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REMINISCENCES OF HONOLULU.

LXI.

During the fall season of 1858, a noteworthy instance occurred of the old-time disposition of foreign officials to make trouble with the Hawaiian government. The French waleship *Napoleon III* was wrecked in the Arctic Ocean, and the crew were rescued and taken on board American ships. Among the rest, a seaman named Francis de Flanchet, was received on board the *Nassau* of New Bedford, where he remained until that ship's return to Honolulu, working like one of the crew in the meantime. Arrived here, he agreed to continue on the vessel, and shipped as boatsteerer, before Mr. Pratt, the American Consul, the master contracting to give him that rate of share for the past season. But the day after shipping he went to the residence of Mr. Perrin, the French Consul, where he was provided with lodgings. He did not return to the *Nassau* for two days, whereupon he was reported to the police as a deserter, and arrested under the law. A writ of *habeas corpus* was applied for by the French Consul, and De Flanchet brought before the Chief Justice (the late E. H. Allen). The decision, which was quite a lengthy one, in view of the importance of the principles involved, reviewed the facts in the case, referred to standard English and American authorities, and finally concluded that the seaman De Flanchet was legally shipped on the *Nassau;* that he was in every sense of the word a deserter; that the warrant of arrest was legal; that in civil rights aliens are not on the same footing as native subjects; that the penal laws of any nation cannot extend beyond the territory of that nation, and can have no force to control the rights or sovereignty of another nation; and, finally, that in a case of this kind comity does not require a government to interfere for the benefit of the subjects of one nation to the prejudice of those of another. On the right of seamen to ship under any flag, I quote one paragraph from this decision:

> There can be no doubt of the general principle of law, that any man has a right, who lands on these shores, to make a contract to serve on board of a vessel of any nation, so far as the law of the place is concerned, and that a contract, fairly and properly made, is obligatory on the parties, unless the seaman makes it in derogation of a prior contract.

Mr. Perrin took an appeal from the decision of the Chief Justice to the full bench, resulting in a confirmation, delivered by Associate Justice Robertson; whereupon the Consul betook himself to diplomatic correspondence, which, however, came to nothing. De Flanchet was delivered by the Marshal on board the *Nassau* and went to sea in her, as contented as he always had been, aside from the causeless interference of the Consul.

The sugar-planting enterprise in these Islands—considering the proportions to which it has arrived in these days—may be said to have been in its infancy in 1858. The following is a list of plantations in actual operation during that year, and the estimate product of each in tons:

Koloa, Kauai	250 tons.
Lihue, Kauai	230 "
East Maui	200 "
Brewer, Maui	200 "
Papaiko, Hilo	120 "
Pue, Hilo	200 "
Poka, Hilo	200 "

Besides these, there were in progress:—

Haiku Plantation, Maui—estimated product	200 tons.
Makee, Maui	150 "
Metcalf, Hilo	250 "

Ten plantations in all, with an estimated product of 2000 tons. To-day we number eighty-nine plantations and mills, with an estimated product for the present year of 68,000 tons.

The Haiku Sugar Company was incorporated in November of this year, the charter for fifty years, the capital being fixed at $50,000, which might be increased to $200,000. The first officers elected were: G. M. Robertson, president; Rev. R. Armstrong, vice-president (Mr. A. owned 2000 acres of land at Haiku); Joseph Jackson, secretary; H. J. H. Holdsworth, treasurer; Samuel Savidge, auditor.

