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## THE FIRST VETO.

After sleepless nights, the Governor of the Territory had decided to veto the law, passed by the Legislature, reducing the tax on female dogs. The measure is one which undoubtedly has caused great uneasiness to the Chief Executive, as being the first one relating to tax questions. The Governor could not be swerved from his duty and he repudiated any tax law which can lower a tax on bitches from \$3 to \$1 and thereby equalizing the sexes of the canine family.

It was an awful moment, when the Sergeant-at-arms arose this morning, and, addressing the Speaker bawled out: "A message, a message from the Governor."

In the door stood the secretary of the Governor hat in hand, with an ominous looking document in his hands. He stoically stalked in and handed it to the Speaker who simply announced: "A veto on the tax bill on female dogs."

Emmeluth ground his teeth and muttered "a singular tax," and Robertson actually smiled into his "hibiscus." The moment was awful and the first veto was registered.

## A PROPER REPORT

Last week the Protective League of Honolulu presented a report to the Legislature praying that the so-called Dispensary bill be passed. The petition was presented immediately following a strong resolution of the Chamber of Commerce against the bill. The Protective League evidently thought that it would have a great deal of pull and their petition, signed by 64 persons of a great deal of weight. The promoters of the petition failed to connect, however, and the following is the report presented by the committee to which the petition was referred in the Senate this morning. It reads:

HONORABLE SAM E. KAIUE,  
President.

Sir:—Your Committee on Miscellaneous Petitions to whom Petition No. 26 was referred respectfully report as follows:

1st. The Petition came from the Protective League of Honolulu;

2nd. That there are seven different requests in said Petition each of them apply to different Sections of the Bill No. 42.

3rd. The Protective League of Honolulu contains about 64 active members of whom about 60 were electors at last election; while as a fact there are about 1100 voters who took part in last election.

4th. The Petitioners admit in their Petition that the Bill is an important measure.

5th. The Petitioners request that the measure or the Bill No. 42 be made a law during this season of the Legislature.

6th. One very important request in said Petition is that all women who are citizens of the United States may be permitted to vote in regard to this measure; if this request should be allowed, a new election law ought to be passed this season; but your committee doubt, that the Legislature has time to prepare said Law in proper conditions.

Upon careful examination and consideration of the above petition we recommend that the same may be laid on Table to be considered with the Bill. Respectfully submitted

Sgn. W. C. ACHI,  
J. B. KAOHI,  
L. NAKAPAAHU.

The naivete displayed by the petitioners that all women who are citizens of the United States should be permitted to vote on this measure is amusing and astonishing. Who prevent the dear ladies from voting except they do it per hatchet? Let them go on voting on any question they please, but for the present, at least, there voting will be a strictly private piece of personal pleasure to them. The Protective League is not a success and never will be as long as it is composed of men, who may mean well, but who through lack of practical experience cannot grasp existing conditions.

In San Francisco a few weeks ago a large meeting of reformers were called to battle with the "social evil." Rabbi Voorsanger presided and made the leading speech of the evening. His finishing words, that you cannot reform men and women through legislation, by violence or forcible measures were echoed by every speaker at that meeting, and every one in that vast audience.

Forsooth, it is a fine idea that 60 voters should come forward and dictate to the vast majority of 11,000 voters and expect special consideration because among the 60 were some parsons.

The petition was promptly to be considered with the "Ass Bill."

## DR. RAYMOND IS FIRM.

Will Not Give Even Soldiers a Chance to Cause a Small-Pox Epidemic Here.

A proposition to disembark eight hundred and forty officers and men from the troopship Kilpatrick, now lying outside the harbor in quarantine on account of smallpox having broken out on the vessel between San Francisco and Honolulu, was made on Saturday to the Board of Health by Major Robinson, Depot Quartermaster, U. S. A., and only yesterday afternoon at a special meeting of the Board, was the request denied. The result is that the ship "Mary E. Foster" in the harbor, has been engaged by the military authorities and the troops will be placed aboard until the transport can be fumigated.

At a meeting of the Board of Health on Saturday a request from the troopship was made by Major Robinson that the men on board be permitted to land and placed in quarantine at the Kalia detention camp until the men can be furnished with new uniforms which had undergone fumigation and until the troopship had been thoroughly disinfected.

Yesterday the Board of Health met twice and through the firm attitude of the President Dr. Raymond, supported by Dr. C. B. Cooper, the request was denied.

The two doctors rightly held that it would place the city in the greatest danger to permit 840 men from an infected ship to be landed here and placed in a camp where more than a hundred well people are located, a camp which from its very situation and peculiar surrounding cannot be safely guarded in case any of the men should wish to break through the cordon an occurrence which naturally would happen.

This was at the morning session.

When the Board convened again at 3 o'clock, Major Robinson was present accompanied by Colonel Maus, U. S. A., Inspector of the Department of California, which includes the military post here, and United States District Attorney Baird. J. A. McCandless represented the Territory. The Board was represented by Presi-

dent Raymond, members Cooper, Smith, Dole, Emerson and Winston. Major Robinson was asked to report as to whether he had found any other means for caring for the troops.

Major Robinson: "I asked that the Board be re-convened this afternoon, as I found I had confronted the Board with a hypothetical case and I did not wish to urge the Board to take a vote without first ascertaining whether there were any facilities here for unloading the Kilpatrick so it would be unnecessary for the men to go ashore. I found one boat named the "Mary E. Foster" with a capacity for about 500 men. She is 250 feet long. I have not accepted the boat as yet, and don't know whether the men could really be accommodated there or not. It would take two or three days to put the vessel in shape. The Foster was offered to me at a rental, or rather by charter, at the rate of \$250 a day for such a time as the government might hold it. Several legal points came up this morning, and not wishing to pose personally as an attorney, I have taken the liberty of asking United States District Attorney Baird to be present in case any legal complications might come up. I have also invited Col. Maus, as the representative of the Inspector General's Department, to be present."

After considerable discussion Attorney-General Dole, presented the following resolution:

Whereas, there are now about four hundred (400) uninfected people in the detention camp who will have to be provided for elsewhere in case it is used for the purpose requested; and,

Whereas, there is no other suitable place in Honolulu for the segregation of smallpox or plague patients; and,

Whereas, it is believed that one death from plague has just occurred, and that the germs of plague may be in the community; and,

Whereas, the prevalence of smallpox greatly adds to the danger of infection of that disease here; and,

Whereas, the character of the population renders smallpox and plague exceptionally fatal in this community, as well as difficult to control; and,

Whereas, a ship suitable for quarantine purposes can be had by the Federal authorities which will serve the purposes required;

Therefore, the Board of Health, recognizing the uniform courtesy and great aid and kindness of the Federal quarantine authorities and other Federal authorities in the past, with extreme regret deems that it can not comply with the request of the Federal authorities without endangering the lives of the public entrusted to its charge and without subjecting the local community to greater danger and distress than will be caused to the soldiers by denying the request.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Cooper and was unanimously adopted.

It is understood that the Oahu Railroad officials would have declined to convey the men from their wharf to the Kalia camp.

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