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Hawaii Will be a Territory
 Washington Post.
 The commission appointed by the President to recommend a form of government for the Hawaiian Islands as a part of the United States met in Senator Cullom's committee room at the Capitol yesterday for the first time since leaving Honolulu. Senators Cullom and Morgan, Representatives Hitt and Judge Frear being present.

The meeting was devoted to discussing details of the bill and report which the commission will present to Congress, which had not been fully decided upon at the last meeting. The legislation which will be recommended by the commission will be included in a bill which, to all intents and purposes, will be an enabling act, and very much like bills providing for the admission of new States into the Union, except in the one important detail that it provides for the admission of a Territory and not a State. The bill has been completed, but probably will be amended somewhat in detail.

The report has not been completed, but the commission has decided upon its important features. One of these is a recommendation that the system of importing laborers under contract be discontinued. The Commission has decided that as the system is contrary to the laws applying to this country as a whole, it would not be wise to continue it even temporarily in Hawaii. It is understood that a majority at least of the members of the commission do not accept the theory that Americans and Europeans cannot do manual labor in the islands.

The commission will recommend a regular territorial form of government, a Governor, a Delegate to Congress, and a Legislature. The Legislature will be elected by the qualified voters of the islands, but there will be property and educational qualifications imposed upon those who vote for members of the upper House of the Legislature. The franchise will not be extended to the Japanese or Chinese in the islands, but the Portuguese who become citizens will not be excluded under the restrictions imposed.

The commission will present full details of the value of property acquired, income from tariff taxes, and other important facts bearing upon the government of the islands. They estimate that the property secured to the United States will amount to more than \$10,000. The public lands alone are believed to be worth about \$5,000,000.

The commission's report will be in the hands of the President before the meeting of Congress, the first Monday in December. The President will submit the report to Congress, which will include the draft of a bill to carry into effect the recommendations of the Commission. The bill will be introduced into the House by one of the administration leaders in that body, and probably will be referred to the Committee on Territories.

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An Opossum Farm.
 Stateville, Mass.
 State Senator R. H. W. Barker, of Lincoln county, who is here, tells us that Mr. G. P. Bowman, of Polycary, Alexander county, is arranging to go into the business of raising opossums for the market. He will fence in several acres of woodland with barbed wire in such a way that the opossums cannot get out and will supply the enclosure with hollow logs, etc., for the opossums to live in. He will then catch all the opossums he possibly can and put them into his opossum pasture until he gets it thoroughly stocked. He expects to make the business very profitable.

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A Rural Comedy.
 Things is never goin' right,
 (Life is so contrary.)
 Thought I'd go that winter night
 An' speak the word to Mary.
 Never seen her look so sweet,
 (Just like any fairy!)
 Kitten purrin' at her feet.—
 Me, six yards from Mary!
 Told her that 'twuz like to snow—
 All the weather showed it.
 Looked as if we'd have a blow.
 Simply said: "She knowed it!"
 Talked o' this, and talked o' that
 'Till my tongue got weary;
 Made remarks about the cat,
 But still kep' fur from Mary!
 Old clock ticked an' ticked away,
 (Wished her heart 'twould soften)
 Couldn't find the word to say,
 Though I tried it often.
 Time to go, an' leave them charms,
 Since I couldn't win 'em!
 Yawned, an' sorter stretched my arms,
 An'—praise God!—she wuz in 'em.
 Don't these women know a sight?
 Ain't they all contrary?
 Didn't say the word that night,
 An' yet, I'll marry Mary!
 —F. L. Stanton.

The Dowager Empress of China.
 In 1881 Tso An died, and Tsai An served as sole regent until March 4, 1889, when the young Emperor was formally placed upon the throne. She was of varied various temptations to continue in power, but like a good godmother selected a wife for her ward and removed to a handsome residence called Eho Park about ten miles from the Forbidden City. There surrounded by a court of her own, she has lived in what the Chinese consider great splendor. The Emperor has visited her regularly at brief intervals, and all the officials of the court have striven to outdo each other in offering adoration and gifts of value. She resembles another famous sovereign of her sex in her love of money, and it became known throughout China long ago that gifts of cash were more acceptable than any other.

