The Island of Hawaii-Its History and Its Peo-

PRODUCTS AND RESOURCES

Americans in the Minority But They Rule the Country.

> Our New Fellow-Citizens (William Elitot Griffis.)

Our new possessions lie nearly mid-Our new possessions lie nearly mid-way between Cuba and the Philippines, a monsoon off Luzon will drift northboth as to latitude and longitude. In area they are about the size of Connecticut and Delaware combined. Of the prised Andrew Johnson. Boats disabled twelve islands, four are barren rocks, and driven out to sea have done the one is the home of leplers, seven are fertile, beautiful, and peopled. Hawaii is the half-way house between continental shores. Cut by the parallels which pass through Mexico and Annam, it is rich in sub-tropical fruits and food, withal handsomely suitable as haven for ships and the storage of coal, which nowadays is of more value than the winds to the sailor. It seems to be very guage and the remarkable basic similar-distant and to lie so far out west in the distant and to lie so far out west in the ments in the whole island world, from Pacific ocean as to be semi-Asiatic or the Philipines to the Sitkan and Hawa-"Orential," yet it is several hundred lian Archipelagoes, show that the North American "Indians," of all sorts and kinds, and the Hawaiians are as closely related to one another as are the varithe Philippines become ours, to remain ous European nations. He who studies under the stars and stripes, we shall the line of natural lighthouses, the chain have to revise our use of the terms"east" have to revise our use of the terms "east" ply lying along that great circle, from and "west". Hawaii has a name easily proununced. Sentimentally, it has long America, has little trouble to account been part of America. It is now so in for the origin of the natives of America reality.

About this time our fathers were also interested in transits, and the elements for that of Venus over the sun's disc. on it the declaration of Independence, when showed a new born political star moving from barbarism into civilization. across the disc of history. In our generation we have seen, on July 4, 1894, the republic of Hawaii, rising out of the sea, or a new star above the horizon. This very month of July is rich in births and transitions. It is that also of the dutch declaration of independence from Spain, in 1579, as well as that of the acceptance by the United States of America of the gift of the first republic in the Pacific, which benceforth shines as a luminary in the American galaxy.

How many people are in our new oceanic territory? The latest census, that of 1896, enumerated 108,020; per sons. Of pure Hawaiian blood, 8,045; of Japanese, 25,407; of Chinese, 21,616; of Portuguese, 15,191; leaving 8,302 Americans and Europeans, the former being by far the majority and constituting the bulk of the educated persons of influence and property.

Let us look at each of these strains of humanity. While probably the majority of Asiatics in the islands are immigrants from China and Japac, most is the Portuguese, certainly one-half of them, were borne in the Archipelago. It is believed that about fifteen thousand persons of European or Amercan blood first saw the light in Hawnii. Thousands of children also are the offspring of Chinese and Japanese fathers and Hawaiian mothers, forming a stock which is noticeably an improvement on the aboriginal element. The major portion of the white foreigners who are not Americans are British, Scandinavian, and Ger-

Whence came the Hawaiians? Who shall declare their generation? It is like trying to separate giants in combat, or like riding between the fires of two hostile armies, to attempt decision of such a question. One line of writers declare their books that the Kanakas, or Hawnitans, emigrated from the east-This theory that is, from America. bases itself upon the general trend of the winds and ocean currents, and links the islanders with the Tulton of Mexico, while certain resemblances in mental traits and physical features are also

Other scholars fortily their conclusions that the Hawaiians, came from the wort. or Asia, by arguments drawn from inuguage and the similarity of customs, ook, and household equipments to those in the Malay island world. They think that the Hawaiians are among the oblest of the Polynesian peoples. They argue that the various archi ions between those who look to the sun-

In reality the controversy illustrates the old story of the shield with two ides, for nature seems to point out that both theories are true. The well-mapped ocean world, so long studied by hydrographers, shows clearly that the Hawalians came from both the west and the east, first from one and then from the other. When we study the action of that great Pacific Gulf stream called the Kuro Shiwo, or Black Current-first scientifically studied and described by Captain Silas Bent, U.S. N.—we find an explanation of the mystery and the reconciliation of opposing theories. From the tropical ocean boiler a river of hot water runs up from the Malay Archi-pelago past the Philippines, Formosa, Riu Kiu, Kuriles, and the Aleutian islands. Then flowing down past the coast of California and northern Mexico, it bends in half its volume westward, and, as the Equatorial Drift Current, streams toward the Saudwich Islands same thing. I have the record of scores of such waifs. It was the frequent rescue of these Japanese junks with dead and living men on board, by American ships, which first led to the repeated dis-patch of our vessels and finally of a fleet to Japan. Only last year a Japanese junk that had been swept in this semicircular and recured current stranded on one of the Hawaiian Islands.

