PORTUGUESE PROCESSION—HEADED BY THE BAND THEY MAKE A FINE APPEARANCE.

Just before the speeches began a large number of Portuguese marshed down Richard street, headed by their own band. A large number of torches were carried, and also transparencies, on which the following mottoes were conspicuous: “Progresso, uniao, libertado,” “No monarchy in ours,” “P. G. and Portuguese, we're the 400,” “Liberty or death,” “Liberty and union,” “America is our goal,” and others of a like nature. They took up their position on the corner of King and Richard streets, where they stood during the speaking.

THE SPEECHES.—WHAT WAS SAID BY THE SPEAKERS OF THE EVENING.

The immense throng that crowded around the speakers' platform long before the time set for the speeches to begin was amply rewarded by hearing what followed. Eloquent orations of the Provisional Government were applauded by the audience, and great enthusiasm was shown by the audience. Never has such a crowd been seen at a mass meeting in Honolulu. In the right-hand part of the stand was the place reserved for the speakers and a few other prominent men. On the left, the press stand, occupied by representatives of the local press and the foreign correspondents.

Mr. ATHERTON, the chairman of the evening, spoke as follows:

“Fellow Citizens: The last mass meeting of citizens and others in this city was held on the 26th of November, 1893. It was called to protest against the action of Mr. Cleveland, and was large and enthusiastic. The protest was emphatic. Contrary to the expectation of Grover Cleveland, the publication of Gresham's letter bound together the men who had imperiled not only their lives, but their property and their fortunes, in an effort to establish a good, an honest, and a strong government in Hawaii. The same men have come together again to-night, though not in the same place nor for the same purpose. We are here to celebrate the anniversary of the Provisional Government. It has been on trial for a full year, and in spite of prophecies it has stood firm and has been sustained by the best and the most trustworthy men in Hawaii. The future is in the hands of men whom we can trust. The Government is morally and financially sound, and upheld as it is by strong hands and willing hearts, it will live and prosper, until in the providence of God it shall be absorbed in the great American Union.”

J. B. CASTLE: “Fellow annexationists: It seems to me that there is but little to say, but that little should be said in tones to reverberate through the ages of Hawaii's future, in tones which will reach our children's children. These truths, if citizens of the future State of Hawaii, others can believe better than I, but two thoughts have come to me. One year ago to-day noon, we stood on a platform with two planks—the abolition of the monarchy and absorption into the United States. On the 24th day of last month the Provisional Government drove the last nail in the.