

CRITICISM CRITICISED.

Senator Brown And a Question of Privilege.

RASH CLAIMS OF DICTATION.

Appropriation Bill Under Consideration—Kaulani Pension Again—New Appraiser to be Appointed—Few Salaries Increased—Little Work.

TUESDAY, Feb. 25.

The Senate opened at the usual hour. After prayer and the roll call, Senator Waterhouse under the head of petitions presented a petition from the people of West Maui, Lanai and Molokai asking that the court remain at Lahaina as there is already a good court house and jail at that place.

Senator Brown then arose to a question of privilege and stated that he wished to call attention to matter that appeared in the ADVERTISER of the morning. Mr. Brown referred to the three names placed under a so called black list in connection with the opium bill. He thought the attitude assumed by the paper was not right and he characterized it as unfair journalism. There were Senators who had wavered opinions and the ADVERTISER was attempting to intimidate them. He believed in criticism but he didn't want any of the members who might vote for the bill held up to ridicule. He wished to call the attention of the Senate to the matter and have an opportunity to express his disapproval.

Senator McCandless impatient to get an opportunity to pay his respects to the ADVERTISER, offered a resolution asking for the sense of the Senate on the course taken and declaring the article unfair, unmanly, ungrateful, etc. Someone suggested that Mr. McCandless had in his enthusiasm forgotten to write his resolution, whereupon he penned the following and sent it to the clerk's desk to be read.

Resolved, that it is the sense of the Senate that the course pursued by the ADVERTISER in the opium bill is neither honorable, fair nor manly.

Senator Baldwin said he didn't know what the objectionable matter was.

Senator Wright thought the list a slur on the Senate. Senator McCandless finding that his resolution was not received with favor, again rose to state that the course pursued by the ADVERTISER was a deliberate attempt to intimidate the Senators who had not expressed their opinions. The speaker did not state the source of his knowledge for making this very positive statement.

But while he was on his feet he wanted to know what the Minister of Finance had to say on the matter. "The man who dictates the policy of the ADVERTISER is in the employ of the Finance Department," said Mr. McCandless, "and I'd like to know if the Minister of Finance approves of such action."

Minister Damon was not flurried or excited in the least by Senator McCandless' enthusiasm. He said the Finance Department had no influence with any of the newspapers of the country. He believed that criticism was a good thing—it is the life of the Government and assures good government. Sometimes papers overstepped certain bounds and attracted more or less attention as a result.

Senator Brown maintained that the ADVERTISER'S course was not criticism, but rather an unfair attempt to cast the odium of the opium bill on the Government. He didn't object to criticism, but this was slander. President Wilder said he didn't like the intimations of the "black list" or the editorial utterances.

Senator Baldwin after reading the objectionable heading of the article said he did not like the words "black list," but he hoped McCandless' resolution would be withdrawn. Senator Waterhouse rose to a point of order and McCandless was obliged to withdraw his resolution.

After spending half an hour discussing the question of criticism, the Senate got down to business again. Chairman Rice reported several bills received from the printers.

The appropriation bill came up for second reading under special order of the day and was considered by item. President's salary, \$24,000 and permanent settlements, Queen Dowager Kapiolani \$4,000, Mrs. Emma Barnard \$600, Mrs. Kamakahi Simeona \$400, Mrs. Kaula \$400 and Mrs. Mary R. Stoitz \$720, were promptly passed.

Under the head of permanent settlements, Minister Damon called attention to the suggestion made by the Executive at the special session that Kaulani be granted a pension of \$2000 a year. The young lady had conducted herself in a very proper manner and through no fault of hers had been cut off from an income and her method of life changed. He moved that \$4000 be appropriated for Kaulani.

Senator Horner was favorable to dealing kindly with the young lady, but he wanted her to display a disposition of being at last on friendly terms with the Republic.

Senator McCandless had hoped the Executive would drop the matter of Kaulani's pension after the action taken at the special session. He thought there was not enough surplus money in the treasury to warrant this extra expenditure, and moved the item be referred to a committee.

Senator Baldwin was not in favor of too rapid action on this point, and seconded the motion to refer to a committee. Carried.