Furthermore, the analogies of lanof landmarks, the unceasing food sup-

A rough glance at their history shows Although Spaniards first discovered the old story of conquers and conquered, Hawaii, and some were even wrecked up-on its shores, mingling by intermarriage earth has been feudalized or its land their blood with natives, whose descen-dants, the Keken show a light skin Malays and Japanese lived under forms dants, the Kekea, show a light skin, Caucasian facial contour, and freckled faces, yet Captain Cook's is the first European name associated with this new bit of the United states. He went Hawalian had wrought out a feudal out into the south sens to observe the system not intrinsically different from transit of Venus over the face of the sun, that of Mediæval Europe. Even today setting sail from Plymouth in the ship keen observers believe they can trace Endeavor. He succeeded handsomely. the blood of the old chiefs, who through He added the continent of the kangaroo the centuries of war had struggled to Great Britian, and returned in 1771. toward centralization of authority. Be-On his second journey, to discover the fore white men came, Hawaiian society supposed unknown continent Terra consisted of two classes—those who Australis, he left Plymouth July 13, 1772. In 1778 he got back, having lost the time Cook arrived, there were only but one man and hardly a spar, to tell of the Hawaiian Islands, which he had seen the time Cook arrived, there were only five or six independent rulers, each of two min his petty kingdom was suzerian in 1778. There has named after the rein 1778. These he named after the report over vassal chiefs who supplied food or puted noble inventor of stratified references. These lower chiefs freshments. This worthy fourth Earl of the word in turn served by the middle men play cards without intermission, had his luncheon, of slices of bread inclosing ham, brought to him at the gaming-table. end of the last century had made him-very likely consists of an old kerosene As in our days there has been a tendency in hermit nations to self-reformation, so December 9, 1774, were calculated by in Hawaii it seems hardly possible to our own Rittenhouse, of Philadelphia. deny that, without foreign influence The platform used by the astronomers (though it is quite possible that the little stood in Independence square, and from infusion of Spanish blood may have had some transforming power), there was a fully signed, was read to the people. It tendency of Hawaii toward emergency

> The victor-king having strengthened his kingdom, died in 1819. Fitty today his statute, in heroic attitude and ancient garb, stands in Honolulu. The Hawaiian symbol of sovereignty was not crown or scepter, sword, mirror, or crystal ball; not almanac or coinage; but a feather cloak made of thousands of "wee modest feathers," tipped with a spot of color, which grow singly on the inner bodies of a species of little birds nearly extinct. Under the courageous leadership of his son and his widow, the age-old system of Taboo was over thrown and the reactionary party de feated in battle. Then a wild storm of iconoclasm burst upon the islands. The iconoclasts destroyed the idols so thoroughly that it was with difficulty thereafter that any could be secured for curiosities. When the American missionaries, fourteen strong, came in 1820, they found a nation without religion. They reduced the language to writing. introducing the printing press and gradually fitting the natives for civilized goverament. The evolution of rights and privileges followed steadily upon the adoption of christianity by the Hawalians, while the introduction of horses and cattle, as well as innumerable ideas and improvements by foreigners, complecely changed the lace of the country and of society, especially where human beings were grouped in villages, towns and cities.

The native Hawaiian is still the most interesting specimen of bumanity to be found in the islands. He is a winsome and a happy person, this native Kanaka He has the genius of good nature. laughs easily and enjoys life. troubles not himself about tomorrow, or be takes no thought of it. He is like call to work today is, "Manyana." numbers, as well as in Mother nature has spoiled her island and intellectual graces. children by long-continued indulgence, and they suffer, though perhaps unconsciously, because she has not chastised Christianity within two generations can then enough with hunger and the sweat or does extinguish the pagazism of cenof toil. On her other and inverte some turies. Not a low brutalising supersti she has during generations used the diripline of leaden skies, sharp winds, cold the less, the conversion of the "band-winters, rocky soil, and releations form; with Islanders" to the religion of Justia but in Hawaii there is no weather, and forms one of the shining episcoles in the in fact as well as in name, the new Japanexcept where invaluate and cakes, an grand story of measionary triumph.

