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HELPLESS HONOLULU.

How Kalakaua Plays the Monarch.

A gentleman who has recently returned from the Sandwich Islands states that intense dissatisfaction exists there, by reason of the reckless and extravagant management of public affairs. King Kalakaua's head has been completely turned by the moderate honors that were paid him during his European tour, and his immediate advisers encourage his hallucinations. He has gone daft. He sneers at the free government of the United States, and expresses contempt for any but royal and imperial governments. His pompous egotism is perfectly amusing. He pampers his little "army" of a few hundred men, which a dozen Arizona cowboys could chase all over the hills of Hawaii, and talks about fortifying his islands and bidding defiance to the world. All this would be harmless enough if it did not cost so much money. He is running his petty government head over heels in debt, and as the natives pay literally no taxes, the burden of course falls on foreigners and Caucasian subjects. This point seems to have been well considered. His majesty seems to think "the more debts the merrier," and all goes like a funeral bell. The appropriations at the last legislative assembly, considering the country's resources, were simply enormous. Money was voted for everything and everybody, and when no money could be provided out of regular revenues, large national loans met the deficiency. His majesty's private purse was increased from \$15,000 to \$50,000 per annum, or \$1 per head for every man, woman and child in the country. At the same rate the president of the United States would enjoy a salary of \$52,000,000. The salary of her majesty the queen was increased from \$10,000 to \$16,000. Formerly the king had to support the queen out of his own depleted pocketbook. The allowance of the heir apparent was also increased to \$16,000, and the salary of her royal highness princess Likelihi was increased from \$8,000 to \$12,000. The lord chamberlain's salary was changed from \$5,000 to \$7,000, and the appropriation for foreign ministers was raised to \$25,000. The king was also allowed \$15,000 with which to meet a little bill he had omitted to pay over in Europe. While he was in Austria he had been much pleased with some cannon he saw there, and ordered them forwarded to Honolulu, supposing that they had been presented to him, since he had received a letter concerning them from the emperor of Austria. It transpired, however that the plebeian manufacturer could not make guns for fun and give them away to mighty monarchs, and hence had transmitted a bill. This placed His Majesty in an unpleasant predicament, quite in contrast to his sable epidermis, and the bill was accordingly paid. His Majesty is getting to be fond of guns and warriors, and was allowed \$40,000 for a royal guard, \$33,000 for flags, salutes and bands, \$20,000 for arms and accouterments, \$5,000 for a drill shed and \$10,000 to give away to volunteer companies. Also, an "armed force contingent fund" of \$60,000, to be expended by the king, was also allowed, as well as \$175,000 for a police force and \$12,000 for "assistant guards." Three sheriffs getting \$15,000. All this makes tax payers swear, and think how much more economically a second-class American country is run. The king's ministers come in for a salary of \$12,

000, and there are eight or ten governors on the island to pay. The postmaster-general gets \$8,000 to do what a good mule and a border ruffian could easily accomplish on \$1,000 per annum. The minister of finance was allowed \$12,000; the auditor-general \$10,000; the attorney-general \$12,000; the inspector-general \$8,000, and a host of minor officials with salaries ranging from \$3,000 to \$8,000. The minister of foreign affairs gets \$12,000, and is allowed \$9,000 for a secretary and office expenses. The princess Kaiulani comes in for \$5,000, and in addition to the king's salary of \$50,000, \$16,000 to his queen, and \$15,000 for his cannons, he was allowed \$20,000 for his household expenses; \$7,000 for his chamberlain and secretary, and \$22,500 for his "tour around the world." Then the chief justice and chancellor came in for \$12,000; two associate justices for \$10,000 each; the clerk of the supreme court \$6,000; and about twenty judges got all the way from \$1,200 to \$4,000. One item for the "purchase of decorations" was \$4,000. The poor, benighted Hawaiians believe that when his sublime high mightiness sits down upon that hundred-thousand-dollar throne, and gets under that two hundred-thousand-dollar crown, and takes a long breath in that five-hundred-thousand-dollar palace, the whole world will shake, and that tidal waves will dance all over the Pacific ocean. At the lowest estimate, the expenses of the government are double the revenues, and a loan of \$2,000,000 had to be floated by the last legislature in order to meet the enormous expenses. This money does not come out of King Kalakaua's calico-colored subjects, but out of the business men of Honolulu, and hence the wails, though low, are deep and grievous.

The Blue and the Gray.

Coming up and waiting for my turn to drink, I noticed a sunburnt, gray-haired man leaning over his rude gate, watching the troops. My eye was attracted by a new-made grave among a clump of rose bushes just inside the fence. Wondering at the sight, I ventured to ask the reason for its being there.

"Whose grave is that?" said I, pointing to the mound of fresh earth.

"A reb's," he replied laconically; "one that got killed in the fight the horsemen had here today."

"Indeed! And so you buried him?"

"Yes, buried him myself. They left him lying in the road out thar, just as he fell, and I could do no less, you know."

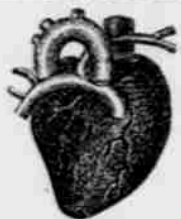
"Of course. But why did you make your rose garden a graveyard?"

"Wa-s!, it was the wimmen that wanted it so. Yer see, stranger," and the old man's voice trembled and grew husky, "yer see, I had a boy once. He went out with the Pennsylvania reserves and fou't along with McClellan, down thar among the Chickamaug swamp. And one day a letter come. It was writ by a woman, and she told us how a battle had bin fou't near her house while she and another woman lay hid all day in the cellar. When the battle was over them wimmen came out and found our Johnny thar, his hair all bloody and tangled in the grass. So they digged a grave in the soft earth of their garden and buried my boy right amongst their flowers, for the sake of the mother who would never see him agin. So when I saw that

poor reb-a-layin' out thar, all dead and bloody in the dust of the road, I sed I'd bury him. And the gals, they sed, "Yes, father, bury him among the rose trees." That's why I did it, stranger."

Then the poor old father's voice was choked by a smothered sob, and a faint cry behind him betrayed the presence of a sister of the dead hero lying in his garden grave near Richmond.—*Bullet and Shell.*

In this state we have a grade of wheat that is known as goose wheat. It is so called because the wheat grown in the state all came from two or three grains taken from the crop of a wild goose. The wheat has a very hard, coarse shell, and makes a peculiar grade of flour. No wheat like it is known in this country. The people of Oregon have wondered from whence it came. The wonder is explained. From samples of foreign wheat at the agricultural department the exact duplicate of the goose wheat of Oregon has been found. This wheat comes from a small province in Spain, the only place where it has been grown. From that one may safely surmise that the wild goose flies around the world in pretty fast time. If we remember aright, it was a farmer who lived in Marion county, about opposite where Wheatland now is, and the goose was killed in the winter of 1850.—*Journal of Commerce.*



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