The items for judiciary appropriations were passed without question.

until the salary of the Japanese interpreter was reached. Senator Brown thought as the interpreter was a white man he should have as much as the Chinese interpreter. Minister Damon explained that the Chinese interpreter was useful to the Government in many ways outside the court. Minister Smith did not favor raising the salary, and spoke of the perquisites the interpreter received. Senator Hocking's motion to increase the salary to \$3000 was carried.

Senator Hocking moved that the salary of the clerk of the Second Circuit be raised to \$2400. The duties of the position took all the time of the clerk and the remuneration should be larger.

The Attorney General said that if the clerk of Maui was to have a larger salary such increase of salary would necessitate an increase on all the other islands.

Minister Damon said that in making out the Appropriation bill it had been the object to have the salary of the position and not the individual.

Senator McCandless wanted the money saved for schools, roads and bridges. Senator Hocking's motion was lost and the item passed in the bill.

With this exception the items under the Judiciary were passed as proposed in the bill.

Owing to the absence of Minister Cooper the appropriation for the Department of Foreign Affairs was passed over. "We want the Minister to explain the \$136,000 military pay roll," said Senator Brown.

Under salaries of deputy assessors and collectors the Minister of Finance stated that the appropriation was increased slightly on account of increased taxes to be collected. The \$28,320 for salaries of clerks, \$35,000 for pay of postmaster, and \$32,840 for pay of mail carriers were referred to the Finance Committee.

During the consideration of the item, "Salary of General Appraiser, \$4500," which is an increased expenditure, Minister Damon announced that it was the intention to employ an expert appraiser, as it had been shown that, in properly appraising goods, the Government would gain far more than the salary of the appraiser and his clerks came to.

Minister Smith's experience as Attorney-General had shown him that there were systematic attempts to defraud the Customs, and it was necessary, if possible, to heat this business off. In reply to a question by Senator Baldwin, Mr. Damon said the appraisers would go to ports outside of Honolulu if they were needed.

The salaries of the pilots, \$14,400, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The salary for Customs guards had decreased from last year, Mr. Damon explaining that the department had obtained more efficient work from a few guards at a \$100 a month than from a larger number at \$40.

The \$7500 for "expenses, pilot boats, port of Honolulu, watchmen and the keeper Diamond Head signal station," was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

At 12 o'clock a motion to adjourn was entertained. Just previous to adjournment, President Wilder appointed Senators McCandless, Baldwin and Lyman on a special committee to consider the Kaulani pension.

House of Representatives.

House called to order at 10 a. m. Prayer by Rev. Waiamau and reading of minutes.

Rep. Kaep presented a petition signed by sixteen people of Kalalau, Kauai, asking that an appropriation be made for a road at that place.

Rep. Rycroft reported on Bill No. 1 giving the Minister of the Interior powers to make certain leases. Committee recommended bill pass with a slight change.

Rep. Richards reported the bill relating to a new port of entry and departure for foreign vessels at Kealahou and ready for distribution.

Rep. Robertson introduced a resolution to the effect that when the House adjourns, adjournment be taken until 10 a. m. of the next day, unless otherwise specified. Carried.

Minister Smith presented board copies of the report of the Board of Health and suggested that it be read. At the same time he mentioned that the report had not been printed in Hawaiian.

Rep. Hanua moved that the report be translated and printed in Hawaiian.

Rep. Rycroft did not consider the report of sufficient importance to warrant the expense necessary. There was really nothing in it that had not been communicated to the Hawaiians through the newspapers.

Rep. Hanua regretted that there was a disposition on the part of foreign members to discriminate against Hawaiians. He did not want any copies of the pamphlet printed; seven would be enough. If the report had been printed in Hawaiian only he was sure the foreigners would have raised objections.

The motion to have translated and printed carried.

House Bill No. 1, regarding special leases, was brought up as an order of the day and considered section by section.

An amendment to a line in the first section, putting the authority to make leases in the hands of the Interior Department, was made to read "under the control and management of the Minister of the Interior, with the approval of the Executive Council."

