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OPPOSED TO ANNEXATION

What the Natives Think of
It--Will Visit the Queen.

To the Editor of The Observer.

HONOLULU, Hawaiian Islands,
July 15.—The ex queen, Liliu-
okalani, is still in Honolulu. I
have not had the pleasure of
meeting or seeing her, but I have
met many of her very close social
and political friends, ex-members
of her cabinet, and Prince David
and Prince Cupid. The Queen
has, no doubt, being greatly
wronged by a few grasping, self-
fish intruders who, not satisfied
with having made plenty of
money here through the liberality
of her, whom they betrayed
and dethroned, and her predecessors,
reached out for the earth,
and are now in possession of
about 8,000 miles of it, viz: the
Hawaiian Islands, by virtue of
what is called the "Provisional
Government."

To this "Provisional Govern-
ment," however, the people object.
The independent natives are bitter
in their opposition to it, and
only such of the natives as by
business relations are coerced or
coaxed to refrain from publicly
denouncing it, excepting perhaps
a few soreheads, who are not in
touch with the royalists when in
power, are opposed to the present
system.

The Annexation club claims to
have 5,400 names on it list. Its
object is to advance the cause in
any practical way, just like any
political club.

I was having some work done
by a professional man in Hono-
lulu, about four weeks ago, who
is a member of the club, and
while I was in his office another
man came in, in a great hurry,
and requested a moment of the
professional man's time, which
he got. His business was to ob-
tain the signatures of all mem-
bers of the Annexation club who
were willing to take arms in an
emergency, or when called upon
by the "provisional government."

The professional man promptly re-
fused to sign it, saying, "That is
going too far." I have learned
from many reliable sources since
that 103 persons are all that
would sign it in Honolulu, a city
that is to the Hawaiian Islands
what Denver is to Colorado.

To a disinterested person the
real true patriotic spirit does not
appear in the Annexation club
nor in the provisional govern-
ment. Perhaps it is because
there are no genuine Hawaiians
in the latter and very few in the
former, although President Dole
is a native, but a white man, the
son of an American missionary.
There have been 126 naturalized
Hawaiian citizens created here
in the last eight years, so with a
population of 85,000, including
45,000 natives, 20,000 Japanese,
18,000 Chinese, some Portu-
guese, Greeks, Spaniards, Eng-
lish, Irish, Scotch, Germans,
etc., there can be but few Ameri-
cans.

The provisional government
pays \$40 a month to its soldiers.
They are imported here from
San Francisco. They know how
to carry a gun but not how to use
one, judging from their actions
at drill as well as in active ser-
vice. For instance, about fifteen
days ago the sheriff reported to

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Hawaii Holomua

PROGRESS.

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HONOLULU, SEPT. 22, 1893

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

We are not needed for the purpose of fighting Mr. Neumann's battles, and we should have taken no notice of the alleged arguments advanced by an anonymous dunc in the Advertiser, who subscribes himself Annexationist, if it wasn't that the writer makes such an exhibition of ignorance of the history of the United States, as to induce us to give him a lesson.

This "Annexationist" from Hawaii—who has a very Horney flavor—attempts to present reasons why the United States should annex these Islands, even against the will of the people. His or more, probably her attempt to defend the cause of the annexationists is extremely futile. "Annexationist" evidently considers Hawaii a conquered nation—conquered by the the forces of the United States, and now belonging to the men who conspired against the Queen, and to their accessories before the fact. He shows a number of instances where the United States have annexed territories without the people of such territories being consulted, and that is, where he makes an ass of himself.

