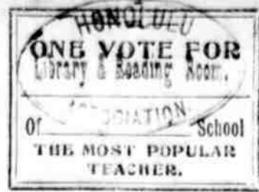




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COURT OF CLAIMS AGAIN

President McKinley Extends Its Jurisdiction Over Whole Group.

Without Supplies the Court Remains in Abeyance—President Dole Is Phased With Conference Committee.

The Government has letters from Washington containing the news given in the second edition of the Bulletin yesterday. President Dole regards the conference committee on the Territorial bill a very good one.

A telegram has also been received by the Government announcing that President McKinley has extended the jurisdiction of the Court of Claims, for adjudication of sanitary fire losses, to cover the Hawaiian Islands instead of merely Chinatown as in the original authorization.

President Dole said no to a question as to whether the Court of Claims could proceed without supplies being voted by the Council of State.

"Then the Council of State has stalled the whole business?"

"Yes," answered the President.

MISSION OF MR. POLLITZ

As a New York telegram in yesterday's second edition stated, Edward Pollitz was confident of the success of his errand to the metropolis, which was stated to be the listing of Hawaiian securities on the Exchange there. A recent number of the Wasp says in effect that, among the knowing, the stock listing in question was a minor part of Mr. Pollitz's mission. The paper hinted that he was engaged in a large deal, one that would most favorably affect the class of investments he represented.

E. C. Macfarlane, of the Hawaiian Stock Exchange, was asked if he had knowledge of the nature of the deal in question, and answered:

"I have received letters from California assuring me that Mr. Pollitz was succeeding in New York even beyond his expectations. While I am not advised of the nature of any deal beyond the listing operation, I am certain that the mission of Mr. Pollitz will be of very great advantage to Hawaiian securities. Mr. Pollitz has the highest financial connections in New York, and, from what is already known, you can say there is little doubt he has interested J. & W. Seligman in Hawaiian investments. It may be depended upon, that whatever of our securities Mr. Pollitz gets listed on the New York market are those which will stand on their merits."

Naval Court Appeal.

Geo. A. Davis, attorney for the twelve seamen of the bark Inverness-shire found guilty of refusal of duty by a British Naval Court at Honolulu on February 26 last, has received advices that the appeal from the court has been referred to the Board of Trade with orders to hear it on the report of Consul W. R. Hoare, president of the court.

"Delegate" Hartwell Coming.

Cecil Brown is expected in the Moana tomorrow and Smith and Hartwell will be back on the following steamer.

Plague in Turkey.

(Associated Press Special.)
Teheran, April 17.—The Shah started from here yesterday to Europe. An outbreak of bubonic plague is reported in Javanrod district near the Turkish frontier. Since the disease appeared three weeks ago, 159 deaths have occurred.

PAY YOUR BILLS.

The Merchants Collection Agency, No. 113 Kahuamau street, has charge of all accounts due the PEOPLE'S EXPRESS CO. prior to March 10th, at which time they changed hands. Call at their office and settle at once.

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MR. HUMPHREYS SHOWS FACTS

Scurrilous Attack Upon Him Falls Flat—Prompted by Personal Spite and Jealousy—What the People Say—Mr. Humphreys' Career Speaks for Itself.

A Bulletin reporter sought Mr. Humphreys this morning for the purpose of interviewing him in regard to the sensational article sent from Tucson, Arizona, and published in the San Francisco Call of the 12th inst.

The article is as follows:

Tucson, Arizona, April 11.—Abram S. Humphreys of Honolulu, Hawaii, formerly a resident of Arizona, a native of Mississippi, is a candidate for appointment on the Supreme Bench of Hawaii. Humphreys left Arizona about five years ago and went direct to Honolulu. He married an heiress, and it is said he has gained distinction in his profession. His candidacy for judgeship, announced here yesterday, caused much acrimonious comment on account of the unfortunate reputation he gained for himself while practicing law at Phoenix and Florence.

W. F. Cooper, District Attorney of Pima county, has sent serious charges against Humphreys to Washington, among others that he embezzled large sums of insurance money from two widows, paid by the Ancient Order of United Workmen on account of death of their husbands. This was at Florence, where, when he left, he stated he was going to Prescott and would return in a few days, but went right through to Honolulu, where he has since been. A number of creditors at Florence mourned his loss. The charges also allege that Humphreys has been placed under arrest at Phoenix on a charge of complicity in procuring a criminal operation on a woman named White. A mob threatened summary punishment, but he escaped. The next day he got into a street shooting scrape with P. Minor over the matter and several shots were exchanged.

At Florence, it is alleged, Humphreys got into several disgraceful fights, in one of which he attacked an old man named Gilbert with a knife, cutting him badly.

Those most intimately acquainted with Humphreys state he was betimes mentally unbalanced, which accounted for his peculiar and erratic conduct. His aspirations to the Supreme Bench have caused many to take active interest in the matter here.

