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THE CABLE.

The report of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce in favor of the Serrymser bill has been received. A minority adverse report of two of the committee is also at hand, in which the main objection expressed is that the bill grants a large subsidy without leaving the thing for public competition. Extracts from the majority report will be found on the first page.

The printed copy of the House Bill is also at hand. It does not, as stated in a recent letter from Washington, "ask for a specific franchise to lay a cable to Hawaii, Japan and Australia," but "between the United States, the Hawaiian Islands, Japan and China."

The Cable Bill now with our own Senate Committee asks for no subsidy and for no exclusive franchise except between Hawaii and Japan. Moreover the bill here becomes operative only in case the bill now in Congress shall pass.

NEUTRALITY.

In another column are printed the rules which have been adopted by the United States and Great Britain with regard to what a neutral government is bound to carry out. The rules are clear, but they deal with powers that are able to enforce them. How could Hawaii enforce them. She has no ships or armaments which would enable her to see that such rules be enforced, and yet for allowing violation of them she might be held responsible if war takes place between the United States and Spain.

The present situation is an object lesson to two sets of people. To those who oppose annexation in the United States, it is clearly demonstrated what a disadvantage it would be to have this a neutral port, whose neutrality could not be maintained. The necessity of annexation must thus strike home. To those who believe that Hawaii can be continued as an independent government, the dangers of the position must be now self evident. A neutrality which cannot make itself respected, has the elements of serious disaster when great belligerents get by the ears.

Better the protection of a great power, even in time of war, than the unprotected condition of Hawaii as an independent state.

AN OLD IDEA.

One of the difficulties in traveling about the Islands is the lack of accommodations. The people of the group are hospitable enough, but they have been imposed upon so often, that it would be small wonder if they peremptorily closed their doors against strangers. Even to the Kamaaina, the old resident, it is not pleasant to have to put himself under obligation for a night's lodging, and board for himself and horse; for of course, in a majority of cases, cash payment cannot be offered.

The late Judge Preston had a scheme for overcoming this difficulty, which might at the present time be put into practice, and The Star recommends it to the attention of Senator Holstein. The late Judge was in favor of just such a bill for the sale of light wines and beer as was lately introduced by the Senator, but he wanted to make it a vehicle to supply proper accommodations to the traveller. His bill provided for a license in the country districts, but the licensee was to be obliged to have two or three rooms with beds, and stabling for two or three horses. He was also to be obliged to serve meals when required.

The country was not ripe for the Judge's bill, and it was laid aside among the many abortive efforts that have been made to advance. But there is no doubt that the Judge's idea was a good one. He got it from an English law, which under certain circumstances obliged the man who sells liquor to provide for the wants of the traveller.

That the outer districts need accommodations is certain. Nor can we adopt the Indian system of dak bungalows nor the Russian system of post houses, both of which are supported by government. But we can very easily say to a man who wants a license to sell beer and wine, very well, my friend, you shall have your license, but you will also have to look out for the passing traveller. Then,

the license will be truly granted for refreshments. Instead of putting a saloon into a district, where only drink can be dispensed, you put a real rest house, and the chances are that a more respectable class of people will take out the licenses.

As matters now stand it does not pay a man to keep accommodations for travellers, but allow him the sale of liquor and he can do so, and not only that, but he can be made to do so. It seems a clear cut proposition that the really proper ground for granting a man a license in the outer districts is that of giving refreshment. Why restrict the refreshment? Why not follow the old rule of our ancestors and have "refreshment for man and beast" as may yet be seen over the door of many an old inn in both Old and New England.

RECREATION GROUNDS.

The Senate has done the right thing in the matter of recreation grounds, having put aside land at Makiki and at Aala for this purpose. The House will now have to follow suit, which it ought to do without much hesitation. There is nothing so necessary to a city at its recreation grounds. It is not that they beautify it, which of course they do, but it is that they give to people who are hard at work all day, or to children who live in small houses, a spot where they can breathe the breath of life and enjoy something better than the sidewalks or a dingy and dusty street.

This work is only just in time, a few years hence and the cost of obtaining land at either place for public purposes would have been enormous. In such matters, it is well to take time by the forelock. If you hesitate, the opportunity slips by, and the thing is never done.

In olden days our ancestors had a great idea of having an open space for amusements. Though a place might be small, though the fields and meadows and woods might be near, still every village had its "green." The village green was an institution. Here the boys used to play cricket and football, or run races. Here the May pole was set up and the lads and lassies used to trip merrily to the sound of pipe and rebeck, the wise heads of the little community looking on and recalling old times. And on the village green, when the times called for it, the men were drilled to arms.

We laugh at our ancestors, and their quaint old ways, but they were not quite such fools as we of the later generations like to think. In nothing were they wiser than in setting apart a public recreation ground to every village, a thing which we, in our own modern cities, with all their conveniences, are very apt to forget.

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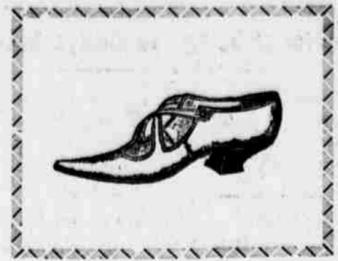
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