A clause in Section 4, regarding time of sale of expiring leases under this Act, was amended to read "not more than six months or less than one month prior to expiration of lease."

Other sections passed as in the bill. Passed second reading and ordered type-written, to be read third time this morning.

House Bill No. 2, relative to Kealahou as a port of entry, was referred to Committee on Commerce.

Speaker Naone informed the House that he was in receipt of a communication from Rep. Hala giving sickness of his children as a reason for his non-arrival at the opening of the session.

Being no further business, the House adjourned to meet this morning.

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PLANTATIONS BOOMING.

Sugar Cane Planted at an Elevation of 2100 Feet.

Arrest and Conviction of Kahuna. Telephone Instruments Arrive.

PUNALUU (Hawaii), Feb. 23.—Kau is very short of water at present, and the plantations feel it very much, as they need the water to flume the cane. When it is dry in the lowlands there is generally plenty of rain in the woods, which keeps the reservoirs full, giving sufficient water to flume. At the present there is a dearth of rain in both localities.

Notwithstanding this drawback the Hawaiian Agricultural Company and the Hutchinson Plantation Company are turning out abundance of sugar. The W. G. Hall has had full loads the last two trips and left sugar in the warehouses which she had no room for.

The Waialeale arrived on the 19th and took 3400 bags of sugar from Honuapo. All that is wanted is a little rain and Kau will keep the W. G. Hall and one more steamer busy until the end of the year.

The Hawaiian Agricultural Company commenced to grind February 1st and expects to continue until January 1, 1897. The estimate for the year is 7000 tons. To take this large crop off, the capacity of the mill has been increased by the addition of a new eight-ton pan, two new centrifugals, a mixer, and a boiler; with the assistance of the above additions Mr. Walton expects to make seventy clarifiers a day of ten hours grinding.

About 800 acres of new land has been planted, 700 being virgin soil, which great results are expected from. Cane is being planted here at an elevation of 2100 feet, which is higher than any other plantation. Yellow bamboo or Whitney cane, which originated here, is doing well at that elevation, maturing from twenty-two to twenty-four months; unlike the rose bamboo, it furnishes sufficient trash to run the mill.

Rose bamboo is also planted lately at the same elevation and is growing nicely. Lahaina cane has been planted at an elevation of 2000 and promises well. Caledonia cane is also being tried, but so far very little has reached maturity; it seems to be a strong and vigorous cane and stands up well.

On the Hutchinson plantation the Makaanau cane has distinguished itself this year, by yielding 600 tons of sugar; the largest yield previous to this was 400 tons. Plant cane went five tons per acre and ratoon four.

Kinolau (w.), a kahuna, was taken before Judge Waipuilani and charged with sorcery, and was found guilty and fined \$200 and costs. Deputy Sheriff Yates has been watching this kahuna a long time waiting to get evidence to convict her, and at last was successful in obtaining it.

The long delayed telephones have at last arrived. Mr. Aungst at Kona, and Mr. Prichard at Kau are hard at work putting them up, and in a few days Kau will probably have the best system on the island; it will be a great improvement on the old line.

Miss M. Gallagher, sister of W. G. Gallagher of Pahala, leaves this steamer for San Francisco, and will be greatly missed by her numerous friends.

F. M. Wakefield of Hilo has been visiting Kau for several days. Kilauea is still dormant, the heat from the steam seems to be increasing.

Hon. J. Kauhane goes down by this Hall to attend the Legislature.

Organ for Hilo Church.

The Foreign Church of Hilo will soon be the possessor of a large and effective pipe organ: The securing of the instrument is largely due to the generosity of Theo. H. Davies, Alex. Young of Honolulu and others who contribute the difference between \$700, the amount subscribed by local residents, and the cost of the organ, which will be in the neighborhood of \$2000. When the exact size has been decided the trustees of the church will at once take steps to enlarge the edifice to the size necessary to accommodate so large an instrument. This will probably be accomplished by an addition in the shape of a T with an alcove at the back in which will be placed the organ. Messrs. John Bergstrom & Sons of San Francisco will be awarded the contract for the instrument.—Hilo Tribune.

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