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TOPICS OF THE DAY

It is a well-known fact that the Hawaiian people have been subjected to a long and cruel reign of terror. The Hawaiian people have been treated as a conquered people, and their rights have been trampled upon. The Hawaiian people have been subjected to a long and cruel reign of terror. The Hawaiian people have been treated as a conquered people, and their rights have been trampled upon. The Hawaiian people have been subjected to a long and cruel reign of terror. The Hawaiian people have been treated as a conquered people, and their rights have been trampled upon.

It is held that the United States administration might admit that the representatives of the United States committed an error and did a wrong without the United States admitting the error and undoing the wrong is absurd and is a libel on all Americans. If the United States are satisfied that the Queen of Hawaii was overthrown through the instrumentality of the United States representative, they are in duty bound to restore the monarchy

and replace the Hawaiian dynasty on the throne. The manner which may be used are immaterial. Whether it be done through a plebiscite, or by a simple demand on the present revolutionary government to surrender is of no moment. That it will be done every well-informed man knows, and in spite of the organized associations and attitude the revolutionists themselves don't doubt the fact. We cannot see how any thinking man can believe that a country like the United States could allow its representatives to treat troops in a friendly land, deprive the lawful sovereign of her moment of defense by disarming her forces and landing troops on the Hawaiian subjects, all arms and ammunition, and say, "oh, our representative was wrong about it, but what can we do in the matter, go aboard and let ourselves." The United States are not built that way. It was a great consolation to the Star because the American holds to Senator knew all about the Hawaiian affairs. Especially was the club organ worked up about Mr. Chambers whose wife, we were told, was some kind of relation to Mrs. Blount, and consequently ought to be initiated in all the secret transactions of the State Department. When we remember that Mrs. Blount lives in Georgia, and Mrs. Chambers in Alabama, the probability is that the two ladies have not had much opportunity to exchange confidences. Another interesting fact is that Mrs. Blount used to tell her friends here that the "Hawaiian revolt" was as serious to her as all political matters as to any outsider, a matter by the way which some of our "abolitionists" might admit is a great deal of advantage to themselves and to the country. But with the Star and the other small fry across at every step and here against here the work goes on and the big boys will then, perhaps, mortgage their heads and skip the country. And there is the sweet sign of evening glimmers on a ship then the departure of the big, fat, covered ones.

The advertiser editor this morning has gathered sufficient strength to write a quarter-column editorial in which we are assured that Hawaii has a very stable government. Of course the departure of the Warrington has nothing to do with this latest burning of incense in the altar of the P. G. Her stable government is which finds it necessary to barter rights with behind subsidies and bayonets against the people might be worth looking into. How stable the government can be called when it is being controlled and belittled by a political organization and which is being directed by its own soldiers, might be a matter of opinion. When the Government is a government, sufficient strength and courage to meet the opinion of the people of the United States, we can talk about its stability and other good qualities. A government by bayonets and for bayonets is not a very popular institution in this line of side.

The position of an Attorney at law is very specific, and the men holding licenses to practice law before the Courts are entitled to

certain privileges with the tacit understanding that they should not abuse them. In California lately there has been a general crusade by the Judges as well as by the newspapers against the conduct of the Attorneys-at-law towards witnesses and opponents, and the prospects are that the lawyers will be "toned down" and "sation." Mr. W. Kinney who recently returned to Honolulu from a protracted stay at Salt Lake, tried to adopt the tone of the California browbeaters and gave an exhibition of vulgarity and abuse against the editor of the HONOLULU, and the HOLONA, this morning when he appeared as prosecutor in the Bohron-Norris libel suit. The privileges extended to Attorneys are mainly based on the supposition that only gentlemen are admitted to the bar. Abuse of such privileges are only committed by the few exceptions who can lay no claim to that acknowledged distinction. It is a pity that Mr. Kinney's experience in a foreign land has changed him from a promising young attorney, as we were used to consider him, into—well into what he now appears to be.

By the way does Mr. Kinney remember a political campaign sheet called the *Honolulu Times*? His fine remarks against personal journalism and scurrilous newspapers should have been made when that sheet was issued some years ago under the formal editorship of Mr. Godfrey, and the personal supervision and inspiration of Messrs. Kinney and Thurston.

