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100,000 MEN.

Secretary Alger's report recommends the increase of the regular army to 100,000 men. The British army, exclusive of the Indian army, that is now used in all parts of the world in preserving order, numbers only 130,000 men.

However desirable it is to maintain an army for the Government of the Philippines and Cuba, the strong opposition of the conservative forces on the Mainland against such an increase is already apparent. But in the end it will be settled mainly by the business profits there may be in expansion. No doubt there is a strong feeling in favor of establishing good government in the new acquisitions, but the people will get tired of that matter, just as they are tired of the negro question. After thirty years friction over the negro, the people of the North have said to the people of the South: "Take him and do as you like with him. We can't waste any more time over him. There is no money in it." The cost of helping the negro after the war was nothing. Helping the Filipinos to good government, and it surely ought to be done, will cost the nation many millions. And unless there is some adequate return for the investment, the nation will get tired of taxing itself for humanity.

GOV. ROOSEVELT.

Colonel Roosevelt is a Republican, but a distressing one when looked at by the machine men. He has never been picked out by the "boys" as a trustworthy politician, and, we believe, has never been elected to any important office by the popular vote. He was incapable of making bargains, and uncommercial patriotism is not popular with the bosses.

The incident of war has made him Governor of New York. His efforts in the line of reform will be defeated by the union of both political parties in the legislature. He will be successful only in the cases where he has sole and absolute authority. The leaders of both parties regard him as a Mugwump carried into office by an extraordinary tidal wave. His official conduct will be extremely annoying to the leaders, as it was when he was one of the New York Police Commissioners. The independent journals will stand by him. The partisan journals will not endorse him with much enthusiasm.

But he is an educator. He will leave the politics of the State a little better than he found it. The party men will not love him. But the generation of young men, who are taking broader views will admire him, and his faith and his work will inspire them. Colonel Roosevelt and Colonel Waring were alike in temperament. The "boys" did not like them.

"MAGIC TROUSERS."

Another of the misguided beings who must suffer under the whips of the cat-o-nine tails, in the hands of Mr. Sewall's Organ is Prof. Martin who is one of the faithful members of the "rank and file" of patriots that did not urge the Government to make a war alliance with the United States in May last. For if reported correctly in the Organ, Mr. Martin said on the 6th of May last: "I would say we ought to act as if strictly independent." In saying so he, like the rest of the irresolute, was guilty, according to the rules of the Organ, of "cowardice" and "treason," although he is quite free from censure according to our own rules.

Prof. Martin has for some time carried on with deserved success, an establishment on Fort street, for the production of trousers and other clothing, and if he was as successful in covering the moral nakedness of some of his customers as he has been in covering their physical nakedness, he would be regarded as a "sweet boon" to mankind. In connection, however, with this establishment, he has furnished to the leading men of a leading party, a resort where he has with commendable industry generated the carbonic acid gas of patriotism which he has faithfully pumped into and charged the weary souls of the despondent and given them life and sparkling hope.

Nevertheless, he failed in what was recently discovered to be a very solemn crisis in May last, and like the rest of the backward patriots, must submit to the application on his back of the dreadful cat-o-nine tails whose strings are leaded with "cowardice" and "treason."

What, then, is his attitude? Does he propose to submit with humility; to be led to the whipping post, and rend the air of the town with shrieks of pain when the "cat" prints his skin? It is suggested to Prof. Martin that he act upon the fine idea, contained in the tales of the "Arabian Nights,"

regarding the magic dress, and protect himself. Let him construct for himself a pair of "Magic pants," or "Impervious overalls," which when properly adjusted, according to the legend, will render the blows of the "cat" harmless, and will resist even dynamite. It will enable him to smile with joy, and invite the wicked cat-o-nine tails to try it again. Nor, is there any reason why a flat music box should not be inserted within the back of the "Magic pants," so that when the blows of the cat strike him, they will develop partiotic tunes, such as: "There's a New Moses in Town," and "Hot for Dole."

Prof. Martin may resent any suggestions regarding the "Magic pants," and prefer to suffer for the crime he has committed according to the candidate's Organ. "It is noble to suffer." Does he in silent communion with his political soul at the midnight hour, ever ask himself the question why he must suffer for an offense committed in May, which was treated, at the time, as a virtue by the Organ which is now using the candidate's cat-o-nine tails over the backs of the rank and file?

