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THE MORNING KISS.

Up at the window a frost of dew
Held away by a wisp, white hand,
Down below in the dewy dew,
Sweet as thought of fairy land,
Down below in the dewy dew,
Waiting a woman, a manly form,
Slightly dazed the wiser form,
Quick! the car is coming in sight!
One swift glance at the face above,
Drooping now with a wisp of dew,
Answering back that look of love,
"Waiting, papa?" the darling cry,
Pure as the dew on the morning dew,
Sweet as the dew on the morning dew,
He to the car without a word,
And to the car of a busy day,
She to her lover and burning hymn,
Prayed together by the dewy dew,
Of the dewy dew of the dewy dew,
She with a wisp of dewy dew,
That the dew of a wisp of dew,
He in the wisp of a wisp of dew,
Even where the wisp of dewy dew,
Feels the dew of the wisp of dew,
"See the dewy dew of the dewy dew,
Well for him that the dewy dew,
Clear when he lifts the dewy dew,
Well that the dewy dew of the dewy dew,
Never the dewy dew to come.

REMINISCENCES OF HONOLULU.

In the summer of 1856 a rather rancorous controversy was carried on in the two papers published in Honolulu—the *Polytechnic* and the *Advertiser*—all about the licensing by the government of the Royal Hotel, on the corner of Nuuanu and Merchant streets. It appeared that Mr. John Macey, who built the hotel after purchasing the site from Stephen Reynolds, in 1855, did so with the understanding that it was within the limits fixed by the privy council for the licensing of liquor shops. When the "Sailors' Home" society proceeded to build on the same block (known as the Bethel Block) also in 1855, the fact that the Royal Hotel was to be opened soon was stated at a meeting of the trustees, and created a great deal of dissatisfaction. They did not by any means approve of the opening of such an establishment in such close proximity to the Home, for they believed it would tend to thwart its usefulness. A committee was appointed to call on the minister of the interior and request that no spirit licenses might be granted on the Bethel square. Responsible members of the committee stated to the minister (Prince Kamehameha was acting in that capacity) that they would assume the purchase of the party who had bought the lot if he desired, so anxious were they that no license should be granted at that location. They were informed that a license had been promised to Macey for one year, but that the department was under no obligation to renew it for another year. At the same time the minister recommended that the trustees of the Home should petition the King in privy council for an ordinance prohibiting the granting of licenses for the sale of spirits or beer on the Bethel block after the expiration of Macey's license. Such an ordinance was passed in May, 1855. A year afterward this ordinance was repealed and a new license was granted to Macey. Of course there was a great deal of indignation felt and expressed by the Sailors' Home Society, at what they considered a breach of faith on the part of the government. They memorialized the minister on the subject. They were informed that there was a prior obligation to Macey upon the fact of which he had made his investments; that to deny him application for a license would be to ruin him, and that the ordinance of May, 1855, was really void as far as Macey was concerned, by reason of the previous pledge to him; that it should not have been enacted; that no injury could result to the Home by the granting of the license, as the distance to the other hotels was a little greater; and that the power to revoke its own ordinances was vested in the council, when other parties were not injured thereby.

The *Advertiser* had long and bitter editorials against the action of the council and the minister, and declared its belief "from facts which have come to our knowledge" that the minister reluctantly acted only on the urging of Mr. Wylie. Thereupon the latter demanded of Mr. Whitney the name and address of the party responsible for such editorial statements. Mr. Wylie replied that he was responsible. Mr. Wylie informed Mr. Whitney that unless he, as a Christian and gentleman, clearly and unequivocally retracted and apologized for his imputations, he should afford him an opportunity to prove them in a libel suit. Mr. Whitney rejoined that as Mr. Wylie had charged him with an attempt to defame and calumniate, he allowed until 12 o'clock that day to withdraw the charge. The last of this petty correspondence (which was all published in the *Advertiser*) was a letter from Mr. Wylie, in which he told Mr. Whitney that he felt no hostility toward him, but that any further communication must be through "Alexander Campbell, Esq., who is my attorney in this case." But after all the bad feeling and hard words, there was no lawsuit, and time has shown that it really was of no great consequence whether Macey's license, about which so much noise was made, was granted or not.

July 19, 1876, a charter was granted to "The Hawaiian Medical Society," consisting of Wm. Hillebrand, G. F. Judd, George A. Lathrop, Robert McKinnin, T. C. B. Cooke, R. W. Wood, Ed. Hoffman, Charles F. Gullion, Seth B. Ford, Thomas Welch, and their associates and successors. The first (and last) officers of the society were: Dr. W. Wood, president; Dr. William Hillebrand, vice-president; Dr. Charles Gullion, secretary; and Dr. Ed. Hoffman, treasurer. Its object was "the encouragement and cultivation of medical science, and the advancement of the interests and usefulness of the medical profession." But, as might naturally be expected in a small community like this, private interests prevented the coherence or perpetuity of the society, and it passed away.

About this time several attempts were made to introduce oysters here, from California. These attempts were not very successful. Several lots which were brought from California at different times at the expense of Prince Lot Kamehameha, J. C. Spalding, and Dr. S. P. Ford, nearly all died before reaching Honolulu. A few were planted at Ewa, a few miles from the city, but I don't if they survived.

