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[EDITORIAL.]

The unexpectedly early return of His Majesty from windward, by the Lehua August 10th, seems to have created a good deal of speculation as to its cause. We are in a position to state, however, that His Majesty, after visiting Lahaina, concluded to defer his proposed visit to Kona until a time when the public business will better admit of his absence from the Capital. It had been His Majesty's purpose to make only a flying trip to Hawaii at this time, but in thus postponing his tour, he hopes to find time for a more leisurely visit in the early future.

The *Pacific Commercial Advertiser* has again changed hands, going into the possession of Mr. R. J. Creighton, who has been its managing editor for over two years, with the exception of the past two or three months. The new editor and proprietor makes a "Declaration of Principles," that to a large extent are diametrically contrary to the lines on which that paper has been conducted during many years past. Indeed the most important of the principles in question seem to have been derived by their new exponent from former editorials in the *Gazette*, *Bulletin* and *Herald*. It is to be hoped that the conversion of the *Advertiser* to sound theories of government in those respects may prove permanent, and that it may achieve the novelty for it of political usefulness. Some of its "principles," on the other hand, are only to be regarded as side issues to beclouds the main question in the present electoral campaign, being also only relatively sound in theory and untimely in their application to present Hawaiian politics. It will be time enough to discuss these theories in detail when they are further developed by our contemporary.

There is one supreme issue before the people of this Kingdom at the present time. It is the question of responsible government against irresponsible rule. Doubtless there are a thousand and one details of system, over each of which a useful contest might at any other period be waged. It is too soon to begin to build before the foundation is well settled, and the basis required for erecting a symmetrical political fabric in Hawaii, after the new order now introduced, is the popular acceptance of the fundamental principle that government is for the benefit of the people rather than for that of the rulers. Until everybody in the Kingdom is convinced that representative government has come to stay, all political questions outside of the final abolition of irresponsible prerogative are premature. It is necessary that the entire nation should be convinced to the effect above stated, in order that all legitimate enterprises may go smoothly forward, freed from political distractions and impediments. Nothing will better hasten this consummation than a Legislature supporting the main changes in the Constitution. Lord Salisbury, when, as leader of the opposition to Mr. Gladstone's Government, he began to outbid the Liberals in concessions to the Irish party, explained himself to a wondering nation in these words: "I am not one of those who believe that after a revolutionary step you can go back. It is one of the curses of revolution that it separates you by a chasm from the past which you have left—a chasm which you can never recross." This sentiment of the English Tory leader can be transformed into a Reform keynote for Hawaii at this juncture by substituting "blessings" for "curses," and pursuing the course best calculated to establish its truth.

People who are trying to foment agitation against the new Constitution show a want of patriotism and a lack of judgment. The old Constitution was abrogated on account of the outrageous abuses that had grown up under its shelter. Nothing has been developed as yet under the new one to excite apprehension that similar gross evils will flourish beneath its ægis. Much has appeared, on the contrary, to prove that the instrument has provisions of the utmost value for the protection of popular interests. Details there are, no doubt, which on experience may call for revision. The wise conservatism that guided the framers of the document left some doubtful questions where they found them, to be settled in the future after the rehabilitated nation has exercised a while in the harness of responsible government. Probably there are a hundred points in the Constitution around which a controversy might be made to revolve, but in the present electoral campaign every Reformer should make a stand for the instrument in its integrity. The country can probably endure its worst defects for a season, but will be placed in jeopardy by the election of an Assembly largely constituted of avowed constitutional tinkers. Good government is the main issue, and those provisions of the fundamental law especially designed to make good government possible must be sustained at all hazards. With a cobbling Legislature there is no saying to what extent those essential elements may suffer injury. Not only that, but the Legislature will have more important work to perform at the first session than engaging in an interminable struggle over minor points of the Constitution. It is therefore best to elect men committed to the whole Constitution, or at least against laying it on the dissecting table for mutilation.

