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WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Mean Temperature—73 degrees. Minimum Temperature—57 degrees. Maximum Temperature—86 degrees. Barometer—30.07 at 9 p. m. Rainfall—.04 inches. Mean Dew Point for the Day—67.5. Mean Relative Humidity—66.

WINDS: Northeast, 3. FORECAST FOR TODAY: Very light trades and fine weather.

FIRST MAN TO ADVERTISE.

Noah was the first man to advertise. He advertised the flood and he came through all right. The fellows who laughed at advertising were drowned, and it served them right. Ever since Noah's time the merchant who advertises has been prospering, while the other fellow is being swallowed up in the floods of disaster.

THE "EXECUTIVE COUNCIL."

The Republican some days ago called attention to the fact that the Organic Act of Hawaii made no provision whatever for what is known under the present executive of the Territory of Hawaii as the "Executive Council." In fact, it was pointed out that that very subject was carefully considered by the commission which was appointed by the President to frame an Organic Act for this Territory and the committee refused to recommend any such provision, Mr. Sanford B. Dole of the commission presenting a minority report.

Despite the fact, however, that four of the five members of the commission were unanimous in the opinion that such a body would be out of keeping with American precedent and American customs and that Congress gave absolutely no heed to the proposition, the Governor of Hawaii has surrounded himself with an "executive council" in direct violation of law and holds tri-weekly sessions of that body, minutes of which are kept by his secretary and such portions as he sees fit given out for publication.

The constitution of the United States and of every state in the union provides for three co-ordinate branches of the government; the legislative, executive and judicial. No one of these branches of the government can infringe upon the rights or prerogatives of the other. In fact, each and every branch of the United States government has been very jealous of its rights and privileges since the founding of the government. Andrew Johnson attempted to override the legislative branch when he was President, much to his sorrow, for Congress deprived him of much power, arbitrarily, maybe, and Mr. Johnson only lacked one vote of being impeached and removed from his high office.

Yet here in Hawaii we see the executive, or otherwise the "executive council," so-called, exercising the rights and duties not only of the executive, but of the legislative and judicial departments of the Territory as well. Almost every report of a meeting of the "executive council" contains mention of proceedings that are purely legislative in character. On Monday last the following account of the meeting in regard to infamous crimes appeared in the Advertiser, and therefore cannot be accused of being an unfair report:

"The council instructed the Attorney General to have a notification to all the island sheriffs that conviction of an infamous crime punishable by more than a year's imprisonment, was tantamount to losing one's civil rights. A person so convicted and losing his civil rights, it was decided that such crimes should hereafter be subject to investigation by the grand jury."

This question was brought up by the decision of Judge Wilcox in dismissing the complaint and discharging the defendant in the Ubel suit instituted by W. A. Kinney against the editor of The Republican. District magistrates having only jurisdiction of justices of the peace have been sentencing people to all manner of punishment on all manner of charges without regard to law or anything else. But it was not in the province of the "executive council" to "instruct the Attorney General" to notify sheriffs or district magistrates as to how they should interpret the law. That is a matter solely for the judiciary; a matter for the proper courts of the Territory to decide. The Attorney General, with the province of his duties as law adviser for the Governor, might have rendered an opinion holding that it was his opinion that a man sentenced for one year or more was tantamount to loss of his civil rights and therefore subject to investigation by a grand jury, and sheriffs and district magistrates might well have been guided by such opinion until the

courts had legally decided the question, but for the "executive council" to take direct action and "instruct the Attorney General to inform the sheriffs" was as clearly illegal as is every other act that the "executive council" performs.

How much longer will the illegal farce be continued?

THE WISE MAN OF HAWAII.

Mr. John H. Wise, who helped to make it possible for the democratic convention at Kansas City to adopt a sixteen to one silver plank in the platform and who afterwards declared in a speech in this city that he did not know what sixteen to one meant and he did not believe William J. Bryan himself could explain it, is out with an address to the natives on "The Principles of the Democratic Party." In this address, which is published elsewhere in today's Republican, Mr. Wise shows himself to be fully as ignorant as his drill shed speech indicated.