During the month of October an educated young Englishman, who had been involved in his verandah to join the Mormon at Salt Lake, visited Honolulu, and at the request of a number of prominent residents, was induced to give several lectures in the Bethel, detailing his experience among the Saints. He drew large and attentive audiences; and he also drew out a defense of the Mormons in the public papers from one E. Partridge. Mr. Jon Hyde (his name was John, but he affected a phonic style of spelling) had in his lectures shown up the queer polygamous doings of Brigham Young and the leading Saints, and Mr. Partridge, who was one of the Mormon missionaries here in the Islands, retorted by asserting that Mr. Hyde himself had a few months before preached in favor of polygamy. Thereupon Hyde rejoined, admitting the truth of the accusation, but declaring that he had seen the error of his ways.

November 13th, the Chinese merchants of Honolulu and Lahaina, combined, gave a grand ball to their Majesties the King and Queen, in honor of their recent marriage. It took place at the court house, and was pronounced to be the most splendid affair of the kind ever seen in Honolulu. It cost the Chinese the sum of \$3,700. The names of the committee of arrangements were: Asing, Young Sheng, C. F. Saming, Uai and Ahee, Achi, and Alop. The opening quadrille was thus made up: Her Majesty the Queen and Mr. Young Sheng; the King and Mrs. Gregg; Princess Kaahumanu and Mons. Perrin; Prince Kamehameha and Mrs. R. Bishop; Mr. Wylie and Miss Hamlin; Captain Harvey, R. N., and Mrs. Anthon; Captain Gilmore, French navy, and Mrs. Henry Rhodes; Mr. Alog and Mrs. W. C. Parker; Mr. Ahee and Mrs. Coady; Mr. Gee Woo and Mrs. Albrich. Whenever the Chinese undertake anything of this sort there is nothing more stirring in the way of expenditure, and this first and best Chinese ball was gotten up in lavish style. The pastry and sweetmeats provided were something wonderful in variety and quantity, and two of the items for supper were six whole sheep roasted and 120 chickens. The affair was the talk of the town for a month after.

November 24th, the whaling *Nauikan*, Captain Lee, of New Bedford, while in tow of the tug *Dee*, went on shore in a severe squall from the south, on the rock at the entrance of Honolulu harbor known as the middle ground, where she soon bogged. She was hoisted bound, and had on board 2,300 barrels whale oil and 8,800 pounds of bone, all of which was saved. The wreck was sold at auction for \$795, to Captain Thomas Spencer.

December 9th, the whaling bark *Prodent*, of Greenport, was discovered to have been scuttled at anchor in the harbor, having five and a half feet of water in her hold. On pumping her out a single auger-hole was discovered in the bottom. Nine of the crew were arrested and locked up in the Fort for examination, but nothing appeared to implicate either of them.

December 28th, the Fort-street Church, Rev. J. D. Strong, pastor, was formally dedicated as a place of public worship. The church and society had for several years been granted by the local government the front of the court house. December 25th, Christmas Day, was also, by proclamation of the King, Hawaiian Thanksgiving Day. A sermon was preached in the Bethel by the Rev. W. S. Turner, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

LATE FOREIGN NEWS.

The following items of foreign news are collected from San Francisco exchanges to the 9th ult. ... Col. Robert Ingersoll thinks General Sherman may be the next President of the United States. Charges against engineer Melville of the *Jeanette* expedition are to be investigated. ... The reduction in the national debt for October was about \$15,250,000. ... Rear Admiral Charles H. P. Smith was appointed, Nov. 5th of appoplexy. He entered the service in 1827, and was retired in 1870. ... Mr. Edison's patents now number 397—the most granted to one man. ... Rear Admiral Shufeldt has settled down to work as a member of the Naval Advisory Board. Shufeldt, when in China, was offered the highly important position of Admiral of the fleet and Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Navy. The position is one of large power, important duties, and great influence. The offer was declined, although the tender was made in the most flattering terms. ... It is understood that the American Government will be invited to name the President of the International Commission, to be organized to determine the value of the property destroyed in the burning and bombardment of Alexandria. ... The London *Pioneer* of November 8th states: "Among the minor effects of the Democratic gains in Tuesday's election in the United States, there had been transactions in Confederate bonds of considerable amount during the past few days that have increased in extent at present quotations. ... A complete organization of the National Guard of Peru is ordered. ... The Chinese republic is obliging all the citizens to enlist. ... The law in Mexico abolishing the export duty on money has gone into effect. ... Germany and Russia are strongly fortifying their contiguous territory. ... Admiral Seymour has been made a Peer, with the title of Baron of Alcester. ... The armament of the Russian army against Germany and Austria is being carried on with great activity. General Tollsten has overlooked the construction of formidable fortifications at Breslau, near Gosenow. There is apparently a large and well equipped camp upon the right bank of the river Bug. The manipulations of military forces and the daring, open manner in which the preparations are being conducted create the utmost uneasiness among all classes. ... At a meeting of the Longfellow Memorial committee in London it was unanimously resolved that a loan of Longfellow be placed in the poet's corner of Westminster Abbey. ... The *Voltaire* says ex-Emperor Eugenie has made her will in favor of Prince Victor Eugenio. ... The Russian fortifications of Graje have assumed such formidable proportions and appear so much to threaten Germany that it has been considered necessary for Germany to fortify her contiguous territory, which she has done. The frontier armament of both empires are now nearly completed. ... Destructive gales and inundations continue throughout England. In some places the grain crops have suffered complete destruction. ... The Russian police have been officially notified of a conspiracy at Palaua for a rising of the peasantry. This is the next of 300 conspirators most of whom, when an attempt was made for their capture by the police, escaped by jumping from windows. ... A report has been received stating that the Danish Arctic exploring expedition has met with a serious disaster by the wreck of their steamer *Drogden* on the Siberian coast. A strong and gale was blowing, having sprung up in Russia since the death of the last czar.

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