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Concerning Hawaii and Queen Lil.

We accord space on another page and invite attention to an extended criticism of the Harrison administration's course with reference to Hawaii and to an earnest defense of ex-Queen Liliuokalani. We do this for two reasons. In the first place the truth is never injured by a frank discussion, and secondly, the fact that Mr. Busted's letter has received Liliuokalani's indorsement invests it with new interest as affording a probable clue to her purpose in establishing herself at Washington simultaneously with a renewal there of the overtures for Hawaiian annexation.

It will be perceived that Mr. Busted's argument rests upon two general propositions: (1) The Hawaiian islands, having once been owned by savage Kanakas, afford no rightful territory for American colonization and conquest. (2) The right of Liliuokalani to reign is superior to the right of the responsible residents of Hawaii to establish a government in accordance with their own ideas.

Had these rules been applied at a sufficiently early time to North America, what is now the United States would have remained a howling wilderness, the abode of "savage beasts and still more savage men." Our correspondent forgets that higher than the right of accidental inheritance is the right of acquisition, the right of conquest, the inevitable and divinely appointed survival of the fittest.

It was this paramount law and not any small conspiracy which overthrew Liliuokalani, as it overthrew the Indian chiefs who inhabited this continent ere Columbus landed and as it would overthrow the present order of things in our beloved republic if a better one were to offer. There may have been intrigue and collusion at Honolulu, four years ago; where thrones are crumbling under the stress of democracy, there usually are. It may be true that the deposed queen was not permitted, after her deposition, to cut as wide a swath as was her wont prior to that event.

It may even be true that our naval officers, our secretary of state and the president himself at that time had an idea that Hawaii would constitute a desirable addition to the territory and dominion of the United States, and were therefore disposed to consider the strong petition which came to them from the best people in the islands for annexation. All these things can be accounted for without giving a particle of color or warrant to Mr. Busted's sweeping and impassioned accusations of unworthy motives.

It will be noticed that he omits to discuss well-authenticated reports of the ex-queen's personal unfitness to reign over an intelligent people and yet accepts as true all the hearsay gossip to the detriment of Minister Stevens. Sympathy for a woman whose chief grievance is the loss of a troublesome crown, but not the loss of either property or freedom, ought not to lead any American into ready acceptance of evil reports concerning a fellow countryman now dead and therefore unable to defend himself.

Minister Stevens' character, as established during a career of eminent usefulness, probity and honor, ought certainly to outweigh the indefinite insinuations of a foreign woman of certainly none too savory reputation who has as a motive for reviling him that it tends to establish a tradable commodity of sympathy for herself.

While we give currency to this authorized defence of the ex-sovereign of Hawaii in the belief that it is proper to accord her a hearing, we must subscribe our opinion that it amounts in law and morals to no defense at all.

The Base Ball Season.

With yesterday's exhibition game at Athletic park the local baseball season may be said to have been formally launched. The generous attendance at this initial game shows that with the coming of the birds and the buds has come also the sporting fever. It is a creditable disease and those who have it need not be ashamed thereof. To get away for the part of an afternoon from the routine grind at desk or shop and to sit out near Mother Nature and watch in evolution at games of skill the developed physical man, meanwhile breathing clean air and rousing the sluggish blood, is clearly beneficial.

The man who does this will be the better for it. The community in which it is done will be the happier for it. The habit, when not abused, merits general encouragement. Of all the sports in vogue in our land none other is to be compared with base ball. This is shown by its life and breadth. In sports as in other things, only the fittest survive. The survival of baseball and its steady growth from year to year in the favor of the American people prove its pre-eminence. It is the American sport because it reflects as no other the American people's love of equality, democracy and fair play. It offers little scope for frauds and shams. The fake player is soon found out and "fired." It lends itself to no development of aristocracy. In the grand stand or on the bleachers, the best black sits on a level with the millionaire, and not a creature in all the crowd dare refuse an answer to "What's the score?" Finally it exemplifies the adage, "It

ness, hustle and nerve that constitute the fundamentals of successful Americanism, and puts the issue of victory or defeat where that issue always should be, on the bedrock level of naked merit. The management of the Scranton Club has begun the season with every preparation within its power to promote the sport and insure for this city a creditable representation on the diamond. Although it encountered many discouragements last year and nervously made expenditures where there was no immediate prospect of a return, it comes amply to the mark this year with a better equipment than ever and announces that it cash and brains are bringing about the required standard of successful playing in Scranton. It will be brought. It is fair to assume that this enterprising disposition will be appreciated and that the ensuing season will be professionally and financially a success.