The cases mentioned are those connected with Texas, Mississippi, California, Florida, and Alaska. The kuaaina from Hawaii, should read a little more history before he rushes into print with his vulgar abuses of Mr. Neumann. Texas was joined into the Union through a vote taken among the residents of that territory. The governor of Texas at the time of annexation, was General Houston, who previously was governor of Tennessee.—There was no annexation against the will of the people, although, Mexico disapproved it believing that she had a kuleana in Texas, and the comparison drawn by our Horred friend from Hawaii, is to say the least extremely lame. Mississippi to which he next refers was never a territory, but was simply a part of Louisiana. When Louisiana was transferred from France to the United States Government, nobody was deprived of a franchise already enjoyed or exercised. The French government owned Louisiana through conquest, and had a perfect right to do with it, what it pleased, but that is hardly the case in regard to the P. G., and Hawaii to-day. Florida and Alaska, were at the time of their transfer to the United States populated by savage Indians only, and there never could exist any reasons for allowing them the right of voting in a country, in which they had been suppressed and conquered by an intruding nation. California was virtually conquered by the United States, and in that manner became a member of the Union, but we have yet to learn that the inex-

ensible landing of Captain Wittse and his forces was paramount to a conquest of Hawaii.

The Provisional Government in Hawaii to-day is not existing through the support of the people. The act of John L. Stevens put it in its present place—and that act has been totally and absolutely disavowed by the United States Government. The means of defence and of attack have been taken away from the Hawaiians through the agency of the man who officially represented, but virtually misrepresented, the United States here, but the day is coming when the Hawaiians will again be placed in a position to fight for their fireside, their homes, and their independence—and "annexationist" and the rest of his ilk can rest assured that they will never let the opportunity slip through their hands again, and allow themselves to be disarmed—even if the attempt is made by men misusing the name and the strength of the United States of America.

The mild abuses in which "Annexationist" indulges against Paul Neumann, Claus Spreckels and the Queen, we will not dwell upon. It is easy to be a coward, and under a *non-de-plume* hide an identity of which the writer is evidently ashamed. Most likely, the clumsy correspondent to the Advertiser has a grudge against each of the individuals mentioned. We can only make a random guess, but the possibility is there, that he has been ousted by Spreckels, sued by Neumann, and refused a "cabinet position by the Queen."

We mentioned in our columns a few days ago the case of C. M. Shortridge, the editor of the *San Jose Mercury*, who was arrested for contempt for having published the evidence in a divorce case held with closed doors. Mr. Shortridge has been acquitted by the Supreme Court of California, and the decision ought to be a lesson to our government, and more especially to our learned Attorney-General Mr. W. O. Smith.

The opinion of the Court was written by Judge Patterson, and concurred in by Justices De Haven, Fitzgerald, Harrison and McFarland (—royalist name) and is very lengthy. We will quote the finishing clause which might be of great interest to our authorities, now desiring so ardently to get under American rule. And this is what the Judges say:

"The Constitution of every State in the Union guarantees every citizen the right to freely speak, write and publish his sentiments on all subjects, and prohibits the passage of any law to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the press. What one may lawfully speak, he may lawfully write and publish."

We realize that the above remarks will hurt the feelings of the most learned Attorney-General, who dug up some repealed and antiquated newspaper-muzzling law from Australia for the special benefit of the HOLOMUA, and we therefore reprint a few items from the *Japan Weekly Mail*, to show him that there is at least one country where editors and newspapers are "sat upon." After reading it, we expect that he will turn out as a strong advocate of

Hawaii's annexation to Japan. This is how it goes in the country of the Chrysanthemum:

"The *Chinzei Nippo*, of Nagasaki, was suspended on the 14th inst. having published an article violating the public peace."

"The *Kokkai* has again invited suspension by publishing some very violent writings on Korean subjects."

"Judgment was given on Wednesday on the charge of libel brought by various officials against the editor and printer of the *Fiji Shimbu*. The latter was sentenced to three months' hard labor and fined 15 yen, the former to five months' hard labor and fined 20 yen. Both have appealed. The case arose out of the Soma affair."

