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GENERAL FOSTER

His Views of Hawaii Given in Washington.

MINISTER COOPER AT CAPITAL

Possibilities of Treaty Being Discussed.

Secretary Foster Believes United States Should Take Prompt Action.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 20.—The correspondent of the New York Herald says in his dispatches: The Hawaiian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. H. E. Cooper, who arrived in this country several weeks ago, reached Washington last night. He spent last week in Boston, and will remain in Washington about ten days, when he starts for San Francisco. He states that his visit to this country is purely personal, and that he has nothing to say for publication.

It is authoritatively denied that his presence in the United States has any connection with the subject of Hawaiian annexation. Members of the Hawaiian Cabinet are ex-officio members also of the Hawaiian Legislature, and during the session just closed Mr. Cooper's time was fully occupied in discharging these several duties. Feeling the necessity for a rest, he came to the United States to seek it. The friends of Hawaii will make no effort at the coming session of Congress in the direction of annexation.

Ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster is in the city again after his brief trip to Hawaii, whither he went to secure a concession from that Government for a cable from Honolulu to Japan and Australia as a part of the concession which the Hawaiian Government had already given Colonel Spalding. Mr. Foster found the Hawaiian Government undispensed to grant any further concessions west until the Congress of the United States had decided what action it would take with respect to the cable from San Francisco to Honolulu. If Congress votes a subsidy for this latter cable, then Hawaii will grant the concession for an extension to Asia and Australia. If, on the other hand, the United States does not subsidize the San Francisco and Honolulu cable, the Hawaiian Government prefers to be in a position to entertain propositions from other governments which desire to connect the islands with Japan and the south.

General Foster reports a strong sentiment among the Americans and some of the British and German residents in Hawaii in favor of annexation. The British and German planters, as a rule, oppose the proposition, principally because annexation would abolish the contract labor system now in vogue in the islands. Under existing arrangements the Japanese laborers in the islands, to the number of twenty thousand or thereabout, are all under long-time contracts, which make them practically the subjects of the planters, by whom they are employed. The American planters, who also use the contract system, do not, as a rule, believe that it is good for the country, and their argument is that what is bad for Hawaii must be in the end bad for themselves. They are willing, therefore, to relinquish what temporary benefit they may get from the system for the ultimate good which they believe will necessarily follow.

General Foster believes that the United States should take some definite action speedily with reference to Hawaii. It is not right, he says, to leave them in their present uncertain position. We ought either to annex them, he thinks, or announce to the world that we have no further concern in their affairs. If this be done, it will

leave them free to make other arrangements which would doubtless result in the maintenance of a stable form of government such as now exists. The foreign element in Hawaii is very large, and sooner or later they must become a dangerous menace to the present peace and prosperity of the islands. If the United States should annex Hawaii the moral influence of this Government would be sufficient to insure a permanence of these conditions, and the islands might be admitted on any terms satisfactory to this Government, provided they were such as to throw its protection around them.

The present, said General Foster, is an era of land-grabbing, and the detailed in this connection the extent to which some of the great European Powers have already gone in this direction. In his opinion, if the United States does not give its support to the present Hawaiian Government and the latter should become too weak to maintain itself in the face of its present difficulties, it is not unlikely that some of the great maritime Powers may seize the islands in pursuance of their colonial plan of conquest. It is the American element which largely dominates the trade of the country, and it has been Americans for more than sixty years who have left their impress upon the destiny of the country. More than half a century ago they were the advisers of its rulers, and they represent today, not wholly, but very largely, the best thought of the country.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Exercises at Palama Chapel Last Night.

Interesting Program Rendered by Sabbath School Pupils.

Palama Chapel was a scene of merriment last night at the Christmas entertainment for the children. Not a seat in the place was vacant, and there was such a demand for a view of the exercises that the windows, doors and, in fact, every available place, was occupied. There were at least three hundred people present.

The little chapel was very prettily decorated. Guarding the windows and doors were waving palm leaves and ferns of various kinds, while suspended from the center was a large Hawaiian flag looped in the middle. The front part was devoted to the stage where the exercises of the evening were presented to the audience. This was in turn appropriately decorated. On the wall in letters of gold, and surrounded by fern leaves were the words: "Christ, the King."