We are not disposed to boast, but it will interest our advertisers and perhaps not displeasing our readers to know that The Tribune's circulation in the past six months has shown an average net gain, despite the hard times, of over 50 copies a week, and the pace is now growing faster. Draw your own conclusions.

The Rally of the Undimmed.

It is a favorite contention of the gentlemen who are now in conference in this city with a view to promoting an independent prohibition church that their fight against the saloon bears a striking similarity in moral bravado and effectiveness to the anti-bellum movement of the abolitionists. They point to the decision and persecution visited in those days upon such now famous men as Wendell Phillips and William Lloyd Garrison, and profess to see in their own misfortunes simply a repetition of history. It is possible that some of the extremists of the present movement are sustained in their course by the hope that one day posterity will hold their names in equal reverence with the names of Phillips, Garrison and Sumner. At all events, the belief among them is general that by reason of their pertinacity in emphasizing the evils of the liquor traffic, society will yet be driven to abolish that traffic, much as it was driven a generation ago to terminate the traffic in human beings.

There is much in such a movement and in such a courage in the face of seemingly insuperable obstacles to command respect. We must not overlook the fact that the vices of society are in need of counter-irritants, to keep them under check. If there were not, from time to time, such uprisings of terribly in-carnate minorities against established evils, the indifferent mass of the people, in its easy habit of simply existing from day to day, would no doubt soon find itself bound in terms of humiliating surrender. No truisms are truer than that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and since it is out of the question for every complainant Tom, Dick and Harry to be relied upon to perform the office of a sentinel on the watch tower, it is very useful and to some extent also convenient to have this function assumed by enthusiastic volunteers, who seem to enjoy it just in proportion as the air is chill, the duty hard and the reward invisible.

It is true that from a practical standpoint there does not appear to be present warrant for the claims of those who would solve the enigma of intemperance by means of the ballot. No such multiplication in numerical strength is discernible as would tend color to the belief that soon the crash will come and in it the saloon go down. After nearly a decade of agitation Prohibition stands very little forward from its starting point. But this is really what entitles the leaders of the movement to our admiration. It is no feat at all to keep up a bold front when things are going one's way. It is when just the opposite is true that real heroism is tested. It is in no disreputable sense that we allude to the members of the local conference as the undimmed. Scranton welcomes them as it welcomes all its guests; and wishes for them while here an enjoyable and a profitable season.

For a rebel who has several times been officially crushed, it is strange how the Cuban war hangs on. These interesting questions are considered in an equally interesting article published recently in the Pittston Gazette, and it may be worth our time to review briefly the conclusions to which that thoughtful paper came. At the outset it needs to be understood that the truth is not less the truth when unwelcome, and also that it pays to be honest.

The Gazette article refers to a recent paper in the Forum on "What Are Normal Times?" and indorses its contention that the following-the-war boom period, during which we constructed 88,000 miles of railway, created thousands of new towns and villages, opened up thousands of new farms on the western prairies, established a multitude of new manufacturing concerns and drew \$2,000,000,000 from Europe, has ended and that we are just entering upon the reaction. It is our contemporary's belief that in the now inevitable re-adjustment of industrial affairs the anthracite trade is doomed to suffer more than the average run of business, and for certain manifest reasons.

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Thus we have the disastrous condition confronting us or a greatly reduced demand and a largely increased supply." It is this not all. Anthracite is being displaced by natural gas, oil, coke and bituminous coal. "A few years ago," as a writer in the Coal Trade Journal points out, "people used to live more in houses where they did their own heating, but now a very large number live in apartment houses and their heating is done through one plant for the whole building and usually with bituminous coal or its products. The construction of office buildings is very different from what it used to be. They are now of immense size and are heated with one plant fired with the cheapest bituminous coal which can be used on account of the new appliances for the reduction of smoke. Then again, anthracite coal in most markets is more expensive than bituminous coal, consequently it becomes more an article of luxury and in these times when close economies are more than usually necessary, anthracite coal has had the pruning down more than other coals."

