

## THE HAWAIIAN ISSUE AGAIN.

### President Cleveland Expected Soon to Send in a Message—Mr. Hitt's Ideas.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—It is the impression that the message of the President on the Hawaiian matter has already been prepared and only awaits the disposition of the repeal bill, when the President will make his recommendations to congress.

One of the Democratic members of the house foreign affairs committee said that there were three solutions of the trouble in Hawaii—the restoration of the old order of things by placing the queen upon the throne, annexation or a protectorate.

Mr. Hitt of Illinois, formerly chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, says that the difficulty of dealing with the Hawaiian problem is one which could not be overestimated. With the Chinese trouble in this country and the additional questions which the annexation of the islands would raise, not only in regard to Chinese, but Japanese and the natives of the islands, there would naturally be much deliberation before the islands could be annexed as a territory and intended for statehood. It would be the height of absurdity to try and set up the old queen and restore her to power. To establish a protectorate would mean to abandon a republican form of government for the islands, as a protectorate would not mean that this government would offer its protection alone, but that it intended as well to govern the islands as a possession. If a protectorate were established this government would have to have the affairs of the islands conducted in a manner which would be satisfactory and not be governed by what might be the popular will of the people who now inhabit the islands. It is necessary to control the islands. They are worth more to the United States than a fleet of ten of the best vessels afloat, as they are the Malta of the Pacific ocean.

Mr. Hitt, while presenting the difficulties in the way of securing the islands, is not without a scheme which he thinks would be satisfactory. He says the islands could be acquired as a military and naval station and be governed as such by the United States. The reason the United States wants the islands is the same that induced this country to build war vessels and establish military posts. They are wanted for war purposes and, if acquired as such, could be governed without disturbing existing conditions or submitting the islands to the rule of the most populous and yet ignorant classes of the islands.