The British commercial scheme in the Pacific, says the *Alta* of a recent date, of which the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the conquest of Burmah are important collateral features, is further emphasized by the assurance of a well organized plan to lay a cable from Australia, via the Sandwich Islands, to British Columbia. This cable will complete a telegraph belt of the world, running alongside of English railways and under the track of English ships. Recent events in Hawaii make of unusual interest the proposition to string that kingdom on this British wire. The first Pacific cable laid should have been an American cable. Cyrus W. Field, an American, demonstrated to a doubting and a scoffing world that the bed of the oceans could be used as a commercial facility by holding electric cables to connect the continents, and it should have been the pride of his own countrymen to have completed the girdling of the earth during his lifetime. But our people seem to have grown afraid of salt water. With the decay of our merchant marine the difficulties of our foreign trade have increased, and it is no easy task to interest our capitalists in great projects which were once the delight of our business men. The laying of such a cable to San Francisco would have been a cheap advertisement at ten millions. If the proposition had been made by parties having the confidence of this city, the stock would have been taken in a week. But we were all thinking of something else, and Englishmen got ahead."

By the last mail we learn that the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce passed the following resolutions, which have been sent to Wellington:

WHEREAS, The political and commercial relations of the United States with the Hawaiian Islands, the South Pacific Islands and Australia, are rapidly increasing; and whereas, the laying of a telegraphic cable on this ocean route is accompanied with grave financial and scientific questions, which will prevent the use of exclusively private capital therein, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco forward to the ensuing Congress a memorial, to be approved by the Board of Trustees, earnestly petitioning our Government to offer such inducements that capital may be attracted to this great enterprise, to the commercial and political advantage of the whole country.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The public debt of the United States was reduced $109,707,646.38 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1887. With such rapid reduction of debt the nation will be compelled before long to reduce taxation. It will be upon methods of doing so that the great political contests of the near future will have to be fought.

The "machine" in politics, as understood elsewhere, is a combination of the mechanism of the public service with partisan politics. There is nothing of that, but the contrary, in the organization for securing the triumph of reform principles in this country, as witness the circulars to subordinates of their departments, issued by the Attorney-General and the Minister of the Interior.

It is very important that ward committees should make it an especial duty to inform natives of the necessity of registration to enable them to vote, according to the terms of the new Constitution. Not only does the importance relate to the securing of voters for reform, but to the prevention of irritation at the polls on the part of people who may come up without having complied with the requirements.

His Excellency L. A. Thurston, Minister of the Interior, has issued a circular to the employees of that Department, informing them that they are required to abstain from active participation in partisan politics, on pain of being removed from office. At the same time their right to vote for whom they choose is fully recognized, and their tenure of office declared to depend in no wise upon the votes which they may cast. They are furthermore told that incompetency or neglect to properly perform the duties of the offices which they severally hold, or changes which economy may necessitate, will alone be the basis of removal from office. This action of the Minister is in line with the policy of reform to which the Cabinet is committed.

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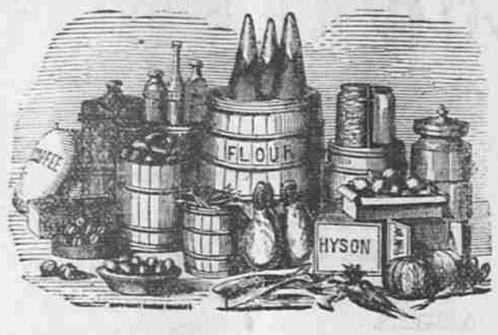

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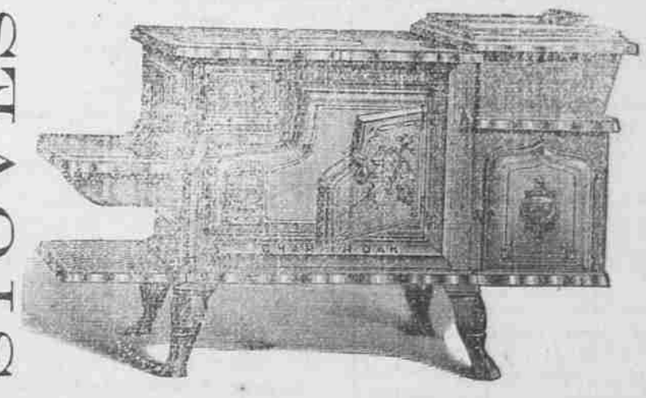

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