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THE donation by the officers and men of the cruiser Boston of \$25 to the leper band fund, is a worthy and typical action of the ship and nation.

IF MEMBERS of the present police should be proved to be connected in the remotest manner with Chinese gambling they should be summarily dealt with. There is no doubt such connections have existed in the past. There are, indeed, strong grounds for suspicion that even the radical reforms made under the Provisional government have not entirely eradicated from the police force those waiting a chance to exchange their public duty for a private benefit in the shape of a Chinese bribe. It is high time such goings on should cease.

ONE of the inconsistencies of the anti-annexation fight carried on by royalist journals is the bitter and senseless manner in which they all denounce everybody who happens not to agree with their ideas of restoration. Leading German residents are condemned, conservative Englishmen are scolded, the Portuguese are pointed to contemptuously and sarcastically as the scum of the earth, and the appearance of an American upon the scene causes a very howl to go up, in several different languages, whose meaning cannot be interpreted, without knowing the nationality of the writers.

THE excellent work which the board of health is accomplishing is a source of much gratification. The painstaking character of the investigations being made is one of the most noticeable features of the new board's work. The report of the committee just returned from the leper settlement not only contains a practical working plan, but it is backed by a clearly expressed determination, on the part of the president and members, to carry out all necessary improvements and reforms without fear or favor in any direction. This is as it should be, but not as it has sometimes been in the past.

STEAMER COMMUNICATION.

A new schedule has been prepared by us showing the dates of arrival and departure of mail steamers to the close of this year, which will be a convenience to correspondents here and abroad. It will be found in our marine column, and is arranged according to date of arrival and departure. Between May 4 and January 3 there will be twenty-five steamer arrivals from San Francisco, and thirty departures for the same port. In addition to those named there may be other transient steamers not yet announced.

This increased steam communication augurs well for increased tourist travel and trade facilities. The entrance to Honolulu harbor having now thirty feet on the bar, and about the same depth alongside the Pacific Mail wharf, there is nothing to prevent the largest vessels coming alongside the dock and discharging freight and passengers, without the delay and inconvenience of barge conveyance, which has prevailed for several years past in connection with the large China steamers. The tendency now is to increase the size and speed of all ocean steamers, and if we would secure their trade and travel we must increase our accommodations to meet their wants.

A SUGGESTION.

The attitude of native Hawaiians is becoming daily more favorable to annexation. The bulk of the natives are a thoughtful, conservative people, who have long since learned to examine closely the pre-

tenes of would-be foreign leaders. The political trick of appealing to the prejudices and passions of the native voters has been used so often to further the schemes of adventurers that the average native is learning to more deliberately weigh the merits of those who assume upon every possible pretext to champion what is miscalled the "native cause."

In the present state of the commercial and political development of Hawaii there is in reality no such thing as a distinct native cause any more than there is a foreigner's cause. Both are misnomers. The real and only issue at stake is the Hawaiian cause, which represents a cosmopolitan nationality. The native and foreigner are bound together by an identity of interest. Their causes are one, and must stand or fall together.

The repeated attempts made by unscrupulous politicians to separate these has led to the many social and political dissensions at present dividing natives and foreigners on questions of national policy. Misrepresentation of the facts and downright lying as to the designs of the foreign population, who quite generally believe the salvation and welfare of the nation is to be found in annexation, have mainly constituted the weapons used by those foreign leaders who hope to overthrow annexation in order to control native politics for their personal or factional ends.

The chief argument used, if it may be so called, by these self-constituted leaders has been the repeated assertion that annexation meant the disfranchisement of the natives and the taking away of their "kuleanas." That there is absolutely no truth in the first of these statements every annexationist, and especially every American, knows. The second is in direct contradiction of the homestead laws of the United States.

It would be well at this point for the Provisional government to make some public announcement of their policy. Let them assure the natives as to the position the government will take on these questions when the time for action arrives, and before the day Commissioner Blount returns to make his report at Washington, the people of the Hawaiian Islands will be found standing almost, if not quite, a unit in favor of annexation.

SIGN THE ROLL.

Since the organization of the annexation club its membership and influence have rapidly increased. From the first it has been a pronounced American organization, but it has not at any time been exclusively so. Its membership takes in most nationalities domiciled here and there are none except Asiatics whose names are not welcomed upon its roll.

The object of the club is to secure annexation to the United States of America upon such terms as shall include and benefit all classes of our citizens. It would exclude none from any of the benefits to be derived by American residents under annexation.

To the native Hawaiians the club says, Come into our ranks, help us fight the battle for the advancement of our island civilization, and when this is won enjoy with us the civil and commercial fruits of annexation upon a footing of political equality. This has not been desirable or practical under the depressing influences of the monarchial form of government which has, at all points, stunted the social and political development of the native people.

