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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC. The Hawaiian Star Publishing Association has placed the responsible Editorship of this paper in my hands, and has employed Walter G. Smith, staff correspondent of the San Francisco Chronicle, to act as Managing Editor.

THE HAWAIIAN STAR.

This journal is established by the mechanics, tradesmen and professional men of Honolulu in the interests of good government for the Hawaiian Islands.

The founders and supporters of the enterprise are ambitious to serve the political, social and industrial welfare of the country, and will, as a vital condition of public order, business stability, commercial progress and pure administrative methods, support the cause of annexation to the United States.

While sustaining the Provisional Government in such of its measures, as may seem wise, necessary or prudent, this paper will not hesitate to differ from it or to criticize its course when over the demands of public well-being may be met by such a service.

Fidelity to the annexationist cause with its obligation to be firm and unyielding in the grapple with resisting dogmas, does not blind the STAR to the fact that, in discussing themes of highest national concern, courtesy, fairness and good nature should be imposed upon the leaders of debate. This paper will not deal with Hawaiian politics from the standpoint of personal acrimony.

Apartment from its character as a political journal the STAR will be, so far as the limitations of island life and distance from the centers of the world's activity shall permit, a modern progressive newspaper—one which shall keep abreast of all the events that enter into the sum of Hawaiian history and progress and into the cognate development of America and Polynesia.

CIVIL RIGHTS FOR ALL.

It serves the purpose of those who are leading the native Hawaiians astray in politics to declare that annexationists desire to withhold civil rights from men of Polynesian blood. Unfortunately, the hot resentments of a month or two ago found relief in such a threat; but the lapse of time and calm study of the American constitution have convinced most thinking men that, if Hawaii comes into the Union her people will, eventually, receive the voting privilege.

The fifteenth amendment to the United States Constitution reads as follows:

SECTION 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

That amendment is a charter of equal rights by which the negro of the Southern cane fields, the Hungarian peasant of the Eastern cities and the New Mexico and Arizona who, by naturalization obtained citizenship, is empowered to vote. The only rule we are against

innatics, convicts, irredeemable savages like the reservation Indians, and Orientals who refuse to adopt the manners, customs, politics, language and religions of the country and are not fit subjects for naturalization. To none of these taboored classes does the Hawaiian belong. His education, Christianity and civilization are the boasts of seventy years of effort on the part of the American people. He is the mental and moral equal, to say the least of him, of the enfranchised negro. He reads, writes and worships the Christian God. The political rule his race has exercised on these islands has been honored by all the great powers in the persons of their envoys and ambassadors. From any point of view his claim upon the suffrage cannot be argued down without putting the letter and spirit of the American charter to an open shame.

Perhaps in no better way can the enlightened policy of the United States towards the voting privilege be shown than by reciting the acts that have conferred it upon the Creek, Choctaw and Seminole Indians. These are of enfranchised tribes of the Indian Territory. So long as they were murderous savages they were kept under restraint; but the moment they began to cultivate the arts of peace they were treated with a generosity and justice that did not stop short of home rule. To-day they have their own legislature, courts, police and governing chiefs. Is the Hawaiian likely to fare worse, in view of the greater advances he has made?

It must not be forgotten that annexation itself will not dispose of the question of the elective franchise. That can be treated only by Act of Congress for the simple reason that by the Constitution of the United States legislation concerning American territory emanates from Congress and is not a part of the treaty powers of the President and Senate. Congress, being a popular body, is accustomed to deal with franchise questions in the popular American way.

The STAR, as an annexationist journal, bids the natives of these islands be of cheer. Under the broad folds of the American flag there is no room for distinctions of race and color at the ballot box. If there should be any temporary suspension of the franchise, due to a desire to settle the Oriental issue without friction as well as to the necessity of preparing a full code of laws, a work which requires time and care, it would be one that should include whites as well as natives, Americans as well as Polynesians, in its necessary and remedial scope. In the end all would share alike in the privileges and immunities of citizenship.

PIGS IN POLITICS.

