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WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Mean Temperature—77.3 degrees. Minimum Temperature—70.0 degrees. Maximum Temperature—87.0 degrees. Rainfall—30.5 at 9 p. m. Humidity—80.0 inches. Mean Sea Point for the Day—66.8. Mean Relative Humidity—75.

WIND.

Wind, south to north-northwest, 2 to 6. Forecast for Today. Light trades, fair weather with perhaps a shower or two.

Don't stand in the way of the wheels of progress and of progressive business men. It don't pay.

A mainland exchange says: Ex-Queen Liliuokalani has completed a volume and has applied for a copyright certificate, giving the name of the book as "The Hawaiian Tradition of the Creation."

The Attorney General is the real head of the police department of Honolulu as well as the rest of the Territory. Does that high official propose to allow a man to be retained upon the force who deliberately suppresses processes legally issued by the court?

Things must have come to a pretty pass in the police department when Hanahan can suppress a process issued by Judge Wilcox. If the High Sheriff does not clip that fresh worthy's wings pretty soon there is likely to be something drop about the High Sheriff's head that won't be pleasant either for him or the territorial administration.

The florist business in the United States is by no means an unimportant industry. It is estimated that the retail value of flowers sold annually is \$12,500,000 and of potted plants \$10,000,000. There are no less than 10,000 establishments in the United States devoted to the growing of plants under glass. California should in time secure a considerable proportion of this trade, and it would not have to start glass factories either. This summary of the business does not include the enormous trade in flowers and plants in Hawaii.

Speaking of the Great Eastern News paper League, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer says: "The Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu is endeavoring to induce them to visit the Hawaiian Islands and it is possible such a trip will be made." The P.-I. is off its trolley. General Manager King has "stuffed" its reporter. The Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu has done nothing of the sort. On the contrary, it understands the value of good advertising and has distinctly turned down the Great Eastern League, as many other places have sensibly done.

In the Seattle Times of September 14th appears a column of Honolulu news, over which appears the line "The Times Special Service." The entire budget is clipped bodily from the Republican files leaving here on the mail steamer of August 29th. The Times is great on "leased wire" and "special service." Is it all secured in the same way as the Honolulu special service? The Republican is glad to see its superior news service clipped from by coast exchanges, but at the same time we think honesty in the matter of credit where credit belongs would not be out of place.

The action of the wholesalers of Honolulu in trying to keep out the American drummer by means of a boycott will have the same effect that trying to keep back the breakers from Waikiki beach with a broom would have. Some of the southern cities tried that a few years ago to their sorrow. Hawaii is now an American territory and along with other blessings has come the American drummer and all the opposition imaginable will not stay his perennial visits. Better accept the new conditions and make the most of them than try to carry on a warfare that will injure no one excepting the home dealers.

The first Atlantic cable was laid in 1866 and in the thirty-four years that have elapsed since the opening of the first electric line under the ocean thirteen new lines have been laid, the one just completed by Germany being the last. Notwithstanding the great growth of the American-European cable lines, they have all they can do to handle the business, so rapidly has it grown. The need of a cable across the Pacific has been especially apparent during the stirring times of the last two years, including the Spanish-American war and the trouble in

China. With the rapidly growing commerce of the Orient there is no doubt that a single line of cable across the Pacific would prove inadequate to the demands upon it within two years after its completion. Cable messages are expensive, but modern commerce knows not the staying hand of expense in the matter of expediting trade.

There is a whole lot of talk about the candidates for certain offices not being eligible because they are not registered. True, the Organic Act in describing who shall be eligible to election as a senator reads: "Have resided in the Hawaiian Islands not less than three years and be qualified to vote for senators in the district from which he is elected." While the law provides for registration before voting, registration is not a requisite qualification for the holding of office. It is a mere police registration for the protection of the purity of the ballot and the best legal minds have questioned the constitutionality of registration laws of any kind and particularly those which do not permit of special registration up to the very day of election. Any resident of the Hawaiian Islands who has resided in the Islands one year or in the precinct three months is a qualified voter whether he is registered or not, and the failure to comply with the mere police regulation of registering cannot deprive him of his constitutional rights to hold office.

Senator Wellington of Maryland had his first falling out with the president because the latter appointed a Marylander to a consulate without consulting the senator. The senator has announced to all office-seekers from Maryland, "See me first," meaning that they had to get his endorsement before they could presume to apply for a place. When the president appointed a young man to the place before he had seen Senator Wellington, the latter was exceeding wroth and has ever since been "agin the administration." But the senator has not forgotten himself. In his recent speech at Cumberland, Md., when he spoke from the same platform with Bryan, Mr. Wellington used the personal pronoun "I" one hundred times, while he said "me" six times and "my" nine times. Evidently he still wants every one to "see me first."

One of the leading movements in a political way in the States this year is the organization under the auspices of the National Republican committee of "First Voters' clubs." It is estimated that 2,500,000 young men will cast their first vote for president this fall. There is no doubt that the great majority of the young men of the country are heartily in favor of a "Greater America" and eager to uphold the prestige of their country abroad, and support the expansion policy of the McKinley administration. First Voters' clubs are being organized in every town of any importance all over the land, and the first voters of 1900 promise to have as great an influence on the presidential election as "Logan's Boys" had on the election of 1888.

