

THE STAR LIBEL SUIT.

IT GOES OVER UNTIL NEXT SATURDAY.

Gen. Hartwell's Able Argument on a Demurrer—A Discussion of the Libel Law.

District Court Magistrate Foster this afternoon took up the case of the Provisional Government vs. Dr. J. S. McGrew, editor in chief of the STAR, for criminal libel preferred by Edmund Norrie. Attorney Creighton had a warrant issued by Deputy Magistrate W. Luther Wilcox last night although he had to go two miles out to Kalihi to get it. This attorney also tried to persuade Judge Wilcox to insist on a bond of \$500. The Judge refused the request and Dr. McGrew was permitted to go on his own recognizance. The case was called up for examination this morning, but A. P. Peterson, Norrie's attorney, failed to put in an appearance, and Creighton, Peterson's law partner did not choose to conduct the case on account of some personal relations with Dr. McGrew.

This afternoon the case was brought up again and a demurrer entered by Mr. Hartwell, Dr. McGrew's lawyer, which was argued and submitted to the magistrate, who announced that he would give his decision Saturday morning.

Mr. Hartwell demurred to the charge on the ground that no libel was shown. He argued "that no inference could be drawn from any of the language charged as libellous of any malicious publication of that which directly tends to injure the fame, reputation or good name of Mr. Norrie and to bring (him) into disgrace, abhorrence, odium, hatred, contempt or ridicule," these being the statutory requirements of a libel.

"Malice or ill will alone, if any could be shown, will not make a libel out of an expression which is not libellous. It is absurd and trivial to say that any man's fame, reputation or good name would be, or ought to be, injured by saying that he was in this saloon at the time of the alleged row, and so of calling Norrie a 'Royalist hanger-on of the Holomua.' Is that a libel in the view of this complainant?"

"It all comes down to the words that 'he got the contents of a spittoon.' It is not stated that he got them in the face. To say that a man that another spat in his face and that there was the end of the affair, might be libellous. But to say that a spat upon B's shoes, especially if there is no inference of design—on the contrary, of accident—is not libelling B. No libellous inference can fairly be drawn from the words charged."

"The Court now has to decide whether the words are a libel or not. 'To make out criminal libels on such trivial, frivolous, absurd grounds, and set courts and juries to work trying such puerile matters would tend to reduce the administration of justice itself to contempt.'"

"To obtain the issue of warrants by night for the arrest of gentlemen in this city on such charges as this, shows that the malice is all on the side of the complainant."

The counsel submitted it as a question of law that the charge be dismissed.

The spectators amounted to just sixteen, and of these fourteen were Royalists. Four reporters were detailed to the proceedings from the city press.

Hawaii in Politics.

The Hawaiian issue seems to be still uppermost in American politics. At the great Republican rally in the city of Louisville May 10th, President Clarkson spoke as follows, the audience cheering to the echo: "As we begin here to-day the march of victory in 1896, we have neither complaints nor apologies nor explanations to make for the defeat of last year. We have had a Democratic President and Congress for sixty days, and Cleveland has hauled down the American flag where Harrison and Republicans ran it up in the name of liberty on the Sandwich Islands."

Fe Fi Fo Fum.

Percy Gardner is circulating a paper for signatures, which is supposed to be a petition to the British representative here asking that H. B. M. S. Hyacinth be kept at this port as the lives and property of the signers are in jeopardy. The list of signatures is headed by the auctioneer, L. J. Levey.

His Roses Stolen.

Some vandals got into Dr. Hyde's premises, at present occupied by W. C. Weedon, Monday night, and cut all the roses, which were intended for decoration. Mr. Weedon has a gun loaded with small shot for the miscreants when they return.

Veranda Chair Thieves.

Sneak thieves have been making havoc with veranda chairs on Beretania street. Doctor Wood mourns the loss of a big rocker from his front porch and A. V. Gear has also missed a chair which he left out the other night.

Big Pine-apples.

Three pine-apples are exhibited in a Merchant street window averaging nine pounds in weight. They are of the Porto Rico variety, of fifteen months' planting, being raised above the Electric Light station in Nuuanu valley.

NO BOYCOTT DECLARED.

Non-Annexation Merchants Deny a Malicious Story.

With reference to the statement made in an American paper that the merchants of Honolulu not affiliating with the Annexation Club had been boycotted by that club and by the Government, the STAR interviewed the following prominent merchants, who are not charged with annexation tendencies: Theo. H. Davies & Co. said through Mr. Lillie, that while they considered the Government somewhat arbitrary in regard to the award of a certain military clothing contract, they did not believe any boycott had been declared on them whatever by Annexationists generally or by the Annexation Club. They were satisfied with the trade they received from Annexationists and did not believe there was any attempt on the part of the public to discriminate against them. T. H. Davies in England attended to all the political affairs of the house.