It is common enough to propitiate the Goddess Pele with presents of live black pigs and strident roosters, but when it comes to getting on the right side of Uncle Sam by the same means, the proceeding grows unique. Still the experiment is to be tried. As may be seen in our local columns the native Hawaiian women intend to give the Yankee commissioners a hookup on an even greater scale than the one which turned the Charleston into a barnyard two years ago. They will do it in the cheerful hope that if Mr. Blunt, General Schofield and Admiral Brown are given pigs enough they will exchange the Queen for them and put her on the throne again. A fair exchange is said to be no robbery, but likely enough the Commissioners, even if their appetite for pork is good, will hesitate on the brink of restoration. However, it is not best to prophesy. Common geese saved Rome and if this kingdom can be redeemed by the occult aid of pigs and poultry by all means let the thing be tried. It would be worth knowing that with mankind in the western hemisphere pretty generally opposed to royalty the porkers and chickens are yet in favor of it.

THE interview with Hon. C. A. MacArthur of New York, which appears elsewhere in this impression, is worth the careful reading which it will no doubt get from members of all Hawaiian parties. Col. MacArthur is a veteran observer and is able, as few men are, to mark the course of public opinion in the United States. When he says that popular sentiment there would swamp the Democratic party, in case Mr. Cleveland should attempt to haul down the American flag on these islands, he states a fact which finds verification in the instincts and

character of the American people, as well as in the utterances of the New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and San Francisco press. It would be wise in the restorationists to take council of men like Col. MacArthur once in a while, and give the kahuna a rest.

It is an idle thought—which may account for its prevalence in certain quarters—that defeat of the annexationist movement would mean a return to monarchy. In point of fact regal rule in Hawaii, like French rule in Mexico and Bourbon sovereignty in Brazil is dead and so deeply buried that its resurrection, if it even happens, will be on the other side of the globe. The men who made the revolution of 1893 will not of their own accord surrender its fruits; and the idea that they would be compelled to do so by the United States or that the American government would permit any other nation to use such compulsion, is plainly absurd and preposterous. Annexation is to reasonable minds, the manifest destiny of these islands. If the United States should see fit to defer action upon the issue for a time, a continued protector to would result. In either case the monarchy would gain nothing, and the sooner the ex-Queen makes up her mind to that and accepts the logic of the revolution, the better for her and for the country she professes to love.

THE most curious spectacle which Hawaiian politics affords is that of half-white leaders whose fine properties are mortgaged to the last acre, organizing leagues against a policy which would retrieve their fortunes and give them wealth and influence to be had under no other political status. As citizens of the United States, with fortunes at their back and with a loyal and devoted native following, men like these might become, both at Honolulu and Washington, publicists of place and reputation. Their present course, if successful, would mean sheriff's sales of all they have in the world and continual discords for the country. Yet a sentimental allegiance to a crumbling throne, a deposed Queen and a flag that never stood for power at home or strength abroad, keeps them from grasping the prizes of a great opportunity. Men never stood more in their own light.

THE first issue of a newspaper is always incomplete and the STAR is no exception to the rule. Many advertisements intended for this number could not be set in time, but will make their appearance to-morrow and on the day following. Within the next few days the paper, in all its departments, will be materially improved.

THERE are other great enterprises besides the Oahu railroad which depend on the success of annexation. Is there anything of equal or approximate value that would come from its defeat? We put the question to the fervid orators of the Cummins' league who are at liberty to retire to the ante room at dusk.

THREE months after annexation the Oahu railroad people would put \$900,000 in circulation here. Within two years and a half the amount would be doubled. A stable government means that all the avenues of Hawaiian prosperity would be opened for the common benefit.

ANNEXATION means equal rights, expanded commerce, a trebled population and a return of good times. Royalty stands for a privileged class, stagnant business and uneasy politics. There is only one way for a patriot to go, whether of native or white ancestry, and that is towards the United States.

THE Japanese want Hawaii, no doubt, but they stand about as much chance of getting it as a colony of fighting wrens would to secure an island on the moon.

BY AUTHORITY.

FOREIGN OFFICE NOTICE.

FOREIGN OFFICE, HONOLULU, H. I., March 23, 1893. His Excellency the President of the Provisional Government of the Hawaiian Islands has received an autograph letter of which the following is a copy:

BENJAMIN HARRISON, President of the United States of America. To His Excellency

SANDFORD B. DOLE, President of the Provisional Government of the Hawaiian Islands.