Following was the excellent program presented, and enjoyed by all:

- 1. Chorus—Hark the Herald Angels Sing..... Mendelssohn Palama Sunday School.
2. Recitation—Luke 2, 8:14, with Response..... Palama Sunday School.
Prayer..... Rev. John M. Lewis.
3. Recitation—Johnny's Welcome..... Palama Sunday School.
4. Song—Christmas Sing..... Haydn Kamehameha Preparatory.
5. Recitation—What the Mother Goose Children Want for Christmas..... Bernice Dwight
6. Chorus—Angels of Jesus..... Sweny Palama Sunday School.
7. Recitation—Bout a Million, Selected..... Orilla Rice
8. Solo and Chorus—Jesus Once Was a Little Child..... Murray Samuel Dwight and Little Ones.
9. Christmas Exercise..... Mrs. E. Jones' Class.
10. Song—The Wondrous Name..... Kirkpatrick Palama Choral Society.
11. Recitation—A Christmas Carol..... David Desha
12. Recitation—Christmas Bells..... Longfellow Samuel Dwight.
13. Song—Joy Bells..... Murray Junior Singing Club.
14. Recitation—In the Garden..... Benjamin Rice
15. Christmas Exercise..... A. S. Webber Fourteen Pupils.
16. "The Ruggles Family Are Invited Out to Dine"..... Kate Douglas Wiggin Kamehameha School for Girls.
17. Anthem—Sing Unto God..... Kirkpatrick Palama Sunday School.

After the singing of the last anthem several of the Kamehameha boys came in with large trays of ice cream and

cake, which were not lost sight of by anyone, the children not excepted.

The curtains of the stage were then thrown back, and the Christmas tree in the left hand corner, laden with its strings of popcorn and lighted with tapers was disclosed.

Then came the merry whispering and chatting, one with the other, and all the formality of the audience, interested in the exercises of the evening, melted away.

The success of the Christmas entertainment at Palama Chapel was really remarkable, for the little mission has only been doing work since June. It showed, however, what a field there is for the work that it is doing. The children of the locality who have been gathered in gradually, and with great willingness on their part, too, have been made to feel that they were wanted, and that their home was right there; have been afforded teachings along the proper lines for the developments of their characters, and have been shown what advantages exist for them. All this has had its effect, and last night's entertainment was just a result of what has been done.

To Rev. J. M. Lewis and his able corps of working assistants must needs be due the thanks of every one in Palama, and, in fact, in the city of Honolulu, for the grand work they are accomplishing.

WILL BE A SUCCESS.

New Year's Eve Dance Arrangements are All But Completed.

The New Year's Eve dance will be a great success, and it requires but 15 more names to complete the list of 100. It is the intention of the committee that there shall be plenty of room, and as soon as the number mentioned has been completed there will be no more names added to the list.

The Finance Committee, consisting of Messrs. W. H. Cornwell, Jr., Thos. P. Cummins and J. L. Holt, will issue cards to the subscribers tomorrow, and those who wish to attend, whose names are not on the list, will do well to notify the above committee at once.

The dance will be under the immediate patronage of a number of Honolulu's prominent society ladies.

The novelties of the evening at Independence Park will be the German and three new songs by the Hawaiian National Quintette Club.

The young men who have the arrangements in their hands are doing all in their power to make the New Year's Eve dance one of the most brilliant ever given in Honolulu.

Minister Willis.

The many friends of United States Minister Willis will be pained to hear that he continues in a very critical condition. The attack of pneumonia, from which he suffered in California, has led to other complications. All that skilled physicians and nurses can do, is being done. It is hoped that he has vitality needful to resist further inroads on his strength. Honolulu society misses the social functions which Minister and Mrs. Willis have made so pleasant to all residents and visitors. It is much to be desired that returning health and strength will bring opportunity for many more occasions of pleasant social intercourse.

Inter-Island Changes.

It has been decided that all the officers of the W. G. Hall will be assigned to the Mauna Loa.

Capt. Thompson of the Ke Au Hou will go as Captain of the W. G. Hall and Capt. Peterson in the same capacity on the Ke Au Hou.

First Mate Tullet of the Iwailani will be promoted to the office of Captain of the James Makee.

Capt. Thompson of the Kaala will probably be put on the new Inter-Island boat due here during the early part of next month.

Capt. Parker will probably go on the Kaala.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The best on the market is Crown Flour.

B. F. Ehlers & Co., have just received a large shipment of rugs.

Phelps & Miller, assignees of A. Wenner, have a notice in this issue.

The latest creations in holiday "neckings" ever exhibited at The Kaah. There was no change yesterday in the condition of Minister Willis' health.