The time has now arrived when every resident of Hawaii should begin to see his individual interests are nearly akin to the principle of annexation—in other words, to national prosperity. There are many whose names are not yet on the club's roll who do see it, but who hold back because, perhaps, they are not American residents, or on account of some similar excuse. To such we say, go inspect the rolls, and you will find not only Americans, but Germans, Englishmen, Portuguese, Frenchmen, and

last, but not by any means least, large numbers of patriotic Hawaiians who love the future prosperity of their country better than they do the dead husks of royalty and the unprofitable government offered under an effete monarchy.

WHY THEY KICK.

The latest phase of Hawaiian politics is that of a royalist newspaper assuming a journalistic protectorate over Commissioner Blount to save him and the United States from the Machiavelian schemes of the Provisional government, who, it is alleged, are "trying to extinguish the freedom of the press." The royalists are tender upon this point. They believe the defense of their cause lies rather in an extreme freedom or license of the press than in legitimate journalism. Calm discussion of the grave questions involved in the present Hawaiian crisis would not appeal to political prejudices and would consequently exclude unjust and bitter personalities.

This view is strengthened by remembering that the royalist journal now complaining of the proposed restrictions upon the license of the press, set the example in this direction months ago by making an unprovoked and uncalled for attack upon the accredited representative of the United States to these islands. This was done to aid half a dozen well known local politicians in carrying out a scheme for controlling native legislators by raising a side issue, appealing to certain well-known race prejudices, and thereby securing cabinet positions otherwise beyond their grasp.

The plan succeeded temporarily. Unfortunately for the hopes of its promoters, however, it proved the beginning of the end now confronting the royalist faction from political pickaninnies to self-constituted press mentors, who unite in raising their combined wall against the proposed restraining law of the government. The wrong was committed when the royalist press assumed a license for wantonly attacking the representative of a friendly foreign power; and it only aggravates the offense to plead in extenuation personal dislike of the representative.

The fact is, a political clique was at that time making a fight against certain influential American residents; had the opposition been against the members of any other nationality, the royalist politicians behind it would have attacked any other foreign representative as maliciously. The attack on the American minister, which was begun a year or more ago, has been continued to the present hour by the same coterie of anonymous royalist scribblers, and the Provisional government is quite right in its proposition to reduce the press license practiced by them within the bounds of a gentlemanly freedom of the press.

That these royalist leaders have more lately extended their odious species of journalism to bitter and unjust personal attacks upon the executive and advisory councils, is but another reminder that the Provisional government has been somewhat tardy in correcting a flagrant abuse tolerated during the decline and fall of the monarchy.

The U. S. S. Mohican Touches Upon the Inner Reef.

On Monday, May 1st the U. S. S. Mohican, while getting ready to leave port, met with a slight mishap. As she was about to turn towards the channel a stern line, in some manner, got entangled in the propeller, and, although her big anchor was immediately lowered again, she drifted until her stern rested upon the inner ledge of the reef.

Divers were sent to free the propeller, and, in the meantime, a line was fastened to the Hyacinth, the Mohican was slowly pulled around into deep water. An examination was made, but it was found that her hull was not injured, so the captain went to sea. Her departure was delayed until about 4:30 o'clock.

Notice of a postponement of sale of lease of some government land in Hana, Maui, appears in the by authority column.

THAT MEMORIAL.

The following is a copy of the memorial which was drawn up after much discussion, by the Patriotic League combination at Arion hall. There was considerable objection to discussing the proposed memorial in open session, and a motion was carried to draft the document in secret session, as already mentioned in this paper. The object of keeping the memorial secret is not altogether clear, as there is nothing very remarkable or new in the document presented to Commissioner Blount. The following is a translation of the native version:

THE MEMORIAL OF THE HAWAIIAN NATION TO THE AMERICAN NATION.

Whereas, His Excellency Grover Cleveland, President of the United States of America, has honored the Hawaiian nation by sending the Hon. James H. Blount, as a special commissioner to inspect the true desire of the Hawaiian nation regarding annexation to their nearest friend, therefore;

We, the natives of the Hawaiian islands assembled in general convention from the branch leagues of the Hawaiian Patriotic League, of each district throughout the islands, do hereby respectfully present our appeal; and to show our unity to the people of our great and good friend, the republic of the United States of America, with her we have always had friendly relations, and she has always advised us to look on her as a helper and a protector, always to be trusted. We greatly hope therefore that the investigation of the serious wrongs done us as a nation in the person of our queen, will be righted and that the independence of our country will be preserved.

And whereas, we have always hoped that our social and commercial relations with the United States of America, will be promoted, we have not, however, thought that the time had arrived when our name as a nation and sovereignty should be taken away or the country be annexed to some other power.

Therefore, we hereby appeal with the greatest hope, and with the expectation that the wrongs we claim have been done us will be settled by returning our independence and also restoring the constitutional monarchy under our most beloved Queen, Liliuokalani, a ruler greatly beloved and appreciated by the nation.

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