According to the Chinese standard her private character is spotless and she is wise, benevolent and just. Every one must concede her ability, as for forty years she has been the central and most conspicuous figure in the empire, and will appear in history as one of the greatest of the long line of rulers of China, which runs back to the days of Moses. It was intended to commemorate her sixtieth birthday on November 27, 1894, by ceremonies of unprecedented magnificence, and ten million dollars were appropriated for that purpose, but the war with Japan interfered with the programme, and by command of the Empress the money was devoted to military purposes.

Tsai An has always received the same reverence that is paid to the Emperor, and everybody who approaches her, even the Son of Heaven himself, kneels and knocks his head nine times upon the floor. While she was in power she conversed with her ministers and conducted her interviews from behind a screen, but since she has passed the age of sixty etiquette allows her to expose her face. Prince Henry of Germany, his suite, and the only foreigners who have ever seen her, and his visit created a commotion throughout the whole empire.—From "The Dowager Tsi An and the Emperor Kuang Hsu," by William Eleroy Curtis, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for December.

A Thousand Tongues
 Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer of 1125 Howard street, Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of the Royal Cure—"It soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the Universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Hood Bros.' Drug Store; every bottle guaranteed.

General News.
 Judge Walter Clark, of the Supreme Court, is preparing a new edition of the Annotated Code which will be issued after the Legislature adjourns.

The Italian government has sent an ultimatum to the Sultan of Morocco on the subject of the detention and ill-treatment of Italian proteges. A week has been given him in which to reply.

An umbrella maker of Oldenburg, Ger., who boasted he had been chosen by lot to assassinate Emperor William, on the latter's return from Paestum, has been sentenced to three years imprisonment.

The armored cruiser Kaiser, flagship of the German squadron commanded by Prince Henry of Prussia, which was recently ashore in Kam Sah Bay, has arrived at Hong Kong with three holes in her bottom.

Mr. Wm. F. Cherry, a volunteer in the Second North Carolina Regiment, was shot and instantly killed by some unknown person from ambush in Williamson last Tuesday evening. No clue to the murderer.

A conflict with negro troops occurred at Aniston, Alabama, Tuesday night last. One negro was killed and several wounded. The white soldiers were anxious to secure ammunition and, upon being refused, cried like children.

Hon. F. M. Simmons says that in only six counties in the State did the Democrats fail to make a bold fight on the color line and in favor of white supremacy, and that in every one of these six counties the Democrats suffered an inglorious defeat. This shows the fatal effect politically of a failure to fight on the lines of the true and real issues.—Kinston Free Press.

About the Postoffices.
 The report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1898, shows there were at the close of the fiscal year 73,570 postoffices in the United States, 3,816 presidential and 69,754 fourth class.

The net increase in the number of postoffices for the fiscal year was about 2,548, the largest on record, except 1890 and 1892. The state having the largest number of presidential post offices is New York, with 330, followed by Pennsylvania, with 284; Illinois, with 257; Iowa, with 212; and Ohio, with 208.

The states having the smallest number of presidential post offices are Wyoming and Nevada, with 8 each; Utah, with 10; Arizona, with 11; Delaware, Indian Territory and New Mexico, with 12 each.

The states having the greatest number of fourth class post offices rank as follows: Pennsylvania heads the list, with 4,871; New York next, with 3,394; Virginia, with 3,297; Ohio, with 3,175; and North Carolina, with 2,398.

The states having the smallest number of fourth class postoffices are: Rhode Island, 135; Delaware, 160; Nevada, 173; Arizona, 190; Wyoming, 293.

A very interesting table in the report is one showing the compensation of fourth class postmasters by states. In this table, Massachusetts heads the list, showing an average compensation for her fourth class postmasters of \$335.62 per annum, followed by Rhode Island, \$319.36, and Connecticut, \$283.48.

The state showing the smallest average of compensation for her fourth class postmasters is North Carolina—\$85.72—the scale rising, with Tennessee (\$86.08) second and Alabama (\$92.74) third. The fourth class postoffice is the postoffice of the masses. The great majority of the American people patronize these offices, and the average compensation of fourth class postmasters shows quite clearly the extent to which the mails are used by the masses of the people in the respective states.