GREAT AND GOOD FRIEND:—I have received the letter of January 24th, 1893, by which you inform me that the Provisional Government of the Hawaiian Islands has been quietly and peaceably established under a Proclamation formally and publicly made at the door of the Government Building in Honolulu on the 17th day of January, 1893, and that the said Government has honored you with the office of President of the Provisional Government and Chairman of the Executive and Advisory Councils of the Provisional Government of the Hawaiian Islands.

I am pleased to note the expression of your earnest desire to maintain and strengthen the strong friendship which has for so many years existed between the United States and the Hawaiian Islands, and to assure Your Excellency that I shall omit no effort which may conduce to the accomplishment of a purpose which I so heartily desire.

May God give Your Excellency and the People of the Hawaiian Islands in His wise keeping.

Your Good Friend, BENJ. HARRISON. By the President: WILLIAM F. WHEATON, Acting Secretary of State.

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH. The following named persons have been chosen and appointed Officers of the Board of Health:

Hon. W. O. Smith—President. Charles Wilcox—Secretary. C. B. Reynolds—Executive Officer. David Dayton—Agent on Leprosy. L. L. La Pierre—Inspector and Manager of Garbage Service. G. W. C. Jones—Inspector.

The Committees of the Board are: On Leprosy—Dr. F. L. Miner, John Ena. On Quarantine and Contagious Diseases, other than Leprosy—Dr. F. R. Day, J. T. Waterhouse, Jr. On Public Health and Sanitation—Dr. G. P. Andrews, J. O. Carter.

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The members of Waialua, Oahu, Road Board having resigned, the following gentlemen have been this day appointed to constitute a new Board:

EDGAR HALSTEAD, Esq., DA. D. F. ALVAREZ, ANDREW COX.

J. A. KING, Minister of the Interior. Interior Office, March 18th, 1893.

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of the Executive and Advisory Councils,

THEODORE C. PORTER, has been appointed a member of the Executive Council of the Provisional Government of the Hawaiian Islands to administer the Department of Finance.

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SALE OF THE LEASE OF THE GOVERNMENT, LAND OF KEPUHI, PALOLO, OAHU.

ON MONDAY, April 3, 1893, at 12 o'clock noon, at the front entrance of Aliolioli Hale will be sold at public auction, the lease of the Government land of Kepuhi, Palolo, Oahu, containing an area of 11 25/100 acres, a little more or less.

Term—Lease for 15 years. Upset price—\$70 per annum, payable semi-annually in advance.

J. A. KING, Minister of the Interior. Interior Office, March 3, 1893.

SALE OF THE LEASE OF GOVERNMENT LOTS, NOS. 74 AND 75, ESPANADE, HONOLULU, OAHU.

ON WEDNESDAY, April 12, 1893, at 12 o'clock noon, at the entrance of Aliolioli Hale, will be sold at Public Auction, the lease of Government Lots Nos. 74 and 75, Espanade, Honolulu, Oahu, containing 10,000 square feet, a little more or less.

Term—Lease for 10 years. Upset price—\$300 per annum, payable semi-annually in advance.

J. A. KING, Minister of the Interior. Interior Office, March 14, 1893.

SALE OF GOVERNMENT LAND IN NORTH HILO, HAWAII.

ON THURSDAY, March 30, 1893, at 12 o'clock noon, at the front entrance of Aliolioli Hale, will be sold at public auction 370 2/10 acres of bush and woodland, about 1 1/2 miles above the main road, in the district of North Hilo, Hawaii.

The Government reserves the right of way for a road through this land. It is conditioned that the purchaser of the above land shall pay cost of survey and plotting of same. Full information in this regard can be obtained upon application to the Land Office, Interior Department. Upset price \$310.

J. A. KING, Minister of the Interior. Interior Office, February 23, 1893.

SALE OF THREE TRACTS OF GOVERNMENT LANDS IN NORTH HILO, HAWAII.

ON THURSDAY, March 30, 1893, at 12 o'clock noon at the front entrance of Aliolioli Hale, will be sold at public auction, three Tracts of Government Lands, in Maunaki, North Hilo, Hawaii, viz:

Tract No. 1—Containing an area of 21 67/100 acres, upset price \$108.

Tract No. 2—Containing an area of 18 30/100 acres, upset price \$91.50.

Tract No. 3—Containing an area of 13 99/100 acres, upset price \$69.95.

