

MINISTER DAMON

GIVES HIS VIEWS ON THE PRESENT SITUATION.

Read to the Council Tuesday.

The Weekly Financial Report Shows a Slight Gain Over Last Week.

A general session of the Executive and Advisory Councils was called to order at 1:30 Thursday afternoon, and opened with prayer by President Dole.

The Minister of Finance presented and read his regular weekly financial statement as follows, which was accepted and ordered on file:

FINANCE STATEMENT FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 23, 1893.

Current Account Balance \$147,173 84 Loan Fund Account Bal. 388 80

Total Treasury Balance \$147,562 73

RECEIPTS.

Customs \$ 7,837 00 Revenue Stamps 367 00 Chinese Passports 425 00 Water 250 00 Post Office 2,286 11 Government Realizations 26 50

Taxes 5,644 70 Crown Lands 1,000 00

\$ 17,206 51 Sale of Government Bonds 3,000 00

\$167,562 73

EXPENDITURES.

Judiciary Department \$ 216 28 Interior Department 187 75

Bureau of Survey 96 25 Bureau of Public Works 144 25

Board of Health 548 79 Finance Department 2,323 00

Salaries, Incidentals, etc 4,889 49 Attorney-General's Dept. 430 00

Road Tax—To Special Deposit 382 00 School Tax—To Special 60 00

Expense Placing Loan, 1893 88,189 76

Payments under Sec. 2 924 00

Current Account Balance 153,190 89

Loan Fund Account Bal. 2,444 89

Total Treasury Balance, above date \$167,562 73

Outstanding Bonds \$2,636,200 00

Treasury Notes 40,000 00

Due Postal Savings Bank and P. M. Gen. Notes 706,416 95

Less Loan Fund Bal. 2,444 89

Net Indebtedness \$3,896,172 06

EXPLANATORY.

Postal Savings Bank memo: Notices this date of withdrawals maturing in November and December, 1893, and January and February, 1894, 80,459 00

Cash on hand P. S. bank this day 25,744 20

Expenses, Prov. Govt. memo: Exps. Prov. Govt. this date \$ 159,954 21

(This amount covers all expenses, including military and items not appropriated by the last Legislature.)

Memo, cash in Treasury: Outstanding Certificates, \$254,000 00.

Certificates withdrawn from circulation and deposited for safe keeping \$25,000 00.

Cash in Treasury to redeem certificates, \$254,000 00.

Cash on hand, Postal Savings Bank 25,744 20

Road Board fund in Treasury 51,044 72

School Board fund in Treasury 38,535 48

Loan Fund balance 2,444 89

Correct Revenue balance 155,190 89

\$ 272,069 68

Finance Department, Nov. 23, 1893.

The Minister also read the report of F. B. McStocker, Deputy Collector of Customs, on his official visits to the Custom Houses at Kahului, Maui, and Mahukona and Hilo, Hawaii, which was referred to the Executive Council.

Mr. Brown, from the Judiciary Committee, stated that the petition of Terence Keven for pardon, which was referred to them, was in the hands of their Chairman Mr. Hatch, and as the committee had held no meeting, they were unable to report.

Mr. Ena stated, in view of the agitated state of affairs, that he would like to ask the members of the Executive Council to enlighten the Advisory Council as to the political

situation of the country at the present time.

The Minister of Finance made the following statement in regard to the political situation, and read by permission the following letter which he himself had written to a gentleman in San Francisco on the subject:

"If you will lift the veil a little and look on the other side of Mr. Bloom and his mission, and the influence that he has the power to use in the future, it may be just as well that I gave him all the attention and confidence that I did, and knowing what I do know I certainly do not regret it. There is a great deal of humbug in this world, and Mr. B. satisfied it to the full extent by working up the idea that Mr. Stevens was an hour too soon in recognizing the Provisional Government. Columns of newspaper articles have been written on it with the result that the American public are satisfied that he was not an hour too late. That is what the public knows; now for the other side.

