

THE ANTI'S MEET

Several Hawaiians Make Stirring Addresses.

PALACE SQUARE CROWDED

J. O. Carter Tells What Rocks to Avoid.

Resolutions Adopted, Refused the Press—Will be Sent to Washington.

The anti-annexation meeting on Palace Square last night was attended by a large number of people, estimated from 800 to 2,000, including men, women and children of the native Hawaiians, as well as a sprinkling of foreigners. A small movable platform was placed in a position in front of the Pacific Tennis Club grounds, and here seats were placed for the speakers. Shortly after 7 o'clock J. K. Ka-hookano, as chairman of the evening, arose and announced the purpose of the meeting as being opposition to annexation, and to take action that Senator Morgan could carry back to the United States with him as showing the feeling of the native Hawaiians. The chairman then announced Mr. F. J. Testa, who read in both Hawaiian and English the memorial of 13 articles to the President and Senate of the United States, protesting against annexation, and giving reasons for such protest. The memorial is a long one, and will not be given to the press for publication until after the departure of the Belgic for San Francisco with Senator Morgan aboard.

Mr. J. K. Kaulla, President of the Aloha Aina Society, was then announced. Mr. Kaulla defended his position in the matter of signing his name to the request, asking Senator Morgan to speak in Kawaiahao church. He had been severely criticised for his action. He had done it simply to get Mr. Morgan to state his side of the question, so that the Hawaiians could all the more intelligently discuss the situation. Mr. Morgan was the possessor of two tongues. In Kawaiahao he spoke of the advantages that would come to the natives through annexation—just as to the negroes. Under Harrison's administration, Mr. Morgan was one of the men who worked to have the negroes expelled from America and sent back to Africa.

Kalauskalani, President of the Kalai Aina Society, was the next to speak. He waved a Hawaiian flag and told the natives to remain solid against annexation. Then he produced an American flag and asked the people if they wanted to lose sight of their own flag and live under the American. The answer came loudly in the negative.

J. O. Carter was next introduced, and took the platform, with F. J. Testa as translator. Mr. Carter spoke as follows:

"Fellow-Citizens and Countrymen: Aloha oukou. It had not been my purpose to speak here tonight, but through the requests of the gentlemen who have this meeting in charge, I am here to make a few remarks, which I shall give you to the best of my ability. I want to say in prefacing my remarks that we are facing the gravest question that has ever come before the Hawaiian people. I come, believing that if I have a talent I shall let you know it and not put it in a napkin and bury it. I want to say to you who are Hawaiians that we are a feeble folk, but the people of the United States appreciate the loyalty with which they have stood by their sovereign and their country. The very men who led the present movement to what it is, themselves admire the way the Hawaiian people have stood firm. You have stood as you did in 1893—against annexation. Whether annexation is desirable or not is a question that could be argued on both sides, but I want to say that we have good authority against it in the words of the Senator from Alabama, who said that had he been a Hawaiian born, he, too, would oppose annexation. I am afraid that those who are working for annexation have not looked at all sides of the question. An alliance with the United States means grave responsibilities for the Hawaiian people. The United States of America are one of the leading nations of the world—a country pressing to the fore and striving to dictate terms to the maritime powers. So long as Hawaii remains independent she will be free from all the trials that beset the world. I want you to imagine, if you can, that the United States may some day be involved in war, and that, in the event of annexation, we, as an unprotected and far-off portion of United States territory, will also be involved. I want to say that it would be far better for Hawaii to remain independent—neutral. I have great respect for many annexationists. I want that understood. I have less respect for others. I believe annexation to be a mistake. I have been told by annexationists that, without annexation, there will be no Reciprocity Treaty. I know the advantages of the Reciprocity Treaty and these cannot be whistled down the wind. I do not believe it follows that if annexation fails we shall lose the

advantages of reciprocal trade. We have no assurances that, in the event of annexation we will have the advantages that have accrued under the Reciprocity Treaty. The United States of America has instituted what it calls "reciprocal trade." Negotiations along this line are now pending with France. According to the importance of our trade will be the benefits granted us by the United States. We will give and they will return. What have we seen in these four short years? The Reciprocity Treaty, with its free sugar, under McKinley; sugar at a cent and a fraction duty under the Wilson bill; sugar at 2 cents and over under the Dingley bill. I want to say that I do not believe that it is right for us to borrow trouble in the matter. Annexation will change the whole fiscal relations of the country. I want you to understand that increased taxation must come in the event of annexation. I want to speak with admiration of the men who have stood for annexation and who have stood a tax of thousands of dollars to further annexation. I want you to bear me out that from Lanai to Kaula the people are crying out under the heavy taxation of the 'best Government these Islands ever saw.'