Among other choice comments Mr. Wise says "the democratic party is the party of Cleveland, who tried to restore the monarchy, but failed because the republicans, the party who robbed the Hawaiians of their independence, controlled Congress." That the democratic party is the party of Cleveland is good and will be especially relished by the rank and file of democracy of today, which hates Cleveland more bitterly than it hates Senator Hanna. Cleveland once represented democracy, but the party went chasing after populist gods in 1896 and is still chasing them, much to the disgust of Cleveland and all sober-minded democrats who have no use for the democracy bearing the Bryan stamp.

Mr. Wise might not make such blunders as he does if he would read more or if he would endeavor to post himself on recent history of the United States. When Mr. Cleveland tried to restore Liliuokalani to the throne, Congress was democratic in both branches, the democrats having half a dozen majority in the senate and over sixty majority in the house. It was a committee of this same Democratic senate which scored Cleveland's action in Hawaii in its report to the Senate in June, 1894. This is only mentioned to show Mr. Wise's inaccuracy of statement and to show how much of a representative of democracy Grover Cleveland is.

Mr. Wise further informs the natives that the democratic party is against annexation. We were of opinion that the matter of annexation had been definitely settled, but evidently not, according to this wise man's view. He does not say directly that if the democrats should be successful next November annexation would be nullified, but one is led to believe such would be the case, according to Mr. Wise's letter.

A LEGAL "INFERENCE."

By an order from the supreme court yesterday High Sheriff A. M. Brown released Geo. L. Edwards from prison, where he had been confined for twenty months. The inference is that the court has decided that his conviction and sentence were illegal.—The Evening Bulletin.

That would seem to be a fair "inference." In this connection "inference" is a forceful word. While lingering in the penitentiary for twenty months it was an "inference" to Edwards that he didn't have a pull like his fellow convict, D. W. Corbett, who had been convicted of the same infamous crime, in a nine fold degree, and whom President Sanford B. Dole pardoned in 1898, after serving a very small fraction of his nine year sentence. Meantime "Volcano" Marshall's "inference" is that a man might better be guilty of a loathsome, infamous crime, going to the corruption of the sons of the "best families," than to dare say the truth concerning corrupt public officials. While Corbett and Edwards, who were guilty of an unmentionable crime, are at liberty, Marshall still has a six months' sentence hanging over his head and would be lingering in the Territorial penitentiary but for \$1,000 cash bail while his case is on appeal.

Marshall was said to have been guilty of libel. The other two of a crime against nature—one that ought to be made a capital offense. Little wonder that some people think it was high time for a change in the administration of law and justice in Hawaii. The pardon of Corbett was so great an outrage that it was not made public at the time and the release of the convict was comparatively secretly made. The legislature need seriously reform the pardon system of the Territory. In all probability it will.

The secret of how and why John H. Wise came to vote for the free silver plank, of which he had no knowledge, in the national democratic platform, is now out. Mr. Bryan wanted that plank in the platform and Mr. Wise wanted annexation of Hawaii revoked. Presto change; now you see it, now you don't. You vote for my free silver plank and I'll help to drive Hawaii out of the union. Wise voted for the free silver plank and now he tells the natives of Hawaii that the democrats are against annexation. Whoopla!

There is one consolation in the advance in the price of beef and that is that there has been no raise in the price of mutton. The mutton received here is of very superior quality and the good housewives who will substitute it for beef can save considerable expense. Fruits are plentiful, too, and much more wholesome in this tropical climate than meat. Most people here eat too much meat and if the advance

in price will turn them to a fruit and vegetable diet it will have resulted in some good after all.

The man who will send a dastardly anonymous communication to any one is worse than an assassin. He is more base and more degraded than the man who would stab one in the back. He has not the moral nor physical courage of a knife-user or assassin, for even the latter takes some chances, but the anonymous writer is so base a coward that there is no word in the language fit to describe him.

ST. LOUIS COLLEGE.

Dinner to B. Given in Honor of Seventeenth Anniversary.

