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ACTUAL ANNEXATION.

The present outlook, is that President Roosevelt will call Judge Little from the bench to the gubernatorial chair of Hawaii before the next celebration of the anniversary of annexation. Should time prove that the omens of the present are true, the era of Hawaii's emancipation will begin with a new starting post. Actual annexation to the United States will date from the inauguration of Judge Gilbert F. Little as governor. The actual coming to these shores of American principles of government, will date from the hour when an American governor shall grasp the throttle in Hawaii. When that day comes, which will be within the next six months, the people in Hawaii who have been disappointed with annexation; the interests which have suffered by reason of annexation, will have cause to rejoice.

It will then be seen that to be American is to prosper. That to be American is to enjoy privileges reserved for those who know no other allegiance except that of loyalty to principle and to exalted ideas of government. If there is an Hawaiian who regrets the day the American flag was spread to the Island winds, his regret will change to gladness when America holds actual sway in his land. If there is a foreigner, rich or poor on all these Islands who has fashioned in his heart contempt for American rule as exemplified in the administration of Governor Dole and acting Governor Cooper, that contempt will change to pride, when Hawaii becomes a real integral part of the real America of Roosevelt.

In that day Privilege will abdicate and Right will don the robes of office.

JAMES GIBB'S SUCCESSOR.

The appointment of a successor to James Gibb, who has resigned from his position as a member of the Republican Central Committee, is stirring Republicans on this island as nothing has stirred them since last election. In the effort to unite on a man whose appointment would cement factions which have hitherto been at war, it seems probable that wider chasms are being staked out. The appointment at this time, at most, is but temporary and is not of especial importance. It grows in importance as the different Republican factions here contemplate the possibility of landing a favorite.

The remaining members of the committee, whose recommendations would have settled the matter a month ago, if forwarded to the committee at Honolulu, are to blame for the approaching contest, which may be the beginning of internal party war that will last throughout the next campaign. If McStocker, Estep and Walker will forward their recommendations to the Central Committee at Honolulu at once, they will take an important step in the interest of Republican harmony over here.

AT EARLIEST DATE.

"An occasional correspondent" of the Advertiser says that Harold M. Sewall is hot-foot after the Governorship of this Territory. Whether the "occasional correspondent" wrote his correspondence in the Advertiser office or not, the fact remains that the use of Mr. Sewall's name in connection with the Governorship of this Territory is entirely without authority from him. The recurring attacks and misrepresentations of the Advertiser, however, are not without their good purpose as they show how weak is Governor Dole's administration and with what mali-

cious purpose "his friends" work. Mr. Sewall's position is very well understood by the President, so well indeed that the Advertiser gang has good cause to worry. Governor Dole on the other hand has made an ignominious failure and by his present inactive policy is clinching the failure. If the President has the best interests of this Territory at heart he will appoint Gilbert F. Little to the Governorship at the earliest date possible. Governor Dole is leading his party to sure defeat and the Territory into a struggle with virtual bankruptcy.—Bulletin.

NEW YEARS DAY.

The beginning of the new year is a date on which the satisfied exchange felicitations of joy. It is a date on which the unhappy gulp down their sorrows and resolve to overcome their woes. It is a day on which the despairing lift up their hearts and bare anew their breasts to the buffeting storms of adversity. It is a day when the flood tide of humanity surges heavenward.

HONOLULU philanthropists have raised a total of \$24.75 for the McKinley monument to be erected in that city.

TO THE hundreds of visitors in the city of Hilo this week, the TRIBUNE extends Happy New Year wishes and an invitation to repeat the visit.

THE January number of Side Lights, Hilo's bright magazine published by C. S. Clement, is a sparkling number. It's business. It says things which will raise interest in Hawaii and Hilo to a higher key wherever it circulates.

WINNERS or losers, Hilo was more than glad to welcome the representatives of the Maui Athletic Association to the Queen city of the Hawaiian Islands. The universal interest in athletics should serve to bring all Hawaiian towns in closer touch.

Our genial contemporary, the Herald, failing to find any supporters for its favorite, H. E. Cooper, as Dole's successor, has returned from a bush beating trip with the remark that Sewall's prospects are bright. The Herald says that Sewall will find many strong supporters on this island. That would tickle Sewall.

COURT OPENS.

Adjournment Out of Respect to the Late Johnson Nickeus.

