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LYNCH LAW.

The alleged civilized and intelligent republic of Hawaii knocks at the door of the great republic of the United States of America and asks for admission to that glorious sisterhood of the states populated by freeman.

In the application it is stated that we possess all the virtues of New England and very few of the vices of the west. That we are intelligent and law-abiding and fully recognize the superiority of the men in whom the gods and Stevens (according to their own ideas) have vested the best government of these islands. Such were the allegations in 1893 when the commissioners went to Washington and pleaded the cause of the then very badly scared missionaries.

In 1895 to-day, we still hear Thurston and his annexation crew knocking at the door of Uncle Sam—the door which for many years will be closed, and asking for admission for little Hawaii. This time we do not come with so clean a record as we did in 1893. The skirts of the petitioning republic are being dragged in the mud.

An administration which allows the people of the other islands to run amuck at their sweet will and to set at defiance the central government is hardly apt to inspire confidence. A government which has succeeded in bringing the country into everlasting trouble with the great powers who at all hazards protect their citizens residing abroad is not wise. But the government which while boasting of its strength and its stability allows lynch law or at least doesn't prevent it is beneath contempt.

We do not care to look into the merits of the outrage committed of Mr. F. Godfrey, an American citizen last evening—We believe as we have stated in a former issue that the author of the infamous posters pasted at certain corners, a few nights ago should be punished to the fullest extent of the law. This misdeed we understand has not been proven on Mr. Godfrey. If it could be he is amenable to the law. If he is innocent of the charge the mob which ill-treated him becomes more offensive and no stone should be unturned which can lead to the discovery of the lawless bandits.

There is a law in this country against dangerous persons which gives the government power to banish any person dangerous to the peace of the country. A person who wilfully will distribute posters for the purpose of creating a panic among the ignorant natives during a cholera scare is "dangerous" under that law. The Board of Health which has the power to make laws; which can empower employees to enter every house in town twice a day without search warrant and traverse through every room of all premises; a Board with such powers we may say is sufficient powerful to pass rules which would have fitted the case of the person guilty of placarding the town with those diabolic posters.

If the Government proposes to shut its eyes to personal violence, let the country know it at once. There are a large number of idle hands for hire at present, and if the Government desires the country to go back into the middle ages the "condottieri" of all nationalities will soon be found, and the scenes of those days repeated in the streets of Honolulu.

We suggested a few days ago to the Government to offer a big reward for the detection and conviction of the parties who sent out those placards. We still more earnestly propose that a reward be immediately offered for the apprehension of the ruffians who violated the laws of the republic, and who have given to the Government the blackest eye it has yet received.

The Advertiser, the semi-official and the absolutely missionary organ has nothing to say in the matter. It reports the affair in a joecose and sensational manner, and refrains from editorial comment. A few days ago a prominent gentleman connected with the Advertiser insulted a certain class of citizens, and they took exception to his comments in a most threatening manner. If calmer counsel had not prevailed, so we are told, the Advertiser gentleman would have met the treatment which was offered to Mr. Godfrey, when he casually, last evening, walked towards the waterfront with an official of the Government, and then perhaps the organ would have squealed.

Whether Mr. Godfrey is guilty of the offense charged or not is immaterial to us; if he is friendless and poor is of no account in this instance; if he is 55 years old and unable to stand off four or five armed men plays no role. All we want to know is if the Government will stand tacitly by and see lynch law in the capital of Hawaii.

We have seen and interviewed a large number of prominent citizens of different political opinions, and of different nationalities, and from none have we heard aught but a full condemnation of the outrage, which was committed under the very eyes of a government official, coming from a committee of citizens, among whom were men of high responsibility like Judge Cooper, Collector McStocker, and others.

All that has been gained by the assault on Godfrey is that the Hawaiians now fully believe in the truth of his absurd statements. Every ordinary kaauka to-day believes that an attempt was made to kill Godfrey by haoles because he

told the truth. We hardly imagine that that was the object sought by the instigators of this latest "exhibition" of the republican civilization.

If Mr. Dole represents a strong Government the chance to show it has arrived. If he doesn't let him take in the sign.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

"The High Sheriff of Hawaii really met his Waterloo." Star. That is the "Holy Terror" is on cocoanut Island.

The Star wants the new wash house to be artistic. How about the colliers and cuff? Are they to be artistic too?

The Bulletin says "The Marshal's knowledge of cards is limited." The boys had better play him up to the limit in future then.

Hawaiians as a rule expose their bedding to the sun every day. How about the others? It seems to us they need the instruction more.

Inspector Low has now found "rotting cows' tails" under a house in his district. Did he wait till they rotted and his nose told him the effects?

Messrs. L. A. Thurston and C. B. Wilson agreed on the amount of whitewashing necessary to be done. The former reported so to the Committee of Sanitation last night. The old partner must be thrown over.

Valdemar Knudsen of Kauai writes to the Star that he was invited to come ashore. He went. And then he was asked to go on board again by Mr. Purvis because "the natives are angry at your permission to land."

Because Judge L. Wilcox, hasn't touched on the merits of a libel case against Messrs. Vivas and Ferreira the Bulletin insinuates that he can't "talk Spanish" or talk Portuguese. The other comments on Police Court cases are simply to vulgar to be alluded to.

