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The restoration of the Queen to the throne Mr. Blount never contemplated by anything he said in his report, and the administration would not favor such a course, even if he did.—New York Herald

WHAT IS AND WHAT MIGHT BE

Honolulu's street car system wins the ridicule of tourists and invites invidious comparisons. The cars are usually dirty, not because the streets are so, as the Bulletin says, but because the drivers do not keep them clean. The rate of speed is less than that of the heavy busses which run in competition. At many switches there are long and unnecessary waits made so by the indifference of "whips" and the laziness of mules. So slack is the discipline that we have seen drivers smoking in a way to afflict lady passengers and on one occasion a driver has been seen in his car with his arm around a woman while his team of mules trudged along at its own sweet will. Nowhere in America, in cities of eight or ten thousand people, can be found a service so inadequate, cars so foul, drivers so slothful and inefficient and accommodation to the public so little thought of. Even the rates are higher than they ought to be and are wholly exclusive of the transfer tickets which are in common use abroad. The motto of the tramcar system seems to be to yield to patrons the minimum of service at the maximum of cost. So much for the frozen facts.

Now as to the remedy. It has been proposed to substitute electric cars, which, by their speed, will enable trips between given points to be made more frequently and will make communication with outlying parts of the town much easier than it is at present. The men having this matter in hand are Americans who know their business, are competent to keep their cars clean and their employes under discipline and who are ready to risk their capital in such an enterprise. The Bulletin, to be sure, thinks that the electric method is still immature and that the line would not pay; but as a matter of fact electric transit has latterly been perfected and there is a syndicate ready to take all the risks of making the Honolulu venture profitable. Obviously the investors and not the Bulletin people are the ones to be consulted on these points, and there need be no further discussion of that subject in the press.

There is one point made by the Bulletin in opposing the electric transit scheme which deserves particular notice, namely, that Honolulu is a slow town and should, therefore be content with slow locomotion. This is the argument of the clam; but claims must not be consulted in a proposition to push a city forward and make it modern and great. The same logic might be used to deter the building of the Oahu belt line and the increase of steamship facilities. If Honolulu is at all slow it is not from choice, but because want of opportunity keeps it from going ahead. Opportunity given, it is the duty of all well-wishers of the city to put their shoulders to the wheel and attract progressive people here by being progressive themselves. An electric line by saving time to business men and others; by putting suburban residents in quick communication with the business district; by making the outlying lands desirable to home-builders; by cheapening means of public conveyance, still too largely dependant upon expensive hacks—would be one of the most efficient factors in building up Honolulu and adding to its population. In our opinion if the question of having an electric line were put to a vote it would be ratified by an immense majority. In spite of the charge of slowness Honolulu is enough of an American community to be ambitious to move forward.

Regarding the actual prospects of getting an electric system the STAR can predict that the moment the present tramcar profits of two per cent. are wiped out by bus competition, that moment will see the English owners astir either to put in the trolley themselves or to sell the plant to people who will make that improvement. It remains, therefore, to the Honolulu travelling populace to eventually bring the electric system in and we have faith that they will do it.

WE NOW KNOW THE WORST.

The news promised us about a dreadful Samoan entanglement in which the United States, Russia, England, Germany, France and Hawaii were to be involved has reached us as promised in a Honolulu dispatch to the American press. We breathlessly quote:

"Although Robert Louis Stevenson had positively denied that he was here otherwise than for his health, it is now positively known that his visit to Honolulu has a deep political significance. The Germans have promised to 'undie' Mr. Stevenson, 'bag and baggage,' out of Samoa in case Germany gets a pretext to annex those islands. It has been learned that his mission here is to study out some plan to prevent Germany from annexing these islands, so as to save his Samoan estates."

The imperial prologue to this swelling theme appeared in our morning contemporary some two weeks ago; and the sweet reasonableness of the tale appealed then as now to every healthful mind. Just consider it Mr. Stevenson, a private English gentleman who writes, owns a home in Samoa which the Germans might not like to have him occupy if they were to annex the group. Therefore the colonial policy of His Majesty William II. is to be headed off and suppressed in the interest of Mr. Stevenson's homestead rights; and to see that this is done the invalid novelist hies himself to the capital of this great power and studies out a plan of action amid the sacred and sequestered shades of Sans Souci. When the plan is formed we may fairly presume, as Mr. Stevenson is not going further on his travels, that an early call will be made at the Hawaiian Foreign office with a view to having our fleets and armies stand Germany off. Just where England, as per Advertiser data, comes in we do not know, unless it be as an ally of Mr. Stevenson and Hawaii; and as for Russia and the United States which were "to stand and fall in the Pacific" as a sequence of the world-wide imbroglio over Mr. Stevenson's cottage and hen yard, the manner in which they are going to connect themselves with the depressing situation may only be surmised. The same is true of France, whose silent sympathy was promised for the submerged bear and the drowning eagle. Small pretexts have sometimes made great wars, and the thought of two hemispheres going into battle to preserve for Mr. Stevenson the felicity of living in Samoa is one that fills us with forebodings. Can it not be that Mr. Stevenson, or his able colleague in the field of fiction who sent the story abroad, may be restrained before they unleash Hawaii's powder of war and set the world by the ears? Let us indeed hope so for the credit of poor human nature, now burdened with all too many sins.