Mr. Humphreys was found in his office busily engaged with a large batch of mail. He made the following statement in regard to the article which was taken down by the reporter at his dictation:

"As soon as I learned that there was an article in the Call attacking me I procured a copy of the paper and after reading the charges sent them to the Advertiser and requested that they be published in full. In a few minutes thereafter a reporter from the Advertiser called at my office and I submitted to an interview which was correctly reported in this morning's paper. The man Will F. Cooper who sent the telegram to the San Francisco Call has been a bitter personal and political enemy of mine for the past seven years and has often declared that he would leave no stone unturned to injure me. His statement that I was while living in Arizona an insane man is quite sufficient to dam every charge which he makes against me.

As Deputy Attorney General.

I had been in the Territory only a few months when I was appointed Deputy Attorney General of the Territory and served out my term, making a record in that office of which I have no reason to be ashamed. Thereafter I was endorsed—and I want to say at this time I was only 22 years of age—by the great majority of the Bar of Arizona, by newspapers, business men, bankers, the Territorial and County officials, for the position of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona. My failure to secure that position was attributed to my youth and nothing else. About three months before leaving the Territory I was a candidate for District Attorney. There were two other candidates in the field besides myself. The campaign was an exciting one, and while I was defeated yet the defeat was a practical vindication of my career in the Territory. Every charge which political antagonism, personal enmity and individual malice could imagine was made against me. I fought them all out on the stump, and was beaten by only seven votes.

Arizona Support.

In spite of the charges which this man Cooper now makes against me and which cannot be bolstered up by one scintilla of proof, I am endorsed for the position of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii by very many of the leading lawyers, newspapers and bankers of Arizona, and in addition to these endorsements from the community in which I spent four years of my life, I have endorsements from the town and State in which I was born and

reared, of which any man might well feel proud, and many of these endorsements have been forwarded to Washington in the face of and with knowledge of the Call article attacking me. A gentleman who occupied the position of Attorney General in Arizona during the time I am supposed to have lived in the Territory is now one of the leaders of the San Francisco Bar and represents Senator Don Cameron in his extensive interests in the Southwest. Directly upon reading the Call article he dictated and sent the following letter to George D. Gear:

George D. Gear, Palace Hotel, San Francisco.

"Dear Sir:—I have read the account which was published in the San Francisco Call containing the substance of certain charges made against Mr. Abram S. Humphreys of Honolulu which are alleged to have been filed with the Attorney General of the United States by W. F. Cooper, the present District Attorney of Pima county, Arizona, and desire to say to you that in my opinion the charges are utterly without foundation. During all the time referred to in said charges I was a resident of Arizona and was actively engaged in the practice of law in the county in which Mr. Humphreys resided. During two years of that time I was the Attorney General of that Territory, and I was particularly friendly and intimate with the District Attorney of the county in which Mr. Humphreys lived and I am quite certain that if Mr. Humphreys had been guilty of any improper practices I would have heard something about them. On the contrary I have never before heard any person other than Mr. Cooper question Mr. Humphreys' honesty and integrity. When I was in Arizona about six months ago Mr. Cooper tried to tell me something about the alleged facts which are contained in his charges, but he exhibited and candidly expressed so much vindictiveness towards Mr. Humphreys that I refused to hear him complete his statement. Mr. Cooper then freely confessed to me that he harbored the bitterest feelings of revenge towards Mr. Humphreys and that he would avail himself of the first opportunity that presented to inflict upon Mr. Humphreys all the injury within his power. My personal acquaintance with Mr. Humphreys covers a period of about ten years last past. During the four years he was in Arizona I frequently had occasion to associate him with me in the trial of many cases, and I never knew him to entertain or express a single thought which was not creditable to his manhood and honorable in the highest degree. His career in Arizona marks him as a man of wonderful moral courage and the greatest stability of character. He came there as a mere boy about 21 years of age. Within one year after his arrival he was urged for appointment of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona by the official members of the then existing Republican Administration of the Territory. At that early age he possessed such accurate knowledge of legal principles that the oldest practitioners were deeply impressed by his learning and rare ability. Many of them gave their support to his candidacy to that high position. He had been gently reared in Mississippi and what little trouble he had in Arizona arose from the fact that he was deeply imbued with those notions of chivalry and that fine sense of honor which was sometimes slightly referred to by persons who are controlled by more practical commercial instincts as 'Southern.' Whenever Mr. Humphreys found that his associates were dishonorable or dishonest he denounced their action and refused to longer co-operate with them. Being generous to a fault and of a confident disposition, his inexperience and youth brought to him financial disaster. After losing his law library, which was the best ever brought to the Territory, he located in the town of Florence and there Mr. Humphreys lived for more than two years. He continued to maintain the same courteous demeanor towards every person with whom he came in contact but to boldly and vigorously attack all public and private wrong, and in that small frontier community he never failed to maintain the high-