Careful attention is paid to the manufacture of Crown Flour. Capt. Blake and Opium Brown were passengers to Honolulu by the Warrimoo on Saturday.

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The Pacific Hardware Co. Ltd., are advertising "Vacuum Oils." The "Vacuum" is, they say, always the same, being manufactured by a patent process, in vacuum.

The Government schools closed yesterday for the Christmas holidays. The Night School will go on as usual unless the attendance decreases to such a low figure that the Deputy Inspector General finds it necessary to close its doors.

Tati, the Tahitian Prince, who was here on the French man-of-war Duguay Trouan some time ago, returned to Honolulu on the Alameda Thursday. He left the man-of-war because she was ordered away on duty. Tati will make an extended visit in the city.

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by all Drug-gists and Dealers; Benson, Smith & Co., Agents for Hawaiian Islands.

STEAMER HELENE

Name of New Vessel For Wilder Company.

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Result of Great Guessing Contest.

Called After His Daughter—Mrs. John McLain's Successful Guess.

When the order for a new steamship for the Wilder Company was placed in San Francisco, President Wight, in order to keep up his reputation for originality, offered a prize trip on the new steamer from San Francisco to Honolulu and the Volcano and return to the person who would guess the correct name of the steamer.

Arrangements were made with the San Francisco Examiner by Mr. Wight whereby answers were received from persons anxious to make the tour. It was not expected that Honolulu ladies would enter into competition, therefore the contest was not advertised in the Honolulu papers.

Mr. Wight wanted to bring tourists to the Islands. But the Honolulu ladies were as anxious to visit San Francisco, and, perhaps, the Volcano, as the ladies of the Bay City were to visit the Paradise of the Pacific. Consequently, a large number of letters were sent in from various parts of the Islands.

The Alameda brought down a number of letters, each containing a guess, and among them all there were but two containing the correct name—Helene. One of these was from a San Francisco lady, and the other from Mrs. McLain, wife of the well known blacksmith on Fort street.

Nearly all of the names suggested something Hawaiian with the Volcano in the majority. It was natural that the thoughts of the guessers ran to Hawaiian names, for with the exception of three of the Island fleet the selections have been made from names which bear some relation to the Islands. The last new steamer of the Wilder Steamship Company was named Claudine, after the daughter of Claus Spreckels. She has been a lucky steamer, and perhaps the name has something to do with it.

The vessel to arrive is called the Helene, after the daughter of Hon. W. G. Irwin, and when one remembers the naming of the Claudine, it is not to be wondered that the company would want to pay honor to the gentleman who has been so closely interested with the business affairs of Mr. Spreckels.

CHILDREN DANCE.

Closing of Mrs. Gunn's Class in Arion Hall Yesterday.

The closing dance for this term of Mrs. Gunn's dancing school for children, was given in Arion Hall yesterday afternoon. There were between 30 and 40 children present, neatly and daintily dressed for the occasion. All seemed bent on a good time, and above all, to show what they had learned to do in the realm of the light fantastic. Each wee couple, smiling and happy, lithely and blithely moved about upon the floor to the music of the piano. Then, as a diversion for a few moments, little Helene Irwin danced the hornpipe, to the delight of all present, among whom were not a few grown people—the parents, relatives and friends of the youthful dancers.

Refreshments were served, good-byes were said, and then the merry gathering departed to meet again next term.

Valuable Real Estate.

The amount realized on the W. Jas. Smith lot on Beretania street, next to the Central Union Church, sold by Mor-

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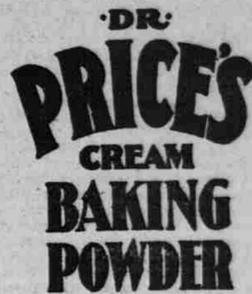
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gan on Saturday last was \$6,600. This includes three small buildings which may be valued at \$1,600, leaving the price of the land at \$5,000. As the lot contains about one-third of an acre, it will be seen that real estate along Beretania street is valuable.

New Boring Outfit.

Among the cargo of the W. G. Irwin was a complete well-boring outfit, bought in the United States by W. Heine and E. H. F. Wolters. The capacity of the machine is 1,200 feet and the limit of diameter 12 inches. The firm closed yesterday with Manager Hanneberg of Olawalu Plantation for the boring of wells there. Both gentlemen are well acquainted with the locality, as they each held shares and had planting interests in that company when they came to Hawaii 15 years ago.

