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### NO RIGHT TO VOTE.

Porto Ricans Are Not Citizens, Says Dole.

Attorney-General Dole has handed down an opinion at the request of the Republican Territorial Committee in which he holds that Porto Ricans are not citizens of the United States, and consequently have no right to vote in Hawaii. He holds, however, that they are citizens of Porto Rico and can vote in their native country, but in order to secure the right of franchise in Hawaii they must first be naturalized, as would any other foreigner. Mr. Dole's opinion was forwarded to J. D. Avery, secretary of the Central Committee, and is as follows:

Territory of Hawaii, Office of the Attorney General.

Honolulu, H. I., Feb. 25, 1902.

Mr. J. D. Avery, Assistant Secretary Republican Central Committee of Hawaii, Elite Building, Hotel Street, Honolulu:

Dear Sir:—I beg to acknowledge your communication of yesterday, requesting my opinion as to the status of the Porto Ricans now in this Territory, with reference to the suffrage.

Article 9 of the Treaty of Paris of December 10, 1898, by which Porto Rico and other islands were ceded to the United States, provides that: "The civil and political status of the native inhabitants of the territory hereby ceded to the United States shall be determined by Congress." This treaty indicates the Federal policy in regard to the new insular possessions. There has been a provision in all former treaties ceding territory to the United States, that the inhabitants thereof should immediately or ultimately become citizens of the United States. The treaty of Paris is unique in that it leaves the civil rights and political status of the inhabitants of Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands entirely at the discretion of Congress.

Section 7 of an act of the Fifty-sixth Congress, entitled "An Act temporarily to provide" revenues and a civil government for Porto Rico, and for other purposes," approved April 12, 1900, provides: "That all inhabitants continuing to reside therein who were Spanish subjects on the 11th day of April, 1899, and then resided in Porto Rico, and their children born subsequent thereto, shall be deemed and held to be citizens of Porto Rico, and as such entitled to the protection of the United States, except such as shall have elected to preserve their allegiance to the crown of Spain on or before the 11th day of April, 1900, in accordance with the provisions of the treaty of peace between the United States and Spain, entered into on the 11th day of April, 1899; and they, together with such citizens of the United States as may reside in Porto Rico, shall constitute a body politic under the name of the people of Porto Rico, with governmental powers as hereinafter conferred, and with power to sue and be sued as such."

Under the foregoing section the inhabitants of Porto Rico, together with their children subsequently born there, are "citizens of Porto Rico, and as such entitled to the protection of the United States." In other words, they are entitled to protection as citizens of Porto Rico, not as citizens of the United States. Furthermore, the words, "And they, together with such citizens of the United States as may reside in Porto Rico," clearly distinguishes and segregates them from citizens of the United States, dividing the body politic of Porto Rico into two classes, one class being citizens of the United States, the other class being merely citizens of Porto Rico. The act creating a temporary government for Porto Rico contains nothing in the least corresponding to Section 4 of our Organic Act, making all citizens of the Republic of Hawaii citizens of the United States; or to like provisions which Congress has always enacted when organizing territories on the mainland.

As our Organic Act makes United States citizenship an indispensable

qualification for the suffrage in this Territory, it follows that Porto Ricans cannot vote here without being first naturalized.

Very respectfully yours,

E. P. DOLE,  
Attorney General.

The ruling was requested by the Republican Central Committee, as the status of the Porto Ricans is of considerable importance politically. If they were allowed to vote it would have introduced a new element into the political situation of the Hawaiian Islands of a rather uncertain quality. The ruling of the Attorney-General will, however, settle the question, as it is not likely that any of the Porto Rican laborers will insist upon the right to vote.

### ITEMS FROM KAU.

Burglars Steal a Bag of Surgical Instruments of Dr. Thompson.

C. A. Doyle is again in the district and we are looking for something to drop. There is sure to be some work done when he starts in. There is certainly enough for him to do if he proposes to correct all short-comings.

A sneak thief entered the residence of Dr. Thompson a few days since and took away a valuable lot of instruments. A Jap at Punaluu afterwards offered them for sale, but before he could be apprehended disappeared from the scene. The instruments were afterward discovered by Mr. Fennel under the warehouse, and it is probable M. F. will find the culprit if not interfered with by the police. The police might perhaps find it if it was not for fear of making the Territory too much cost. The property is not quite as big as a canoe, so the case would probably be discontinued by orders from Hilo, even if the thief was caught.

Heavy Kona winds and no rain is the order of the day, causing much disquiet to every one.

The correspondent of the Herald of late date made a slight mistake when he named Dr. L. S. Thompson as a witness in the late liquor cases. The fact is that the doctor in his capacity as an attorney defended the so called liquor dealers and succeeded in clearing twelve out of thirteen. It would have been too bad for a nice old gentleman like the Doctor to get mixed up in such an affair, but we of Kau (with the possible exception of the Herald correspondent) know him to be a very virtuous, temperate man. He carries it a little too far sometimes; for instance, he will not eat mince pie for fear there may be spirits in it, and also refuses bread made with yeast on account of the ferment. He proved to the satisfaction of the Court what we have always known—that a liquor seller could not exist here. There were many witnesses called in the case, and it was evident to any unprejudiced mind that they were all men that abhor spirituous liquors (excepting the Herald correspondent) and never drink anything stronger than tea. Their general appearance was convincing, and we are sure they never drink because they said so.

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To take effect March 1, 1902. Trains will leave Hilo as follows; Sundays excepted:

Train	Class	Hilo	Olaa Mill	Keeau	Ferndale	Mountain View
1	Passeng'r	A.M. 7:00	7:20	7:30	7:45	8:00
2	Freight	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30
3	Passeng'r	P.M. 3:30	3:50	4:00	4:15	4:30

RETURNING-NORTH. Leaves Mountain View:

Train	Class	Mountain View	Ferndale	Keeau	Olaa Mill	Hilo
4	Passeng'r	A.M. 8:30	8:45	9:00	9:15	9:30
5	Freight	P.M. 1:30	1:45	2:00	2:30	3:00
6	Passeng'r	5:00	5:15	5:30	5:40	6:00

SOUTH-Sunday Trains leave Hilo for Mountain View.

Train	Class	Hilo	Olaa Mill	Keeau	Ferndale	Mountain View
1	Passeng'r	A.M. 8:00	8:20	8:30	8:45	9:00
3	"	P.M. 3:30	3:50	4:00	4:15	4:30

RETURNING-NORTH. Sunday Trains leave Mountain View.

Train	Class	Mountain View	Ferndale	Keeau	Olaa Mill	Hilo
4	Passeng'r	A.M. 9:30	9:45	10:00	10:15	10:30
6	"	P.M. 5:00	5:15	5:30	5:40	6:00

SOUTH-Trains will leave Hilo for Puna every Thursday and Sunday

Train	Class	Hilo	Olaa Mill	Pahoa	Puna
7	Mixed	Thursday A.M. 11:00	11:20	11:40	12:00
8	Passeng'r	Sunday A.M. 9:00	9:20	9:40	10:00

RETURNING-NORTH. Leaves Puna:

Train	Class	Puna	Pahoa	Olaa Mill	Hilo
9	Mixed	Thursday P.M. 1:00	1:20	1:40	2:00
10	Passeng'r	Sunday P.M. 3:25	3:45	4:05	4:25

Excursion tickets will be sold on Saturdays and Sundays at reduced rates, good until the following Sunday noon. Commutation tickets are now sold, good for twenty-five trips between Hilo and Olaa at a reduced rate, subject to certain conditions printed on the same.

W. H. LAMBERT, Supt.