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### INTERCEPTED TELEGRAMS.

HATCH TO DOLE.—Kinsey wants to go home. Do not blame him. Wish I could go too. The Utah annexation resolution was laughed out of the House. You must realize that annexation is a dead cock in the pit. Oh dear! Tariff has the floor and the clause affecting Hawaii is out of it. McKinley is very polite and so is Aldrich, when I talk with them. They look tired though when I speak about Hawaiian sugar. Hastings is worn out. Swooned and fell while attending Postal Convention Reception at White House. Heart failure? I am not polarizing very high either. The Queen's, beg pardon, Mrs. Dominis' influence blocks us at every turn. Hire a Kahuna—Why did you let her get away? Oh dear! The Japanese affair was a dead failure, as a scare. Too clumsily handled by Thurston. Has done more harm than good. Oh dear! What is the use? As Cuba comes to the fore Hawaii goes to the rear. D—Cuba. Damon and Iaukea did not stop. They are on velvet—wish I was too. Minister Sewall has left for his post. You cannot bank on him. What shall we do next? I wish I was back on Kaahumanu street. Send more ammunition—you know. John Spreckels is here and lays all over me. Wish I hadn't been burned. Oh dear!

### WHAT DOES HE WANT?

Mr. Dole's Minister of Finance was interviewed while on his way to Queen Victoria's jubilee, and said:

"Do you wish Hawaii to come in as a State or Territory?" was asked.

"Not as a State, for I recognize that with our mixed population it will not be a practical step. The political parties in this country are so evenly divided that it would not do to have Hawaii in the Union as a State. We might then hold the balance of power, and that would not be desirable. In fact, that possibility would prevent annexation. If we can come into the Union as a Territory, or somewhat like a State that will suit us. We believe that the United States will not lose anything politically or otherwise, but would gain much."

There can be no question as to this interview, for it bears the earmarks of Hawaii's greatest financier. He is too modest when he disclaims any desire to hold the balance of power. Why, that is just what he always works for when on his own dunghill. It is true that he has not always scored bull's-eyes in his efforts for power; but that is no reason why he should not try again. If the interviewer had probed a little deeper there would have been fun in the embarrassment of our Minister. For instance, when our great financier said: "If we can come into the Union as a Territory or somewhat like a State, that will suit us"—there would have been fun galore in asking him to explain what he meant by the expression, "or somewhat like a State." The fact is, our junketing Minister is as ignorant of the difference between a territorial and State government as he is of the ancient language of the Hindoos. When the Minister is sought for an interview it would be far safer for him to refer the interrogator to Col. Iaukea.

### USE CAUTION.

Marshal Brown deserves all possible credit for upholding the actions of his subordinates and standing by them when they are wrongly accused of exceeding their authority. The Marshal, however, should use considerable discretion, and whenever he has reason to believe that his men have been brutal and allowed their temper to get the better of their judgment, he should promptly step in, reprimand, or promptly "fire" them. The case heard in the District Court was of such a nature that everyone listening became convinced that the sailor Hendrickson and Johnson of the Foundry had been subjected to an outrageous treatment by police officers. The witnesses called by the attorneys for the two men told a straight story. They were, moreover, men of good standing and repute in the community and absolutely disinterested. The evidence for the prosecution could hardly be satisfactory to the Marshal. It was conflicting and evidently in some cases manufactured. The man Hendrickson was undoubtedly intoxicated on the day of his arrest, and he undoubtedly got into a fight with the lieutenant, Kekai. The police should be instructed to tolerate a great deal of abuse, and only in case of absolute necessity should they be allowed to use the "strong" hand, and then we think the club should be used in preference to the "boxing" matches now in vogue in the public streets. It is in the receiving station, however, that the worst exhibition of brutality takes place. There an arrested man is at the mercy of a few hot-tempered policemen who, perhaps under difficulties, have made an arrest, and are as mad as H—ilotes. The captain of the watch should be the person to "receive" the people arrested and the responsibility of their treatment should fall on his shoulders. The mutilated face of the man Hendrickson shows that he was abused somewhere. It was not in the street and the wound to his eye could certainly not have been inflicted by his being "pushed" down on the floor in the receiving station. We hope that Officer Needham told the truth when he denied having stated to Mr. A. Rosa that Hendrickson was kicked in the eye in the receiving station. Mr. Rosa will return in a few days and it may be of interest to hear his statement. Let brutality of policemen be stopped at all hazards. Let them understand that they are simply the servants of the public and that even if a drunken man calls them names they are not justified in retaliating with blows. A reasonable amount of abuse is what they must expect when they join the force and they must charge it against their salary. May in the future the Marshal be as anxious and ready to protect the public as he now apparently is in shielding his officers.

### TOPICS OF THE DAY.

"How not to grade," might well be the title of an engineering and road making essay on Nuuanu Avenue.

The Advertiser is probably right when it says that the treaty situation is improving; but, then the newspapers may be lying.

Are the works on the Nuuanu stream ever going to be completed before Mr Rowell takes up a new scheme of reconstruction.

It is interesting to learn from the ever inaccurate Star that Minister Sewall was Minister to Samoa when he was a visitor here before.

From the tenor of our intercepted telegram from the Hawaiian Minister at Washington it would appear that he is on the verge of nervous prostration. Give him a rest, Mr. Dole.

The Hilo Tribune for May 29th says: "It comes high, but we must have all the privileges. There was

just one voter enrolled at Hakala and it cost the Government \$16 50 to gather his name, and he, the voter, has since left the country and gone to the Coast."

Unless the Health Inspectors make a little closer examination into domestic privacies there will be trouble before long. The stench in the early morning or late in the evening in several sections of the city is unbearable. Some of the large Chinese restaurants are very unhealthy in this regard.

If THE INDEPENDENT's private advices from Washington and New York are as reliable as they usually are, there is no hope for annexation except through a plebiscite. Hurry that up and be done with it! The subsidized press will object, but it will be cheaper in the long run if they are left out in the cold.

Don't worry yourselves about England. She doesn't want to annex Hawaii. About the time that the United States has annexed Cuba perhaps Hawaii may be joined to the Dominion of Canada or the Commonwealth of Australasia. It might be so if all the parties interested wished it to be so. How about the ides and nones of October?

There was some surprise in the community yesterday when it was learned that Major Frankey Hastings had fainted at a public reception, owing to some trouble in his brain. Holy Moses, exclaimed several citizens, where, oh, where is Frankey's brain. The explanation came out in the official organ this morning when it asserted that the physician called in to administer to the fainting diplomat, that there was "congestion of the brain due to indigestion." And now we all know that Frankey's brain is located in the vicinity of his "indigestion"

## Timely Topics.

Honolulu, May 29, 1897.

### FRUIT THATS OVER-RIPE

is hardly worth the picking, and even when it is in its prime it requires delicate handling lest the beautiful bloom upon it be tarnished by indelicate hands. We are not in the garden of Hesperides where the gods would pelt us with golden apples, but we are here in another fruit paradise where we can gather the fruit in a prettily designed lotus leaf shaped WIRE FRUIT PICKER, absolutely uninjured. Try it for 50 cents and when you are tired of it turn it into a flower basket.

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