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REMINISCENCES OF HONOLULU.

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On August 14, 1858, another Honolulu resident died on board the packet *Fanny Major*, on the passage from San Francisco—Robert Clouston, agent of the Hudson Bay Company, aged 36. Mr. Clouston was a Scotchman by birth, a quiet, shrewd, business man, and much liked in the community. In former years the Hudson Bay Company did an extensive business at Honolulu, the bulk of our European goods being imported by them. Their stand was near the corner of Queen and Fort streets, now occupied by the Beaver Block of Mr. Campbell. George Pelly was the agent when I first arrived here in 1846—a gouty, choleric, brandy and port-drinking specimen of the old-time British merchant. After a few years he retired and was succeeded by Mr. Clouston. After the death of the latter gentleman, the company's affairs at the Islands were gradually closed up.

On the 2d of June, the schooner *Kalama*, chartered by the government, sailed on a secret expedition; it was suspected, however, in search of guano islands to the westward. She returned to port July 12th; but the secresy was still kept up as to the result of her cruise. Rumor had it, however, that two islands had been visited, on which were immense guano deposits. In the early part of September, the following appeared in the *Polynesian*, under the head of "By Authority:"

"PROCLAMATION.—Whereas, on the 14th day of June, 1858, Cornwallis Island in lat. 16° 43' north, and long. 169° 33' west from Greenwich, and on the 19th day of the same month of June, 1858, Kalama Islands in lat. 16° 44' north, and long. 169° 21' west, were taken possession of, with the usual formalities, by Samuel C. Allen, Esquire, he being duly authorized to do so, in the name of Kamehameha IV., King of the Hawaiian Islands. Therefore, this is to give notice that the said Islands so taken possession of are henceforth to be considered and respected as part of the domain of the King of the Hawaiian Islands. Published pursuant to an order by the King in Privy Council, on the 27th day of July, 1858."

Here was an extension of the realm of Hawaii by annexation, pure and simple. But it was claimed that an American schooner, on a guano searching expedition, had, in the previous month of March, visited and taken possession of Cornwallis Island, leaving a flag-staff with the American flag on it, which, it was asserted, the *Kalama's* party tore down and hoisted the Hawaiian flag in its place. This was emphatically denied by Mr. Allen and the master of the *Kalama*. On October 7th of the same year, a notice appeared in the San Francisco *Herald*, signed by "L. Haskell, agent of the Hawaiian Guano Company," reitering the foregoing proclamation, and declaring that "the Hawaiian government will unquestionably give any protection required by the company which is preparing to export guano from the islands described in the proclamation of the King." This last assurance of "protection" by our government, caused no little amusement at the time, at the expense of the officials who were understood to be the prime movers in this guano-hunting expedition. But, as the deposits turned out to be useless, the whole affair died out and was forgotten. Still, it may fairly be allowed that the two islands then formally annexed are still a "part of the domain of the King of the Hawaiian Islands."

During September and October, we had a fine view of the comet of 1858, known as Donati's comet, from the Italian astronomer who first saw it. It appeared in the northwest and was traveling rapidly towards the sun, with a tail about fifteen degrees in length.

October 4th, being the first day of the term of the Supreme Court, Asher B. Bates, District Attorney of Oahu (there was then a Government District Attorney for each Island), on behalf of the members of the bar and officers of the court, presented to the Supreme Court the portrait of William L. Lee, late Chief Justice, which now adorns the court-room.

It used to be a common remark here, based upon experience, that most people who had once resided for any length of time on the Islands, were pretty sure, after going away ostensively forever, to come back again. This was illustrated in the fall of 1858 by the return to Lahaina of G. D. Gilman, a somewhat noted ship-chandler, who, after making for years lots of money out of the whaling fleet, had gone back to his native Boston—but not to stay. His shingle, G. D. Gilman & Co., was promptly out on the 1st of October, to greet the incoming fleet of whalers, with whom "G—d Gilman," as the skippers somewhat profanely dubbed him, was very popular. At the same time returned from a trip "home," Peter H. Treadway, Sheriff of Lahaina, the genial, fun-loving, story-telling Peter; and Capt. Stephen Bailey, a retired whaleman, who was a sort of left-handed agent for whaleship owners, and who knew to the minutest particular everything that could be known about each ship in the fleet and those on board, from the skipper down, a perfect encyclopædia in this respect. Seated in Charles L. Richard & Co.'s store (now A. W. Peirce & Co.'s), amid a circle of yarn-spinning shipmasters, "Steve Bailey" always had the most to say, and his *dicta* on disputed points were considered final.

In October, 1858, John H. Brown was appointed Sheriff of the Island of Oahu, in place of H. S. Swinton, resigned.

October 12, our residents were treated to the then unusual sight of a steam ship of war, in the arrival from Callao of the U. S. S. *Merrimac*, Flag Officer John C. Long, in command of the Pacific squadron. She was a fine specimen of the style of naval architecture then in favor—a three-decker, carrying 40 guns, Dahlgren and Paixhans. This was the same vessel which had the now historical fight with the *Monitor* in Hampton roads, a battle which brought about a world-wide revolution in naval construction.