The rural simplicity of political old maidenhood seems to have sufficed Mr. Davies when he reached the coast and began to talk of the probable trend of events in Hawaii and Washington. He mentioned that American public men had opened their hearts to him—as such people are so apt to do—and had promised to secure these islands "justice." This was at once interpreted to mean that the "Queen" would be restored, and Mr. Davies could see his way entirely clear to harmonize any slight unpleasantness the event might cause among the "fine fellows" of the Provisional Government. It is sweet to know that he is on his way here now with goodness in his heart, plenty of lifting tackle in his hand, the light of anticipation in his eye and the prediction in his past that the Monarchial Ship of State is bound to move before his samson poles. In fact the good guardian is the buoyant McDowell of Hawaiian politics and knows what must happen at every stage of the tide. Let us all stand ready to welcome him for his inno-cent speech with open arms and enlivened speech and with brows from which the wrinkles all are smoothed.

All that appeared in the New York Herald's Washington correspondence against annexation was a pack of lies, according to the subsidized organs of the P. G. in Honolulu. When, however, the Washington correspondent expresses the opinion that no such thing as restoration of the monarchy is contemplated, it is paraded in stud-horse style by the STAR as the final decree of the United States Government.—Bulletin

The confession of the Herald is "paraded" as evidence that the paper has found out that it was wrong in the first place. That is quite an important matter, inasmuch as when a false witness begins to eat his own words it is to be inferred that he has reason to think his previous testimony is to be refuted. The extreme haste of the Herald to get in out of the wet is quite significant enough to note, even in black type.

MR. CHAMBERS' interview seems to have demoralized the Royalist party on the subject of his Uncle James' report.

That the United States forces helped Malietoa to the Samoan throne is undoubted, but the Bulletin remembers to forget that the choice laid between two native chiefs rather than between one of them and a government which Americans and other civilized whites had established in his place. Had there been a great American colony in Samoa which was opposed to Malietoa and which demanded a republican form of government, the royal claimant would have waited long and without avail for a sign of Yankee succor. There is no parallelism between the Samoan and the Hawaiian cases when all the facts are marshalled.

OH, NO! THAT WOULDN'T DO.

An Ingenious but Impracticable Suggestion About Hawaii. To the Editor of the Sun—SIR: The Sandwich Island question seems to me to be capable of a very simple solution. The Islands need not become a part of the United States in any way, not even as a territory. If the decent inhabitants desire to come under our flag, let us take the Islands, simply as a naval station, put the control, for all purposes, under the Navy Department, detail officers to attend to the government of the population and provide revenue by law to raise by taxation sufficient revenue to defray all expenses of protection and administration. The inhabitants need not, and should not, become citizens of the United States. Immigration could be regulated so that all objectionable elements could be kept out. P. Q.

His Mouth Wide Open. The guardian of Miss Kaulani of Hawaii is now at Victoria en route to Honolulu, and, as usual, his mouth is wide open. He is confident that Mr. Cleveland will do the right thing by his ward and the dethroned Queen, Liliuokalani. The American people would like to feel as confident that he will do the right thing and the wise thing by them in this Hawaiian business; but the Sphinx utters no word. Silence sometimes conceals a plentiful lack of wisdom and sometimes a purpose that will not stand criticism.—S. F. Bulletin.

An interesting letter from "One Who Knows"—part of a series which has been contributed to the New York Sun by a writer who is thought to be ex-Minister Rollin M. Daggett—appears in this paper to-day.

KAUAIANA.

There is nothing particularly new or interesting to report from this section since my last letter. The very much needed rain has favored us frequently, and as a consequence nature has arrayed herself in new vestures of viridity, which is quite refreshing to the eyes after the long continued terracotta of the dusty, dry season. Kauai is certainly a Garden Isle now—a fact that seems to be fully appreciated by some Honoluluites of both high and low degree, who find pleasure and profit here, as evinced by their frequent visits.

Among the more prominent Honolulu society people now sojourning in these parts may be mentioned Mrs. Frank Hastings, Mrs. Ed. D. Tenney, and Miss L. Atkinson, who are guests at "Lily Heights," Kapaa, the home of Mr. Chas. B. Makee.

The Misses Kamakee and Maria Cummins are at Kealia, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blaisdell. Their cousin, ex-Prince David, is still with us and seems to be enjoying life immensely, alternately between Kealia and Kapaa, finding entertainment and a cordial welcome in either place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ottman return to Honolulu after a pleasant visit among their Kauai friends.

WILLIAM O. SMITH, President Board of Health.

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BY AUTHORITY.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH. Honolulu, Oct. 25, 1893. Notice is hereby given that at a regular business meeting of the Board of Health held in its office on the above date, section 20 of the Quarantine Regulations adopted March 18, 1891, was amended so that said section 20 shall read, as follows:

"20. Vessels arriving from an Asiatic port, or from any port reported to be infected with cholera, yellow fever, small pox, scarlet fever, plague or any other disease deemed by the Board of Health to be dangerous to the public health, or vessels carrying passengers, whether steamers or sailing vessels, if under fourteen days from the last foreign port of call, shall not enter any port of the Hawaiian Islands until permission is granted by the port physician, or a duly accredited officer of the Board of Health. Such vessels if refused entry shall be anchored in quarantine at such places as may be chosen by the pilot, under direction of the Port Physician, and remain at such anchorage until changed or admitted into port by the Board of Health.

"Provided however, that in the case of a sailing vessel arriving under fourteen days from the last foreign port of call, and not having any such dangerous disease on board, the pilot may bring her into port and anchor here; but no person shall be allowed to land from such vessel until permission is granted by the port physician."

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J. M. OAT, Postmaster-General.

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Annual Meeting. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Paia Plantation will be held at the office of Castle & Cooke on MONDAY, October 30th, at 11 A. M. T. W. HOBRON, Secretary. 171-131

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