

DEATH OF JOHN L. STEVENS.

End Came After a Brief Illness Almost Unknown to the Public.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Hon. John L. Stevens, ex-minister to Hawaii, died here after four weeks' illness, having been critically ill for the past two weeks.

He suffered from nervous prostration and heart trouble and his precarious condition first became known to the public.



JOHN L. STEVENS.

Thursday. During the night his condition became alarming and at midnight it became apparent that he could survive but a few hours.

He breathed his last just before sunrise, surrounded by the family, who had been hastily summoned to his bedside. He was 74 years of age.

Mr. Stevens, though previously well known in political and diplomatic circles, attained worldwide prominence by his action at the outbreak of the Hawaiian rebellion, of holding the stars and stripes over the government building in Honolulu, declaring an American protectorate over the islands and landing troops from an American warship to maintain this position.

Minister Stevens' action came in for much adverse criticism, and the administration taking a position favoring the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy, and in exact reversal of the minister's views, Mr. Stevens was at once recalled and the diplomatic proceedings, which finally culminated in the recognition of the Hawaiian republic, were commenced.

Mr. Stevens stoutly maintained his position after his return to this country and his views were given in many speeches, letters and other means of expression, making him for a time the most talked of man in the country.

THE MARKETS.

New York Money Market. New York, Feb. 12.

Money easy at 2 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 8 1/2 per cent.

Discounting exchange. Actual business in bank at 10 1/2, 4 1/2, 5 1/2, 6 1/2, 7 1/2, 8 1/2, 9 1/2, 10 1/2, 11 1/2, 12 1/2, 13 1/2, 14 1/2, 15 1/2, 16 1/2, 17 1/2, 18 1/2, 19 1/2, 20 1/2, 21 1/2, 22 1/2, 23 1/2, 24 1/2, 25 1/2, 26 1/2, 27 1/2, 28 1/2, 29 1/2, 30 1/2, 31 1/2, 32 1/2, 33 1/2, 34 1/2, 35 1/2, 36 1/2, 37 1/2, 38 1/2, 39 1/2, 40 1/2, 41 1/2, 42 1/2, 43 1/2, 44 1/2, 45 1/2, 46 1/2, 47 1/2, 48 1/2, 49 1/2, 50 1/2, 51 1/2, 52 1/2, 53 1/2, 54 1/2, 55 1/2, 56 1/2, 57 1/2, 58 1/2, 59 1/2, 60 1/2, 61 1/2, 62 1/2, 63 1/2, 64 1/2, 65 1/2, 66 1/2, 67 1/2, 68 1/2, 69 1/2, 70 1/2, 71 1/2, 72 1/2, 73 1/2, 74 1/2, 75 1/2, 76 1/2, 77 1/2, 78 1/2, 79 1/2, 80 1/2, 81 1/2, 82 1/2, 83 1/2, 84 1/2, 85 1/2, 86 1/2, 87 1/2, 88 1/2, 89 1/2, 90 1/2, 91 1/2, 92 1/2, 93 1/2, 94 1/2, 95 1/2, 96 1/2, 97 1/2, 98 1/2, 99 1/2, 100 1/2, 101 1/2, 102 1/2, 103 1/2, 104 1/2, 105 1/2, 106 1/2, 107 1/2, 108 1/2, 109 1/2, 110 1/2, 111 1/2, 112 1/2, 113 1/2, 114 1/2, 115 1/2, 116 1/2, 117 1/2, 118 1/2, 119 1/2, 120 1/2, 121 1/2, 122 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MAZ. A. ADVICES.

Further Particulars of the Courtmartial Trial and Convictions.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 11.—The steamship Warrimou arrived here bringing the latest news from Hawaii. The correspondent, writing up to Saturday last of the military courtmartial, says:

Six leaders were sentenced to be hanged. They are Charles T. Gulick, William Richard, William T. Seward, Robert W. Wilcox, Sam Noland and Henry Bartelman. Sentences in the last two cases will be commuted, as both men have furnished valuable evidence for the government.



EX-QUEEN LILIUOKALANI.

nished valuable evidence for the government. Gulick was born in this country, Richard is an Englishman. Wilcox is a Hawaiian. The only one of the four entitled to the protection of the United States is William T. Seward.

Great interest is attached to the forthcoming trial of the ex-queen. The government claims to have more than sufficient evidence to convict her of treason. What her punishment will be in case of conviction is hard to conjecture. Her case will probably be up on next Monday.

The charges against her are: First—Treason, by engaging in open rebellion against the republic of Hawaii; by attempting by force of arms to overthrow and destroy the same, and by levying war against the same, and by adhering to the enemies of the republic of Hawaii, giving them aid and comfort within the Hawaiian Islands and elsewhere.

Second—Treason, by aiding, abetting, procuring, counselling, inciting, countenancing and encouraging others to commit treason and to engage in open rebellion against the republic of Hawaii, and to attempt force of arms in the overthrow of the same, and to adhere to the enemies of the republic of Hawaii in giving them aid and comfort in the Hawaiian Islands and elsewhere.