est principles of honor and to put them into operation in his business dealings. If ever a man's character was tried in the fires of adversity under the most desperate circumstances that of A. S. Humphreys was during the period of his life which was spent in Florence, Arizona, and whatever his faults may be I speak from knowledge of the facts when I say that he deserves the support and commendation of all right-thinking men for the noble battle he there made against overwhelming odds in the cause of justice and right. He proved himself to be possessed of the best attributes which go to make up that noblest work of God, an honest man and one without fear. It is true that when Mr. Humphreys left Arizona he was in debt but it is equally true and is within my own knowledge that after living in Honolulu he paid off every dollar he owed in Arizona, while working on a salary in a law office. It is not true that he married a woman of wealth or acquired any wealth through his wife, but it is true that by his own exertions solely and by his keen intelligence he has already gained a competency in the Hawaiian Islands and it is also true that his sole reason for seeking the position of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Hawaiian Islands is his laudable ambition to make a reputation as a learned and upright judge. That he will succeed in this ambition far beyond his own hopes if appointed is my firmest conviction.

I am, dear Sir, very respectfully yours,

FRANCIS J. HENEY,
"Ex-Attorney General of Arizona."

Barclay Henley's Letter.

The following letter was sent to President McKinley by the Honorable Barclay Henley, a distinguished lawyer of San Francisco and a former member of Congress from California, after he had read the article in the Call attacking me. The letter was written without my request or knowledge:

San Francisco, Cal., April 13, 1900.

To William McKinley, President.

Sir:—I address you to place upon record certain views that I have respecting the candidacy of Mr. Abram S. Humphreys for a judicial appointment at your hands in the Sandwich Islands. I have known this gentleman intimately for a number of years when he was a prominent practitioner at the bar in Arizona Territory, where my practice has carried me from time to time for some years past. During this time I have seen a good deal of Mr. Humphreys—have observed his legal performances—have been associated with him in one case of great importance, have read his briefs, discussed legal questions with him, have noted his demeanor and general course of conduct both in and outside of the court room and have thus been enabled to familiarize myself thoroughly with his character as a man and his attainments as a lawyer. I may further add that I know a number of highly intelligent persons who are well acquainted with the career of Mr. Humphreys in Mississippi where he was born and reared; from all of which you will infer that if I am not now qualified to pass upon his fitness for this position it must be owing to a lack of perceptive faculties in myself. In the light then of all these sources of information, confirming, as they do, to the full, by own convictions founded upon absolute personal knowledge, I desire to say something about this gentleman.

First, by common repute he stands as a peer of the leaders of the Bar in Honolulu. Without any hesitancy or reserve I declare my belief to be that he is in every way fit to fill the judicial post to which he aspires.

His legal intuitions I have found to be keen and true—his habits are marked by industry and temperance; the former keeping him abreast of the most advanced thoughts of the forensic world—while his mental equipment is such that if it be tested on the bench, I am quite confident that he will be found to possess what a distinguished writer, with some felicity of phrase has called the "judicial poise."

Should you appoint this man you would never regret it, and the public service would be the gainer by it. Before concluding I beg to add that Mr. Humphreys is a man of strong convictions of duty which have hitherto, under any and all circumstances, impelled him to denounce wrongdoing, whatever the hazard might be.

In a country like Arizona, a rather crude civilization prevailing, the reputation of some of the judiciary in antecedent years has been marked with some degree of infirmity, these qualities of Mr. Humphreys have aroused against him antagonisms of more or less bitterness. Of my own knowledge I am prepared to say that it is an impossibility that any honest man

could have practiced law in Arizona while he was there, without incurring enmities. The condition of things may now be better—but for years a man could not hold a position of any prominence there, and discharge his duties as a citizen and not make enemies—without forfeiting his self respect and the respect of honest people.

Not to speak out may make one a participant in a crime. It was the habit of Mr. Humphreys, when any cause, to speak. Pardon the length of this communication. My object in writing is to make known to you the life, the character, the "true inwardness" of my friend. I could not do it in fewer words. My effort to do so is a feeble one, but I honestly intended. I know this man and for all times to come, am ready to stand sponsor for him.

I am, Mr. President, as I was when we served together in Congress, Very sincerely your well wisher,

BARCLAY HENLEY.

There are nearly 100 letters of similar character now in course of transmission to Washington. The following clipping is from the Tucson, Arizona, Daily Citizen, the leading Republican newspaper published in the community in which the man Cooper who made the charges against me lives. The article is as follows:

JUDGE A. S. HUMPHREYS.