Of course, we know the hostility of Mr. W. O. Smith—learned in the law—towards Japan, and for that reason, we will show him, that even England, the country he at one time desired to swallow Hawaii, is up to P. G. principles, and punishes an offending editor by the pound. This is what Henry Labouchere got for using a great deal milder language than the HOLOMUA would have done on the occasion:

"Mr. Henry Labouchere, the editor and proprietor of *Truth*, has had to pay £150 and costs in an action brought against him for libel by Sir William Worsley, Bart. The words complained of, which appeared in *Truth* in August of last year, stated that Sir W. Worsley, who was the patron of the living of Hovingham, had withdrawn his "angust presence" and financial support from the church on account of the vicar having taken an active part in an election in the Radical interest, Sir William being a Tory. The defendant pleaded that he had published an apology and a correction to the effect that he found the fact to be that Sir William only withdrew a portion of his pecuniary support, and that he only partially withdrew his presence from the church, that was to say, that he ceased to be a regular attendant at all services. After hearing the evidence of the plaintiff, a verdict was given by consent for the plaintiff with the damages mentioned.

After all, let us be glad while the Autocrat General grieves, that we are to be annexed surely to the United States. On behalf of the editors in town, we prefer American rule, and principles relating to the freedom of the press, both to Japan, England, and the irrepressible S. O. W. (turn him over.)

We do not desire to criticize Judge Robertson unnecessarily, because, we believe that he has made a very good record for himself so far, but we deem it beneficial both to the Judge as well as to the community to make a note whenever a judgment is given which to the common mind either appears too severe or too lenient. We commented on the fine imposed on the New Hebridian who used bad language (in his own vernacular probably), and thereby shocked the virtuous Magoon (J. Alfred) but the severity of the fine imposed on that poor devil (not Magoon, but "Jack") has been still more emphasized by the light fine demanded yesterday,

from the Japanese servant, who assaulted Mrs. Lucas. We consider \$20 fine absolutely inadequate for such an offense. If the semi-civilized servants employed in this city get the impression that they can abuse the ladies whom they serve during the absence of their Masters, without any severe punishment following a very bad precedent will be established and it will be unsafe for any man of family to leave his wife and children alone and at the mercy of any ferocious Japanese or Chinese. The Judge ought to have sent the fellow on the reef for three months at least and thereby establishing a wholesome example.

There was a meeting of our good and paternal Councils yesterday, at which nothing of interest was transacted. Mr. Damon exhibited his usual pyrotechnical display of financial figures, and the Councilors yawned. We wish to remark that the returns from the Post Office as per Damon, only amount to \$785, while a contemporary on the government side—stated a few days ago that over \$3,000 had been handed in on account of sales of stamp. May we ask where the balance went to? To the reserve fund perhaps?

The Minister deserves credit for requesting that an investigation be held into the finances of the Military Department. The question is now if Mr. Damon dares to publish the expenses of that highly useful, and security ornamental body known as the army. Are the tax-payers finally to know how much money is paid monthly to all the gold-laced gentlemen, who at present rule the country? Are we to know how much cash it costs Hawaii to secure the services of its colonels, lieutenant-colonels, majors, and adjutants? Are we to find out at last how much "extra" a bank-clerk gets for posing as a military man, and a hardware merchant for carrying the high and mighty title of Quarter-Master-General. (of 200 men)? Is the curiosity of the public in regard to the salaries of the ordinance-officer, the secretary of Commisariat, and the Surgeon-General, actually going to be satisfied? We compliment Mr. Damon yet, we will bet that he won't publish the report which the committee appointed will send in.

The Advertiser is not a very correct paper, although, it always boasts of its original and fresh news. This morning it states that the Waimanalo Plantation is a "property lately acquired by Irwin & Co." The Waimanalo Plantation belongs to the Waimanalo Sugar Company and we don't believe that Irwin & Co. have a single share in that concern. The firm referred to are simply the agents of the company.

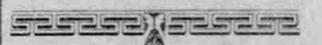
The Advertiser prints a poor cut of General Beauregard, and labels it Robert Louis Stevenson. Besides having been executed with a hoe, it is, in other respects, "the most unkindest cut of all."