The significance of this should not, however, be overestimated. While the market for anthracite for industrial purposes may not grow in future as in the past, with the recurrence of normally prosperous times there must inevitably come a steady growth in the demand for anthracite for domestic purposes. In times of poverty people may be willing to smut up their chimneys and their walls with soft coal, for economy's sake; but when times are prosperous they will recur to anthracite. The difference of a few pennies will not be permitted to defeat comfort when consumers have the few pennies to spare. Thus the hope of our own region, as of all others, rests in the restoration of industrial activity by which the channels of purchase and sale are watered with the invigorating liquid of profit.

Speaking, however, of that more remote time when our coal will be exhausted, although it will not affect the people of this generation we concur in the view of the Gazette that "the same indomitable energy which has made this and the contiguous valleys among the wealthiest in the nation will be exerted after the coal business has languished. It needs but a readjustment of industrial conditions to place us once more on a sure footing, and the transformation is even now in progress. The coal mines can be expected to furnish employment for a limited number of men for ages to come, and the remainder of the population will simply drift gradually into other lines of employment which must and are at this moment being opened for them."

The diversification of industries and enterprise, consequently, is now the paramount need. Scranton has led in this work heretofore and it behooves it in future to maintain that lead. No doubt if it were left to a vote of Queen Lil and her immediate relatives, the idea of a republican government in Hawaii would be discounted and abandoned unanimously. But the fact remains that the republican government at Honolulu is the creation of the best elements on the islands and that by every law of custom and equity the best elements are entitled to rule.

Gossip at the Capital

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Washington, April 16.—A good story is told at the expense of Jerry Mathews, the Washington correspondent of the Indianapolis News. The day Senator Voorhees and Jerry parted, the latter dispatched for his paper and filed it with the Western Union Telegraph company for transmission to Indianapolis. For some unaccountable reason the dispatch sent to the Pittsburgh News instead of to the Indianapolis News. The Pittsburgh paper, being without a regular press association service, sent the dispatch to the Indianapolis News. The Indianapolis News, which he knew Jerry would do if he were not sick. It was some time before Jerry received the "burry" dispatch; in fact, it was late in the afternoon when it reached him at his office down town. He couldn't imagine what it meant, for he had filed his story early in the day, and the paper coming to him should have been on the streets in Indianapolis hours before. Upon investigation he soon learned the facts, which he wired his paper. It was late in the afternoon when it reached him at his office down town. He couldn't imagine what it meant, for he had filed his story early in the day, and the paper coming to him should have been on the streets in Indianapolis hours before. Upon investigation he soon learned the facts, which he wired his paper.

Weather and Other Predictions for the Coming Week.

Sunday, April 18.—Easter. Weather stormy. A child born on this day will be careless and seldom fortunate. A female will get a good husband. Unlucky day. Monday, April 19.—Weather mild. A child born on this day will be lazy and extravagant. Sell about noon. Tuesday, April 20.—Sun trine to Jupiter. Weather showery. A child born on this day will always quarrel with friends. A female will be fortunate in marriage. See employment and speculate. Wednesday, April 21.—Weather stormy. A child born on this day will be careless and rise in life. Speculate before 2 p. m. Thursday, April 22.—Moon in opposition to Mars. Weather unsettled. A child born on this day will be careless and generous and usually poor. Sell, and do not quarrel. Friday, April 23.—Moon trine to Mercury. Weather changeable. A child born on this day will be sharp, steady and persevering, but not very fortunate in the employ of others. Saturday, April 24.—Weather changeable. A child born on this day will be careless. Its success will depend much on the hour of birth. Avoid women and do not marry on this day.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajacehus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cast 4 1/2 a. m. for Saturday, April 17, 1897. A child born on this day will notice that time often hangs heavily upon the hands of persons who complain of being overworked. There is nothing so pleasing to one at the foot of the ladder in life's struggle as good advice and well wishes—except cash. The fear of punishment seldom makes a man better; but it often forces him to do so. It is quite evident that Manager Griffin has not been articulating through his helmet. Religion in some instances is like an Easter bonnet. It will not last through the summer.

