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descent, being the children and grandchildren of the early missionaries and leaders here.

ENTRAVAGANCE AND CORRUPTION.
These white Hawaiian-born foreigners are a numerous class. Some of them want annexation, but the greater number, intelligent and educated men, have a just and natural pride in their country and in the system of government founded by their fathers. That system worked almost faultlessly, until under the stimulus of extraordinary prices for sugar and the consequent influx of strangers, the community suddenly became absorbed in money-getting and became careless of the government. Then, very naturally, appeared extravagance in private and public affairs, bad legislation and corruption, and this corruption was, not by the bad people alone. It can be proved that the good people had their share in it.

The great number of white Hawaiian-born foreigners are not Annexationists and have no sympathy with the removal of the Queen. They are attached to the old forms and believe with reason in restoring the Queen, maintaining an independent government, standing by the old ways, making only such constitutional changes as new circumstances show to be needed and retaining the Monarchy because that is what the nation really desires. This is the best way.

Mr. Dole the head of the Provisional Government is a Hawaiian-born foreigner and a good type of the class. He is not an original Annexationist.

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST.

There has been some talk in this gossip place about Japanese pretensions. It is, of course, part of the Annexationist's plan to hold up the country to alarm the United States. The Japanese Government has made a request, and a just one. Under the naturalization laws of the kingdom, foolishly relaxed under the planter regime, a residence of one year entitles a foreigner who has taken an oath to support the constitution and laws to vote for members of the Legislature. The Japanese here do not care to vote, but their Government is properly jealous of its rights and credit in the world at large. It has a treaty with this country which contains the "most favored nation" clause. It sees the franchise cheaply given to Europeans and Americans. It says—"While you maintain such laws we want our people to have the same rights you confer on others."

That is all, as the excellent Consul General, Mr. Fujii, assured me the other day, and he added, very sensibly, that if the naturalization laws here should be changed and a three or five years' term were made, as was formerly the law, his government could not complain, but it was determined to secure for its people everywhere the same rights and privileges which are granted to other persons.

That the Japanese here are contract laborers makes no difference in the eyes of their government. If we should annex the Islands we should come in for a good many thousand Japanese voters.

A queer incident has caused me to look at the condition of affairs in 1887, the planters' constitution and the naturalization laws adopted under it. They seem to have rather vague ideas of the nature of citizenship here. A clergyman of some note, born in these Islands and a missionary here since, came to argue with me for annexation, for which he is a fanatical supporter.

VOTED IN TWO COUNTRIES.

He told me he always voted in the United States when he happened to be there at election time.

"But," said I, "I thought you were a Hawaiian citizen."

"So I am," he replied, "and always vote here, but I regard myself as an American citizen also. I claim a right to vote in both countries, and I do so."

I remarked to him that if I caught him voting in the United States I should challenge his vote, because he would be violating our laws, but he replied that this was only a "technicality."

I have learned since that he is by no means the only one who has this vagary.

An American by birth, but a full Hawaiian citizen, who was caught trying to vote at the last election in San Francisco came very near passing some years in the San Quentin State prison. He got off only by the intercession of influential friends who persuaded the American authorities that he knew no better.

It appears to be a cardinal doctrine in politics down here that a man may be a citizen of two countries at once, and particularly that Americans coming down here for business or adventure do not transgress if they take a hand in Island politics at once and, if occasion serves, help upset the government or join in a movement to destroy the independence of the nation by annexation.

You may remember that one of the members of the Committee of Safety in January had been in this country little more than eight months, but he figured in Minister Stevens' report as a Hawaiian who wanted annexation, and whose demand was a sign "that the pear was ripe."

FOREIGNERS AS ANNEXATIONISTS.

There is an Annexation Club here with a large American flag and generous membership. It has on its list a good many Americans. In my next letter I hope to tell you how many, and also to tell you how many of them are actually citizens of this country. Very few of them are so, I should think, for I have obtained at the Government office the number of Americans who have actually become citizens of Hawaii from 1884 to 1892, and the total is less than fifty.

I believe, therefore, that I shall be

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