THE GIRLS OF HAWAII.

An American Woman Who Cannot Praise Them Too Highly. (Iowa State Register, Sept. 12.)

Mrs. T. J. Higgins, a former resident of Kansas City, who moved to Hawaii with her husband some seven years ago and who has now come back on the sad errand of closing up various matters pertaining to her dead husband's estate, says that Uncle Sam should be very proud of his new territory, for it is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful countries in the world, and as for the natives she can not say too much in their praise. She says they call the natives, the Hawaiians, "brown people," and that they are very much liked by the Americans and the English. Of the girls Mrs. Higgins says that they are very beautiful and as a rule cultured. She adds: "Didn't you know that many of our best young men marry native girls? Oh, yes, and they are proud to do it. And at our balls, our parties, both the white and the nice 'brown people' always meet on an equal footing. The old aristocratic native families are very fine. Their daughters are beautiful girls, educated, and—let me whisper it—eager to marry an American. The Americans, you know, are looked upon as being the greatest people in all the world. As a rule, all of the foreigners there are educated and of a fine class, so our society is very fine."

Mrs. Higgins says that the girls of Hawaii have beautiful natures as well as face and form, and, like the women of our own southern states, develop very early and are young women at the age of 15. In telling of some of the ways and customs of the people of the country she says: "A favorite word of greeting is 'Aloha,' that is used constantly to say good-bye, good morning, and in fact takes the place of all of our words and phrases in such matters. It is a very affectionate term, too. Or, again, they say, 'Oe Nui,' which means 'With deep affection I greet you.' The lower classes of the natives are fine. Poor they may be, but they are just as clean and nice as they can be. They are so grateful and affectionate. You pass some old man and say 'Aloha,' and he responds in kind and sweeps his scattered old hat to the very ground. They have been used to royalty and they think all Americans are grand. No matter how poor and lowly the natives may be, they never beg or steal. This is a remarkable fact. In fact, stealing or begging would be unknown to the Island had it not been introduced by the Portuguese. There are some Japanese and Chinese there, too. Some of the natives have them as servants.

Another thing I would like to speak of, and that is the peculiar grace of the native men. They are always graceful and polite—and in the ball room such dancers!" Mr. and Mrs. Higgins lived in the little village of Hilo, on the volcano road, only seventeen miles from the great volcanic center of the country, and she will return to her old home next year to take charge of the immense sugar and coffee plantation left by her husband. It is plain from what Mrs. Higgins said that we have yet much to learn about the people who now aid "U. S. A." to the name of their territory.

"Queen Lil" Now Loyal.

(From the Baltimore Sun.) Benevolent assimilation has struck deep and fast in the heart of Liliuokalani, ex-queen of the Hawaiian Islands, and she has become so thoroughly digested, so to speak, that involuntarily she bows her head in reverence at the sight of the stars and stripes, and because throbs with patriotism at the strains of the national airs. Her former majesty reached the sixty-second milestone in her life September 1, and her ex-subjects honored the occasion with a demonstration. That the transition should not be sudden the program included the Hawaiian national hymn and "The Star Spangled Banner." During the rendition of the first named the ex-queen sat irresponsive, while the natives made an ineffectual effort to fire the feeling of nationalism. It was all to no purpose, however, and her former majesty frowned them down. But the first few bars of "The Star Spangled Banner," as if by magic, touched her, and she rose impressively and stood until the echoes died away.

This is quite in contrast with "Queen Lil's" former attitude. She paid no less than two visits to Washington, hoping doubtless to be spared her island kingdom, but it was all in vain. Now she appears to be trying to make the best of an unalterable situation. After all, the ex-queen may eke satisfaction from the fact that not all the imperial glory has vanished from Hawaii, and she may think it better to be under the umbrella of a growing empire than to be left thousands of miles out in the wet on a small insular kingdom. If the United States continues its empire business "Queen Lil" may yet get a sinecure, besides her pension, as one of the realm.

The Menace of Militarism.

(From the Brooklyn Eagle.) Governor Roosevelt spoke in Detroit on Thursday in the presence of 5,000 people. On the front seats in the hall he saw five regular army soldiers, two of whom had served in his regiment in Cuba. He asked them to stand up, which they did. The audience rose to its feet and cheered itself hoarse in honor of the men. The governor told the 5,000 people that they were in greater danger from the tyranny of the five soldiers in the army as the proportion of soldiers in the army to the total population was less than the proportion of soldiers to civilians in the hall. And then the audience showed how little it dreaded militarism by applauding some more. It takes only a simple object lesson like this to show how ridiculous is Mr. Bryan's issue of militarism.

That Rigorous Examination.

(From the Honolulu Independent.) When the High Sheriff has time to spare he will undoubtedly furnish the public with the result of the rigorous investigation which he promised to hold in the case of the deputy sheriff who was charged in the press with conduct unbecoming a police officer. Don't pigeon-hole "investigations," Mr. High Sheriff. All transactions in the police department are public property.

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