unbettin ground. Mark Twoin's inquirer for meteoro logical variety, who was referred to Consections, where he could find one hungues and blands of the southern Pacific within twenty-lone hours, would be a light and power through all the South sere columnied by people of an ancient bankrapt in Hosobalu. In perpetual sea by means of orangeints and teachtranch of the Malay race, who started sunshine, amid supplies waves, on a ore to other islands. What early three on what is now the Butch East ladies soil that continually baughs with fruit and gradually scattered themselves over and mod, even without the ticking of the face of the seas. The conflict of opin-ions between those who look to the sun-has a genius for faxiness. He eats and guess in the telands, form a hopeful ele-

than in the nature of the subject of in-Christmas-tree in these isles, where branches are ever laden with color and delicacies.

Only an occasional hour of work is needed to keep the taro-patch in order. The grass seems to be a permanent bed, inviting to continuous naps, while the flowers, fragrant and beautiful, lure to amusement and decoration. The Kanka will indeed ride his pony—purchased for what the man in the song found in his inside pocket-to town, and there on the dock or post-office steps, chat over the news by the bour; but hard work has no charm for this son of the sun. His wife and children, like himself, love flowers. His daughter, flower-garlanded and eschewing side-saddle, rides astride a horse and gallops over road and street like a "scorcher." Like her father and brother, the maiden is at home in the surf, having learned to swim when a

We are not likely to be oppressed financially by our fellow citizens. Hawaii has not yet reared a native millionaire or a Shylock. The Kanaka can keep a fruit stand, a fish stall, or a curio shop, but his is not the inheritance of the cunning Jew or the shrewd Yankee. The results of centuries of mercantile training are not in him. Though he makes a de-lightful servitor behind the counter, it is rare indeed that he is found in the counting-room, or that his name appears in that of a firm known abroad as well as at home. Nevertheless, you will flud him at all occupations. He makes a superb boatman and fisherman, a good mechanic, bookkeeper, compositor, and even editor, lawyer, and minister. He is a politician also, but as a cunning follower, never as a forceful leader. Life has been too easy for him and his an-cestors to enable him to compete with men from Old or New England; with the Chinese, who have reduced competition in practical life to a science; or even with he restless Japanese

If, as some German philosophers say, the potato has caused the decadence and proved the ruin of the Irish, so the taro has prevented the development of the Hawalians. This vater-plant, so common in China and Japan, has found its most congenial home in Hawaii. There is no "martyrdom of man," to use Winwood Reade's suggestive phrase, in Hawaiian agriculture. Drop the ta-ro either in the irrigated ditches, anywhere, or even on the uplands, in the moist climate of Hilo, continue to plant at odd times during the year, and one acre will yield enough to sustain eighteen men during twelve months One small patch, kept from weeds by an occasional hour of labor, will easily feed whole family. "Ten acres enough," in Yankee land may safely lose its decimal in Hawaii and yet suffice for a household. This crop, which never falls, together with bananas, wild oranges, cocoanuts, and fish, makes sustenance too sure. There is not enough of the 'dicipline of uncertainty" for the best

human developement. Our new fellow-citizen finds his chief food in poi. This he makes by cooking, scraping, and pounding taro, waiting for a slight fermentation, adding water and beating into paste. Then, probably after his fingers have been greased with roast pig (somewhat after the most approved style hinted at in Charles Lamb's "Dissertation") or even with tin, cut out at one side and on the top; but for an open-air feast he uses an oven dug in the earth. In this his pigs, cuts of beef, and the meat food generally, are wrapped up in taro-leaves. Then the packages, being properly stratified into a five or six decker sandwich, guarded by moistened banana-tree fiber and laid between red-hot stones at the bottom and a top mass of earth, are steamed during five or six honrs. This process equals Delmonico's, and beats the revolving spits of our hotels, in bringing out the flavor. Thus the most deliciously cooked viands for their famous feasts are served on paim-lerves al fresco.

Neavertheless, the labor for such feast is a severe tax on the Kanaka. It means a sport. Then comes the inevitable reaction. Fond as he is of drinking and being merry, the Hawaiian is still more fond of recovering weariness by resting long in "sweet doing nothing." No wonder that the censeless industri ous and thrifty Chinamen beat the natives at farming and in most lines of endeavor that require manual labor while the brainy Yankee and European rich in nervous force excel him wherever prolonged head-work is required.