It is conditioned that the purchaser of the above lots, shall pay costs of survey and plotting of same. Full information in this regard can be obtained upon application to the Land Office, Interior Department.

J. A. KING, Minister of the Interior. Interior Office, February 23, 1893.

SALE OF A LEASE OF GOVERNMENT LAND IN HILO, HAWAII.

ON MONDAY, April 3, 1893, at 12 o'clock noon, at the front entrance of Aliolioli Hale will be sold at public auction the lease of a portion of the Government land of Kaopoko, a makai of the Government road in Hilo, Hawaii, containing an area of 15 acres, a little more or less.

Term—Lease for 15 years. Upset price—\$80 per annum, payable semi-annually in advance.

J. A. KING, Minister of the Interior. Interior Office, March 3, 1893.

SALE OF GOVERNMENT LANDS IN KUAIA AND KAOHAHUNA.

ON THURSDAY, March 30, 1893, at 12 o'clock noon, at the front entrance of Aliolioli Hale will be sold at public auction, (4) sections of land in Kuaiia and Kahoahuna, N. Hilo, Hawaii, as follows:

Section 1—Containing an area of 39.2 acres. Upset price \$196.

Section 2—Containing an area of 37.7 acres. Upset price \$189.

Section 3—Containing an area of 40.43 acres. Upset price \$203.

Section 4—Containing an area of 9.5 acres. Upset price \$45.

It is conditioned that the purchaser of the above lots, shall pay the cost of survey and plotting of the same. Full information in this regard can be obtained upon application to the Land Office, Interior Department.

J. A. KING, Minister of the Interior. Interior Office, February 22d, 1893.

SALE OF ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER FRANCHISE.

In accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate and control the production and furnishing of Electricity in Honolulu," approved January 24th, 1893, there will be sold at Public Auction, ON WEDNESDAY, the 3rd day of May, 1893, at 12 o'clock noon, at the front entrance of Aliolioli Hale, the exclusive right and fran-

THE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

To-day's Session of the Local Legislative Body.

The Executive and Advisory Councils met in executive and open sessions this morning.

Hon. Francis M. Hatch, member of the Advisory Council, was granted a leave of absence for four weeks, during which time he will visit San Francisco on business.

T. C. Porter, Minister of Finance, read the report of the Finance Committee, and also the weekly report of the Finance office.

A request was placed before the Council asking that the Provisional Government allow the American flag, which was raised on the Government building on February 1st, to be forwarded to Chicago to be raised during the opening exercises of the World's Columbian Exposition on May 1, 1893.

The request, after consideration, was tabled for future action.

Joseph Marsden, Commissioner to Washington, was present and answered questions of councilmen regarding the state of feeling in the United States, as compared with that existing there when the Commissioners first arrived. Mr. Marsden's replies were to the effect that while, perhaps, the same pitch of enthusiasm had not been maintained, yet all classes of American citizens were equally favorable to annexation and showed a quiet determination to work for and secure, if possible, that desirable end.

THE USUFRUCTUARY, at Auction, of said Franchise is 2 1/2 per centum of the gross receipts of the Contractor from all electric light and power furnished to consumers.

THE CONTRACTORS shall be exempt from paying such percentage of receipts for the first two years of such contract.

A DEPOSIT of \$500 either cash or a certified check on a Honolulu Bank, will be required from the successful bidder on the fall of the hammer, which deposit shall be a forfeit to the Government if such bidder fails to execute the contract provided for in Section 5 of said Act, within twenty days from the date of sale.

A BOND, in the sum of \$5000, with two approved sureties or a deposit of \$1500 in gold coin in lieu thereof will be required, for the faithful observance of all of the terms of the contract, and for the observance of all the terms and conditions of the law under which the franchise is granted.

J. A. KING, Minister of the Interior. Interior Office, Feb. 21, 1893.

THE QUESTION OF THE HOUR.

EDITOR OF THE STAR:—The broad fact that the final destiny of Hawaii is incorporation with the United States has not been denied by those now in opposition to the measure. The only excuse given for resistance is that the time has not come, that the occasion is yet inopportune for the proposed change. This is a familiar plea.