H. May and Company, through Thomas May, said that they did not believe in any boycott whatever. It was absurd. Their trade was equally with annexationists and others, and they had been treated just the same by Annexation Club members who were their customers as before, and none had left them, although as a firm they had not signed the roll.

S. Roth, through Mr. Waltner, said that there was no boycott on him, that there was a good trade from both parties and no discrimination had been made against him on account of not signing the annexation roll.

N. S. Sachs who has not signed the annexation rolls said that he had not lost a single annexationist customer and, as to a boycott, it was all rot and not a word of truth in it.

These are four of several retail firms in the city who have not come out as annexationists. The other firms were seen and expressed the same opinion. All said that the boycott story was a pure fabrication.

THE DISTRICT COURT.

Proceedings To-day Before His Honor, Judge Foster.

Judge Foster had fully recovered from his yesterday's sickness when he walked up to the bench this morning and took a deep breath and the day's transcript of business on hand.

Lee Sing, for assault and battery on Ah Sing, May 19th, was the first culprit who jumped on the blind goddess' scales this morning. Ten dollars and costs were taxed on Mr. Sing's pignail before he got away.

A. W. Walker will be examined on the larceny case to-morrow. J. Tinker did some slaughtering back of his butcher shop May 6, if Health Officer Sam Ku's testimony is correct, and according to the rules of the Board of Health, which is inspector, C. B. Reynolds, produced, he was liable. Tinker put up a Kalakaua cart wheel for this non-observance of the health rules.

Sato, a young Jap, was trying a scrub rag for a friend, one Shiratano, on Fort street last evening. Sato evidently thought he could go like Lenbroeck at a two-minute gait. Captain Schlemmer differed on this opinion and gathered in Sato, who was Sat on by the magistrate to the extent of \$5 this morning.

Three deserters from the bark Amy Turner were rushed in last night by the police. They are adepts at fancy tales and endeavor to interest all listeners in a story of a castaway Norwegian boat and crew which was refused help by them when three days out of New York on this voyage.

THE HAMAKUA DROUGHT.

The Commissioner of Agriculture to Report Upon it.

Commissioner Marsden of the Bureau of Agriculture opened up his office bright and early this morning, after a week's sojourn at Hamakua, Hawaii, where he has been investigating the causes of drought and the rapid destruction of forests of that district.

The Commissioner is busy at work on a report to the bureau, which meets next week. It will attribute the dry weather to the loss of trees.

Fences are being built in the district to keep cattle from running over the growing saplings on the elevated land.

KAHUKU NOTES.

Kahuku is much in need of a public school. A second petition will be sent to the Board of Education.

The racing fever has broken out in this district and some have it badly. There will be a meet at Waiulua on the 4th of July.

A Portuguese boy was thrown while speeding a horse on the Kahuku ranch, but was not badly hurt.

The old church will be rebuilt if the natives can be got to help, though the religious outlook among them is not encouraging.

The Moranon church is solid for the ex-Queen. The Hawaiian flag is tacked up back of the pulpit.

Lala plantation is about to put more land under cultivation.

Ex-Judge Kalmake expects to be forgiven and reinstated. His friends are getting up a petition in his behalf. A good many names on it are signed in the same handwriting.

The kahunas are doing such a good business hereabouts as to suggest the need of a stricter burial and post mortem law.

A great deal of liquor has been sold at Waiulua.

THE WORK OF A YEAR.

THE STRANGERS' FRIEND SOCIETY.

Report of its Charitable Undertakings—Election of Officers for 1893.

The Ladies' Strangers' Friend Society gave a most enjoyable concert and reception last evening upon its forty-first anniversary at the Waikiki residence of Robert Lewers. The pleasant evening and the knowledge that a good time was in store drew a large crowd. The following programme of exercises was carried out:

Instrumental Solo, Miss Parsons and Dr. Cordiere; Report of Secretary, Mrs. S. M. Damon; Solo, Miss Van Halst; String Quartette Solo, Mrs. J. Brown.

Refreshments were served in the way made famous by the society, after which the company adjourned homeward.

Following is the report of the Secretary, Mrs. Damon:

"The annual business meeting of this Society was held May 4th and itemized reports given of the work done during the year.

On record for the year the Society has supported eleven cases in the Queen's Hospital; by whole or partial support, with food, clothing, and by payment of house rents, aided seventeen families and seven individuals, and eight individuals leaving these shores have had their passage wholly or partially paid, the disbursements for these cases amounting to nearly one thousand dollars. Visiting committees appointed have done faithful work, weekly visits having been made upon beneficiaries of the Society; these are of every class, religious belief and nationality.

On record for the year, those assisted by the society, have been the people of twelve and more nationalities.