WHARF AND WAVE.

The China, due here December 26th, is the next steamer from the Coast.

The barkentine S. G. Wilder was put on the marine railway for repairs yesterday.

The W. G. Hall, which arrived early Sunday morning, brought the following report of the sugar left on Kauai: Ahukini, 2,400 bags; Hanamaulu, 1,800; Waimea, 800; Kekaha, 3,500. Total, 8,500.

The four-masted schooner Muriel, Carlson master, sailed from Honolulu for San Francisco on the 15th inst. Cargo, 11,215 bags sugar, 1,413,090 pounds, valued at \$38,434.55. Theo. H. Davies & Co., consignees; 50 bags coffee and 141 hides. Total value of cargo, \$39,623.33.

The C. A. S. S. Warrimoo, in command of Capt. W. E. White, arrived from Vancouver and Victoria at 7:30 Saturday morning with the following report of her voyage: "Left Vancouver at noon on the 10th of December and Victoria the following day at 4:36 a. m. Rounded Cape Flattery at 9:36 a. m. From the 12th to 15th experienced strong westerly gales with high seas, reducing ship's progress considerably. Strong southwest winds to Makapuu. The Warrimoo was put on the boards to leave at midnight Saturday, but she was detained until Sunday afternoon, on account of the coal it was necessary for her to take on.

The recent trials of the Russian torpedo boat Vyborg, which has the Yarrow water tube boilers, having demonstrated the advantages of naphtha fuel, the Chief of the Russian Admiralty has decided to have the same system of combustion applied to all torpedo craft.

The Nagasaki ship-building yard of the Mitsui Bishi is now building three steamers. Two of them, of 6,000 tons displacement, are being constructed for the N. Y. K. and will be completed in Oct., 1897, and 1898 respectively. The other, of 3,000 tons, is being built for the Mitsui Bishi Co. and will be completed in January, 1898.

Sea-birds frequently spend weeks at sea, and are believed to quench their thirst partly from the falling rains and partly from the fat and oil which they devour ravenously when opportunity puts it in their way. The keen eyesight of birds is well known, and sea-birds have been observed flocking towards the storm-cloud, about to burst, from all points of the compass, and apparently drinking in the water as it descends from the skies.

Another opposition steamer has been put on the Central American route. On this occasion there will be no attempt to secure New York freight, but everything in sight from Panama to San Francisco, Cal., will be sought for, and cut rates will be the result. San Diego, Cal., will be the principal port of entry, and the trade of San Diego and Los Angeles Counties will be catered to. This means that San Diego and Los Angeles are in a combination to take away the Central American trade from San Francisco, and while the Pacific Mail will suffer, the merchants of that city will have to row in the same boat.

SEVEN WONDERS OUTDONE.

Let antiquity cease its babble. Its Seven Wonders of the World are wonders no more. Its fame is eclipsed. Hereafter, or, at least, till the century ends, says an English journal, let us talk only of the Five Wonders of Paris. For at the Parisian Exposition of 1896 we shall see a quintuple of extraordinary devices that will wipe memories of past marvels out of existence.

The first wonder will provide an aerial journey more than 900 feet above the earth! The scheme is to swing a mid-air suspension railway from the top of the Eiffel Tower to the summit of the distant Trocadero, from which

will be hung, by rollers, chairs making the journey back and forth. The Eiffel Tower is 985 feet high.

If shooting through the clouds in a cane-bottomed chair is not sensational enough to stir the blood of our modern novelty lover, let him enter the surveying tower, which will be built close by. There is nothing particularly startling about the suggestion of a surveying tower, you say. Just wait till you hear all. You will enter a leaning cylindrical tower about 50 feet high, and made of tempered steel. It looks like nothing more imposing than a metallic Tower of Pisa. You will find a circular seat inside, capable of holding about 20 persons. You will sit down and probably grasp the railing pretty tight, meantime holding your breath. When the seats are all filled you will suddenly shoot up into the air for a distance of 200 feet. You will then discover that your tower is made of concentric steel tubes that telescope into each other, and that you are at the apex of the innermost—and now uppermost—section.

But the big tower will not stand straight up. It will bend over, rainbow fashion, in a long arc, with you dangling at the end of it, for all the world like a fish at the end of a swaying rod. Then it will revolve slowly from its base, swinging you in a wide circle over a large section of the Exposition grounds, and finally land you on a stationary tower, down which you drop by an elevator to the ground.

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