Another interesting table sets forth the amount per capita expended for the use of the mails by the people of the various states. In this list Massachusetts stands first, with an expenditure of \$2.30 per capita in the use of the mails; New York second, expending \$2.27; District of Columbia third, \$2.16; Colorado fourth, \$1.93; Connecticut fifth, \$1.80.

The states ranking lowest in this table are South Carolina, 25 cents per capita; Mississippi, 34 cents; Alabama, 35 cents; Arkansas, 37 cents; North Carolina, 41 cents.

During the year there were 25,653 postmasters appointed. In 1897 there were only 15,406. Of the presidential postmasters there were 2,157 appointments, of which 1,454 were made necessary by the expirations of terms, 143 by resignation, 39 by death, 115 on the office becoming presidential.

The number of removals were 406. Of fourth class postmasters 8,200 resigned, 881 died, the terms of 8,400 expired, and 2,369 were removed. The largest number of changes were made in Pennsylvania, 1,606; the next largest in New York, 1,428; Ohio, 1,419; Kentucky, 1,100; Missouri, 1,095; Texas, 1,087; and Illinois, 1,085.

New York and Illinois stand a tie in the number of removals, 154; Indiana, 148; Ohio and Pennsylvania, each 145; Missouri, 136; Kansas, 117; Kentucky, 106; and Tennessee, 104.

Assistant Postmaster General Bristow recommends that a special envelope of heavy paper bearing a 10-cent stamp be provided for registered letters. This he suggests owing to the fact that so many losses have occurred in the mails because of poor quality of the envelopes in which the articles are inclosed. He also recommends increased penalties for violation of the postal laws.—Chicago Record.

A Wonder.
 "When that man came to this town," said Rivers, "he hadn't a rag to his back. Look at him now!"
 Brooks walked to the window, looked in the direction indicated, and saw a swarthy son of Italy walking down the street, bending beneath the weight of a sack of rags three or four times his size, strapped to his back.
 The historian regrets to have to record the fact that this led to another quarrel between the two old friends.—Chicago Tribune.

Our knowledge begins as it were with difference; we do not know any one thing of itself, but only the difference between it and another thing; the present sensation of heat is, in fact, a difference from the preceding cold.—Alexander Bain.

Fate.
 Two shall be born the whole wide world apart,
 And speak in different tongues, and have no thought
 Each of the other's being—and no heed.
 And these o'er unknown seas to unknown lands
 Shall cross, escaping wreck, defying death,
 And, all unconsciously, shape every act,
 And bend each wandering step to this one end—
 That one day out of darkness they shall meet
 And read Life's meaning in each other's eyes.

And two shall walk the narrow way of life,
 So nearly side by side, that should one turn
 Even so little space to left or right
 They needs must stand acknowledged, face to face,
 And yet, with wistful eyes that never meet,
 With groping hands that never clasp,
 and lips
 Calling in vain to ears that never hear,
 They seek each other all their weary days,
 And die unsatisfied—and this is Fate.

A New Way to Collect Bills.
 New York Sun.
 "Speaking of collecting bills," said the man from the West, "we have a most effective method in Chicago. There, instead of young men, they employ young women. I tried it myself and it worked like magic. A fellow by the name of Green owed me a small bill, a matter, I think, of \$17 or so. It seemed impossible to make him pay it, so I engaged the services of a pretty and stylish girl. I sent her around to his office. He was out. She called again. He was still out, but nothing daunted she made the third and fourth call. The fourth time he was in, but he firmly refused to pay the bill.
 "'Look here, Mr. Green,' said the girl, 'I will make a proposition to you. If you will pay five cents a day on this bill I will call each day and collect this amount until you have paid it in full.'
 "But Green was a hard party. He again refused, and the girl left the office apparently crestfallen. The next day she did not call at his office, but she did call at his house. The door was opened by servant.
 "'Is Mr. Green in?' asked the young woman.
 "'No, ma'am.'
 "The girl left but it seems that the servant duly reported the call of the pretty and stylish young woman who was so anxious to see Mr. Green to his wife. The next day when the young woman again called, the wife hung over the banisters, taking a peep at the caller on her own account. The young woman asked if Mr. Green was in.
 "'No, ma'am,' answered the servant, 'but his wife is.' The wife had told her to say this, of course.
 "'His wife!' stammered the girl, 'why, has Mr. Green a wife?'
 "The wife, hanging over the banisters, heard this. She turned pale and gasped for air, while the girl, seemingly very much confused and distressed at her discovery, went on down the steps and into the street. It is impossible to say just what happened in that house that night, whether pokers and curling tongs were hurled, or the furniture torn from its foundations and flung madly about, or the roof was raised skyward; but one thing I do know—the next day Green promptly paid the \$17. And the girl didn't call at his office for it either. He came around and handed me the money himself, and he seemed to think he was getting off pretty easy at that."

