

STEVENS SERENADED.

ANNEXATIONISTS CALL UPON THE EX-MINISTER.

Six Hundred Citizens Bid Farewell—Speeches by Mr. Stevens and Mr. Oleson.

There was a big demonstration last night at the Eagle House by delegations from the Annexationist voters of Honolulu to show their respect and aloha for ex-Minister John L. Stevens, who left with his family to day in the Australia for his home in Augusta, Maine.

Although it was desired by some of the members of the Annexation Club that no formal demonstration be made, yet the STAR presumed yesterday to give publicity to the fact that there would be a chance to march from the Annexation Club headquarters with the band, and at 7 o'clock last night over two hundred citizens had gathered in the hall and many more were assembled on the street below.

At 7:30 o'clock members of the club fell in column of fours, headed by the Government Band, and through a shower of rain and splashing mud they marched up Nuuanu street to the Eagle House, where the ex-Minister resided.

The Executive Committee of the Club quietly assumed charge of the demonstration when they found it was determined upon by the members, and Chairman McStocker, Secretary Jones and Committeemen Stratmeyer, McLeod, Martin, Lansing and others assisted greatly in keeping the crowd orderly and systematic during its call.

There had been quite a display of Roman candles as the procession neared the Eagle House, and when it arrived at the gate three rousing cheers and a tiger were given to the ex-Minister.

President F. M. Hatch and Vice-President McGrew waited upon Mr. Stevens and stood by his side while the members of the club filed in for a hand shake. They passed along through the parlor, grasping the hand of Mr. Stevens, and on through the hall out into the grounds again.

The band played appropriate American airs while the presentations were going on and, when the rush had ceased, the crowd massed again in front of the hotel and shouted for "Stevens," "Stevens."

Accompanied by Mr. Hatch and Dr. McGrew, Mr. Stevens ascended to the verandah and, after another round of enthusiastic cheers, and a fanfare from the band, spoke as follows:

"GENTLEMEN:—I presume that you do not expect me to make you much of a speech this evening as I am tired with preparing for my departure to-morrow, and I hope that you will excuse me. But although I am tired, I will improve this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to you all for the many manifestations of your kindness and good feeling extended to myself and family during my residence among you.

"I understand this manifestation to be sincere and I am not obliged to interpret your meaning as anything but that you are all in earnest and that this demonstration of your regard is not an entirely personal one.

"I regard its meaning in a higher light and look upon it as a proof of the fact that your hearts are all over and all through sympathetic with that vast nation and that glorious country to which I am bound, and you know, and all know, that you have in that nation millions of hearts going out to you in responsive sympathy.

"You may be assured that America has reached that period of her greatness when she is capable of standing alone; alone in justice and everlasting righteousness; and that the number of her citizens, her wealth, resources and vast extent of territory make her capable of saying to the rest of the world, 'hands off,' and to extend a helping hand to all those who seek her aid in the cause of right and justice. It is a government 'by the people, for the people and of the people' and should take its part as it has a right, in the interest of the common welfare of mankind.

"It is not easy to separate from friends whom I have so much cause to respect and for whom I have so much regard, whom I have learned to love and whose good-will has been so plainly evidenced here to-night.

"In closing I say, 'Always do right, never do a wrong to anyone,' and, in that way, we can show best our love of our country and of our God and maintain our true manhood and citizenship among men.

"With these few words you will allow me to bid you good night and good-bye.

Cheers had interrupted the progress of Mr. Stevens' address and, when he had finished, they burst out again and again, mingling with the strains of the "Star Spangled Banner," from the band stationed in the yard.

Calls were made for Dr. McGrew, F. B. McStocker, W. B. Oleson and Walter G. Smith, but none of these seemed in a mood for speaking, so the crowd formed again and with the band returned to the Annexation headquarters on Hotel and Fort streets.

Here, *volens volens*, Professor Oleson was hoisted on a dreggods box and made the following short address:

"Gentlemen—I feel flattered on being called upon to make a speech to-night, and I feel that it is the cause that we all are fighting for that makes you wish to hear me, and I will say a few words.