A correspondent for whom we have the greatest esteem expresses himself in this issue in regard to our criticism of the Boston officers.—While we are perfectly

willing to adopt the views of our correspondent, and admit the possibility of having been too severe we must say, that according to naval, and army etiquette as practised in the different European countries, the Americans must either be very defective in their *corps d'esprit* or they must have a code of their own.

We cannot possibly understand how Admiral Skerrett can allow the officers of the Boston to go to the ball to be given at the Palace. The refusal en masse of the Boston officers to attend the ball at the Hotel the other night, gives the two affairs necessarily a political aspect, and we are of the impression that even the American navy desires its officers to be free from the slightest tinge or appearance of interference in the internal affairs of the countries in which they are stationed. Holding themselves aloof from the ball at the Hotel given by the way, by the most pronounced annexationists was an outrageous insult to the Admiral, who attended the ball. In any other navy such a snub to the commander-in-chief, would have been attended to, in such a manner, as would not easily be forgotten. The acceptance of the invitation to the ball at the Palace emphasizes the insult to the ladies who gave the Hotel ball, and to the Admiral who honored that ball with his presence and shows the Boston officers in a very unenviable light if they care to be considered gentlemen and companions of their European colleagues.

The Supreme Court in Banco is sitting this afternoon. There are several cases on the calendar to be heard.



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Foreign Mail Service.

Steamships will leave for and arrive from San Francisco, on the following dates, till the close of 1893.

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Oceanic	Sept. 25	Alameda
Mowera	for Van-Australia	Oct. 7
cover	Oct. 2	Oceanic
Australia	Oct. 14	Mowera
cover	Oct. 19	Warrimoo
Warrimoo	for Van-Mariposa	Oct. 26
cover	Nov. 1	Australia
China	Nov. 6	Mowera
Australia	Nov. 11	Warrimoo
cover	Nov. 16	Oceanic
Mowera	for Van-China	Nov. 23
cover	Dec. 2	Australia
Oceanic	Dec. 4	Alameda
Australia	Dec. 9	Mowera
cover	Dec. 14	Warrimoo
Warrimoo	for Van-Oceanic	Dec. 23
cover	Jan. 1	Australia
City Yeking	Jan. 2	Warrimoo
cover	Jan. 6	Australia
Warrimoo	for Van-	cover
cover	Sept. 23	

From the Water-Front.

Arrivals.

Star Wainalea, from Kauai

Departures.

Star Kinau, Clarke, for Maui and Hawaii
Star J A Cummings, Neilson, for Koolau

Passengers.

DEPARTURES.

For Maui and Hawaii, per star Kinau Sept 22—J M Davidson, Miss M M Clarke, Miss E Roy, Mr. T Teven, His Lordship, the Bishop of Honolulu, J Bryant, E Manuel, J O Carter Jr, Mrs McTighe and 2 children, Miss Mary E Low, and Mrs C P Iaukea and daughter.

Shipping Notes.

The U S S Boston will leave port next Tuesday.

The steamer Kaala made a special trip to Waianae this morning, and is expected to return this evening.

Vessels in Port.

U S S Adams, Nelson.
U S S Boston, Day.
U S S Philadelphia, Parker.
Br sch Norma, Yokohama.
Am bk Alden Besse, Fria, San Francisco.
Am sch Alice Cooke, Penhallow, Pgt Sound
Am bk Discovery, Christiansen, S F.
Br bk Dora, Peterson, Newcastle, N S W.
Am bkt Irngard, Schmidt, Laysan Island.
Am bkt W H Dimond, Nelson, S F.
Am bkt S G Wilder, McNeill, S F.
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Am bk Detroit, Darrah, Nannimo.

