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"Silver Dick" Bland Says It is Not Territorial Expansion.

HE STANDS BY THE DOMESTIC ISSUE.

Makes Silver Paramount—He Would Not Have Free Trade Even Accepted for Wants the Financial Question Cured.

Springfield, Mo., Aug. 10.—If there evidence were lacking that Congressman Bland and his Democratic colleagues from Texas in the terrorized state are not in favor of the annexation of Hawaii and such a policy, it is not to be found in the speeches made in Kansas City by Bland and Lanham. Both of these gentlemen have been in the Hawaiian fight from the beginning, and it was they who adopted resolutions in behalf of Bland's free silver policy, and it is Bland's policy will be made with no equivocation and no qualification, and notwithstanding the opposite claim it is quoted by prominent politicians that the expressed opinion of Bland and Lanham is in favor of annexation, Bland said in his address at Springfield that he was elected when Congress is in session when Congressman R. P. Hill of the Fifth district, who is a strong annexationist, will be in charge of the Democratic side of the house of representatives, and Speaker Reed, who is a strong annexationist, will be in the chair representing the Republicans. Bland said: "Now, I am not in favor of the annexation of Hawaii, which I think would be a mistake."

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