The January term of the Fourth Circuit opened Thursday January 2, with Judge Gilbert F. Little on the bench. John W. Cathcart, Deputy Attorney General for the Territory was present to attend to the Territory's side of Criminal cases. Among those within the bar, were, L. A. Andrews, Deputy Sheriff for the Island of Hawaii; Judge Hapai of the District Court, Charles Richardson, W. H. Smith and others.

The Grand Jury was called into the box and sworn, only one being excused. The Grand Jury as sworn in, is composed of the following, C. C. Kenedy, foreman, John F. Baker, L. M. Whitehouse, H. Olney, Chas. E. Wright, E. N. Holmes, B. F. Schoen, Henry M. Henshaw, W. H. Beers, John T. Moir, Wm. Todd, Wm. Pullar, Peter Gibbs, A. E. Sutton, J. S. Janeway, J. E. Gamailson, Arthur M. Richardson. J. S. Overend was appointed bailiff to the Grand Jury.

Judge Little's charge covered the usual range of subjects in general and set forth in particular the character of the duties of a grand juror and the manner in which they should be discharged. The charge especially ordered investigations be made as to whether the statutes against extortion and bribery had been violated. The court also instructed the Grand Jury that it was within its province and a part of its duty to inquire into the conduct of any official of the Territory whether resident on Hawaii or at Honolulu. Such inquiry would be proper, the court explained, as to the conduct of any head of a department for any

irregularities that might be alleged to have been committed within the Jurisdiction of the Court.

The civil calendar was called. Immediately after the opening of Court, the Committee appointed by the Hilo bar to, draft resolutions of respect to the memory of Johnson Nickeus, reported by Chairman Chas. M. LeBlond. The resolutions are as follows:

Once more, and for the third time within the period of three short years, we are called upon to mourn the loss of a third member of the Hilo bar.

The hand of death a second time has been stretched forth without warning and gathered to his fathers, a bright and shining light from our midst. In the death of Brother Johnson Nickeus, we the Bar of Hilo, have lost an honest, able, upright member; one whom each will miss; one who was always true to his client and himself; one who, but a short time associated with us, has left memories of energy and perseverance that shine as a beacon light to those of us remaining. A model, loving husband, an affectionate, indulgent parent, he leaves a broken-hearted widow and a disconsolate daughter, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy. May his soul rest in peace.

It is the wish of the Bar, that this its expression be spread upon the records of this Court, that a copy also be engrossed by the Clerk, the seal of this Court attached, and presented to the family of our deceased brother. Chas. M. LeBlond, F. M. Wakefield, Carl S. Smith, J. Castle Ridgway, F. S. Lyman.

The reading of the report was followed by eloquent and sincere tributes of respect from every member of the Hilo bar. Mr. LeBlond said among other eulogistic remarks: "Johnson Nickeus was a striking example of a man who put into practice the injunction,

'Know Thy self; Presume not God to scan. The proper study of mankind is Man.'"

Other lawyers followed. Those speaking were: F. M. Wakefield, Carl S. Smith, Thos. C. Ridgway, John W. Cathcart, J. Castle Ridgway, C. F. Parsons and W. S. Wise.

Carl Smith moved that the Court adjourn until 9 o'clock Friday morning out of respect to the deceased member of the bar.

The Court said:

"We are told that the last effort of Mozart was an endeavor to complete a requiem, which he finally left unfinished on the bed as he breathed out his life. Plato died at Work; Lucan, while reciting part of his book on the War of Pharsalus. So, with Johnson Nickeus Esq., late a member of the bar of this Court as well as of the Supreme Court of this Territory, it may be truthfully said, he died with an unfinished brief in his hand.

"When Mr. Nickeus left this city a few days since, to attend the December session of the Supreme Court, he seemed to be in his usual good health. After arguing several important cases before that tribunal, he announced to the Court that he was weary and worn out and asked permission to rest and refresh himself. While resting, a summons came from the world beyond calling him to appear before the Supreme Court of the universe—there to submit a report of his finite stewardship. Almost without warning "the little space of time between two eternities" was extinguished and he "entered the Chambers" through the silent halls of Death.

"Our brother entered upon life's ordeal with nothing but his will and alone and unaided he fought his way across life's wilderness and uncertainties from the eastern mountains of youth to the western river of declining years. Well may it be said of him, 'Seest, thou a man diligent in his business; he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.'"

"He held the office of Attorney General of South Dakota; he was the United States Consul during Harrison's administration at Barranquilla, United States of Colombia, and but recently mayor of the City of Tacoma for four years. In all these positions, he was unremitting in his prompt and earnest attention to his public duty and a credit to the public service. His department in this court was honorable and his practice extensive and lucrative.

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