There died at Kailua, Hawaii, November 29th, T. Charles Byde Rooke, M. D., Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, adoptive father of Queen Emma, and member of the Hawaiian Privy Council of State, aged 52 years, a resident of these islands for thirty-one years. Dr. Rooke was a native of Hertfordshire, England, educated in London. He took his degree as surgeon in 1826, and the same year engaged as doctor of a South Sea whaler, the *Ophelia*, in which vessel he arrived at these Islands in 1827. At that time Kamehameha was yet a minor, and Kaahumanu, as regent, was the real sovereign. It was during that year that the first printed sheet of the Gospel in the Hawaiian language was struck off at the mission office in Kawaiahao. "The nation was yet vigorous, and but few of the superfluities as well as vices of the foreigner had become planted here; disease had not made its devastating inroads upon the population, and the Islands undoubtedly presented great inducements as a residence to a young man just from college and but just arrived at his majority, as was the case with Dr. Rooke. Getting a discharge from his vessel, he set up the practice of his profession in Honolulu, which he continued uninterruptedly until a year or two previous to his death. Among the natives his practice was very extensive, though far from lucrative, as he freely gave his medicines and advice to the indigent sick without money and without price. The chiefs looked upon him as their counselor and adviser in health as well as in sickness." Though thoroughly English, he was much of a cosmopolitan in his sentiments and associates, and was deservedly popular with all classes. A few years after his arrival he married Grace Kamaikui Young, one of the daughters of John Young, the friend of Kamehameha I. She survived the doctor, dying several years since, without issue. Her Majesty the Dowager Queen Emma, a daughter of his wife's sister, was adopted and brought up by him.

Another somewhat noteworthy death about this time was that of an old Tahitian, known by the natives as "Tute," and by foreigners as Mr. Cook. He had reached the venerable age of 77, having been born at Huaheine, one of the Society Islands, in 1781. He was of a chief family, connected with Pomare Vairaatoa, the king, and was named for the celebrated navigator, Captain Cook. When quite young he was converted under the ministry of the Rev. Mr. Barff, the English missionary. In the year 1825, Kalaimoku, Kaahumanu's man of business, sent a request to King Pomare for a native missionary, and Cook was selected, and arrived here in the following year. He maintained the character throughout his long residence of a faithful laborer. During the last ten years of his life he held the office of King's Chaplain. He left at his death two daughters and several grandchildren, but I am unable to say whether they are living now.

The Legislature met December 6th, according to adjournment, June 28th, and took up the main business of the session, which was the consideration of the Civil Code as reported by the joint committee of conference that had been sitting during the recess. The session was finally brought to a close on the 4th of May. Besides the codes the principal laws passed in 1858–9 were: to promote fencing, to prevent the larceny of animals, to provide for the sale or lease of the government printing press, to incorporate the Hawaiian Steam Navigation Company, granting certain privileges to the proposed Honolulu Gas Company, relating to the enlistment of native seamen, to provide hospitals for Hawaiians in Honolulu and elsewhere, for the protection of kolea or plover and other useful birds, to provide a further supply of water for Honolulu, to authorize a charter of incorporation to a Cemetery Association for Honolulu, imposing a hospital tax on passengers from abroad, etc. The appropriation bill for the two years ending March 31, 1860, footed up the sum of $649,411.09. The civil list figured $52,423, and the military $49,218.

The number of whalers at these Islands for the year 1858 was 218, an increase of 53 over that of the previous year. The total season's catch as reported was 130,795 barrels whale oil and 1,667,700 pounds of bone.

December 23d, Charles R. Bishop was appointed a member of the Privy Council.

The "Honolulu Lyceum," which as before stated grew out of a juvenile debating society, was a flourishing institution in 1858. They met in the room of the hook and ladder company, and their debates and discussions were well attended and quite interesting. At the election in January, 1859, the officers elected were E. A. Heydon, President; Wm. Fetters, Vice-President; Samuel C. Armstrong, Secretary; F. Bindt, Treasurer; J. E. Chamberlain, editor of the *Anonymous*, a manuscript monthly, the contents of which were contributed by members.

January 20th, 1859, died James W. Marsh, a native of Burlington, Vermont, aged 30 years. Mr. Marsh was a lawyer by profession, for which he was eminently qualified by a thorough legal training. He fell a victim of consumption having come to the Islands too late for recovery.

