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"THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM."

We can well understand the sympathy of the editor of the P. C. Advertiser with Mr. Gorham D. Gilman, better known here among the kamaeas as the "Star of Bethlehem," and his endeavor to gain a pension or "some public recognition" of his unbought labor in regard to the annexation of Hawaii and his untiring efforts to write defamatory articles against Queen Liliuokalani and everybody connected with the cause of the Hawaiian people.

Mr. Armstrong naturally feels that if a substantial public recognition (cash preferred) is given to Gorham D. Gilman, he may have a chance to get in for a pile on account of his having shown the same degree of ingratitude towards Kala-ka-ua as Mr. Gilman has done towards Liliuokalani.

This fellow, Gilman, who is now begging for a pension—we presume that is what "public recognition" means—was, a few years ago, one of the most subservient of toadies and lickspittles as could be found. We beg Mr. Armstrong and those of his readers who may believe in "public recognition" for "patriot" Gorham D. Gilman to read the following extracts from letters written by Mr. Gorham D. Gilman to a representative of Queen Liliuokalani while she was on the throne of Hawaii.

Read and "think:"

Extract from letter written May 14, 1892:

"I would like to be remembered to Her Majesty. I almost hesitate to presume to do so, as here national cares and her bereavements (in which she has my sincere sympathies) may occupy all her time."

Extract from letter written in September, 1892:

"If it becomes convenient and agreeable opportunity offer, I would like very much if you will present my request to Her Majesty the Queen asking her if she will favor me with one of her photographs taken since she became Queen. I have others which she kindly sent me years ago with a little Hawaiian inscription, but have no cabinet since her ascension. Please should you speak to Her Majesty about this, state, I send through you my most respectful aloha.

"I trust that all affairs of State, and national prosperity may tend to give to Her Majesty a long and prosperous reign, and we be enabled to sing for years to come

"God bless our Queen."

Extract from a letter dated November 18, 1892:

"I would acknowledge the receipt of the Book of Music so kindly sent by Her Majesty.

"May I ask the favor that at some appropriate opportunity, you present my sincere thanks for her remembering me so very pleasantly. I and mine will prize the gift while I ever remember the giver."

I take the liberty to enclose a published interview sought for by

one of our widest circulated papers. It was in regard to a dispatch from San Francisco.

Should Her Majesty have knowledge of it I trust I may not have mistaken the situation I have endeavored to do what within me lies to uphold the honor and character of Her Majesty's Government and her interests in this country."

"I should prize a sheet of the Queen's paper, with her autograph, to paste in the front part of the book I had the honor to receive from her."

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Is the Chief Justice aware that Judge Zane of Utah, a strong candidate for the position of C—J— for the territory of Hawaii, is a relation of Mr. W. A. Kinney, the special agent to Washington? Have we nursed a nasty serpent in our judicial bosom, Albert Francis?

There are numerous and just demands for more lights on the Waikiki roads. The fashionable suburb of Honolulu is virtually in the dark and the road every night crowded with the vehicles of all description is not lighted as well as any back alley is in the city. The Government can certainly afford to place electric lights in the Waikiki district when it always has money to burn for junketing trips and fuss and feathers. Put some lights on the road, gentlemen.

It would be interesting to learn by whose authority Chinese in the vicinity of Nuuanu and Hotel "disturbed the quiet of the night" about 4 o'clock this morning by a long and tremendously noisy furillade of fireworks. There is a limit to human endurance, even during national celebrations, and for the workers the last hour or two of the night's rest is the most generous and beneficial. If the Government must persecute the Chinese let them do so legitimately for infractions of the nuisance law, and not merely with an eye to the future.

THE INDEPENDENT has received written and verbal communications from white compradores complaining of the favoritism shown to Chinese supply merchants by the persons responsible for procuring stores for the U. S. transports and war vessels. The statements although *ex parte* have been sent to responsible persons on the mainland for investigation. In one instance the captain of a transport is alleged to have said, "He would employ the devil if he pleased, and certainly a Chinaman in preference to a white man," or something of the sort.

There is a good deal of sound common sense in the following excerpt from an editorial in the S. F. Call of the 8th inst. Many thoughtful people believe that the United States is now passing through the most crucial test of her existence, and it is not necessary to be a pessimist to entertain the same feeling:

We are refusing to placate the Filipinos, and our own people are proceeding blindfolded and in the dark, apparently in the direction of another trap set and baited with "manifest destiny." If we are to merely assert a Philippine protectorate, a final declaration of independence, and ask only repayment of our costs, there is a better way to such end than the sacrifice of more American lives, in the slaughter of more thousands of a people who offer their blood and bodies in the fear that they have been merely sold to a new master. If we are able to say, in good conscience, that we have not bought them, but their independence, from Spain, not another shot need be fired, not another tear shed in the home of an American volunteer.

Why should not this assurance go forth as well as an order to crush those people? Let us beware of the consequences to ourselves. If this means conquest and colonization, so be it, but let us not conceal from ourselves the fact that it will also mean the abandonment of every distinctive American policy. If it be permanent conquest, let the original copy of the Declaration of Independence which hangs in the State De-

partment at Washington be no longer protected from decay. Let the parchment rot and the signature fade, for we will have destroyed the spirit of the instrument. Let there be also immediate acceptance of General Merritt's declaration that we have outgrown the constitution, and it no longer deserves consideration or respect, and let the Monroe Doctrine, just risen to full glory in its last interpretation, be put away as a childish vagary, inconsistent with the imperial policy and manifest destiny of the nation.

Down Went McGinty.

The boat landing—a Chinese driver—his vegetable cart—his horse—and a plunge into the sea.

Such was the program at 7 a. m. to-day when a Chinaman backed his cart, loaded with vegetables for the men-of-war, up to the edge of the wharf where the boat boys hold the fort. The horse was full of energy and kept on backing. The driver jumped in the nick of time and with a splash the "pure" water of the Pacific received in its bosom the cabbages, the cart and the horse.

While the "haole" bystanders on the wharf advanced all kinds of suggestions of what to do and what not to do, a native boat boy jumped overboard and cut the harness and saved the poor animal which with some difficulty was hoisted onto terra firma. The vegetables and the cart remained at the residence on the bottom of the sea for the benefit of "McGinty."

The Merchant's Exchange.

The latest quotations on the bulletin board of the Merchant's Exchange on the corner of King and Nuuanu streets, quotes a big rush for Enterprise beer on draught, the arrival of a special cargo of Scotch whisky and a full supply of assorted liquors of the very best brands. The Merchant's Exchange will be kept open daily from 5:30 a. m. to 11:30 p. m., during which hours "quotations" will be obtainable upon call.

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Cosmopolitan.

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As we go to press a foreign steamer was sighted off Waimanalo.

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Timely Topics.

Honolulu, Feb. 3, 1899.

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The Hawaiian Hardware Co., Ltd

268 FORT STREET,

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Towels, full size, 75c per doz, worth \$1 50
White cotton shirting, 25 yards for \$1.00 Trimmed Hats, large assortment, your pick for \$1.00
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