"To my certain knowledge, he collected more solid information on the subject of our jurisprudence, our system of land titles and tenures, even going so far back as and so deep as into the intricacies of the mahala award. Following up the subject, he brought to light the fact of the actual amount of land awarded to the people as compared with the amount awarded to the chiefs. Not a detail was omitted. Then he took up the subject of races and their ability to appreciate the franchise. Following this, he studied the health problem, visiting the hospital personally. Education, too, he has not omitted, the Christianizing influences of all the creeds receiving careful consideration. Then coming to the more material interests at his request careful and exhaustive statistics were prepared as to the ownership of property, individually and collectively, who paid the taxes and by nationalities, the probable effect of Chinese and Japanese immigration, our labor laws and other important subjects too numerous to mention today. Will any sensible man say that they will have no bearing on our future relations with the United States? I have not lost faith in the man, and it is not wise to look on our side only of a man or movement of so much importance to America or Hawaii.

"You mention that if Mr. Gresham's letter and instructions are followed out we shall be in trouble or perplexity. Did it ever occur to you that Mr. Willis may have had instructions to deliver or withhold his letters of credence to Mr. Dole as he might find the circumstances warranted? Events have shown that he did delay in the delivery. When he did the act was final, as by his subsequent remark. My relations with the Provisional Government are unchanged. American diplomats abroad have never yet carried the title of perfidies so far as my reading of American diplomacy goes. It has proved that it verges on the line of cultivated honesty. Mr. Willis proved this when the ex-queen applied to him for protection by referring her to the Provisional Government and like a gentleman offering his services as a private citizen to secure her the required aid, and the ex-queen is now under the protection of this Government.

"You will, perhaps, ask the question, why dwell so long on these matters, and I can only reply that it is to strengthen the calm judgment that the Hawaiian question is not being treated lightly either here or in Washington.

"I know you will ask one more question, and that is what about Gresham's letter? All it would be safe for me to say is the public have answered it, and President Cleveland reserves his opinion. The Provisional Government has come to stay, and in the meantime is a very interested observer of President Cleveland's opinion and the action of Congress."

This matter has given us all a great deal of consideration, and while I am only voicing my own views in the matter, I feel that it is due to the Advisory Council, and perhaps to those of the public who are interested in this situation, that some statement by an individual member of the Executive Council, who has given it some thought and consideration, might not be out of place. I look upon this whole movement which was inaugurated not only last January, but which dates many, many years back, as one of closest relations to the United States. It is a national matter—it is not a matter confined to a particular party or to a particular faction—it is a question that affects every man, woman and child in these Islands. It even goes further than that, and perhaps that is one of the reasons that the United States have been slow to act, because it is such a new departure in their foreign policy to take the Hawaiian Islands as part of the Great Republic, but I think in all their relations with this country they have shown discretion, they have shown a kindly feeling, they have shown sentiment, in every way that can be evinced, towards us.

What the present situation may be with the heads of the government at Washington, we have no right to say that we know their explicit views now until we have heard from them definitely. To-day after thinking over the matter I have written a letter to a gentleman in San Francisco who has taken a deep interest in this matter, and if you will allow me, Mr. President, to read it as being simply my own views, I will do so.

I feel that where the American public has taken the interest that they have in us, no act injurious to us will be allowed to be commenced against us. We are safe in the hands of the American Republic today. American is written from Bird Island to the extreme limit of Hawaii. You cannot touch a spot on Hawaii but it is American. It is American in sentiment, it is American in progress, it is American in everything. You cannot drive it away. There is no man living that can down American sentiment in this country.

And while I am on Hawaiian, I feel today that I shall some day have the right, not because my father and mother were Americans, but simply because I came from the Hawaiian Islands and we are a part of that great American nation.

The Attorney-General stated that the Executive Council was determined to resist any attacks upon the Government from whatever source. At 2 p. m. the Councils went into special session.

GROVER HAS A GUARD.

Shadowed By a Muscular Detective.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—President Cleveland has a body guard. There is no doubt about it. This new attendant has only been employed, or detailed, since the assassination of Mayor Harrison in Chicago.

Within a very short time it has been noticed that when the President has come to the White House from his country seat at Woodley, he has been attended by a fanciful, muscular man, who wears a horse well, wears heavy riding-boots and spurs, is apparently heavily armed, has a determined look, keeps his eyes constantly upon the President's carriage, and is borne upon the rolls of the police force of this city as Detective Benjamin T. Rhodes, for it is not to be forgotten that this is an Administration of thrift as well as of prudence, and that if it is deemed necessary that the President should have a body guard, it is also thought to be expedient that the expenses of such official shall be borne by the Government.

