

**ANNOUNCEMENT !**

On or about May 1st we will move into our new quarters, corner of Hotel and Bethel streets, three floors will be used to carry on our ever increasing business, and we will open with the finest stock of House Furnishing Goods ever imported into this country. Our Showrooms will be so arranged that you can tell exactly how a set of furniture looks when it is set up in your own home; Booths will be furnished complete with Parlor Suits, Dining Room Suits, Bedroom Suits, etc. Our Dining Room Furniture will be in sets with Bric-a-brac to match. Odd pieces to match almost any set can almost always be had. Nothing sets off a dining room as prettily as one of our Combination Sideboard China Closets.

Our Bedroom Suits will comprise Plain and Quartered Oak with French Beveled Mirrors, Plain and Curly Birch, plain Birdseye Maple; Mahogany, and Enamel and Gold, and we have Combination Wardrobe Chiffoniers to match. A pretty Combination Secretary Bookcase is a handy piece of furniture to have around. These goods will be direct from the factory and the very latest designs. If we don't happen to have exactly what you want in the furniture line, expert mechanics will make it for you and satisfaction guaranteed or no sale. We make a specialty of Cedar Wardrobe.

Our Repairing Department is complete in every particular. First-class Upholsterers will make your old mattress look new, furniture repaired at your own home if desired, Matting and Carpets laid by experts with dispatch. Special attention paid to Renovating Parlor Furniture.

Our stock of Portier Curtains are the finest ever brought to Honolulu. We have Table and Stand Spreads to match. Patent Spring Shades, Cornice Poles, etc., are little things that you will need in furnishing your home. We have a complete stock. Our Hair and Spring Mattresses made to order have a reputation in Honolulu for fine workmanship and durability. Honolulu people, can we do anything for you, do you want anything in the furniture line, it don't make any difference what it is, come to us. We can accommodate you and will guarantee satisfaction in every particular and at prices that will meet with your approval.

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR ELECTION OF SENATORS.**

**Mitchell of Oregon Makes a Strong Argument in Favor of Its Adoption.**

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Senator Mitchell of Oregon today reported to the Senate from the Elections Committee the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, providing for the election of Senators by direct vote of the people.

The committee says it approached the subject of the proposed change in the method of electing Senators with a full appreciation of the gravity of the subject and of the importance of the public interests involved. The objections that are raised to the proposed change are discussed fully. The amendment, it is held, does not in the slightest degree trench upon the system upon which our Government is founded. The objection is not tenable that any proposed change in the mode of electing Senators can be properly regarded as an attempt to deprive the States in their sovereign or political capacity of their legal representation in the Senate. It proposes a change in the mode—only this and nothing more—by which the States shall choose their representatives in the Senate.

Why, asks the report, are not the people, qualified electors of a State, the proper mouthpiece of the State in the election of Senators? And, if entitled to speak, then why not directly and for themselves and not through their representatives in State Legislatures? One weighty and principal objection to the present system of electing Senators, says the report, is that the power and right of the individual voter are hedged about and circumscribed, his will is manacled, he cannot vote for his choice. It carries with it the implication that the people, the qualified voters, are, for some reason, unfit for the full exercise of the elective franchise. Again it is held that the proposed amendment is an enlargement of the right of suffrage on the part of those entitled to its exercise under existing laws and tends to render impossible the use of improper methods to influence Senatorial elections. While it is possible the inducements of a wealthy and unscrupulous aspirant for Senatorial honors may reach and influence the majority of a small body in the Legislature, such a thing would be impossible were the decision left to the great mass of the voters.

Another unanswerable objection the committee finds to the present system of electing Senators is the great length of time frequently consumed in the election and the consequent distraction of the legislative minds from business, to say nothing of the strife, ill feeling and contention that too often follow in the wake of such contests. Another vital objection to the present system is that in the election of the members of the Legislature, when such Legislature has as one of its duties the selection of a Senator, every consideration is lost sight of except the solitary one of how candidates if elected will vote on the question of the Senatorship.

The tendency of public opinion, the report concludes, is to disparage the Senate and depreciate its dignity, its usefulness, its integrity, its power. If there is any cause for this tendency it should be removed without delay. The adoption of the amendment will remove prejudices now existing which are rapidly becoming deeply and dangerously fastened upon the public mind, will dissipate all cause, all excuse and pretext for unjust criticism, and will tend to elevate the character, advance the dignity and increase the usefulness of the Senate.

The Singer received 54 first awards for Sewing Machines and embroidery work at the Worlds' Fair, Chicago, Ill., being the largest number of awards obtained by any exhibitor, and more than double the number given to all other Sewing Machines. B. BERGERSON, Agent. Bethel street, Honolulu.