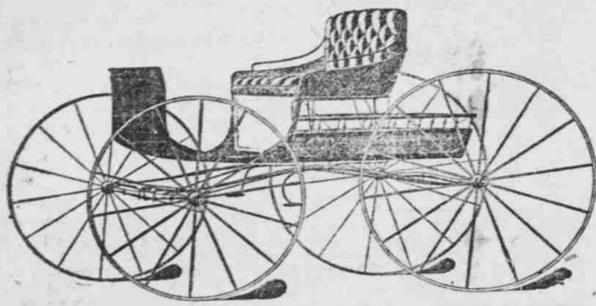


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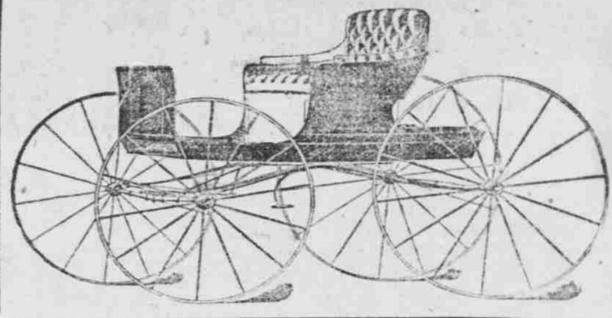
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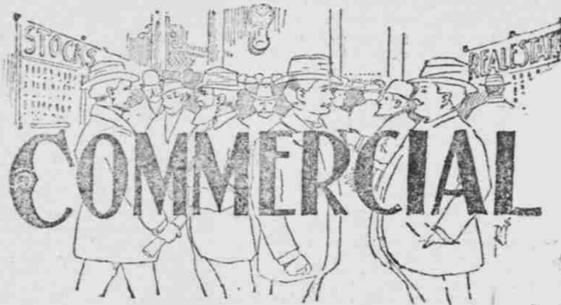
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Stocks during the past week were exceptionally dull and there was little doing in the Stock Exchange. Quotations of the past week generally prevailed. There were a few sales of Oahu Sugar at 95, Ewa at 24 and Kihai at 10.

There is a general increased activity in building circles, as the following notes on buildings in course of erection indicate:

Hawaiian Hotel annex buildings, facing on Alakee street. Architect Traughagen reports that the two wings will be completed by the end of next week. They are handsomely finished inside and the kiosks which connects them with the main building is a novelty in local architecture.

The Punahou Preparatory School, on the Oahu College grounds, is up to the third story and presents a solid, handsome appearance. The walls are being constructed of concrete. The building being on a terrace will be a commanding structure and a valuable addition to the college.

The Levers & Cooke building on King street near Alakee, has its foundation piers ready, and Contractor Amweg now has a large force of men working on the flooring. Beneath a layer of black volcanic sand nearly two feet deep the tide ebbs and flows, and below this surface the cement floor will be laid. The sand is being scraped off the coral bed rock and turned into a heap to be used for building purposes. The concrete flooring will be about eighteen inches thick and is so durable that the water pressure beneath will not be sufficient to do any damage to it. A feature of the draining of the excavation is an electric pump which discharges 12,000 gallons of water per hour. The pump takes up very little room and does not need constant attention.

Traughagen is busy with the plans for the new Odd Fellows' Building, corner of Fort street and Chaplain lane. They will be ready in a short time for inspection by contractors.

Figures are being sent in to the architect for the construction of the new Wally Building on King street opposite the Advertiser office.

Work is rapidly progressing on the Hall building, heavy beams and joists being set in position for the second floor.

The handsome Hackfeld building is in the finishing stages of completion. The scaffolding has been removed from the building, and the plastering is practically completed.

The new Mendonca buildings in old Chinatown, covering large portions of two separate blocks between King and Pauahi streets, are about completed.

The stone front work on the Young Building has reached the third story, and more iron work will be done shortly. One of the third story panels is already in.

The new building Ewa of the Elite block is receiving its street facing of cement and will be quite attractive when completed. A portion will be completed as early as practicable as several intending tenants desire to get in before the Christmas trade is over.

The Sachs building at the corner of Fort and Beretania streets is going up rapidly. The interior wood work to the second story is completed, although little has been done on the street walls.