January 17th, R. G. Davis was appointed Police Magistrate of Honolulu in place of J. P. Griswold who resigned to return to the States. Mr. Griswold had for several years very acceptably filled the offie, being a thorough lawyer as well as an accomplished gentleman. Mr. Davis was a half-caste educated in Boston, whither he was taken when a child. He had been in mercantile pursuits, failing in which he took up the study of the law. In this, his thorough previous education and his natural talents availed to make him a first class lawyer. He subsequently rose to the position of Second Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. In those days, twenty years ago, when in the fall of the year we frequently had as many as a hundred foreign ships in this port at one time, the post of Police Magistrate was one of the most laborious under the government.

The total value of imports at these Islands for the year 1858, was $1,089,660.60, over $40,000 less than that of the previous year; the exports amounted to $787,082.08 (including some $257,000 worth of oil and bone), an increase over the previous year of $141,550.98. The exports of sugar footed up 1,204,061 lbs, an increase over 1857 of 503,505 lbs, while of coffee we sent abroad only 58,121 lbs against 311,807 lbs in 1857. The blight in Kona and elsewhere was the cause of this great falling off in coffee, and the plantations have never since recovered from its withering effects.

It was in January, 1889, that the people of Honolulu congratulated themselves on the prospect, which appeared certainly very favorable, of having the city streets, as well as private houses, lighted with gas. A Mr. W. H. Tiffany, of San Francisco, an exceedingly "well-spoken man," brought hither a few articles of machinery, etc., for the proposed gas works, which were actually begun on a lot leased for that purpose near the corner of King and Maunakea streets, now occupied by Chinese, where I think some of the brick work still remains. An act was passed by the Legislature, then in session, giving to the Honolulu Gas Company the exclusive privilege of erecting works, laying pipes and supplying the city with gas for 15 years, and their machinery, apparatus, etc., was to be admitted free of duty. Some of our citizens embarked in the enterprise, to a considerable amount it was believed, and Mr. Tiffany, the president, went away to San Francisco to procure the necessary "plant." He has not yet returned.

H. L. S.

The roasted yam is intimately connected with the history of Georgian hospitality—a hospitality as genial and as patient as the Virginian variety. There is a legend to the effect that a stranger wandering over the red roads of Middle Georgia on a winter's night, saw a light gleaming ahead and soon heard the welcome barking of dogs. A comfortable looking cabin stood by the roadside, and this the wayfarer saluted with a "Hello" at once peremptory and plaintive. The response was prompt and hearty. The stranger's horse was turned loose in the yard, and a piggin full of corn placed at his disposal. The stranger himself was pulled into the house, and implored to make himself at home. Huge logs blazed on the hearth, and upon one side, underneath a massive, bow-legged andiron, was a pyramid of embers. An appetizing fragrance filled the air. Around the fire a number of rosy-cheeked, bright-eyed children were squattting. Mother, fat and contented, smoked her pipe in the corner, and an enormous cat sat by her, lazily watching the sparks as they disappeared in the black cavern of the chimney. There was not a chair to be seen, but the genial host was equal to the emergency. "Pull up a punkin, stranger, an' help us skin a tater." With that he rolled a pumpkin from under the bed, the stranger seated himself as gracefully as possible, the pyramid of ashes was torn down, the smoking yams were drawn forth, and just such another delightful meal as that—where hospitality cheered on the appetite that yearned for the savory sweets of the roasted yam—has never been chronicled.

This legend has given Georgia hopitality its watchword and motto, "Come right in, stranger! Pull up a punkin an' help us skin a tater!" And it may be said here that hospitality could not more completely justify itself than by making the roasted yam the basis of its offering.

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The above Insurance Company, has established a General Agency here, and the undersigned, General Agents, are authorized to take risks against the dangers of the Seas at the most reasonable rates and on the most favorable terms.

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Capital of the Company.....francs 5,000,000,000
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Unlimited Liability to Stockholders.
Assets.....$31,836,100
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INCOME FOR 1879:
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Insurance Notices.

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Total.....Reichsmark 107,650,000
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Assets, - $13,500,000. 1
Losses paid through Hnolulu Agency, $49,000

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Subscribed Capital - - - - $5,000,000
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