Robbed the Grave.
 A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three Physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50c. a bottle at Hood Bros.' Drug Store.

The junco has a golden wing
 The lightning bug his flame,
 The humbug has no wings at all
 But he gets there just the same
 —Exchange.

Attachment blanks, complete at THE HERALD OFFICE.

Carolina Victorious.
 Richmond, Va., Nov. 24.—The Orange and Purple went down before the Blue and White on the gridiron here today. In the presence of some 3,000 spectators, the University of North Carolina eleven defeated the University of Virginia by a score of 6 to 2. The Virginians had the weight and naturally, the sympathy of the crowd, Richmond being a great University city, but the Carolinians had the skill and buckled down to their work with a determination and steadiness and discipline that elicited the warmest admiration. The contest was warm throughout. The feature of the game was Howell's splendid 40 yard dash for a touchdown, skirting Virginia's right end.

The brilliant interference of Gregory, of North Carolina, was also one of the features of the contest, and but for his star work Howell's successful dash to the touch line would have been impossible.

Carolina played a heady game throughout and ascertaining in the struggle that it was next to impossible for them to force Virginia's heavy line, they attacked the guards and the ends and resorted to kicks and punts, all of which kept Virginia from making any dangerous advances. Captain Rogers, of Carolina, lost his head in the last play of the game and in a risky attempt to make a touch-back was downed beyond the touch line, thereby giving Virginia her safety. The officers of the game and the coach and captain of the Virginia team say that Carolina won strictly on the merits of their play.

Ingersoll's Eulogy on Whiskey.
 "I send you some of the most wonderful whiskey that ever drove the skeleton from the feast or painted landscapes in the brain of man. It is the mingled souls of wheat and corn. In it you will find the sunshine and shadow that chased each other over billowy fields, the carol of the lark, the dew of night, the wealth of summer and autumn's rich content, all golden with imprisoned light. Drink it, and you will hear the voice of men and maidens sing the 'Harvest Home,' mingled with the laughter of children. Drink it, and you will feel within your blood the starred dawns, the dreamy, tawny dusks of perfect days. For forty years this liquid joy has been within the staves of oak, longing to touch the lips of man."

DR. BUCLEY'S REPLY.
 "I send you some of the most wonderful whiskey that ever brought a skeleton into the closet or painted scenes of lust and bloodshed in the brain of man. It is the ghost of wheat and corn, crazed by the loss of their natural bodies. In it you will find a transcendent sunshine chased by a shadow as cold as an Arctic midnight in which the breath of June grows icy and the carol of the lark gives place to the foreboding cry of the raven. Drink it, and you shall have woe, sorrow, babbling, and wounds without cause, your eyes shall behold strange women, and your heart shall utter perverse things. Drink it deep, and you shall hear the voice of demons shrieking, women wailing, and worse than orphaned children mourning the loss of a father who yet lives. Drink it deep and long and serpents will hiss in your ears, coil themselves about your neck, and seize you with their fangs; for 'at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.' For forty years this liquid death has been within staves of oak, harmless there as purest water. I send it to you that you may 'put an enemy in your mouth to steal away your brains.' And yet I call myself your friend."—Ex.

A Boy's Essay.
 The following is an extract from a small boy's essay on the "Head": "There's a lot of kinds of heads, red heads, wooden heads, soft heads, cabbage heads, bawled heads, and so 'h. Pa's got one, it's bawled, ma's long headed, pa's bull headed, but I'm red headed and level, too. The smart end of a boy is his head, except when he gets sparks, but the smart end of a bee is not there. Oh, no, pa says if a fellow has a head he gets ahead in this world, but I don't want no head like he gets when he gets out with the boys."—Ex.

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