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HAWAII AS A SUGAR PRODUCER.

The desperate straits of the opponents of Hawaiian annexation are revealed by their plea that the beet sugar industry of the United States will be ruined or injured if Hawaiian cane sugar come in free. As a matter of fact, most of it has been admitted free for years under treaty of reciprocity. In 1896 we imported free of duty from Hawaii 352,175,269 pounds of cane sugar, and not a pound of dutiable sugar. The greatest quantity of dutiable sugar imported from Hawaii during the last six years was 1,848,000 pounds in 1894, against 324,726,584 pounds free of duty in the same year. But our product of beet sugar, which was no more than 1,078,200 pounds in 1883, had risen to 60,000,000 pounds in 1896. The free importation of Hawaiian sugar had not yet retarded the growth of our beet sugar industry.

But it is said that the treaty by which Hawaiian sugar comes in free may be repealed, whereas if annexation come the Hawaiian output will forever be free. Suppose it be so. The estimated consumption of sugar by the people of the United States for the year 1898 is 2,484,000 tons of 2,000 pounds each. Our domestic production of cane and beet sugar never has exceeded 400,000 tons. Our imports of sugar were 1,572,438 tons in 1895, and were in excess of that in 1896. The total product of Hawaii is about 200,000 tons. So that if Hawaii be regarded as part of the United States our sugar account will stand thus:

TONS.	
Amt produced states of union	400,000
Amt produced territory of Hawaii	200,000
Total	600,000
Amt. needed for home use	2,484,000
Deduct home product	600,000

Deficit of home supply..... 1,884,000
 So long as we are nearly 2,000,000 tons short of supplying the demand of the home market, the beet sugar grower has no cause for alarm.

Again, it is said that the cheap labor of Hawaii will work against the interest of the sugar grower of the United States. The answer to this is that the labor rate of Hawaii cannot be lower under annexation than it now is, and than it has been for some years. Yet, as we have seen, the home industry, especially in beet sugar, has grown wonderfully during the years in which the Hawaiian product has come in free. Furthermore, the tendency of annexation will be to raise the price of labor in Hawaii. For, by virtue of annexation, the immense importation of Asiatic labor to Hawaii will be checked.

The Virginia house has passed a bill making railroad corporations responsible for injury or death to an employe by accident, whether the accident be due to a fellow-servant's carelessness or not. Just why railroads and no other class hiring workman should thus be taxed it is difficult to see. It shows that a bad, socialistic spirit is abroad in the land. If the railways are enemies of society, abolish them and go back to road wagons. Would that suit old Virginia?

The old "49-ers" in their snug cabins in "the glorious climate of

California" have fonder memories to recall than will the returning "98-ers," minus a few toes and ears and the memory of the thermometer fifty degrees below.

The French deputies have been throwing ink bottles at each other. This is more terrible than the French duel according to the code.

The town of Holguin, in Eastern Cuba, reported captured by the insurgents, had a population of 6,600 before the war. It is safe to allow a large reduction in the present number of inhabitants.

The Plays of Animals.

A German professor, Karl Groos, has written a book on the "plays" of animals, in which he undertakes to show that the desire to indulge in play is a true instinct among the lower creatures. As in man, the tendency to play is stronger in young animals. Prof. Groos divides animal sports into a number of classes. Among them are: "Play-hunting," in which the prey is sometimes such as the animal naturally chases, and sometimes a "make-believe;" "play-fighting," "building-play," "nursing-play," "plays of imitation" and others.

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 M. S. EVANS, The Dalles, Or.
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