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Humors.

MR. EDITOR: Rumors are floating that there are commotions and dissensions among the file and rank of the National party already in this city in your exposure of the principles publicly declared by Messrs. Bush and Cummins on their recent election tour at Koolau, especially "the abolishing of the constitution" and "to turn loose all lepers at Kalawao and Kalaupapa." Some of them are so indignantly disgusted with the unprincipled couple that they don't know whether the party will stand together or divide in the coming session of the house.

HILAEILA.

A Voice From Koolau.

MR. EDITOR: Mr. J. E. Bush, first nominated by the National Party in Honolulu, and now their candidate for the sixth district of Oahu, at a special election to be held on the 14th inst., has not as yet (May 6th) made any correction or revision in Hawaiian of the principles or platform publicly announced by him in several speeches in Koolau lately, which you kindly published, but which was contradicted in the Bulletin over Mr. Bush's signature. Does he mean to deceive the foreign community, while the Hawaiian version stands uncontradicted in order to appease the opposition of several members of the National party, or did he make that contradiction under pressure from his own party? Which is to be believed, the uncontradicted Hawaiian version of Mr. Bush's speech in his own paper or his contradiction of the same in the Bulletin? Thinking people cannot make these two stories agree.

VOTER.

"The Sugar Tariff Must Go."

MR. EDITOR: In the GAZETTE of March 18th "An American" sheds light on the question of "protection, sugar duties, etc." None of the positions he takes in that article are entirely impregnable. The reason he gives for the high duty on sugar does not happen to be the true one. The duty of 2c. or more per lb., equivalent to 70 to 80 per cent. ad valorem, is the only real war tax on any necessity of life that we are burdened with at this time, and that ought to follow the path made by other tariff reductions in the last twenty years. First, because it was a war tax, pure and simple. Secondly, because it has totally failed to stimulate the sugar production in this country. Previous to 1852, the crop of Louisiana alone was as high as 459,000 hhds. in a year. In 1859, or '88 possibly, ex-Governor Warmouth says the crop was the largest for many years and at the highest estimate was only 140,000 hhds.

The prophecy of great things from "beets and sorghum" is a chestnut, and the late Mr. Torbert used to predict the speedy failure of American market for Island sugar from the rapid rise of the beet industry. That was thirty years ago, and the fulfillment is as remote to the thoughtful mind as it was then. This is not a sugar-growing country and nearly thirty years of a war tariff have failed to develop it to serious proportions, and in fact we scarcely grow enough to supply the annual increase in our consumption, certainly not enough to affect the price of sugar in the markets of the world.

"The reasons why the duty" ought to be "abolished" are numerous. It is a prime necessity of the poor as well as the rich, and ought not to be taxed without urgent reason. The only "sweetening" which this country can grow is "glucose," and that ought to be taxed to death or driven to the wall by foreign cane sugar. We can only produce cheap sugar here or in Louisiana with cheap labor. If we had your magnificent climate even with our smaller yield, we could hold our own, with lands far removed from our markets. Ordinarily cheap sugar production and cheap labor go together as the experience of the pioneer planters in Hawaii proved conclusively.

If there is any general public belief that "free sugar" would be no cheaper than taxed sugar why do the parties interested in trying to boom the puny sugar interest of Louisiana, Kansas, California, etc., fight so earnestly to retain it for protection?

The true policy of protection in this country is to tax foreign productions that come in competition with our own till the industries are able to care for themselves; but when an industry under thirty years of high tariff falls off seventy per cent, and shows no sign of recuperation except in the flutulent themes and windy talk of interested sugar refiners, it will not do for you to pin your faith on them for your future prosperity even with the mistaken views of "An

American" behind them. The American public demand that the tariff on sugar must go. KAMAHAINA. New Haven, April 12th.

The United States and Hawaii.