On next Monday, September 3d, the faculty of St. Louis College will celebrate its seventeenth anniversary. But four of the members of the original faculty remain. They are Brother Bertram, the principal, Brother Francis, Brother Mark and Brother Frank of Wailuku, Maui. When they arrived the school was in very poor circumstances, but through dint of hard labor they have brought the school up to a high state of proficiency, establishing branches at Hilo and Wailuku.

It is not the intention of the brothers to have any celebration Monday beyond a little informal dinner and an exchange of reminiscences. The fifteenth anniversary was celebrated in suitable fashion two years ago, but Principal Bertram decided that the seventeenth anniversary had no particular significance, so a special celebration was not required. The regular school term will open on the following day, September 4th.

Official Call On Governor.

The Hon. Herman Focke, acting consul for Chile, and Captain Arturo E. Wilson of the Chilean training ship General Baquedano, paid an official visit to Governor Dole and Secretary Cooper yesterday morning. The governor and secretary will return the visit this morning at 10 o'clock.

New Treaty With Spain.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Minister Storer, at Madrid, informs the state department that a treaty of amity, commerce and navigation and general intercourse has been signed provisionally by the minister of state and himself. This practically marks the last step in the complete restoration of relations between Spain and the United States.

Side Lights On History.

"Socrates!" exclaimed Xantippe, cross-eyed with wrath, threatening of aspect and shrill as to voice, "you say you have been to the lodge, you were delayed by a street car accident and you had no idea it was so late! Those three stories don't hang together. You clumsy wretch! You have built a structure of lies and it falls to the ground at a touch, like a house of cards. Look at it and see if you don't feel small!"

"I do, Xantippe," said Socrates, humbly. "I see it's a hopeless ruin. Three stories—and abasement!"

Who can blame the illustrious shrew that she turned the hose on him at once?—Chicago Tribune.

Admirals Will Act Jointly.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—As the result of cablegrams between the powers concerning affairs at Shanghai, an agreement has been reached by which all the admirals of the several powers represented at Shanghai will act currently in a survey or watching of the Chinese Yangtze fleet, instead of having this duty performed entirely by the British admiral at Shanghai. The Chinese Yangtze fleet consists of four cruisers and several torpedo boats and destroyers. As many transports are carrying troops of the various powers to China, it has been deemed necessary to see that the Chinese war ships do not attack the unprotected transports. The British commander has been executing the watch alone, but under the new arrangement all will share in this responsibility. The United States cruiser New Orleans is or will be at Shanghai within the next day or two and she will participate with the other foreign ships there in this duty.

Gold On Behring Sea's Shores.

"Steam thawers are expediting work in the mines of the Klondike this year," remarked Judge M. T. Hitchcock, a Connecticut Yankee, who used to live in this city, but who writes his name at the Riggs as from Seattle, Wash., says the Washington Post. "The digging of gold there has become systematized, and I have private advices which are reliable that the output for the present year will be \$35,000,000. That's a big sum of money."

"The ground in the Klondike, as nearly everybody knows, is frozen the year round, save for a little on the top. In days gone by the process of thawing the frozen earth by fire developed gases which frequently caused asphyxiation. There are half a dozen varieties of these steam thawers, each of which is, naturally enough, claimed to be the best. They are not only more convenient for the miners, but are a distinct advance in mining machinery for that region."

Judge Hitchcock pulled from his inside pocket a long roll of brown paper, from which he evolved, after some patience, quite a quantity of brown sand. "That," said he, "is from Cape Nome and yields \$40 to the ton. My private advices from that region are that \$15,000,000 will be taken from the beach this year. I learn that some miners recently crossed over to the Siberian shore on a fishing schooner and with an ordinary frying pan they took up some of the sand on the Russian beach and secured \$7 of gold out of it. The country to the north of Cape Nome for miles and miles is full of prospectors, and no man knows what riches may be discovered in new localities."

Conviction of Lieut. Cordua.

Pretoria, Tuesday, Aug. 21.—The trial of Lieutenant Cordua, formerly of the Transvaal artillery, on the charge of being concerned in the plot to kidnap General Lord Roberts, was concluded today. The prisoner was found guilty of all the points in the indictment against him, but sentence was deferred until the findings of the court shall have been confirmed by Lord Roberts.

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