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Queen's Hospital Appropriation Peculiar.

PROVISION AS TO TREATMENT
Collision Between the Charter and the Bill Making the Grant for Period.

The Board of Health has a very delicate question to consider at its meeting this afternoon—one which places the Queen's Hospital in a very queer situation.

The Legislature at its last session made an appropriation for the Queen's Hospital of \$40,000, to be used in the next biennial period. This was in line with the previous policy of the Government in making appropriation for the hospital, similar appropriations being made at the same time to other like institutions. There was, however, one very peculiar incident in connection with the appropriation made for the Queen's Hospital. In the past the sum of \$20,000 had always been given to the hospital for the biennial period, and Governor Dole recommended that the Legislature make the usual appropriation. Instead that body appropriated just double the amount asked, or \$40,000.

Attached to the bill, however, was a rider providing that no distinction should be made as to race in the care of patients at the hospital. The appropriation also was placed in the hands of the Board of Health for proper payment and the Board now finds itself in a rather peculiar predicament.

The Queen's Hospital was founded in 1859 by their Majesties Kamehameha IV and his consort Emma Kaleleonalani. The hospital is organized as a corporation and by the terms of its charter the board of trustees is composed of ten members elected by the society and ten members nominated by the Government, of which the President of the Republic (now Governor of the Territory) shall be the presiding officer. The charter also provides for the "establishing and putting into operation a permanent hospital at Honolulu, with a dispensary and all necessary furniture and appurtenances for the reception, accommodation and treatment of indigent sick and disabled Hawaiians, as well as such foreigners and others who may choose to avail themselves of the same."

Under this construction all native Hawaiians have been cared for without charge, while for others a charge has been made of from \$1 to \$3 per day. The bill making the appropriation for the hospital by the Government provides that no distinction shall be made as to race; and the Queen's Hospital trustees are evidently up against a serious proposition.

Under the provisions of the Organic Act the Legislature has no power to give a subsidy to any institution and, under the construction likely to be placed by the Board of Health of the intentions of the Legislature, the Queen's Hospital must be placed under the control of the Government before it may receive the appropriation of \$40,000. "I can see no way out of the difficulty at present," said Secretary Smith of the board of trustees for the Queen's Hospital when his attention was called to the matter yesterday afternoon. "The hospital has been receiving regular stipulated amounts from the Government, generally \$20,000 for each biennial period. This year when the Governor asked for a statement of the condition of the hospital's finances it was handed to him, and he recommended that the Legislature make the usual allowance. I do not know why they gave us \$40,000 instead of the usual amount. There was a rider placed on the bill, however, to the effect that no distinction should be made as to race. The appropriation was also placed in the hands of the Board of Health. Formerly it was the custom for this money to be placed into the hands of the Minister of Finance and by him paid over quarterly directly to our treasurer. Why the change was made at this time I do not understand.

"I do not see myself how the hospital could be placed in the hands of the Government, even if we wished to do so. The Government now has ten members upon the Board and also the presiding officer. Under our charter we are compelled to treat native Hawaiians free of charge, and I do not see how it can be changed. Then again we have in our hands \$36,000 in trust funds which cannot very well be given over to the Government except in violation of the terms of the trust. Taken all around it is a very delicate question, and it is to be hoped that it may be settled without the loss of the appropriation to the hospital. The hospital now treats free all soldiers and sailors and also the members of the police force."

The matter will be discussed at this afternoon's meeting of the Board of Health, though it is hardly likely that the matter can be definitely settled at this time. A joint meeting of the Board of Health and the trustees of the Queen's Hospital will probably be held, at which the matter will be talked over before final action is taken.

Chinatowns Come High.
Because of the burning of Chinatown in Honolulu, when there seemed no other course to stay the plague, Hawaii has been asked to pay \$5,000,000. Without purpose to influence any tribunal that

may have the duty of passing on the claim, the conjecture is made that Hawaii will not do anything of the sort. All this country can know about Chinatowns must be based on information as to the various Chinatowns here. The most extensive is that of San Francisco. It is a noisome, dangerous, reeking, rotten spot, given over to stench and vermin. It breeds moral and physical disease. The property is owned by people otherwise respectable, who, because they are able to collect rents for buildings not fit for dog kennels, refuse to clean the dens. Part of San Francisco's Chinatown is two stories underground, and vile to the utmost depths. Doubtless were it to be burned there would be suits for damage, but there should be suits for damage now, and they should be directed against the owners and brought by the municipality.—Tacoma Ledger.