This is true of the majority. There is another side, of course, and a nobler side, but of the minority. It is a serious question, not indeed whether the Hawa ian must, or whether he will go the way of the dodo and the bison; for, besides being dandled in luxury on Mother Nature's lap, he has been worsted in the battle of life by the horrible disease which the white men brought when they bade good-bye to God and self-rein the old days before the better straint" influences of Christianity rooted themselves in these isles which waited so long for Christ's law.

It is almost certain that Captain Cook estimate of 400,000 natives is a gross aggregation. The number should have been divided by two at least. Yet it is said today to behold so small a survival of the original population.

Where, however the pure Hawaiians live by themselves with a maximum of the blessings and a minimum of the bane "our friend the enemy," whose reply to brought by civilization, they increase in numbers, as well as in physical strength

Notwithstanding the great missionary anccess, it is a mistate to suppose that tions still remain in the island. Neverwich Islanders" to the religion of Jesus Nat only have there been a transforma tion of native character and hundreds of trained and set to work, but Hawaii has heen to Polynonia.

rise and the others who point to the sun-set, has in its course taken on bestures. "thus to live in the moment, too." Why wheth remind one of that "odius" which, whether called the object or scientific, whether called the object or scientific, has its seat in human nature, rather

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The Chinese began to come in 1865, having been invited, and indeed brought over by the Hawaiian Bureau of Immigration. As it is nearly impossible to get a Chinese woman across the "black waves," these immigrants were all males, and therefore did not improve the social life of the Hawaiians, any more than the white sailors from Christendom. But as in all the Malay and Polynesian world, the son of a Chinese father is a decided improvement on his insular mother's stock, usually resembling his paternal rather than his maternal ancestors.

The Chinese takes to labor naturally He knows how to replenish the earth and subdue it. He has the hereditary virtues of thrift, patience and industry. In Hawaii he has control of much rich land once held by natives. Now we see the rice fields and taro-patches, truck farms and poultry-yards everywhere worked by the Chinese, and that many of these farmers and mechanics from the Flower Land have become rich. Indeed, it is almost impossible even for so-called Christian civilization to stand against the competition of the Chinaman, Hence the old story is told again. The invitation, once given in need, is withdrawn and the barrier set up. Since 1896 no Chinaman need or can come to Hawaii.

"Everlasting Great Japan," which in the lifteenth, sixteenth, and early seventeenth conturiousent her soms as pirates, traders, travelers and immigrants all over costern Asia from Saghalin to Borneo to India, altered her policy in a hurry when to the Portuguese was added the Spaniard. From 1637 to 1868 she florusly excluded the foreigner and rigidly When by the included her own people. co-operation of forces within and without, Japan became the Mikado's Empire ess of the Dispersion began to number thousands. Yet those in Hawaii were noc approved or recognized by the Tokio carnes; and consecrated native pastors government until 1884, after which date they began to emigrate in numbers that dred and thirty-three kinds of weather been a center of the radiation of Gospel frightened both natives and white men in Ausaii, who, instead of the quiet rustics and polished gentlemen whom they had thus fur seen, beliefed an obstinate tion Ireland was to Europe, Hawaii has ignorant, and altogether unlovely class from the back-country parts and wor-s areas in the Jupanese vities. Later on there was some improvement in the quality of these little brown men-so

from the Azores and Madeiras to labor army of 20,000 "Japs," among whom, on the plantations. Their capacity for as it seemed impossible to doubt, were improvement is shown in this, that as many ex-soldiers, there was genuine soon as the Chinese were imported in the alarm. When, further, the Imperial government took interest in their presence and sent men-of-war to the island to look after the sons of Nippon, there was consternation among the Americans, who were dearly hoping, yet with fear, to see what we now behold. When, further, these appexationists contrasted the splendid modern steel cruiser Naniwa with the antiquated wooden war ships of the United States, they feared that between the increasing emigration and the political ambition of the Japanese, Hawaii was certain to become a portion of Dai Nippon. Indeed, after whipping the Chinese and ripping open the colossus of China for European aggression. the average Japanese abroad was not excessively modest. This fear of Japan was not allayed when Hawaii became a republic. It seemed imperative that wise regulative measures should not be counteracted by Japanese craft and unscrupulousness. The annexationists beat the big drum rather noisily and strained their throats

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