

# Hawaii Holomua

PROGRESS.

*The Life of the Land is Established  
in Righteousness.*

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## PRINCESS KAIULANI.

To-day, is the eighteenth anniversary of H. R. H. Princess Victoria Kaiulani. Sad are the thoughts with which the loyal Hawaiians to-day remember their young alii alone in the far away land. The sore trials which have fallen on the heads of her royal aunt, her beloved father and her faithful people, have made this day which should have been one of universal joy and public celebration silent and still. But when the Hawaiians hail the young Princess with their earnest prayers for her welfare, and their best wishes for many and happy returns of the day, it is with the firm hope in their hearts, that on the next 16th of October, the Princess will be in her own country, surrounded by her august relations and kind friends, in her proper position, and that Hawaii will be free once more. May kindly breezes carry to the alii Hawaii's sincere—Aloha Oe.

## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

His Excellency L. A. Thurston Minister etc. to Washington is now spending his time (for which the Hawaiian Taxpayers pay him) in promoting a new stock-company to be called the Hawaiian Exhibition Company. The object of the company is to prepare a Hawaiian exhibit at the coming Fair in California and thereby help to boom the Cyclorama Company which is to be shifted from Chicago to San Francisco. It is proposed that the stock-capital of the new company be fifty thousand dollars. Shares will be issued to the amount of twenty five thousand dollars for cash to admiring and confident speculators in dime museums and Thurston, while the balance will be kept by the promoters. An elaborate programme has been arranged which looks extremely well—on paper. The estimates of expenditures and receipts show that there will be a clean gain of \$23,234, which also looks well—on paper. What we would like to know is though how the eventual cash-subscribers are to get their invested twenty five thousand dollars back "after the fair is over?" The estimated surplus of \$23,234 will, we presume, be paid as dividends on the total capital stock of fifty thousand dollars, and the subscribers besides this dividend will be the proud possessors of some bullocks, some houses (cheap) and two canoes, besides sharks, geese, hihimana, donkeys, squids and Laysan Island birds.

The prospects of owning all this miscellaneous assortment may of course make the hearts swell, and the pockets open of some of our fellow citizens, but we doubt though that it will be to the tune of \$25,000—with the other \$25,000 to promoter Thurs-

ton. The fact is that Hawaii has very little to exhibit which will attract much attention at any exposition. There is no longer any original features in Hawaii, or in the mode of living of the Hawaiians. To see some lei-bedecked natives eating poi, may attract some curiosity, but we doubt that it will be of sufficient interest to make it a great "draw." The Hawaiians live very much like other people now-a-days. The grass huts have disappeared and the usual neat cottages of the ferning classes in other tropical countries have taken their places. Mr. Thurston is well aware that any attempt to present the Hawaiians as semi-barbarians and as a half-civilized nation is a fraud—which will be recognized and commented on by the thousands of Californians who have visited these islands.

The immense benefit which Hawaii can derive from making an exhibit at the fair we cannot see. What are we going to gain by it? Of course Mr. Thurston will answer "tourists." Somehow or other the tourists are slow in coming in spite of all the efforts of Mr. Thurston and his crowd. And even if they do come their number will never be sufficiently large to be of any visible benefit to the country at large. Tourist-travelling in Switzerland has often been mentioned as a proof of what a great benefit, and what a great revenue a country can derive from becoming the place where all excursionists and tourists desire to go. But look at the difference. It takes a tiresome sea-voyage of fourteen days to go to Hawaii and back to San Francisco, while Switzerland can be reached in less than 24 hours from nearly every point in Europe. In Hawaii the traveller is cut off absolutely from all communications with his home and must live not less than a month without being able to exchange messages while in Switzerland, he has the cable and the mail and can return home if needed in a few hours. To travel in Hawaii is a costly affair. Only well to do people can afford it. To travel in Switzerland doesn't cost more or in many instances as much as it costs the traveller to stay at home and live in his ordinary style. In Switzerland the tourist can get anything he desires in the line of accommodations both in the line of sleeping, eating and drinking, in Hawaii—well the less said the better. No taken as a whole Hawaii will not at present become a gathering place for tourists even if she takes part in a thousand expositions.

Is it then our commerce which is to be benefited by Mr. Thurston's scheme? Hardly; because it is not likely that we will raise one pound more of sugar which is the main-stay of our commerce, because we exhibit our villages, sharks and fans. Taro flour has been peddled to fairs in Paris and other places, and received gold medals and mention honorable, but we don't believe that the manufacturers ever have had orders for even five tons from abroad. The liquor known as *okolehao* has also taken gold medals, but that industry is of course strictly *tabu* in our

missionary—blessed community. Guava Jelly then—oh! give us a rest on guava jelly. What is there then to be gained by inducing people here to put up their hard earned cash for the purpose of sending an Hawaiian exhibit to the Mid-winter Fair? Certainly nothing for Hawaii—for Thurston perhaps a great deal.

The disposition which this promoter makes of the Hawaiian Band is a piece of his usual cheek. The Bandmen have not signified their willingness to go to California and as long as Thurston has anything to do with the Fair it is extremely doubtful if they will entertain any propositions to go.

The only thing that can attract foreigners to an Hawaiian Exhibition is the Hula, and that has been tabooed. It is sad, but it is true. The Hula is the only original true Hawaiian feature which we have left—and that we may as well keep at home and for closed doors. The people who have heretofore invested in Mr. Thurston's many schemes should go a little slow and think well before they "dig." It is just as well to see if any returns will ever come from the old enterprises before embarking in new ones. Mr. Thurston is all right. The government pays him a handsome salary—to the stockholders, not a bean.