Foreign Vessels Expected.

vessels.	where from.	due.
Am bk Harvester	S F (Hilo)	Aug 21
Am sch Robt Lewers	S F	Aug 25
Br sch Co of Merioneth	N S W	Sept 14
Am bktn Plauter	S F	Sept 18
Am bk Ceylon	S F	Sept 20
Jap ss Aikoku Maru	Yokohama	Sept 22
Haw sch J G North	S F	Sept 23
C A ss Warrimoo	Vancouver	Sept 23
Haw bk Andrew Welch	S F	Sept 26
R M ss Alameda	S F	Sept 27
Am sch Transit	S F	Sept 28
Am sch Allen A	Eureka	Oct 1
E M ss Mariposa	S F	Oct 11
O k ss Oceanic	S F	Oct 17
U S Cruiser Charleston		Oct 17
Am bk Martha Davis	Boston	Dec 20
Ger bk Nautilus	Liverpool	Dec 30

He Plays Again.

Professor Heinrich Berger and his artists will entertain the community to-night with a concert to be given at Thomas Square at 7:30 o'clock. The professor has selected the following pieces for the occasion:

PART I.

1. March—"The Gladiators".....Souza
2. Overture—"Calf of Bagdad".....Boieldien
3. Waltz—"Tont Paris".....Waldteufel
4. Selection—"H Trovatore" (by request).....Verdi

PART II.

5. Selection—"Bohemian Girl" (by request).....Balfe
6. Echo piece—"In Switzerland" (by request).....Hume
7. Waltz—"The Dolls".....Bayer
8. Galop—"Brave Ahead".....Strauss

Hawaii Poni.

The steamer Kaala made a special trip to Waianae this morning, and is expected to return this evening.

"ANNEXATION" HOSPITALITY.

The annexation club had better take in its sign. It proposes to be a very public spirited and hospitable organization. In giving the ball to the naval officers at the Hotel on Monday evening, the 11th of September, they advertised themselves with much ink and some bombast, as giving "a fitting farewell to the gallant officers of the Boston, and a welcome to those of the Philadelphia." Upon such a manifesto, the officers of those ships had the right, it would seem, to expect at least a free entertainment. It would have seemed strange had any one suggested in advance, that the annexation patriots intended to decoy the naval officers ashore, with the purpose of levying a contribution upon them. But, however remarkable such a course, must seem to those who regard the obligations and etiquette of hospitality, the fact remains that those resplendent lights in the firmament of the annexation party who gave the ball in question, either were too coarse and ignorant to comprehend the etiquette of the occasion, or too nearly "broke" to permit considerations of etiquette and hospitality to influence their action. To their shame be it spoken, the managers of that "function," after getting their naval friends into their net, at the Hotel, levied contributions upon the officers to assist in paying the expenses of the blow-out. After this, who shall dare deny that the annexationists represent all the brains, wealth, and social prestige in Hawaii nei? After this, who shall dare to criticise the resident of Honolulu, who shall invite his friends to a feast at his house, and then levy an assessment upon each guest, to pay for the dinner and the lush? Have not those irreproachable people, the elite of the annexation party set the pace? Who shall be blamed for following their social example?

LOCAL NEWS.

The P. G. band plays at Thomas Square this evening.

The Bark Alden Besse, sails for San Francisco to-morrow morning.

A broken roller from Hanamalu, Kauai, was the only freight by the steamer Waialeale.

Mr. H. A. Widemann went to Waianae this morning. He went down on the steamer Kaala.

The C. A. Steamship Warrimoo due to-morrow from Vancouver, B. C., should bring four days later telegraphic news.

Shares of Stock in the Peoples' Ice & Refrigerating Co., will be offered for sale to-morrow, at Morgan's auction rooms.

The steamer Kinau sailed at 2 o'clock this afternoon, for Windward Ports. The following passengers were booked at the office of the steamer: J. M. Davidson, Miss M. M. Clarke, Miss E. Roy, T. Teven, His Lordship, the Bishop of Honolulu, J. Bryant, E. Manuel, J. O. Carter, Jr., Mrs. McTighe and 2 children, Miss Mary E. Low, and Mrs. C. P. Iaukea and daughter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions or the utterances of our correspondents.]

EDITOR HOLOMUA:

Your criticism on the Boston's officers for not attending the dance at the Hotel the other evening, was I think unnecessarily severe. Knowing, that from the day they were ordered to land to render assistance to the revolutionists, up to the present day, none of them, (whatever their private opinions may be on the situation) have shown any social differences, and it is hard to believe that they were absent from that social affair for any political reason.

