, \$4 50 per 50 lbs.

California Dried Fruit. NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—California dried fruits quiet and steady.

SACRAMENTO MARKET. Trade Continues Quiet in Local Produce Circles.

REPARTEE ON A FERRY. She Was Big but the Little Fellow Beat Her.

BEANS—Bays, \$2 50; Butter, \$1 20; Pork, \$1 50; Lard, \$1 50; Eggs, \$1 50; Chickens, \$1 50; Turkeys, \$1 50; Geese, \$1 50; Ducks, \$1 50; Rabbits, \$1 50.

VEGETABLES—Lima Beans, \$1 50; Green Beans, \$1 50; Peas, \$1 50; Carrots, \$1 50; Potatoes, \$1 50; Onions, \$1 50; Cabbage, \$1 50; Lettuce, \$1 50; Tomatoes, \$1 50.

FRUIT—Apples, \$1 50; Oranges, \$1 50; Lemons, \$1 50; Limes, \$1 50; Grapes, \$1 50; Peaches, \$1 50; Plums, \$1 50; Cherries, \$1 50; Strawberries, \$1 50.

MEATS—Beef, \$1 50; Pork, \$1 50; Mutton, \$1 50; Lamb, \$1 50; Veal, \$1 50; Chicken, \$1 50; Turkey, \$1 50; Duck, \$1 50; Goose, \$1 50.

DAIRY—Butter, \$1 50; Cheese, \$1 50; Milk, \$1 50; Cream, \$1 50; Eggs, \$1 50; Chickens, \$1 50; Turkeys, \$1 50; Geese, \$1 50; Ducks, \$1 50.

GRAIN—Wheat, \$1 50; Corn, \$1 50; Oats, \$1 50; Barley, \$1 50; Rye, \$1 50; Clover, \$1 50; Hay, \$1 50; Straw, \$1 50.

Wool, \$1 50; Hides, \$1 50; Bones, \$1 50; Tallow, \$1 50; Grease, \$1 50; Soap, \$1 50; Candles, \$1 50; Paper, \$1 50; Ink, \$1 50; Stationery, \$1 50.

Iron, \$1 50; Steel, \$1 50; Coal, \$1 50; Lumber, \$1 50; Brick, \$1 50; Cement, \$1 50; Glass, \$1 50; Paint, \$1 50; Oil, \$1 50; Fuel, \$1 50.

San Francisco Stocks. Morning Session—Boards: Confidence; Challenge; Chollar; Consolidated; Mexican; Occidental; Overman; Potrero; Savage; Sierra Nevada; Standard; Y. J. & Co.

Meat Market. Following are the rates for whole carcasses from slaughter pens to dealers: BEEF—First quality, 6c; second quality, 5c; third quality, 4c.

Weighting the Chances. H—Would you be mad if anybody should see me kiss you? She—Is anybody looking?—Lincoln Union.

CLEARANCE SALE ITEMS TO-DAY, TO-MORROW and SATURDAY. IMPORTANT SALE of Muslin Underwear.

Men's Heavy Cotton Undershirts, cut full, made with a banded collar, cut out shoulders, double stitched. Clearance Sale Price, 35c Each.

Men's Vicuna Merino Undershirts, medium heavy weight; worth 75c. Clearance Sale Price, 25c Each.

Men's Sox. Men's Cotton Shaker Sox, light and dark colors, medium weight; worth double. Clearance Sale Price, 8 1/2-3c Pair.

Boys' Goat Shoes. Boys' Best Calf Dress Shoes, hand-welt, hook and lace, made of wool, \$3. Clearance Sale Price, \$1 98 Pair.

Misses' and Ladies' Leggings. Ladies' and Misses' Best All-Wool Black Jersey Leggings. Clearance Sale Price, 65c Pair.

Children's Felt Slippers. Children's and Misses' Best Quality Felt Slippers, soft leather sole. Clearance Sale Price, 68c Pair.

Ladies' Shoes. Broken line of Ladies' Dongola Kid Button Shoes, mostly small sizes; worth \$2. Clearance Sale Price, 85c Pair.

Black Dress Goods. 37-Inch Imported Black French Serge, all wool. Clearance Sale Price, 21c Yard.

Unbleached Muslin. 36-Inch Unbleached Muslin, soft finish; worth 6c. Clearance Sale Price, 4c Yard.

Glass Water Pitchers. Colored Glass Water Pitchers, in green, mottled and yellow. Clearance Sale Price, 25c Each.

Glass Mugs. Colored Glass Mugs, in green, yellow and mottled, fine grade glass. Clearance Sale Price, 12 1/2c Each.

Canton Flannel. Bleached Canton Flannel, good nap, full width. Clearance Sale Price, 6 1/2c Yard.

HALE BROS. & CO., 825 to 835 K Street. CITY OFFICIAL ADVERTISING NOTICE.

The Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees meets on second and last Mondays of each month. No demand for a certified check shall be made after the hour of 1 o'clock p. m. Mondays mentioned.

Bids will be received at the office of the undersigned until 5 o'clock p. m. on Monday, January 24, 1898, for one horse wagon for Fire Department in this city.

Bids will be received at the office of the undersigned until 5 o'clock p. m. on Monday, January 24, 1898, for 2,000 feet of granite crosswalks, seven by fourteen inches.

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Short Talks On the Value of Electricity. How it is Applied to the Weak Parts and How it Cures.

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