The census of Honolulu, published in the Advertiser this morning, shows a gain over that of 1890 of 5154 persons, of whom it is safe to say that 5000 are Chinese and Japanese who have served their contracts on sugar estates. These figures may be manipulated to serve as an annexation campaign document.

The Bulletin says the residents of the other islands have no more right than the residents of King, Queen and Punchbowl streets, to oppose the laws laid down by the Board of Health. That is quite true. But the Government of the Republic must enforce its laws and regulations; otherwise private individuals, whether on Queen street, elsewhere, or on the other islands, must do as they please.

"In the discussion of the proposed disinfecting and cleansing day by the inspectors, it transpired that doctors differed widely upon modes and means of disinfecting. What has become of the Medical Association that was lately organized, if the people in an emergency like the present cannot get a majority decision upon these professional questions?"

So says the Bulletin. Well, if majority rule is to cure us why not get it? The majority may agree—but in our present Board of Health what benefit will that do us?

A Councillor of State, and said to be aspirant for judicial office, was

asked to subscribe to the fund of the Hawaiian Relief Society, and responded by saying: "G—d D—n the kaaukas" and refusing to give a cent. This utterance leads us to speculate whether this councillor did not voice the feelings of a majority of his colleagues, and if so whether this expression is not a key to the treatment which Hawaiians have received since January, 1893?

A subscriber to the Advertiser, says: that after reading the remarkable twenty paragraph letter of the President of the Board of Health to his rebellious subjects on Hawaii, Maui and Kauai, he likened the letter to a tape worm and its numberless segments, and is anxious to know whether that official passed the whole of the cestoid, for he dreads another infection. An examination of the production shows the head, "Office of the Board of Health," complete, and the tail incomplete, as it lacks the title, President of the Board of Health, after the signature. As a preventive measure it might be well for our Hilo friends to send the scalding President a bottle of Jaynes Vermifuge.

Hitscock in Honolulu as Marshal, ditto, ditto, in Hilo as Sheriff, and the same on the Claudine as passenger, are identical. But yet the Hilo people wouldn't have him. Cocoanut Island has to content him as a residence until the Hilo folk are willing to receive him once more into the fold. But what a disappointment! His august presence couldn't even force them to permit him to go ashore. And he—the hero of a thousand wars, whom all the army, and the rebels, and the citizens' guard, couldn't scare—had to retire—not before the armed battalions of the enemy—but before a second-hand fire engine. "Oh! what a fall was there my countrymen!" and, as a correspondent to the Bulletin remarks, "didn't he swear, Ho!"

A gentleman named W. H. Crawford, sub-inspector has decided that the wash houses of the town now located next to Haaliliamauu bridge should be destroyed. He states the reasons as follows:

1st. These wash houses are already decided by one or more well-known doctors, that is a common nuisance to the public health.
2d. Because these wash houses belong to the Government, and at the same time the Government is forcing the owners on the other side of Nuuanu stream to destroy their buildings; the Government must destroy its own buildings of the same kind before destroying those belonging to individuals.

Whether he can prove his first assertion or whether the second is of no consequence is not for us to say.

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For years have residents of Honolulu overbid each other in extolling the sanitary conditions of Hawaii's capital and advertising it as the healthiest and most beautiful place in the world; we have done this so often and for such a length of time that we finally came to believe what we said and wrote.

The beauty is here but the recent epidemic has clearly demonstrated that the beauty was not even "soil" deep. We have been roughly awakened to find that the drinking water is impure and unfit for domestic purposes; that the atmosphere is polluted; and that the town generally is in as filthy condition as any Oriental overcrowded city.

Officials and private citizens have been aroused and the epidemic will cause a thorough cleansing of Honolulu, the construction of proper sewerage, and also a general sense of the necessity to adopt for each house and each individual proper sanitary precautions.

We have placed in the market a filter for water taps. It is not everybody who can afford to purchase water filters but no house should be without the Tap Filter. The filter will fit all 1/2 in. taps, and the water running through it will be thoroughly filtered. All water should be boiled before using but it is necessary to filter it before boiling, and for that purpose the Tap Filter is the most practical and simplest apparatus. We sell them for \$1.00 each.

Robert's Ozonator which has recently won a great reputation in the United States is the surest and cheapest disinfectant known. From the Ozonator is diffused "Sanitas Vaporizer Mixture" which is unequalled as a germ destroyer, and the smell of which is pleasant and not nauseating like other disinfectants. The Ozonator ought to be placed in all water closets, bathrooms and other places exposed to an unhealthy air. The effects of the Ozonator are antiseptic, disinfecting and deodorizing. In sick rooms, where the patients suffer from diseases breeding foul odors, the disinfecting apparatus has proven a boon and promptly destroyed the foulness of the air. The Ozonator costs only \$5.00, and nobody purchasing one will ever regret the investment.

Besides discussing the above sanitary goods we will call attention to the new Electric Vibrating Bell which we sell for the low price of \$2.50. For that amount the purchaser gets fifty feet of wire, a dry battery, the vibrating bell and the necessary staples, etc. The bell is easily put up and it will prove a great convenience to people whose servants live in detached cottages, or who wish facilities to call up their stables, etc. Merchants and owners of warehouses or stores will also find the bell a great convenience, and the low price brings it within reach of all.

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