

HAWAII HAS TROUBLE

Half the Legislators Cannot, as Required, Speak English Language.

PROCEEDINGS MAY BE INVALIDATED

Non-Compliance with Organic Act Apt to Annul All Enactments.

SPEAKER'S CHAIR REPLACES A THRONE

House is Meeting in Old Palace, Where Royalty Has Reigned.

RADICAL MEASURES IN PROSPECT

Controlling Party Committed to Liquor Dispensary Law, Dual Taxation System and the Exclusion of Consumptives.

HONOLULU, March 7.—(Via San Francisco, March 7.)—Hawaii's first territorial legislature, which has been in session here since February 29, is in the control of a "Home Rule" party, containing a majority of native Hawaiians. It has already been the scene of some remarkable proceedings and the end of the session promises to see many very radical measures adopted, among those to which the controlling party is committed are a liquor dispensary law, a taxation system that will be a combination of single tax and the income tax doctrine, an election law based on proportional representation, and a law excluding from the territory all persons who may arrive here afflicted with consumption or leprosy.

Tongues Give Trouble.

The question of languages is another source of trouble. The organic act says that all proceedings of the legislature shall be conducted in the English language. Half of the members cannot speak English, and Hawaiian interpreters have been employed in both houses. It is the opinion of some lawyers that this will invalidate all proceedings and this matter will come before the courts when some laws have been passed. Chief Justice Frazier and Governor Dole, who were members of the commission that adopted the rules in question, have expressed the opinion that it intended to provide that no language but English should be spoken. The judges incidentally claim that it means that laws, resolutions, etc., shall be in English. Every measure and every speech is being given in both English and Hawaiian.

The house meets in the throne room of the old palace now occupied by government offices. The speaker's chair is the former throne of Hawaiian monarchs. The steamer Zealandia has arrived here with 763 Porto Ricans from Port Los Angeles. Three of the immigrants are said to be in the hands of the Hawaiian government. It is reported that the Zealandia is to make several trips as a carrier of Porto Ricans and that at least 5,000 more will be brought here by it in the near future.

Wireless Telegraphy System.

The inter-island telegraph company has given formal notice of the opening for business of the wireless telegraph system between Honolulu and the island of Maui. The system has long been under tests, but is now pronounced in a satisfactory condition for regular business. The company states that it will soon extend communication to Hilo. Annual meetings of several sugar plantations have been held here this week. The managers report large crops and good prospects for the coming year. Most of them report having had some difficulty on account of the scarcity of labor. In some cases the acreage planted was slightly less on account of the lack of labor. The managers all report the labor situation improved, and now that many Porto Ricans are being brought here, there will be no further trouble.

William Marshall, former editor of the Volcano, has been released from Oahu jail on parole from Governor Dole. He was sentenced for six months for criminal libel of the late Chief Justice Judd and had served four months.

Elect Secretary Cooper.

On the third day of the session Secretary of the Territory Cooper was unceremoniously ordered out of the house by a sergeant-at-arms. Acting under the section of the territorial act which provides that he shall "record and preserve the laws and proceedings of the legislature," Secretary Cooper took up a place on the floor of the house with a stenographer to secure a record of the proceedings. Representative Beckley, independent, offered a resolution requesting him to leave. The resolution set forth that his presence on the floor was a violation of the rules that the three departments of government, executive, judicial and legislative, must be kept separate, and it was urged in debate that Governor Dole had put Cooper where he was with a view to intimidating members by letting them see that the territorial officer was taking a stenographic report of the proceedings.

Cooper was declared by republicans to be present by order of President McKinley, as he had been ordered to transmit reports to Washington, but even if he did not obey the independents. After a long debate they passed the Beckley resolution by a vote of 20 to 9, the nine being all of the republicans in the house. It is understood that Cooper has sent to Washington for a ruling as to the meaning of the instructions given him to send a record.

J. A. Akina, independent, a half-Hawaiian, half-Chinese, member from the island of Kauai, has been made speaker of the house and Dr. Nicholas Russell of Hawaii president of the senate. Russell is a white man.