Everything is in readiness to commence cementing the Fort street front of the new Catholic convent. All the plastering is finished.

NO INCREASE IN SUGAR TAX.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—A stir has been created by the rumor that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer, would impose another tax of a half penny per pound on sugar, although inquiries have resulted in discrediting the probability of any such action. "It is an unwritten rule of the Treasury that no industry shall be tampered with two years running, and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach is not likely to break through hard and fast traditions, however hard pushed he may be for funds to carry on the war. Nevertheless, the rumor has brought to light a curious condition of affairs, which would certainly favor the Government should it decide to take the step, despite the tax imposed in the last budget. The British consumer is now buying sugar more cheaply than before the tax was imposed. This is due chiefly to the surplus supply, but also to wholesale price-cutting by Germany, where a sugar trust is causing the British sugar trade the keenest apprehension. This German trust will form one of the chief topics of the sugar conference which is to meet in Brussels December 14th.

Though the United States Government has not been invited to send a delegate to the conference, it is learned that it could be represented if it so desired, and one of the leading authorities on sugar in England is now endeavoring to secure the attendance of American delegates at the meeting in Brussels.

Until after the conference, it can be definitely stated, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach will not take any action, and then it is improbable that he will run the risk of further disintegrating the business, which, on all sides, it is declared, would be in a sorrowful plight.

Replying to a correspondent, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach said the coal tax would be continued next year, but intimated that it would not be increased. This will take a load off the minds of British coal miners, who have been especially exercised over the inroads American coal has made on the Continent.

The Cabinet appears to have awakened from its lethargy to such unexpected energy as to elicit from the Gazette the following comment: "The strict application to business is highly to be commended and will be appreciated."

This unintentional admission of the Cabinet's previous laziness has caused the statement that the various committees of the Cabinet, sitting this week, will formulate proposals for the reform of procedure in the House of Commons. The proposals will be considered by the full Cabinet next week. It is pretty generally admitted that there is crying need of such a step as domestic legislation is almost hopelessly blocked.

Parliament, it is expected, will reassemble January 23d.

QUEEN WILL VISIT UTAH

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QUEEN AFTER CROWN LANDS.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii was among the passengers on the steamer China, which reached port yesterday, accompanied by three young people whom she is educating out of her private resources—Myra Heleluhe, Joseph Aea and John D. Almoku—she is on her way to Washington, where she will endeavor to reach a settlement with the United States government in the matter of her claim to the crown lands of Hawaii. Although she had been preparing for her trip for several weeks before her departure from Honolulu, nothing was known of her plans until the day the China sailed, and her departure was quite a surprise to many of her most intimate friends. Her quiet movements, it is explained, were prompted by a desire to avoid any participation in Territorial politics, which, on account of the approaching elections, are assuming a very acute stage of activity. When the China reached the mail dock she was met by Colonel G. W. Macfarlane and General R. H. Warfield and driven to the California Hotel, where she will remain until Thursday of next week, which day she has fixed for her departure for Washington.

Liliuokalani authorized the announcement last evening that she is on her way to Washington to come to some understanding with the Federal government respecting a settlement of crown lands dispute. The crown lands of Hawaii aggregate about 1,000,000 acres, and their value is said to approach \$10,000,000 or \$20,000,000. They embrace some of the highest and most valuable sugar estates in the islands, the sugar lands being held

by the big sugar companies on long-term leases. The crown lands are now netting the Federal government about \$50,000 a year in rentals. When the monarchy was overthrown the provisional government took possession of the crown lands, and its successor, the republic of Hawaii, turned them over to the government of the United States when the islands were annexed. During all this time Liliuokalani persisted in declaring that the crown lands were her property. The last Hawaiian legislature offered to compromise her claim by paying her \$250,000, but the bill appropriating the money was vetoed by Governor Dole, who saw that the depleted treasury of the Territory would not stand such a drain. This was no disappointment to Liliuokalani, who declares that she will deal only directly with the Federal government in the settlement of her claim. She says she has formulated no plans as yet, but will engage legal advice upon her arrival in Washington. She is not prepared to say at this time what kind of a settlement she expects the Federal government to make, but she looks to congress to make some reasonable offer of compromise.

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