GORDON MEMORIAL COLLEGE.

The contributions to the foundation of the Gordon Memorial College at Khartoum amount already to over \$300,000. The Saturday Review says: "All war is terrible; Soudan war is a horror beyond words."

But humanity sweeps onward. Before the bodies of the slaughtered Arabs are buried, a grand institution for the education of the children of the upper Nile and the land beyond it, has been provided for. The Anglo-Saxon race destroys, but builds on the ruins.

Even the French, claiming rights in Egypt, under the terms of the "capitulations" between Great Britain and France are providing the means for establishing educational institutions at Khartoum and Fashoda.

The war power is now the missionary to the "heathen."

THE PASSING HOUR.

Reviews of Ian. Maclaren's lectures on America have been received here. Sad to relate, he strictly follows precedent.

Singing is taught on board the British training ships. This is probably with a view to making the other fellows do the dancing.

The maintenance of Col. Bryan as a shouter here, there and everywhere in and out of season, must be a serious tax on some fund or other.

One of this paper's advertisers announces that he will do certain work at "more than reasonable prices." Purists might misconstrue the syntax.

This town has always been the friend to the sailor man. Some stranded Jack Tars are to be given a theatrical benefit and the purchase of tickets should be general.

The Chinaman naturalized in Hawaii and resisting the "squeeze" process at Hongkong has to thank both the Islands and the Britishers at Hongkong for his fortunate escape.

One of the United States Senators is quoted as saying that there are Americans at Honolulu who want the Nicaragua Canal. Yes; there are some Americans here who want anything they can get.

The campaign for the Territorial Chief Justiceship is not on here yet, but what they used against Judge Zane when he was a candidate for re-election to similar office in Utah was that his son, an attorney, practiced before him regularly.

The Advertiser is not in "cahoots" with the Oahu Railway's advertised excursion to Kahuku, but it may be re-

marked that a whole lot of city people would be enlightened by making the trip and seeing the Island between Waialua and Kahuku.

Once again, in the destruction of the Home Insurance Building, in New York, is demonstrated the impossibility of providing a fire proof structure. This house was a fifteen story sky scraper and the style is to be discouraged because adequate fire fighting appliances cannot be devised.

After many years, there is hopeful prospect that the Legislature of the State of California will vote to exempt Palo Alto (Stanford) University from taxation. Even U. C. Partisans now advocate the favor. Palo Alto has struggled at times since the death of its founder. On one occasion Mrs. Stanford pledged her personal effects for running expenses of the college. And all that time one-fourth of the income of the school was going into the State Treasury as tribute.

It is folly to suffer from that horrible plague of the night, itching piles. Dean's Ointment cures, quickly and permanently. At any chemist's.

MESSANGER SERVICE.

Honolulu Messenger Service delivers messages and packages. Tel. 378.

ARE YOU READY

To look at the finest and most complete line of holiday goods ever imported into the Hawaiian Islands? If so we shall be pleased to offer the services of one of our obliging clerks to show you the goods.

TIME NO OBJECT.

The goods were purchased by our Mr. Barthrop, who has recently returned from a tour among the leading makers throughout the United States. In quality and price we are leaders.

COME AND SEE.

We have a line of fine leather goods that embraces almost everything useful made of leather at prices astonishingly low.

IN CELLULOID GOODS our line will astonish you.

FANCY GLASS BOTTLES. We lead our competitors.

PERFUMERY is our forte. Our line of Palmer's, Lazell, Dalley & Co., Lundborgs, Colgate, Pinauds, Rigand & Co., Roger & Gallet, is complete.

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Real Merit

Is the characteristic of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and it is manifested every day in the remarkable cures this medicine accomplishes. Druggists say: When we sell a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla to a new customer we are sure to see him back in a few weeks after more—proving that the good results from a trial bottle warrant continuing its use. This positive merit

Hood's Sarsaparilla

possesses by virtue of the Peculiar Combination, Proportion and Process used in its preparation, and by which all the remedial value of the ingredients used is retained. Hood's Sarsaparilla is thus Peculiar to itself and absolutely unequalled in its powers as a blood purifier, and as a tonic for building up the weak and weary, and giving strength to the nerves. Be sure to get

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Sold by all druggists. \$1; six for 5. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Apothecaries, Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills

are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

TIMELY TOPICS

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A FEW MORE HANDSOME GOODS.

