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A MISERABLE FARCE.

We borrow our head lines from the organ of Lorin A. Thurston and the Dole Government. We, the Hawaiians, who stood up for the old regime of the legitimate Government in 1893 were told that the signing by the Queen of the Opium Bill justified the revolution which to-day has resulted in the "promoters" not knowing what they are at.

Mr. Thurston's paper edited by Nevin N. Armstrong states to its readers this morning that the preventing of the importation of opium into Hawaii was a miserable farce. And it backs its present opinion in language that everybody familiar with the issue at the time would credit to the Holomua or THE INDEPENDENT.

When the Opium Bill was signed the Thurston-Armstrong clique howled and the backers of the bill were assigned places on the "hot stove below." And now years after the bill was passed and Liliuokalani as a ruler of a constitutional government did her duty by submitting to the advice of her Ministers, signed the bill, the very men who assisted in the overthrow of her Government, on account of the Opium Bill, come to the front and regret that the bill was not put in force and call the opponents to the opium license "moralists, but poor statesmen."

The Thurston organ proposes that the opium now in the Custom House should be sold and the proceeds which would amount to about \$10,000 be devoted for the purpose of boring an artesian well that will accommodate fifty families and, we presume, the honorable well-borer.

We are inclined to be of a philanthropical turn of mind but we cannot follow the morning paper into the undiscovered Utopia.

We agree that the present opium laws are the basis of miserable farce. Opium comes here weekly. Opium permits are given from the Dispensary to those who "need it" in a manner which the District Magistrate even declines to comment upon. Opium is thrown overboard from the China and caught by over-zealous custom-house guards, not in the "swim," and the dope is thrown into the sea from the Australia and picked up by a boat "fortunately" in the vicinity and landed without trouble in Honolulu.

We have always advocated the opium license bill, but the Advertiser clique had the say and they controlled those in power. The "strong" argument of the anti-opium license people is that a license for the sale of opium, however strictly framed, will mean the ruin of the Hawaiians. The argument is weak and based on a selfish motive. The Hawaiian is no longer under guardianship. Let him take his chance with the rest of the people and if he wishes to use opium, or alcoholic drink or cocaine, let him do it. It is his business and the Hawaiians are not "wards of the nation" which has ceased to exist.

To bring up the opium question in the manner done by Mr. Thurston's organ is a piece of impudence

rarely seen. For Thurston's organ to advocate the opium license is a victory for the men who stood by the monarchy in 1893 and it shows that the actors in that drama were only playing a miserable farce.

CONDENSED FOREIGN NEWS.

Ex. State Senator M. S. Donovan, a genial jovial hearted soul, well known to ex. Californians here, died on the 27th ult., after two years of stomach troubles.

VIENNA, Aug. 27.—The Politische Correspondenz says that a deputation of American merchants from Manila has gone to Washington to promote a scheme for ceding the Philippines to Great Britain. The monkey and the chestnuts is rather a stale fable.

General Otis is attacked as being too lenient with the insurgents. When the hydra headed govern in temperance sways the sceptre.

The Boers are talking of forcing Kruger's resignation as he is too conservative.

The arrest of General Mercier was hourly expected.

A rich copper ledge has been discovered alongside the Canadian Pacific in British Columbia which assays very high.

The Chinese Government has been warned by Russia not to conclude an alliance with Japan. Italy apparently joins with Russia in the demand.

Admiral Dewey is to reach New York on September 29.

The claimant to the crown of Korea has doubly lost his head by being adjudged insane and then decapitated.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—It is intended by the Navy Department to use the big sea-going tug Iroquois, now being used as a dispatch-boat between San Francisco and Honolulu, as a surveying vessel to perfect surveys of the Hawaiian Islands. On account of the necessity of employing all vessels of the Atlantic squadron to aid the army in suppressing the insurrection in the Philippines, survey work contemplated there has been postponed until peaceful conditions prevail.

It is reported that the Italian and Spanish workmen of the United States are projecting a great uprising.

100,000 Finns will leave their country owing to Russian oppression. Another chance for Dole.

An agreement has been reached in regard to the Alaskan boundary.

Emperor William is very angry at the defeat of his pet causal bill and regards it as a personal matter from the conservatives.

Henderson's election as Speaker is assured.

Another sugar trust war is on which it is thought will run down prices.

At the Opera House.

It was very interesting to the younger generation to witness the performance of the "Golden Giant" at the Opera House last evening.

Honolulu and San Francisco were at one time much more in touch than they are now, and the old men here have told many wonderful stories about the "40s" and "50s" when gold was dust.

Mr. Roberts was excellent in his new role and once more proved himself an actor from whom it is safe to predict something grand will be heard.

In a small village in the Pacific, Roberts has no business until he arrives on a pleasure trip in his own yacht. He is too talented to be appreciated in this one-horse town.

He was ably supported by the other members of the company, and the audience was very much pleased.

To-morrow night the program is "The Prodigal Father."

The New Bank.

The First Bank of America opened yesterday in its temporary quarters in the Campbell Block. The bank will be under the management of Mr. Cecil Brown who is president of the corporation. The following gentlemen are directors: Cecil Brown, B. F. Dillingham, M. P. Robinson, Bruce Cartwright and G. W. Macfarlane, the latter being the promoter of the new financial enterprise.

Messenger Service.

Honolulu Messenger Service deliver messages and packages. Telephone, 378.

Brilliant Eloquence.

The Jewish New Year commenced at 8 o'clock Monday evening and a number of Hebrews gathered at Progress Hall, where the services of "Rosh Ashona" were held.

Mr. Leon Strauss then addressed the audience in a most eloquent speech on the subject "The Jew." Mr. Strauss is a fluent speaker and his love for his race breathed forth in every word he said. Those in the audience who did not belong to the Hebrew faith listened with intense interest to the brilliant eloquence of the speaker.

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September 9th, 1899.

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JAMES T. COPELAND,
Recording secretary.

The U. S. has decided not to restrict trade with the Philippines by citizens of any other country.

H. B. M.'s gunboat Woodlark was compelled to land blue jackets and train her guns on a party of Russian Cossacks at Hankow. Great Britain is evidently determined to uphold her rights in the Yangtze Kiang district.

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Timely Topics.

Honolulu, Aug. 19, 1899.

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Bracket Lamps.

Rochester Hanging Lamps, Nos. 2 and 3, both nickel plated and polished brass.

A good assortment of Haviland-ware.

Fischer's Steel Ranges.

A variety of Cooking Stoves from \$8.50 to \$35.

Blue Flame Oil Stoves, 4 and 5 burners, complete with Ovens.

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