MR. EDITOR: In a recent number of the GAZETTE I see the treaty question discussed again. It ought to be evident to Hawaiians that there is no desire on the part of Americans for annexation. The policy of non-intervention in the general affairs of the world, which has so long guided our diplomatic action, will probably have to be cast aside before very long, when a systematic effort shall be made to increase our commerce.

The ardent feeling that our flag should be seen again on the ocean, the popularity of our "new navy," the liberal action in Congress as to its increase and development, all point towards an expansion of our intercourse with the rest of the world.

But our policy will hardly be that of England or Germany—annexation—but rather will it favor independent neutral governments in the Pacific. We would, I believe, much prefer that Hawaii, Samoa and Tonga (for instance) should be open to all than that they should become American, German and British.

There is, of course, a feeling that we have reaped few benefits from the sugar treaty, but one authority thinks it would have paid us to have presented Hawaii with such a sum as might have been collected as duty at Honolulu on our exports and then to have taxed the Hawaiian sugar.

It may be added in closing that Dr. T. M. Coan of this city, has on several occasions during the past year addressed New York audiences on the subject of the islands. His lantern-slides are very fine. One or two young men who have been to the islands, have also spoken to smaller audiences here, and have done something, I trust, to remove the idea that the islands are a sort of semi barbarous land, which some people still think.

Respectfully yours, ANDOVER.

New York, April 16.

The Saloon.

MR. EDITOR: It is perhaps not very strange though grievous, that here among us there are so many, even prominent persons, who are apparently little concerned toward the staying of the saloon power. And why is this so? Not because these same persons do not see and know the evil results, that is, the dissipation and debauchery, the want and woe that emanate from this source, but rather we must believe, because these sights have become so common that they are looked upon almost as a matter of course.

But after all let us not be deceived, for crimes and wrong doings are not worked with impunity! Retribution will surely follow in their path.

Knowing this, then, let us well beware that the tares sown by our neighbors do not invade our own fields and some day grievously touch our own households. It needs but little insight into matters here to see and know that the saloon business will, and is, steadily and rapidly undermining our institutions, sapping the little life-blood from the nation and bringing it to everlasting reproach and shame.

All influences so far brought to bear to check and diminish this terrible evil and its far-reaching consequences, by preaching, praying, and other sorts of moral suasion do here not alone meet the case.

To redeem these drinking people and specially the unfortunate native who is now almost ever ready to sell his birthright for a bottle of strong drink, and to bring them once more back into truth and righteousness, or at least—if no better—into common decency, for this, nothing short of a complete wiping out of the saloons will answer and save.

So then will our people, of whom I know, there are as yet a portion moved by a sense of sympathy and fellow feeling, and foremost fathers and mothers with blooming children hoping to give them up for their good, band together and by proper means, make a determined effort to wipe out this damnable scourge—the saloon—from the land and so rescue themselves with their beloved ones from out the jaw of this cruel monster of iniquity and vice.

And no less as a nation and a people will we not try to make morals and virtue our price, so we may stand. As a national question this subject is surely grave enough, else such eminent bodies as the Masonic fraternity of four different States of our American Union would not have adopted certain resolutions pertaining to the liquor traffic. I will not now mention them. The question is, will we break

down the power which now controls and defiles all things good and pure, which sways politics, brings into submission the popular vote, makes the rich poor, the strong weak, the well sick, the pure unclean, the honest dishonest, the young old and unfit, the peaceful man a rowdy, the upright one a criminal, and robs right and left men and women, (and if not for the law even children and sucklings) of their happiness and peace.

Who then will rally and stand out for right and principle? There is a remedy for every evil little or great, and here is both.

Will the press help on in this good work, if, as it claims, it is for the good of the people. Those who are true to this cause want to know under what colors their fellowmen are now a-days sailing.

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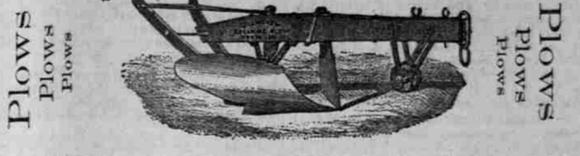
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