No Statehood for Hawaii.

Delegate Wilcox of Hawaii, who is enthusiastically advocating statehood for the territory of Hawaii, is wasting his time. Hawaii is not fit to become a state, and it will be a long time, if ever, before it will be so fitted. There is no evidence whatever to show that Hawaii would be better off as a state than as a territory, while its expenses would be greatly increased.

The talk of uniting Hawaii with California meets with no favor either in Hawaii or in California, and is chimerical. Congress would give no consideration to such a proposition. Under the decision of the United States Supreme Court, Hawaii needs no statehood, and like other of our possessions, can be well governed under a territorial form of government such as it now has.—Philadelphia Press.

THE CASE OF DR. T. M. COAN

His Wife's Will Cuts Off Both Himself and Relatives.

The New York Sun contains the following particulars about the curious will case of the Titus Munson Coans, in addition to those already published in the Advertiser:

One of the clauses of the will of Mrs. Leonie Monel Coan, filed for probate yesterday, in the surrogate's office, not only cuts off her husband, Titus Munson Coan, author and physician, from any share in her estate, but also his kinsmen and kinswomen. The clause in question reads: "It is my will that neither my husband, Titus Munson Coan, nor any kinsmen or kinswomen of his shall share in any part of my estate, or take any part in its administration."

The testatrix, who died on June 30, left to her sons, Philip Munson Coan and Hamilton L. Coan, all of her property. The witnesses to the will were Sherman Everts, Willoughby L. Webb and Joseph E. Haggerty. Burnham Moffat is named as executor. Dr. Coan does not practice medicine. He devoted himself to literature, and is at the head of the bureau for the revision of manuscripts. He lives at 67 East Fifty-fourth street.

Mr. Moffat, when seen last night at the American Yacht Club, Rye, said: "Mrs. Coan parted from her husband about five years ago. I do not know the circumstances of the disagreement, but there was no scandal of any kind attaching to it nor was there a legal separation. They simply agreed to live apart. Mrs. Coan taking the two boys with her. Some time ago I did a little legal business for her, and it was that which led to her naming me as the executor of her will. The estate altogether is not worth more than about \$3,000, and it was natural, I suppose, that she should want her boys to have the whole of her money. She was a French woman, and that probably accounts for the impulsive wording of the will."

Dr. Coan was born in the Hawaiian Islands in 1841, and came to the United States in 1856. After graduating from Williams College he studied medicine and was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons. He served two years in the navy under Admiral Farragut, as assistant surgeon, being at the battle of Mobile Bay. He has contributed many literary, critical and technical papers to various periodicals, and has published several books. He has written much on mineral springs, to which he has given special study.

ENGLISH CLAIRVOYANT STORY.

Dr. Abraham Wallace, of Harley street, relates a curious story concerning the death of the late Mr. P. L. Foxwell, the stock broker of Thames Ditton, whose body was found in the river six weeks after his disappearance. On the night before he was missing Mr. Foxwell visited his aged mother at Finsbury Park, and the old lady's parting words were, "Oh, Percy, do take care; I feel as if something is going to happen to you tonight." The lecturer explained that, being a lady interested in psychic matters, Mrs. Foxwell last year visited a clairvoyant, who told her that she would be a widow within twelve months. After her husband's disappearance she consulted another clairvoyant, and, although not possessed of psychic powers, she saw in the crystal her husband's drowned body. In the drawing room at Ditton Lawn some of the party were certain that the dead man's spirit form was present. Subsequently letters from the dead man were read, and after his body had been found a communication from him was received in which he stated that "as his dead body had been found, he did not wish to have anytaoeth he did not wish to give any further particulars about himself, as it would greatly upset his dear wife." In conclusion, he said that nearly every one of the incidents predicted by the clairvoyants had been verified—a fact that Mrs. Foxwell and others would willingly testify by affidavit.—London Chronicle.

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