Last week we spoke of B & H Lamps. We are more than pleased with the sale we have had on these goods last week, as it goes to show that our efforts on behalf of our patrons is fully appreciated. This week we are desirous of calling your attention to a handsome line of

- ART MIRRORS, ART VASES, ART PITCHERS, ART CANDLE STICKS.

These goods are without exception the most handsome line ever brought before the public of Honolulu.

The Scounce Mirrors are the very best beveled plate glass set in the latest creation artists of the highest order can conceive and are of a large variety of designs.

What we have said of the Mirrors also applies to the assortment of

VASES : AND : PITCHERS.

Within the last year or so the fad of using candle sticks is again in vogue, with the exception that at the present day the designs are much prettier than those used in the last century.

It is no uncommon thing today to step into the best furnished houses and find these Art Candle Sticks displayed in some cosy nook around the house. Our assortment of these goods consists of several patterns.

The Hawaiian Hardware Co. Limited. 307 FORT ST.

Honolulu, Oahu.

Hilo, Hawaii.

BRUCE WARING & CO.

Dealers in Lands.

Investment Brokers.

Fire Insurance Agents.

CHOICE BUSINESS and Residence Properties for Sale. ELEGANT LOTS on Punchbowl Slope with fine marine view. A BEAUTIFUL MODERN RESIDENCE on Green street. Terraced grounds. Splendid view. Choice neighborhood. A CHOICE RESIDENCE AT PUNAHOU. Large grounds convenient to Tram Cars. LOTS AND HOUSES at "Buena Vista," Nuuanu Valley. BUSINESS PROPERTIES Centrally located. Lots on Makiki street. HOME LOTS IN KEWALO TRACT. Houses built for purchasers on the installment plan. STORES AND OFFICE (single or in suite) in "Progress Block." RESIDENCE LOTS at Puueo, Villa Franca, and Reed's Island, Hilo.

LOANS NEGOTIATED. - Insurance Written on Residence and Mercantile Risks.

We invite inspection of properties.

BRUCE WARING & CO.

Offices: 7 and 8, Progress Block.

Occident and Orient!

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HOLLISTER & CO.'S TOBACCO STORE.

Havana and Manila Cigars

Just Received ex. Stmsrs. Belgic and Australia.

Corner Fort and Merchant Streets.

For a Christmas Gift Select

Maile : Cologne.

(WITHOUT A RIVAL.)

FINE PERFUMES, TOILET SETS, TOILET WATERS

From American, French and English Makers.

BENSON, SMITH & CO.

LIMITED

Fort and Hotel Streets.

The Great Clearance Sale Still Goes On.

THE BALANCE OF THE STOCK HAVING ARRIVED, WE ARE NOW PREPARED TO SELL AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

Fine White Dress Goods, 5cts. a yard; Fine Printed Nainsooks, 5cts. a yard; French Organdies, 10 cts. a yard; Heavy Flannelettes, new patterns, 10cts a yard; Fine French Organdies, 15 yards, \$1.00; Victoria Lawns, 32 inch wide, 10 yards 75cts. All other goods at proportionate Prices.

DOLLS and TOYS. At your own price. The whole Stock must be cleared. TOYS and DOLLS.

RUGS AND CARPETS at Half Price.

TREMENDOUS BARGAINS IN MILLINERY, being the very latest Styles selected from a fashionable Regent Street, London, Stock

SAILOR HATS, the Latest Style, \$1.25 each. TABLE LINEN AND NAPKINS at Bargain Prices.

THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME. EMBRACE IT.

TOWELS, BEDSPREADS AND BLANKETS, must be sold at any price. SHEETINGS AND PILLOW CASES will be sold at a sacrifice.

Ready Made CLOTHING, COLLARS and CUFFS, NECKTIES and a Complete Stock of UNDERWEAR will be cleared at any price, as we are going out of the business.

Queen Street, Near Fort.

L. B. KERR, Dry Goods.