When Abram S. Humphreys left Arizona, some five or six years ago, he left many good friends behind him who sincerely regretted his determination to seek fame and fortune in a new and, to him, an untried field. By friend and foe alike (men like Humphreys makes foes as well as friends) he was regarded as one of the rising legal lights in the Territory. He had successfully practiced in the several courts and his record is without a stain. He is a Southern Republican and in the campaign of '94 was an active participant in the interests of his party. As candidate for District Attorney on the Republican ticket he led a forlorn hope against the Democratic stronghold in Pinal county. He did the talking for the ticket, elected a number of his associates and in spite of the machine influence and the rabid hostility of the only paper there was in the county he was defeated by only a majority of 7. Although beaten it was in fact a glorious victory, and had he remained in the Territory substantial honors undoubtedly awaited him in the future. He, however, elected otherwise and when next heard from was working hard at his profession in Honolulu, and has since built up a large and remunerative practice. His keen judicial mind and untiring energy soon forced him to the front and today in social as well as in business circles he is known as a substantial and progressive business man.

There is at present a vacancy on the Supreme Bench of Hawaii and as a majority of the Honolulu Bar are pushing him forward for the place there is much reason to believe he will be honored by President McKinley with the appointment. Such appears to be the wish of his Honolulu friends, and sure it is by those here. The petition asking his appointment had been signed by a majority of the Bar of his adopted city before he was aware what was being done. As the honor is a distinguished one as yielded, to the solicitation. The best wishes of his Arizona friends are with him.

The Arizona Gazette published in Phoenix and the Democratic organ of the Territory, has this to say about me.

WANTS TO BE A JUDGE.

Abram S. Humphreys a Candidate for the Bench in Hawaii. Abram S. Humphreys, a former resident of this city, but now a resident of Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, is a candidate for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii. He has the endorsement of more than 80 per cent of the Bar of Honolulu and the Hawaiian Star and Bulletin both speak of his candidacy in the highest terms, commending him as one of the best fitted men in the new Territory for judicial honors.

The Gazette earnestly hopes that Mr. Humphreys may be appointed to the position to which he aspires. He is yet a young man but one of the best read lawyers who ever lived in Arizona. He was admitted to the bar in his native State of Mississippi before he was 21 years old under a special act of the Legislature which was passed for his benefit.

Since taking up his residence in Hawaii five years ago Mr. Humphreys has been most successful at the bar, as he was here. He is a man who thinks quickly, is of keen perception, and of naturally a judicial bent. His appointment would be a good one for Hawaii and a credit to the administration.

There are also commendatory editorial notices of my candidacy published in the Florence Tribune, and in many other leading papers of the Territory, but the above serve to show the feeling towards me in that section of the country, by people who are not controlled by personal enmity."

What Rev. Pearson Says.

Rev. G. L. Pearson of the First Methodist church in this city was a resident of Phoenix, Arizona, during Mr. Humphreys' career in that county. Mr. Pearson when interviewed said:

"I knew Mr. Abram S. Humphreys in Arizona. He came to Phoenix and

opened a law office during my pastorate of the First Methodist Episcopal church of that city. He was not a member of my congregation, but did attend another church.

"There certainly was nothing the matter with Mr. Humphreys' mind while I knew him. He was recognized as a capable and promising young attorney. He served a term as Deputy Attorney General under Hon. Clark Churchill.

As to dishonesty and embezzlement, no rumors of such ever reached my ears.

"The 'White case,' to which reference is made, was a notorious one. Many persons became involved in it to a greater or less extent. Mr. Humphreys states his connection with it. The trouble with Mr. Minor grew out of it. In this trouble Mr. Humphreys had my sympathy. I felt, in common with many others, that he was far more stung against than sinning."

"I am sure there are many citizens in Arizona who would be pleased to have him secure the position he now seeks. Certainly I hope he may be thus honored."

The Outlook Is Bright.

Harold M. Sewall, U. S. Special Agent, was seen this morning in regard to news of the Hawaiian bill in Congress, and said that he considered the bill was now in very safe hands. He confirmed the personnel of the conference committee to whom the bill is referred, as published in yesterday's Bulletin. "Yes," he concluded, "they are all friends of Hawaii and I don't think the amendments will amount to anything or be allowed to hamper the bill; I believe you may expect to hear very favorable news of the bill by the steamer to arrive on May 24."

Kamalo Delinquent Stock.

Geo. A. Davis, attorney for the plaintiffs, has obtained an order, in Harvey R. Hitchcock et al, commanding defendants to appear at 9:30 tomorrow morning before Judge Stillman and show cause why an injunction should not issue to restrain them from carrying out the advertised sale at auction of delinquent stock of the defendant corporation.

Expert to Arrive.

Mr. Bowden, chief expert for the Inter-Island Telegraph Company will arrive in the Moana tomorrow. Mr. Bowden will complete the preliminary work for the installation of the system. His assistants will follow in the near future.

Botanical Donation.

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