This detective does not wear a uniform nor does he resemble the outrider in the type of a Hussar, whom one of the local diplomats was recently compelled to send home because he attracted such crowds of curious, but he undoubtedly is a better protection. Every once in a while when there is an outbreak of cranks in the country there are persons who think that there should be more precautions taken for the safety of the President, and on such occasions additional guards are set in and about the White House, and at times detectives have been detailed to watch the President's movements and to protect him from chance cranks. Washington is passing through one of those spasms now but it will hardly be permanent. Presidents tire of such escorts and their presence tends rather to increase than to allay fears.

Thurston in Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—Minister Thurston, of Hawaii, has not demanded his passports. The fact that his relations to this country are still friendly after the conference with Secretary Gresham yesterday is thought by diplomats significant. The relations between the Hawaiian legation and the State Department remain undisturbed. The Hawaiian Government, however, will stand on its rights as an independent sovereignty, and its policy would naturally be to regard as an act of war any movement looking to the restoration of the Queen. Under these circumstances Minister Thurston would at once leave the country.

Minister Thurston, indeed, has no official information that this country has declared war on his Government. Secretary Gresham's published letter to the President contains much information, but only furnishes sufficient basis for him to request information as to the United States Government's intentions toward his Government.

Mr. Thurston said he learned nothing new of interest from Mr. Gresham, but got the impression that the United States did not intend to use force under any circumstances in the restoration of Queen Liliuokalani.

Oleson Talks.

New York, Nov. 15.—A Boston special quotes William Brewster Oleson, who was at the head of the Kamehameha educational department in Honolulu for many years, in speaking of the proposed restoration of the monarchy, as follows: "Should a conflict take place in Honolulu the people of this country will realize what style of men are at the front in Hawaii. They will fight. They are prepared to fight. They are thoroughly organized and in part officered by men who served in the civil war in this country. Moreover, they have everything to fight for and the opponents of the Constitution in Honolulu know it and can never organize against them. When the intelligence and industry of a country are pitted against a party that is seeking personal political power there can be but one result."

ALMOST DROWNED.

TWO SOUTH SEA ISLANDERS HAVE A NARROW ESCAPE.

Their Canoe Upsets and They Spend Nine Hours at The Mercy of The Waves.

At 3:30 o'clock on Friday morning, November 24th, while between Olowalu and Maalaea, Maui, the steamer Waialeale picked up a man and his wife about three miles off land. The pair were South Sea Islanders and were very nearly exhausted, the woman being very weak. Their story, as related to Captain Smythe, is as follows: On the previous day they had left Lahaina in a canoe intending to spend the night fishing out in the open sea. The canoe was rigged with a mast and a large sail. A little before sunset a stiff breeze upset the canoe and the occupants were precipitated into the sea. They tried to right their craft, but were unable to do so, and as the tide was rapidly carrying them further to sea, they determined to abandon the canoe and attempt to swim to land. The wind and tide were against them and they drifted toward Olowalu. They claimed that they had been in the water nearly nine hours when picked up.

The Waialeale continued her voyage to Hawaii, carrying the rescued couple with her. Upon her return yesterday she touched at Lahaina and landed the couple. The canoe was picked up by native fishermen off Lahaina, with the mast broken. It was supposed that the two lewalewas had either been drowned or eaten by sharks, in fact that was the general belief until the Waialeale returned the missing couple, so providentially rescued, to their home in Lahaina. This is only one of many tales told of the wonderful endurance of the Pacific islanders in the water.

Columbia's Cry to Hawaii.

I thought I had done with kingdoms A hundred years ago, When my sister by the Seine arose, From a monarch's overthrow, And flaunted her proud tricolor, To the wondering winds of the world they filled, When my starry flag was unfurled. Has the world so soon become weary Of Freedom's witching smiles, That I must help to turn her out Of the Pacific's fair isles? Shall "Columbia, the gem of the ocean," Be glued like a paltry gawd To the dizzied old crown that tumbled down When the eagle's cry rang abroad? There must be no sister republic On the great Pacific's breast, Where the tired wings of my commerce Might be folded awhile to rest? The word has gone forth from the White House To be heard and obeyed by all men, That the throne shall still stand in Hawaii; The Queen "come to her own again."

—[Phil. Record.]

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