"We have just come from making our call upon ex-Minister Stevens and have paid our compliments to him, and now I think we ought to pay our com-

pliments to another American—Mr. Nordhoff! (Groans, cat-calls, hisses, etc., etc.)

"When Mr. Nordhoff was younger than he is now, he wrote a book, and that book I happened to run across the other day and I read it.

"I found that he wrote on annexation.

"He had laid down in the book three principles on which the United States could annex territory:

"First—That all territory to be annexed should not be encumbered with a dense population.

"Second—That all territory to be annexed should be possessed of a fertile soil, a good climate and be able to afford work for American mechanics and farmers.

"Third—That it must be a country the population of which could be easily assimilated with the American people.

"Now we believe, too, that the United States should annex every country that it wants, and that the population of that country should be American, and that that country possesses the necessary elements that Mr. Nordhoff demands.

"Another reason is that we believe the destiny of this country is to ally itself with that great nation across the sea—from whence we have drawn the principles we possess to-day.

"Now Mr. Nordhoff was a very wise man when he wrote this book, but when it came to the application of his principles—he turned out to be just the kind of a man you think he is.

"He said in 1875 that he wanted us, but now he don't want us on account of our dense population!

"Now, first, I should like to know if we can't accommodate more American mechanics and farmers if they come here?

"Second, whether the soil and climate is not suitable for the homes of American workmen?

"Third, if we cannot assimilate our present population with that of the United States? For then we shall fulfill all of Mr. Nordhoff's conditions as expressed in his book.

"I should like to know if we have not good mechanics here who have lived here for many, many years? Have we not men who have worked years and years in the foundries of the Honolulu Iron Works, and are still healthy, prosperous and happy? [Voice, "Yes, and lots of 'em!"]

"Has Mr. Nordhoff found that there are any Portuguese sugar? He seems to think that the population is made up of Chinese and Japanese on these Islands.

"In many things the people have proven themselves in these Islands in advance of the people of the United States—for instance, the Australian ballot they had in this country long before it was introduced into the United States.

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MR. PORTER'S SUCCESSOR

VICE-PRESIDENT DAMON IS THE MAN.

His Policy Outlined—Who Will Be Second in the Government—A Native For The Council.

The news, exclusively printed in the STAR last evening, that Minister of Finance Porter had resigned set the town agog. Some said it meant that Claus Spreckels had insisted on Porter's withdrawal so that he might the more readily demand the payment of his loan to the ex-Queen's Government; others that Mr. Porter felt that private business needed his attention on the coast. The latter view was generally accepted, and appears to be the true one.

Personally, Mr. Porter has won such respect as a public officer that, whatever the reason for his withdrawal, regret could not be felt among the friends of good government here.

This morning it was announced that Vice-President Samuel M. Damon would, on the first of June, take the finance portfolio. Mr. Damon has been Minister of Finance before and his high standing as a banker—not to speak of the great monetary resources back of him—is a guarantee that the Government will have no trouble in holding its financial rudder true. The appointment fully makes up for the loss involved in Mr. Porter's retirement.

Mr. Damon's acceptance of his new duties will make a vacancy in the office of Vice-President. Who will fill it is not known, but he must come from members on the Advisory Council. This will involve a new vacancy in the Legislative branch of the Government which will probably be supplied by the election of some eminent native leader like Kalua or Iosepa.

A reporter of the STAR saw Mr. Damon this morning and heard him confirm the news of his appointment. Touching his policy he said:

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James Wilder, son of the late S. G. Wilder of this city, has made quite a hit in New York in an amateur play given by the Harvard College boys.

Quoting from the San Francisco News-Letter's New York correspondent we find:

"In speaking of California boys, I must not forget to tell you what a sensation Jimmy Wilder has made as Hamlet in the 'Hasty Pudding' burlesque at Chickering hall.

"The havoc he makes among female hearts is appalling."

All that Jamie writes to his folks here only proves the above. He says his notoriety has become quite a nuisance to him. That upon entering a streetcar in New York since his clever acting he is subject to such a lot of bobbing and whisperings, "That's Wilder, the actor," that it quite confuses him, especially when it comes from the pretty girls of Gotham.