The Tramways Company, has always been the object of the Advertiser's persecution which has constantly been directed against Mr. Paine, the manager of the Company. The P. G. seems to have taken the cue from its semi-official sheet and is trying to annoy Mr. Paine and interfere with the cars on all and every occasion. The latest exhibition of this feeling was the unwarranted stopping of the cars for one hour while the circus on palace square, took place. The Tramways Company, not alone has a franchise under which it has the sole use and right of way of the portion of the streets granted to it, but what we consider of much more importance is the fact that the tram cars are one of the greatest benefits to the community, and virtually have become an indispensable necessity.

When the Government or rather the head of police Mr. W. O. Smith obstructs and annoys the company, he annoys and obstructs the citizens of Honolulu. It was simply a petty and mean piece of spite which authorized the stopping of the cars at Palace Square. The officers in command—if they knew their business—should certainly have their troops so well in hand that they could drill them and make evolutions without touching a given line. We are inclined to believe that it is true as stated in the cars on Saturday night, that the only way to get the battalion in a straight line is to use the rails of the tram cars as a "toe line." Of course Mr. Paine ought to be satisfied with learning that his company is of valuable assistance to the manoeuvres of the P. G. battalion.

The Advertiser indicates that the drill last Saturday had for

its object the striking of terror into the "sowls" of all the royalist. Besides an explainable fear that some gun or Dr. Rodgers might "go off" and injure somebody, one by trying to kill and the other by trying to heal the only feeling created was one of the largest and most perfect-amusement.

It is hardly complimentary to the original five provisional commissioners and to Messrs. Thurston, Alexander, Hastings and the rest of those who have represented the P. G. in Washington that the Star considers it necessary to send ex-Judge Dole there to prove that the revolutionists are not filibusters pirates or disreputable characters generally. Evidently the Star doesn't think that the first batches have succeeded in disproving the soft impeachment.

## THE ADVERTISER AND THE "SURPLUS."

The Advertiser now admits—when it cannot any longer lie out of it—that the debt owing—not owed, as the Tiser says, it is funny how that paper will prevaricate or misrepresent facts—by Hawaii is nearly four million dollars. It further says, that "this debt was contracted under the monarchy, and will be paid by the Provisional Government.

That it "will be," paid by this government. What! the debt not yet paid off? and this in place of the statement made by the Advertiser four days ago, that the Provisional Government "has paid off the public indebtedness to almost the last cent, and still has a surplus on hand."

Well, well, well! we have always had the impression that the Advertiser was not overtruthful in its statements on the financial condition of the Hawaiian Treasury, but now the whole community may be convinced, that the editorial statements relating to the issues of that paper on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week were downright falsehoods. The admission by the Advertiser, that a debt of "nearly four millions of dollars" does exist, when it had already stated that the public debt to almost the last cent was paid off and still left a surplus, proves itself by its own words to be a falsifier.

"This debt was contracted under the monarchy," says the Advertiser baby. As the Government in the Hawaiian Islands for the last fifty years has been of monarchical form, such assertion is childish. Who contracted such a large debt under the monarchy? The clique supported by the Advertiser, who now temporarily rule the country contracted that debt through their "tools" in the House of Legislature.

Appropriations of thousands of dollars have been spent for the "Encouragement of Immigration," or in other words for the importation of coolies from all parts of the world; the spending of money to assist the building of railroads throughout the islands; the purchase of the Marine Railway; the carrying on of certain public works or improvements when any special benefit was to be derived therefrom by themselves; many

other instances might be mentioned. But enough has been said to show that a goodly portion, yes, the larger portion of the debt has been incurred for objects benefiting—more than anyone else—those who are now "damning" the monarchy and everybody connected with it. "We have used the monarchy for all it is worth, now 'to Hades' with it," seems to be their course of action at the present time. There is consistency for you, and the Advertiser is the mouth-piece of that set.

Let us look at a few figures again just for fun. On the 31st of March, 1892, the Public debt was \$3,217,161.18, on July 5th, 1893, it was \$3,279,826.40, an increase in 16 months of \$62,665.27, of which at least \$10,000 must be put to the debit of the present government, on the 4th. of October 1893, it reaches the amount of \$3,398,276.01 an INCREASE in THREE MONTHS of \$118,449.61 or at the rate of \$473,798.44 per annum. Remember, that in those figures are not included the rents of Crown Lands which will have to be accounted for, one of these days. On the 11th. of October the debit is further increased—one week—by \$12,246.73 or at the rate of \$636,829.96 per annum. Comment is unnecessary, enough proof is here furnished to show the taxpayers, that the statements made by the Advertiser touching on the financial condition of this country's treasury are baseless fabrications.

We assert, that the heavy draft upon the Hawaiian Treasury, has not been caused by an improvident monarchy, but has been caused by the heavy disbursements required to keep the present government in control of affairs, which in not quite nine months, has reached the sum of \$140,639.33.

Why does not the Advertiser explain how this apparent surplus exists? Does the apparent credit balance of a hundred thousand dollars, prove that amount to be a surplus? We think not, a balance of money can always be retained in the treasury by not making any payments on account of the government's debts, or by not carrying on public works which may cause the expenditure of money. We are inclined to think that, that is the way in which "it is done."

A day of reckoning has got to come, and when it does the useless and extravagant expenditure of the monies during the last nine months will have to be explained and accounted for. The matter of "finances" will be a very serious question, and more competent financial heads than are now in this government, will be required to extricate the country from bankruptcy.

Where's that surplus, Johnstone?

A chinaman named Liung Yao, shot and killed another chinaman by the name of Tong-Yong, at Hoaeae on Sunday morning.

The car track was useful to the rifle carriers last Saturday. It saved the Commanding Officer the trouble of drawing a chalk mark line on the street for a toe-line.

We are pleased to learn from Maui that Mr. T. W. Everett is in good health again and has nearly fully recovered from his recent illness.