"I want to say to you that annexation will revolutionize the whole labor system of the Hawaiian Islands. It will be said that I should be one of the first to favor such a move. We must have a just and humane system of understood contract labor. I want to say to you that annexation means the sharpest kind of competition. Men will come here and undertake the mechanical arts. I want you to understand that every clerk behind the counter and every one working for monthly wage, field laborers excepted, will feel this competition keenly. I want you to understand that the scale of wages in San Francisco will be the scale of wages in Hawaii. I want to say one more thing: The fortunate men in the labor market will be the field laborers. He will have protection, for we are given to understand that in case of annexation no more Asiatics will be allowed in the country. Just as surely as skilled labor is lessened, just so sure will field labor be increased. I am leading up to this, because people looking for annexation say it will be best for the sugar interests. Now, I believe in those interests, but I am not ready to grant everything in the world to them. I have wondered, and sometimes thought, what annexation would do is not all ventilated. When we have to shoulder the burden of tariff, such as the Dingley tariff. The same tariff is denounced alike by protectionists, fair traders and free traders. Most of the articles from England, France, Germany, China and Japan will be increased to you, on account of that tariff. I very much fear the question of annexation has not been considered as it ought to be. When the Senate of the Republic of Hawaii met last month it took a very short time to ratify the Treaty of Annexation. Nothing was said of the advantages or disadvantages. I want to say to you that as a Hawaiian, I am indignant at the action which took place here on the 17th of January, 1893. As an offspring of American parents I am ashamed of that action. I believe that all that has followed that fatal day—all that has been laid upon us during the last four years—was because of a false step taken on that day. It seems to me that all that has been undertaken by the present Government has been because the men in power took counsel of their fears and not their good judgment. If there is one thing I admire more than another in the Hawaiians, it is the patience that has been shown by them under wrong. I want to say now that your patience must surely be rewarded sooner or later. I want to say that if justice and truth be not crushed to earth and should rise again, a good time is coming. If there are any weak-kneed annexationists here, I wish to say: 'Let him speak now, or forever hold his peace.' I would not excite passion or temper. I would excite in the breast of all of you a righteous indignation. What I have said, I have said because I believe it, and for the purpose of giving you some food for thought. In closing, I want to say to you that you should urge action in all lawful directions to preserve and perpetuate Hawaiian independence."

This said, F. J. Testa introduced a resolution to the effect that the mass-meeting approve of the memorial presented at the beginning and that copies be sent the President and Senate of the United States, as well as the representatives of America, Great Britain, Portugal, France and Japan residing here. Chairman Hookano made a few more remarks, proposed three cheers for the Hawaiian flag and declared the meeting adjourned.

STOCK MARKET BOOM.

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Mr. John Ena and family have gone to their Manoa home to spend a month or so.



STATUE OF THE BOY LINCOLN. Signor Caccia, the sculptor, has caught the English critics with a statue of Lincoln, now on exhibition in the Royal Academy. Lincoln, a young man, in agricultural costume, is seated in an attitude of contemplation, his book resting on his leg and his axe against his knee.

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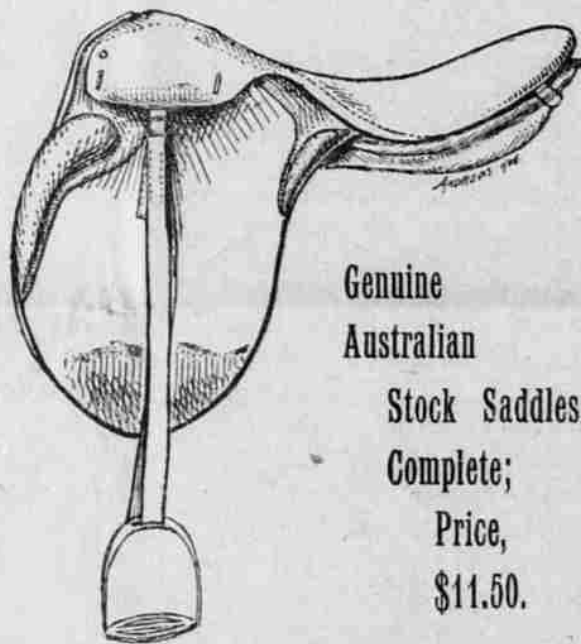
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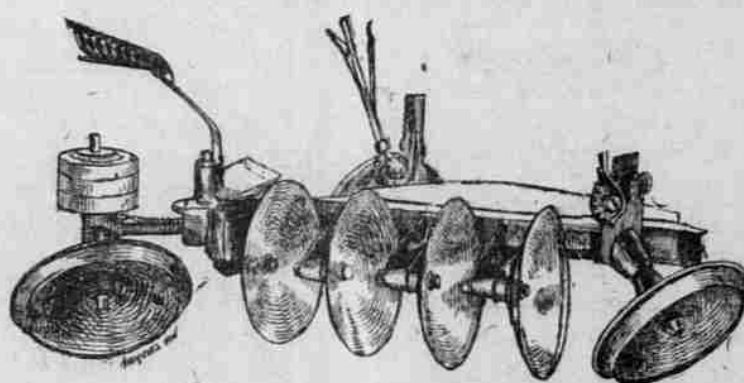
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