Ajacehus' Advice. Keep ambitions of the base ball club to yourself for a few days longer.

and he wanted to know if there was not some way by which he could stop the sale until he could harvest his crops, a few months later, when he could easily pay the debt. Voorhees looked into the honest face of his old friend for a minute or two, reached into his pocket, pulled out the \$300 which he had received only a few minutes before, and handed the roll over to the old farmer with the remark: "That, I think, will save your farm." Voorhees probably never that statement as badly as his old friend, but he never thought of himself when anybody else was in trouble.

The National theater in this city has been burned four times since it was first erected nearly sixty years ago. The burning of this building has occurred just before the inauguration of the inauguration of a president. The first time it was burned was the night after the inauguration of President Polk in 1845. The inauguration had been held there and all the decorations of the building were destroyed. The next time it burned was in February, 1857, just before the inauguration of President Fremont. Then on Jan. 28, 1873, just before General Grant's first inauguration, it was burned the third time. The last time was just before Mr. Cleveland's inauguration in 1893. Twelve the building was burned in the day time, the second and third times, the others being at night. No lives were lost at any of the four fires.

Since the municipal elections in Ohio last week the Democrats of that state who are located in Washington have been doing a good deal of boasting as to what they are going to do in the way of electing a successor to Senator Mark Hanna. The average Ohio Democrat is a hopeful creature, even more so than his Pennsylvania brother, who is always predicting that the Keystone state will yet be found by the average Democratic column and that at the same time the Republican majority are yearly climbing higher and higher. The Buckeye Democrats are confident that they will see their names on the list of the next gubernatorial campaign. But, then, you know, talk is misty cheap and the Ohio Democrats are not likely to be unusually "long" on that article and "short" on votes. That's the only difference between them and the Republicans.

The free silver Democrats in the senate are going to attempt to defeat the nomination of John Ross for the minority commission of the District of Columbia. Mr. Ross, who has always been a Democrat, has held the office of commissioner two terms, the first time under the Harrison administration and the second under Mr. Cleveland's. The principal objection to Mr. Ross is that he did not vote for Bryan at the last election, but supported Palmer and Buckner. For this reason he is persona non grata with the silver forces in the senate. It is not believed that they will succeed in defeating his confirmation.

The sons of ex-presidents, be they worthy or not, seem to think that this government ought to honor them because their fathers were great men. Colonel Fred Grant, whose nose is out of joint with President McKinley because he did not give him a big foreign mission, refused to "lower his dignity," as he put it, by accepting the office of secretary of war, which was offered him. It is not likely that he will be given an opportunity to decline another offer from this administration. Alan Dexter, son of the late ex-President Arthur, is another "son of his father," who is seeking a government job. He has little to commend him but his father's reputation. He wants to go to the Netherlands. So far none of the Hayes or Garfield families have applied for office under this administration.

The appointment of a successor to Commissioner of Internal Revenue Foreman is not expected to be made until about the middle of June. National Committee man Scott, of West Virginia, is still on the slate for that place. It is said that Foreman will be made treasurer of the United States as a reward for the work he did for the Republic in Illinois during the last campaign. He was the Democratic standard candidate for governor of that state last year. He is probably the only prominent sold Democrat who will be recognized by President McKinley.

WIND NOT NEGOTIABLE.

From the Nicholson Examiner. Dear Readers—It is not because we would like to publish everything you might send us free, that we charge for the space in our paper; but it is because we have discovered that our stomachs must be fed and our best clothes must be in order to do this and print a paper in this town we must charge a reasonable price for everything outside of news. Any one that it would not take much wind to blow us away. In the future we are in the business for the purpose of making a living out of it, and we shall demand more than just wind for the use of our columns outside of that which people are generally interested in.

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