

**DR BOWEN.**

**A NEW YORK WORLD EDITOR'S COMMENTS ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.**

*Views of Mr. Cleveland—Blount Hard as a Board—High Praise of Pres. Dole.*

Dr. Bowen, of the editorial staff of the New York World and special correspondent of that paper, returns to the Coast by the Australia this trip and will proceed directly to Washington. Dr. Bowen is a man of marked ability. He has made a study of the Hawaiian situation and is on the inside, so far as the American side of the question is concerned. "I was with Mr. Cleveland," said Dr. Bowen, "when the news of the Hawaiian revolution arrived. Mr. Cleveland is not a man who expresses an opinion without an investigation, but he remarked at once that the United States could not suffer any European power to take the islands. That is the only comment he made."

"What do you think are Mr. Cleveland's views on annexation?" "They are in abeyance."

Dr. Bowen had a conference with Mr. Cleveland before leaving the East, and he is familiar with the nature of Mr. Blount's instructions. Speaking of the latter's call on the ex-Queen, he explained that it was entirely unofficial, and had no political significance whatever. It was the result of an intimation from Lililualokalani which was conveyed to Mr. Blount that she was disappointed at his not having called upon her. The American Envoy said nothing during the interview, but listened to what she had to say.

The absurd hopes entertained as to the ex-Queen's restoration being brought by the reporter to Dr. Bowen's notice the latter stated that he had himself told the ex-Queen that she had nothing of the sort to hope from Mr. Blount. He thought she had no more illusions on that point.

Mr. Blount's investigation, Dr. Bowen thought very exhaustive and unprejudiced. "He is after the facts and has no more sentiment than a board." The question of annexation Dr. Bowen regards as a complicated and intricate one, both from the American and Hawaiian standpoint. He does not attach so much importance as some to the strategic argument. On the other hand he looks on the settlement of the question as a matter of national policy, not of sentiment.

From the Hawaiian standpoint, the worst feature is the delay, with business stagnant and little prospect of a settlement before the late fall or winter.

Dr. Bowen expresses himself with warm admiration as to the islands, their climate and people. He speaks in especially high terms of President Dole. "You are very fortunate in having such a man at the head of the Government—with so much moderation and firmness." In an extensive acquaintance with political life in Europe Dr. Bowen intimated that he had not met many who surpassed him.

**President Lincoln on Hawaii.**

It may interest your readers to know whether Abraham Lincoln, if he had been spared to us until the present time, would have approved the treaty for the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands, now pending before the Senate of the United States. The following incident gives an indication of his views upon the general subject. In 1864 the Hon. Elisha H. Allen came to the United States as an Envoy, and, if I rightly remember, the first Envoy Extraordinary from those Islands. On June 11th in that year, when Mr. Allen presented his credentials, President Lincoln thus addressed him:

"Sir: In every light in which the state of the Hawaiian Islands can be contemplated it is an object of profound interest for the United States. Virtually, it was once a colony. It is now a near and intimate neighbor. It is a haven of shelter and refreshment for our merchants, fishermen, seamen and other citizens when on their lawful occasions they are navigating the eastern seas and oceans. Its people are free, and its laws, language and religion are largely the fruit of our own teaching and example. The distinguished part which you, Mr. Minister, have acted in the history of that interesting country is well known here. It gives me pleasure

to assure you of my sincere desire to do what I can to render now your sojourn in the United States agreeable to yourself, satisfactory to your sovereign, and beneficial to the Hawaiian people."

This address was made nearly thirty years ago. The words of Abraham Lincoln do not deteriorate by time. L. E. CHITTENDEN. New York, Feb. 24, 1893. —[N. Y. Tribune.

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Seattle draws its supply from Lake Washington, a magnificent body of water, and it is supplied by gravity or direct pumping, as in Portland. There are six steam fire engines besides hose carts and hook and ladder companies, and a splendid fire boat capable of putting twenty-six streams on any fire within three blocks of the water. Portland and Seattle have wide streets and well constructed fire-proof buildings. Honolulu's streets with few exceptions would be classed as alleys in those places, and our brick buildings do not come up to the standard in thickness of walls as well as in other particulars.

Mr. Conroy will proceed to a personal inspection of Honolulu fire risks, and it is probable that our insurers as well as the insured will be well satisfied with the results obtained, which will shortly be published in a new rate book.

**KAIULANI**

**Engaged to Clive Davies—Mr. Cleghorn Denies It.**

The ADVERTISER has received information from a private source, of great credit, to the effect that the ex-Princess Kaiulani is really engaged to be married to a son of Theo. H. Davies. The young gentleman in question, Mr. Clive Davies, is now studying at the Institute of Technology at Boston. It is stated that he admits the fact of his betrothal with the ex-Princess.

It is well known that Kaiulani was often a guest of Mr. Davies at his home in Southport, England, and the intimate relations subsisting between the families concerned might naturally lead to the formation of the closer tie. The prospect of such a union would account in some measure for the extraordinary zeal lately displayed by Mr. Davies on behalf of the ex-Princess.

Governor Cleghorn was seen by an ADVERTISER reporter last week, who asked him whether it was a fact that Kaiulani was engaged to young Davies.

"There is not a word of truth in it," exclaimed Mr. Cleghorn hastily. "It is absurd and preposterous."

The missionary packet Morning Star is lying out in the stream off the Fish Market receiving a general overhauling. Capt. Garland says that his vessel will leave for her regular annual cruise among the South Sea Islands about next June. The Star will go on the Marine Railway several weeks prior to her departure.



GENERAL KIRBY SMITH AS A PROFESSOR.

And yet, as the world knows, Kirby Smith was a hard fighter. He comes of a family of fighters. He was born in St. Augustine and graduated from West Point in 1845. In the Mexican war he earned two brevets for gallantry at Cerro Cordo and Contreras. He served in several campaigns against the Indians and was wounded by the Comanches in Texas in 1859. He was tenderly nursed by a lady whom he afterward married. He became a major of the United States army in January, 1861, but resigned in April when the state of Florida seceded.

General Smith was the last survivor of the seven distinguished generals of the Confederate army, and the last of the list of full generals on both sides. He was appointed a brigadier in the Confederate army under Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, and was badly wounded while leading his brigade into action at the first battle of Manassas. Made major-general in 1862, he was transferred to East Tennessee and placed in command of that department. Under General Bragg he led the advance in the invasion of Kentucky, and routed the Union forces at Richmond in that State, advancing to Frankfort. Promoted to the grade of lieutenant-general, he engaged in the battle at Perryville and Murfreesborough. He was then placed in command of the trans-Mississippi department, opposing General Banks in his Red River campaign and engaging in the battle of Jenkins Ferry. He was the last to surrender the forces under his command, May 25, 1865. After the war closed he became President of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company, but in 1870 he found more congenial occupation as Chancellor of the University of Nashville, which five years later he resigned for the professorship he held at the time of his death last month.—[New York Times.

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