IN HONOR OF LINCOLN.

Dinner of the Unconditional Republican Club at Albany.

ALBANY, Feb. 12.—The dinner of the Unconditional Republican club of this city in honor of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln was an event of large importance, because it brought together such a number of distinguished men and orators.

Among those who sat down to dinner at the Hotel Konover were: Governor Levi P. Morton, Lieutenant Governor Charles T. Saxton, General A. E. MacAlpin, Speaker Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State Palmer, Comptroller James A. Rob- ertson, Attorney General Theodore E. Hancock, State Treasurer Addison B. Colvin, State Engineer Campbell W. Adams, Mayor Orin E. Wilson and other distinguished men.

The speakers of the evening were Governor McKinley of Ohio, who spoke on Lincoln, and General Horatio Porter of New York, who spoke on Lincoln and Grant.

TOWN ELECTIONS.

Binghamton Republican by a Small Margin—Lively Contest.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Feb. 12.—The municipal election resulted in the re-election of Mayor George E. Green by a plurality of 1,704.

It was the most exciting election held in this city in years. Green was opposed by an independent candidate, Hon. N. J. Welch, and by the straight Democratic ticket, headed by Harlow E. Bundy. The independents polled 1,063 votes, the Republicans 8,666 and the Democrats 1,029. Nominally the city is Republican by a small majority.

Following the election Mayor Green delivered a speech in Columbian hall and scored his political enemies roundly.

Everything Republican at Catskill.

CATSKILL, N. Y., Feb. 13.—At the annual town election here the whole Republican ticket was elected by an average of over 200 majority. A no-license excise commissioner was elected.

Hot Election at Danville.

DANVILLE, N. Y., Feb. 13.—The charter election was the hottest ever witnessed in the village. The Republicans elected Dr. James H. Jackson for village president by a majority of six.

School Teacher Frozen to Death.

LYONS, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Mrs. Davis, the teacher of the district school three miles north of this village, was found frozen to death in a snowbank, where she had lain since Friday morning. Her feet had caught in the fence, and her head was on the ground. It is believed that she started for her boarding place through the blizzard Friday morning and, in attempting to climb the fence, either got her feet caught in the rails or was blown down by a gust of wind and was unable to rise. Mrs. Davis is not well known here. She is a stranger, who was engaged 12 weeks ago to teach for 18 weeks. She was about 35 years of age.

Fatal Collision Due to the Storm.

NORWICH, N. Y., Feb. 9.—A milk train on the Utica branch of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad crashed into the rear end of the Philadelphia express, two miles above this city, completely telescoping the rear coach. Only four passengers were in the car. The wife of Recorder Roberts of Binghamton and her two children received injuries, which will be fatal in the case of the youngest, aged 2 years. A commercial traveler and the express messenger escaped with scalp wounds. The blinding snowstorm is given as the cause of the accident.

Homeopaths Meet in Albany.

ALBANY, Feb. 13.—The State Homeopathic Medical society convened at the city hall with a small attendance. In the absence of Dr. Schley, the president, who is ill, Dr. Moffatt, the secretary, called the convention to order.

QUEEN FRANKS OF NATURE.

Occasions When the Sun Became a Black and Deafening Orb.

The ancient historians mention several instances of the sun "going out" or failing to shine and give forth its usual amount of heat and light for periods of time varying in length from three hours to several months. According to Plutarch, the year 44 B. C. was one in which the sun was "weak and pale" for a period approximating 11 months.

The Portuguese historians record "several months of diminished sunlight" in the year 564 A. D., and, according to Humboldt, this uneasy period ended with "strange and startling atmospheric explosions, rifts in the vaulted canopy of blue above and in divers other rare and unaccountable freaks." In the year 1091, on Sept. 29 (see Humboldt's "Cosmos"), the sun turned suddenly black and remained so for three hours and did not regain its normal condition for several days. According to Helmholtz's "Solar Energy," the days of seeming inactivity on the part of the sun, the days following the sudden blackening of the great orb, were noted for a peculiar greenish tinge and are marked in old Spanish, French and Italian records as "the days of the green sun." February, 1100 A. D., is noted in the annals of marvelous phenomena as a month in which there were several days that "the sun appeared dead and black, like a great circular cloud floating in the sky."

"On the last day of February, 1200," says Cortes, an old Spanish writer on astronomy, astrology and kindred subjects, "the sun appeared to suddenly go out, causing a darkness over the country for about six hours." In 1341 the European countries experienced another siege of supernatural darkness, which the superstitious writers of that time attributed to God's displeasure over the result of the great battle of Legniza.—St. Louis Republic.

BOTH FOOD AND POISON.

The Wonderful Qualities of the Cassava Plant of Brazil.

Among the plants which supply food for man