The eigth annual meeting of the Royal Hawaiian Agricultural Society took place at the court house, October 29th, when an address was delivered by the retiring president, R. C. Wyllie, and the report of the corresponding secretary, Dr. Hillebrand, was read. The society was gradually falling into decay. The receipts for the year, exclusive of an annual government grant of $500, amounted to only $318.19, and the membership had fallen to sixty-seven. The society had $2350 invested on good security. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, John Montgomery; Vice-Presidents—for Oahu—Prince L. Kamehameha, Robert Moffitt; Hawaii—Rev. W. C. Shipman; Maui—James Makee; Kauai—R. W. Woods; Treasurer, James W. Austin; Corresponding Secretary, W. Hillebrand; Recording Secretary, E. O. Hall; Executive Committee—J. H. Wood, Dr. Charles F. Guillon, A. B. Bates, His Ex. D. L. Gregg, and J. Fuller.

The Rev. Eli Corwin, who with his wife had arrived from California October 20th, was on the 31st installed as pastor over the Fort-Street Church, in place of the Rev. E. G. Beckwith, who was called to a San Francisco church.

November 1st, Barnum W. Field, who had been a graduate of the old Honolulu house of S. H. Williams & Co., importers and general merchants, retired from the business which he had carried on for several years, and was succeeded by Capt. Benjamin F. Snow, in the coral stone store now occupied by Hyman Bros. on Merchant street.

It may be interesting at this date to enumerate the principal business firms of Honolulu in 1858. These were:

C. A. & H. F. Poor, importers and commission merchants, located in the second story of Makee's Block.

C. L. Richards & Co., ship chandlers, stone store directly opposite the above. The firm consisted of Mr. Richards and H. W. Severance, now Hawaiian Consul at San Francisco.

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George S. Howe, lumber merchant.

Godfrey Rhodes, wholesale wines and spirits.

Ritson & Hart, wholesale wines and spirits.

A. S. & M. S. Grinbaum, clothing.

The medicos were Drs. Hoffmann, McKibbin (senior), Guillon, Ford; and among lawyers, we had C. C. Harris, R. G. Davis, J. W. Austin, J. E. Chamberlain, John Montgomery, and A. B. Bates.

An interesting visitor arrived at Honolulu on the 7th of November, 1858. This was the United States surveying schooner *Fennimore Cooper*, Lieut.-Commander John M. Brooke. The object of the expedition was to examine and locate the reefs and shoals which had long been represented on charts of the Pacific as existing on the route between San Francisco and China. The work was undertaken by the American government in view of the future establishment—which was even then talked about—of a line of steamers to China, in connection with that other stupendous undertaking, then still in embryo, the Pacific Railroad. The *Cooper* had thoroughly sounded on the way from San Francisco to the Islands, using the deep-sea sounding apparatus of which Lieut. Brooke was the inventor, and with which the telegraph plateau across the Atlantic was mapped out, leading to the successful laying of the Atlantic cable. Between the coast of California and these Islands, the least depth of water reported by the *Cooper* was two miles. This, the lieutenant thought, was an elevation of the bottom or a submarine range of mountains, lying about midway between these Islands and the Coast. With this exception, the depth was quite uniform. These Islands were found to rise very abruptly from deep water, and a depth of two miles was found within a very short distance of Hawaii. The *Cooper*, after a short stay at the Islands of several weeks, including a short surveying cruise to the westward, proceeded to examine the usual route of vessels bound to China, touching at Guam and Japan. She was afterwards reported as lost at Hakodadi, but her records, I think, were saved. Some of our old residents will remember her officers as very pleasant gentlemen of education. Lieutenant Thorburn, the second in command, was a member of the government commission which surveyed the overland route between San Antonio, Texas, and San Diego. Mr. Kern, the draughtsman, accompanied Fremont on his celebrated journey to California over the Rocky Mountains in 1845. Kern River was discovered by and named after this gentleman.

H. L. S.

Says the *American Mail and Export Journal:* "The wealth proper of the United States has increased from $31,200,000,000 in 1870, to $42,000,000,000 in 1880, equal to 35 per cent. This increase is credited to the different divisions of the Union in the following proportions: 40 per cent. to the Western States; 36 per cent. to the Middle States, and 24 per cent. to the remainder of the country. In the comparison of wealth with population, there is a remarkable diversity. For example, New England, with 8 per cent. of the population, has 12 per cent. of the wealth; the Middle States, with 23 per cent. of the population, have 40 per cent. of the wealth, and the Southern States, with 30 per cent. of the population have only 10 per cent. of the wealth. The Western States have 35 per cent. of the population and 34 per cent. of the wealth, and the Pacific States about 4 per cent. of each. These calculations are based on the census report of 1880, and are not trustworthy except when applied to the period to which they relate. Since 1880 the United States has advanced rapidly in the matter of wealth.

The contemplated trip to California of Charles A. Dana and Simon Cameron and families, who are said to intend visiting the Islands, is delayed by the illness of Cameron's son. They will start soon, traveling by the Southern Pacific.

A trade journal says: Sugar machinery is in active demand in Kansas; the development of the sugar industry promises to exceed the most sanguine hopes of the friends of American Industrial development.

According to the *Globe*, the government has again declined to reduce the duty on foreign sugar. Meanwhile the price has risen so much in Russia that it pays to ship thither in spite of the high duty.

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Assets, - $13,500,000.
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