When Mr. Kinney calls the HOLONA a "two bit" paper he flatters us. We suppose that he means that the HOLONA is worth "two bits" in comparison with the Star and the Advertiser for which Mr. Kinney only pays five cents and we fully agree with him.

The HOLONA libel case was opened this morning in the District Court before Judge Robertson. Messrs. Creighton and Neumann appeared for the defense and objected to the charge as being insufficient. Considerable authorities were quoted and the learned Judge finally ruled that the charge was sufficient whereupon the case was postponed till Tuesday. It is noteworthy that his honor in this instance did not need time to consider his ruling or look up authorities, but was ready with his opinion off-handed.

We understand that the annexation club has appointed Mr. Sam Monserat to be clerk to the Consul-General at San Francisco. While we are very pleased that this young "town-boy" has been appointed to the position we still fail to see the good reasons and benefits to be derived by having the "club" controlling offices even under the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The Star says triumphantly that Minister Damon's candidate for the office came in too late. The club and the Star ought to realize soon that the P. G. with the club, and without Damon is nothing, while with Damon, and without the club it is something.

Not a Case For Secrecy.

It was just at the close of the last administration, discredited and rejected by the people, and on the eve of retiring from office, that the project of Hawaiian annexation was suddenly sprung upon the people of this country. A conspiracy rather than a revolution, aided by the moral support of certain Americans, and the more material backing of the sailors and marines of the United States warship Boston, in the twinkling of an eye overthrew the native dynasty and sovereignty of Queen Liliuokalani, and substituted the rule of a provisional government composed of Americans and other foreign settlers in the islands. Not a breath of rumor even had reached the United States that any such movement was in contemplation, until, together with the news there came envoys, commissioners so-called from the provisional government with plenipotentiary powers to negotiate and conclude with the government of the United States, a treaty of annexation with the islands, over which the American Minister had already raised our flag and declared a protectorate.

The suddenness of the thing, of the whole business, was calculated to take one's breath away. It did not deter, however, President Harrison and his advisers from receiving the envoys, settling on an annexation treaty of some sort with them, and sending it to the Senate for ratification. Such "precipitousness" is a matter of such importance aside the breath of the American people some still shorter and quicker, but, as soon as they recovered breath, the people gave the President and Senate to understand that they were not quite prepared for annexation to Hawaii at such short notice or in such summary fashion.

In all the events we have narrated, there had not been the least thought, apparently, of consulting the wishes of the sixty millions of people of the United States or of the native Hawaiians. Resident Americans had started the job, the crew of the Boston had "boosted" it, and it was only necessary for President Harrison and the Senate to complete it. Luckily, the inauguration of President Cleveland called a halt in the whole business. The crude, half-baked treaty, intended to commit the United States to the most radical departure from the ideas and policy of the fathers of the republic and of the American people from their day to this, was withdrawn from the Senate. A judicious and well-qualified commissioner was sent to Hawaii, to study and investigate the subject on the spot, and to communicate the result of his observations to his government. He has done so.

Commissioner Blount's report has been in the possession of the government for some time, and through the enterprise and good offices of THE STAR, the substance of it is now in the possession of the people. This is just as it should be. Secret, back-stairs and hole-in-the-corner diplomacy is foreign not only to all American ideas and customs, but to the spirit of the age in which we live. Above all things, upon a question so important as the annexation of a foreign country,

2,000 miles distant, involving the ultimate introduction of a new member into the Union, with two votes in the Senate and at least three in the electoral college, the American people have a right to know everything. Neither President nor Senate, nor both together, had any right to conclude by their action the will of the people, or to forestall the opposition which any project of annexation, or of an armed protectorate, was bound to call forth.

It was the fault of Mr. Harrison's administration that he undertook to act in this matter over the heads of and without the consent of the people. The publication of Mr. Blount's report will put the public in possession of the facts, and in a position to judge whether it is desirable to add either the State or the Territory of Hawaii to the Union. It is the people, after all, of the two countries who should be consulted, and who should be permitted to decide. Hawaii has rights equal to those of the United States. In the family of nations and between independent States, questions of right are not affected by considerations of relative size, wealth, power or population. All are equal, and it is this fundamental principle of international justice, as well as law, that, as we understand, Commissioner Blount in his report fully recognizes, and upon which he bases his recommendations.—*Baltimore Sun.*

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