The Advertiser editor in his editorial of the 15th inst. speaking of the intended departure of the Boston, embraces the opportunity of writing a political obituary on the snip and her officers, and beautifully mixes them up with Hawaiian politics, all because they carried out their official instructions, on the 16th of January last. If all officials acts of a naval officer are to be considered as acts of a personal nature, he is to be pitied.

That editor further says, that the Boston's officers have endeared themselves to the American colony here, and won the esteem of the Provisional Government. Is that so, are the members of that colony, and the Government, the only people in this Kingdom? I am bound to say, that those officers have made friends and endeared themselves to just as many, perhaps more, persons who are royalists. Those officers are not as partisan in their feelings or actions, as the Advertiser endeavors to make this community believe.

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That Ball.

Invitations to the ball to be given on next Monday evening, are being issued this afternoon. All good royalists and anti-annexationists should not attend. Not for the purpose of showing any disrespect to the United States navy, but, how can they attend any entertainment given by a set of usurpers in the Palace which properly is the residence of the Sovereign.

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A trotting race at Kapiolani Park at 2 p. m.; a game of Base ball on the league grounds; and a Tag-of-war at Iwilei at 4:30 o'clock, are the sporting events for to-morrow afternoon.

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headquarters the existence of a few people who were afflicted with the terrible disease of leprosy, on the Island of Kauai pronounced Cow Wai, in the district of Kalalau. His report was announced at the regular session of the provisional government, resulting in the sheriff being instructed to go at once to get those people and take them to the health office for examination, when if their cases were pronounced leprosy they would be transported to the Island of Molekai, a very fine place prepared for their comfort and where they are kept aloof from all other people.

So the sheriff prepared his posse for the work; they sailed to Kauai, and thence to Kalalau on horses where, instead of taking the lepers, the lepers took them, killed the sheriff and another man and wounded another, so the dead and wounded were returned to Honolulu, and indignation meetings held, resolutions passed, etc. etc. Then the provisional government resolved to send some of the regular army with one piece of artillery, and plenty of ammunition, etc. So they loaded up a ship and off they went. Last Sunday a report came from them stating that three of the soldiers were killed. One of them was killed by accident. He shot himself—the gun was strange to him, he didn't know it. Another one got his gun broken by a wagon running over it while he was sleeping. They had the grandest military burial held in Kauai at any time. A great many guns were fired in honor of the brave fellows who lost their lives in an effort to capture a few sick men and women, and the provisional government was delighted to learn that only one out of three was awkward enough to kill himself. The lepers are still at large and the soldiers have returned.

On the whole this country is in a very bad condition. Last year's total product was less than \$8,000,000 and they don't expect it to be near as much this year.

Annexation is the important question here, but what country will they get foolish enough to say: "Hawaii, I will take you unto myself and pay all the expense of keeping you, because you are unable to do it yourself?"

Some people argue that this would be a coaling station for the United States in case of war with Japan, China or some other country down this way, where United States ships could stop and get fuel, but I say in case they refuse landing for coal come in and take it anyhow, and take the islands when you want them, but the United States has no use for them now, and the people here are opposed to annexation.

Contract labor is the order of things here, and the Japanese and Chinese are the principal performers, and it is a great advantage to the planters because they have no fear of strikes or disturbances. Under any other condition but the present one it would be hard for the sugar planter to succeed, because Asiatic labor seems to be the only kind that can continue to perform the work in this climate, and the laws of the United States prohibit contract labor, so by annexation to the United States the planters are deprived of that class of labor so essential to their success.

To my mind, annexation seems the height of folly, because the islands are not self-sustaining under the laws of the United States, and the people here are bitterly opposed to it, so I think a nice solution of the present troubles would be for the United States to undo what it has already done, by replacing the queen on the throne, and saying to the people, "Now go ahead and run your own business in your own way—we will not interfere with you again."

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