NEW YORK SENATORS OBJECT

Platt and Dewey Protest Against Nominating Sanger for Assistant Secretary of War.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Senators Platt and Dewey of New York are both opposing the proposition to nominate Colonel Sanger for the office of assistant secretary of war today and entered a formal protest, on the ground that Colonel Sanger is not a combatant.

Senator Dewey also has indicated his opposition. Neither of them was consulted before the nomination was decided upon. The selection seems to have been made by the secretary, but the senators claim that it is official to assert that prerogative should find a man who would be acceptable to them. Senator Platt today expressed the opinion that the protests which have been made will have the effect of preventing the president from sending in the nomination.

CENTRAL AMERICAN TRADE

Interchange of Products Among the States in 1900 Without Duties.

Nicaragua, Feb. 15.—(Associated Press.)—The United States has secured the right to exchange products with the Central American countries, approximately their respective governments, which have been holding sessions at Salvador City, in Salvador, for the last month, has declared that hereafter all exchange of products with that state with the other states of Central America shall be free of imports or duties. It is said the governments of each of the states represented will approve the joint declaration of their legislators.

Work on the connecting railroad link of thirty miles, to connect Nicaragua's eastern and western railroads, is progressing slowly. President Zelaya has concluded a contract with a local firm to supply all the materials and labor for the road, to the extension, the firm to accept in payment the government's war charges on coffee at the ports of Corinto and Granada.

Coffee Crop is Small.

The present price of coffee is very low and it is estimated the crop of this year will not average more than one-half of that usually gathered, and the outlook for cash returns is very gloomy. This may force the people of these Central American countries, where coffee is the principal product, to devote more attention to the cultivation of other valuable fibrous plants.

Morgan Resumes His Speech.

At the conclusion of the routine business Mr. Morgan resumed his speech begun yesterday in support of his resolution declaring the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

Not in Way of Legislation.

"It is our duty," insisted Mr. Morgan, "to declare that that treaty is not in the way of our legislating for the Nicaragua canal. If we hesitate today it will be the same a year hence and the provisions of that treaty will be fastened upon us."

GOULD TO COME TO OMAHA

Changes His Route at Kansas City and Decides to Visit Colorado First.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 7.—George J. Gould, one of the largest financiers of his railroad, left today with his party for Coffeyville, Kan. It is understood that President Gould will go to Colorado and Omaha before returning east. All arrangements had been made to go to Omaha this morning, when he decided to return to go to southern Kansas instead. Talking to a newspaper man of his trip through Texas, Mr. Gould said: "I was amazed at the many changes which have taken place in the southwest since my visit to that section of the country nearly three years ago. The prosperity of the southwest is marvelous and I believe that the same statement will apply to the west generally. On every hand I saw the material proofs of prosperity—not boom, but a steady, gradual advance. It is a pleasure to see the banks in even the small towns in Texas and other southwestern states are filled with money. Cotton at 19 cents, and high prices for cottonseed, the other good crops and the great values of all products tell the story."

DEWEY GETS PRIZE MONEY

Receives Allowance from Court of Claims for Destruction of Spanish Fleet.

SENATE RE-ELECTS MR. FRYE

Maine Man Returned to the Chair as President Pro Tem.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Senator William F. Frye of Maine was elected unanimously president pro tem of the senate to serve during the present session. This is the second time Senator Frye has been honored by his colleagues. Five years ago on February 7, 1896, the republicans then being in a minority, he was elected unanimously. His services as president pro tem, especially since the death of Vice President Hobart, have won for him the cordial appreciation of his followers for his able and impartial administration of the post.

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GREETED ANDREW ROSEWATER

President Receives Omaha City Engineer in Company with Senator Thurston.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Thurston today introduced Andrew Rosewater, city engineer of Omaha, to the president, also to Secretary Root of the War department. Later in the day, accompanied by R. B. Schneider of Fremont, the senator visited the president on matters connected with appointments in the regular army.

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