It will be remembered some two years ago the Hon. C. R. Bishop presented the sum of five thousand dollars, for the purpose of perpetuating the use of this society a bed in the Queen's Hospital and as the society has always some patient in the Hospital, there has been the saving of the regular rate for a patient of 75 cts. per day, amounting yearly, in a deduction from the societies bills of two hundred and seventy-three dollars. In addition to this bed through the kindness of Mrs. T. R. Foster, this society has been favored with the occasional use when vacant of the Foster bed, which is also endowed, making a still further reduction in expenses.

To Dr. Day the Society is indebted for kind assistance rendered, in gratuitous attentions to sick beneficiaries outside of the hospital. Other physicians have kindly offered assistance and stand ready to help along the work. Also during the year generous donations have been received: from Mr. T. H. Davies, \$250; from Mr. Francis Jay, \$80; from Mrs. Rice and Mrs. C. M. Cooke, \$50; an other donation letter from Mrs. C. M. Cooke of \$25; from the Captain and Officers of the Mariposa, \$44; from Mr. Aultrey Robinson, \$25; from Mrs. Knudsen, \$20; from Mrs. H. Robinson, \$10.

Thus, with the ever increasing and constant demand for aid, comes liberal support from numerous sources, which this society most gratefully acknowledges, feeling always encouraged to go forward in the great work.

Officers all re-elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

President, Mrs. W. F. Allen; first vice-president, Mrs. McIntosh; second vice-president, Mrs. T. Hobron; secretary, Mrs. S. M. Damon; treasurer, Mrs. E. W. Jordan; directress, Mrs. M. Dowsett; auditor, Mrs. J. T. Waterhouse.

United States Minister Blount is investigating the landholdings of the natives of these Islands. The kuleanas held by them in 1855 amount to about 11,000 in number, but since then many of the holdings have been alienated.

J. E. Bush is also looking after statistics regarding the amount of land held by natives and has requested the Surveyor-General to prepare him a tabulated statement of the same.

Orders on the Commissioner of Agriculture for Insecticide Wash in five gallon quantities, can be obtained at the

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ANNEXATION CLUB.

THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE Executive Committee of the Annexation Club, corner Fort and Hotel streets, will be open from 8 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. and from 7 P.M. until 9 P.M.

All those wishing to sign the membership roll may do so during those hours.

Apply for price and particulars to R. RYCROFT, Honolulu, Hawaii.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

The police are drilling with rifles.

The coasters are making quick records.

Government pay day to-day, and every employe got his money too.

The drum corps will meet at the old armory on Queen street to-night at 7:30.

Corpus Christi day will be observed on Thursday by services at the Catholic Cathedral.

Luther Wilcox presided in the District Court yesterday during Judge Foster's illness.

The 11th of June races have been called off, principally on account of the death of James Gay.

This paper contains foreign news up to May 20th, received by the Discovery which arrived this morning.

Yesterday was the first rainy 30th of May which can be got track of in the Hawaiian weather records.

Coast mail to-morrow. If the Mariposa arrives on time the STAR will have its usual complete abstract of foreign news.

Custom receipts are quoted at a 100 cent rate for 90 test at San Francisco from New York arriving to-day on the Discovery.

Mr. Levey denies that he is anxious to keep the Hyacinth here so as to save his commissions from the sale of seats to the "Gondoliers."

For the first time in the memory of the oldest inhabitant the American merrymen took no part in the Coronation day ceremonies yesterday.

A bill for \$10 25 has been presented to the United States Government by Colonel Van Weethen, the amount he had to pay for showing white teeth which he had sent to San Francisco to be ground were detained there in the Custom House.

The Puig of Kamoope called alone on the ex-Queen yesterday, not permitting her to enter the Presence with him. He extended the assurance of his distinguished sympathy, but was still unable to understand how a revolution could have come about.

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FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

THE STEAMER ALAMEDA ARRIVES TO-DAY.

The Bark Discovery Arrives from the Coast—The Irigard Leaves Friday—Other Items.

According to the shipping news brought by the bark Discovery from the Coast under date of May 20th, the British steamer Minnow left Sydney for Vancouver on May 1st. If that is the case and no accident has befallen the vessel, she must have passed Honolulu a week or more ago, and have already arrived in American waters. It may be however, that she left Australia later than the date specified. That is the belief of the agents here.

The Navy Department will detail the Penasco for the use of the Naval Reserve of California unless better draft privileges can be had for her at San Francisco, in which case the Department will use the vessel as an enrollment ship, granting the Naval Reserve the right to go on board and drill.

The Oceanic Steamship Company's Steaming Alameda, Captain Morse, docked at the Queens wharf at 4:45 P.M. this morning from the Colonies for San Francisco.

The barkentine Irigard is taking on gear here since this afternoon from the steamer James M. Keene and Wandaiah. The Captain expects to sail Friday afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, May 31.

DEPARTURE: 8:00 A.M. — Weather cloudy. Wind light E-N E.

ARRIVALS.

WEDNESDAY, May 31. 8:45 A.M. — Steamer Alameda.

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