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TO REPRESENT HAWAII

The Government of Hawaii and the "yellow" press are hand in gloves in devising means through which Hawaii will have a prominent place in Washington, at the Paris Exposition, and the world in general.

Mr. Dole and his officers desire to pay the expenses (out of the taxpayers' money) of sending a special agent to Washington when Congress is in session and instruct him to act as an encyclopædia when questions in regard to Hawaii may

The well-paid know-it-all agent will not have an easy job because it will be necessary for him to respond to questions with which even few of the kamaainas are familiar. He may be asked delicate questions which can only be answered by those familiar with the "missionary studbook;" he may be requested to tell the truth and nothing but the truth in regard to the events in 1893 when Stevens plucked the ripe pear, and his memory may even be taxed in explaining the policy of Dr. Judd when he held down the silver-loaded

It will not be a sinecure indeed because Pettigrew and others posted on Hawaiian affairs may ask him whether the Hawaiians are really happy over annexation as has been stated by former agents, or whether they would have preferred their happy existence under their own government with its lottery bill and opium measure.

By all means, let a man be sent to Washington who can spin a yarn about the miserable, unhappy conditions existing here, which have caused malcontent and political ugliness among all classes, but who understands the art of explaining that as long as the planters are made himself a mouthpiece of an satisfied and "cheap" labor safe the administration of which he is the main issue at stake will be satisfied and "the goose will hang high." Let the champion liar come forth and give him a commission, a sack, and everything else necessary to represent Dole.

A Savage Trait.

Kanamu, a youthful Hawaiian was charged in the District Court this morning with maliciously cutting and tearing certain garments and bedcloths belonging to his mistress.

The young fellow quarrelled with his fair lady and to "get even," he took out a knife and cut up anything be could find in her trunk. Judge Wilcox, after listening to evidence said that he always regretted to find traits in the younger generations of the Hawaiians which he could only class as savage. It had been a very objectionable custom of Hawaiians, when they got angry, to "spite the face by cutting the nose," and he highly deprecated a continuance of that specimen of barbarism in the younger generation.

The young man was sentenced to three months imprisonment at hard

Fred. Harrison the propietor of the Hawaiian Marble Works, is resdy to supply his patrons and friends with tomb stones suitable to all tastes, requirements and purfes. His office is in the new buildings next to the Occidental on the corner of Alakea and King street.

Hawsiian Labor.

In an interview on the "wide open" coolie and contract labor policy in Hawaii Senator Perkins declares that his act to prevent the importation of coolies would have passed the Senate except for an objection interposed by Senator Morgan of Alabama. Senator Parkins, therefore, charges Morgan with the responsibility of permitting the violation of every promise that was made the American people by the annexation growd. It will be remembered that every organ of annexation insisted that under the joint resolution of Congress, which effected the union of Hawaii to this country. contract labor would be impossible and coolies could not enter the islands. The Call at that time pointed out the fallacy of this statement and predicted just what has happened. Nearly 30,000 coolies have been imported under penal contracts, and an energetic effort has been made to get Italians and Portuguese under the same form of contract. Between coolie contract labor in Hawaii, as now existing under our flag and jurisdiction, and slave labor in the South before the Civil War, if there be any difference, it is in favor of the slave labor as far as the condition of the individual is concerned.

There has been talk in Honolula of convening the Island Legislature to repeal the penal clause in the labor contract laws. It will be remembered that while annexation was before Congress a bill to effect this repeal was introduced in the Hawaiian Legislature, and the annexation agents from the islands and the American newspapers they had bribed gave the most solemn assurances that the repeal should be passed. Millions of Americans read this promise, and believe even now that it was carried out, but it was not, nor will it be until the people of this country force these manipulators to keep faith.

The statement by Senator Perkins is of first importance because it fixes responsibility for this condition of things. Senator Morgan tried in vain to dictate a foreign policy to Mr. Cleveland, and, failing, turned and fought the administration of his own party with a reckless disregard for truth and for the decencies of official life that tarnished throughout the world the reputation of public life in this republic. He has wrought carelessly to impose his fantastic ideas of foreign policy upon President McKinley's administration, and good Republicans have omitted any expression of pleasure at seeing the counsel of men like Senator Hoar and ex-Senator Edmunds rejected while Morgan natural political enemy.

Morgan's party in the campaign next year will attack the Republicaus upon the very policy which he tried to force upon Cleveland, and it is well to bear in mind the origin of that policy.

President McKinley sent Morgan as a Commissioner to Honolulu to make an examination of the status in the islands and report a code to Congress for the government of that country. This work was supposed to be done, and at any rate was paid for by the American taxpayers. It was expected by American employers that the employers of labor in the islands would be at once forced to assume legal equality with them. It was also expected by American laborers that their wages and their hours of labor would not be imperiled by coolie contract competition in Hawaii. And by the whole people it was expected that the solemn promises made by the annexationists would be kept. But avery one of these expectations has been disappointed. Every promise has been brazenly violated, and Senator Perkins states publicly that Senator Morgan is responsible, and the people believe him. The Democracy of California made a ribboned ox out of Morgan when he was here. Their official and personal attentions to him were of the highest order. His leadership was hailed

in voices scented by every variety of spirits used to keep up party courage, from steam beer to Mumm. He especially delighted them by coarse and ribald abuse of Cleveland. Now it appears that instead of going to Hawaii to do his duty to the Republican administration which honored him, and to the people who paid him, he went to consult the island tricksters and to concert ways and means for maintaining servile labor there, to the damage of American workmen, and returned to deceive the President who sent him by impeding the performance of pomises for which the administration was responsible. The Republican party, remembering the words of Lincoln, insists upon equality before the law for everybody within the jurisdiction of the United States.

When Great Britain abolished slavery Freedom touched with her emancipating chrism every foot of British soil. It became and remained the boast of British statesmen that the genius of universal emancipation spread her wings over the empire, and when the foot of a slave touched that soil his chains fell off and his bonds were broken.

Among the other national shames that are upon us shall we have to blush for the betrayal of American labor and denial to it of universal equality before the law wherever the flag floats? That is the position in which the Morgan policy has put us. Will not the leaders of the Republican party extricate us from the control of the Alabaman Mokanna? -S. F. Call.

Editor Atkinson Receives His Census Commission.

Hawaii will rejoice with THE INDEPENDENT at the selection of Mr. Alatau T. Atkinson, Editor of the Star, as Special Agent for the United States Census of 1900 for the Hawaiian Islands. Mr. Atkinson received his official commission to-day and instructions to proceed to Washington to receive detailed instructions as to bis work. He will probably leave early next month. In Mr. Atkinson's band our census will be a credit to the country and we wish him every success in his important labors. His capacity has been proved and his integrity is beyond challenge.

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