Any great change in matters social, moral or political, always has its opponents and detractors. Conservatism, inertia, the lazy habit of not wishing to face a problem, or whatever the cause may be called, is characteristic of a large part of humanity. It is, in this latitude, sometimes attributed to the climate. However that may be the time has come in our opinion, and now is, when no less radical a measure than annexation to the United States is needed to save us from endless political complication, or perhaps from anarchy.

The measureless benefits to be derived by both countries in the immediate and distant future are not, perhaps, easily realized except by the close student of political history. To realize them take a map of North Pacific Ocean, with the western coasts of North America and the eastern and southern coasts of Asia! Draw lines from the great commercial cities on each coast to those of the other and note how nearly these lines pass to the Sandwich Islands. Then get reliable statistics regarding distances and commerce, where will be found that, upon the completion of an isthmian, inter-oceanic canal, New York, Liverpool and London will be brought within from six to eight days nearer the eastern coast of Asia than by the present route, through the Suez canal, Hawaii lies almost in a direct line between the great commercial cities of Asia and this projected water way. With a finished canal, a cable connecting us with the United States, both of which will be accelerated, if not made an absolute necessity by annexation, who cannot see the commercial and strategic importance of these islands. Hong Kong alone has an import and an export trade of six hundred millions of dollars yearly. A large part of this must of necessity be turned into this new channel. Thus Honolulu will become the center of this traffic, either as a port of transit, or as one of distribution, to say nothing of its growing importance as a stopping place between the western coast of North America and Australia. The long sought-for north-west passage will have been realized. Is it possible that the United States, with the proverbial astuteness of her statesmen, her merchants and her people generally, will let this occasion pass? We do not, for a moment, believe it. Then as to ourselves, we speak not for, nor in behalf of any one nationality. We have the extreme of an heterogeneous population. We ought to live together in peace and pull together. We have not done this for several years past. It should most assuredly not be so in the future as an independent state, either republican or monarchical. A protectorate would involve us in endless complications and difficulties, both internal and external. Union with the strong, just, and great Republic is our only safety. It would bring capital and an industrious, saving population into the country. Contract labor, a synonym for degraded labor, would be abolished. A new impetus would be given thus to production. Wages of all classes would enhance. The kale-anas of Hawaiians would be doubled or trebled in price. Our dead markets would pulsate with life; our valleys smile, our hill tops rejoice.

Departure of Mrs. Ashley. Mrs. W. G. Ashley will leave by the Australia tomorrow for the Coast and will be absent from eight months to a year. She will be accompanied by her children and will reside in San Jose, Cal., when the latter will be placed in school. San Jose is Mrs. Ashley's old home where she resided at the time of her marriage and where she has many friends and relatives.

The Makaha Coffee Company. The Makaha Coffee and Fruit Company, which was started a few weeks ago, is rapidly nearing completion. The prospectus set forth quite fully the plans and expectations of the new enterprise, together with the details of expenditures reaching into the thousands. The stock of the new company is nevertheless being fully subscribed by many enterprising citizens, who have the habit of looking ahead, and already \$30,000 in stock has been taken. Mr. L. W. the proprietor of the enterprise, states that as soon as \$100,000 more is subscribed the company will begin work in earnest.

Probably by the next through steamer to the Coast the company will send Mr. H. J. Rhodes to San Francisco to purchase plants and fruit trees to be set out this year, if possible. Among the varieties imported will be oranges, lemons, limes, currents, gooseberries, rubarb, asparagus, etc.

H. Von Werthen succeeds the late D. L. Huntswan as English Editor of the Liberal.

Wesley Newcomb, Jr., a well remembered islander is a clerk in the state executive department of New York.

THE AUSTRALIA'S PASSENGERS. The following passengers are booked to sail by the Australia for San Francisco, at noon to-morrow:

C. L. Brito, M. Vialous, J. E. Andre, P. Oepfergel, J. M. E. B. Middleton, wife & child, C. White, Rev. Dr. Lucas, Mrs. J. M. Cat & 2 child, Wm. Godon, J. Captan, W. B. Ellis, Mrs. J. V. Knapp, P. R. Fulton, Mrs. W. G. Ashley & 2 child, W. J. Fern, F. C. Ewing, M. McFregor, R. Webster, Mrs. Muller, Miss Y. R. Feellin, Misses Hopper, Miss Young, Owiyang Kee, Mrs. Kisklad, W. A. Johnston, C. Kaiser, Dr. Macdonald and wife