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The Hawaiian Senate has unani-  
mously ratified the annexation treaty,  
as was expected, since the negotiations  
leading up to it were inaugurated with  
the full consent of the Senate. The  
news is that this official action will now  
remove opposition on the part of such  
natives as were not favorable to an-  
nexation, since official action to them  
means a great deal.

It has never been authoritatively es-  
tablished that this opposition amount-  
ed to much. All stories concerning it  
have come from white people who op-  
pose annexation, and especially from  
British residents and the supporters of  
the ex-Queen. A small party did regu-  
larly form in July and announce its  
antagonism, but there is no news that  
any protest or petition against the an-  
nexation has ever been filed with the  
local Government, nor any firm or  
strong representations made to it by  
protesting natives.

No one looks in such cases as these  
for unanimity on the part of any peo-  
ple. Always and everywhere there is  
opposition to every advance movement.  
To the last moment in our own strug-  
gle for independence there was a con-

siderable party opposed to peace with England and to the independence of the American Colonies.

For twenty years after the Rebellion there was a very considerable body of the people of the United States who regretted the triumph of Union arms and the death of secession. For the matter of that, there are still living groups of our citizens who speak of the "lost cause" as a righteous one.

If one-half the stories told off and on the witness stand of the notorious "Mammy" Pleasant of San Francisco are true, she is the most wonderful character living. This aged negress appears to have possessed, and to still retain marvelous power over the people who would be supposed to be the very last to confide in her and trust their honor and their fortunes to her keeping. She has controlled estates worth millions without shadow of law or right; she has dictated the domestic policy of families of wealth and broad influence. She has had Governors, Senators and Congressmen at her beck and call. She has been the confidante of more strange entanglements of noted men and women than any person who ever lived in California or elsewhere. She has, if one-half is true that is told of her, an indefinable and irresistible power over people of high and low degree, and commands them to her bidding as no other has done. She has exercised a strange and potent influence in politics, and has had it in her power to make and unmake men in public life. She is

apparently possessed of a hypnotic power, whereby she dominates over the wills of people who are supposed to have sufficient firmness of character to be their own masters. The life and doings of this strange old woman opens a field to the dramatists and romancists broader, more wonderful and strange than any with which human beings have had relation in this State. If the true story of the career of Mammy Pleasant could be written, though couched in the simplest and most severe terms and free from anything ornate, it would still be a marvelous tale. But her story never will be told. There are too many powerful influences to be affected by it to fail of its suppression. This old negress will go to her grave with more domestic secrets locked in her breast than any other human being who has moved in the activities of life in romantic California. But enough is known of this strange creature, who turns men and women about her fingers at will, to lay the foundation for dramas and tales before which the most vivid fancy of the romancist would pale.

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Mary Yellen Lease has denied officially the statement that she would go to the Klondike in the spring. She says: "My platform demands for me a warmer climate." We had not expected such frankness concerning her future state from Mary Yellen.

Dr. John Howard Payne of Boston, says that wheeling is responsible for a new ailment, yclept, "the bicycle eye."

He calls it "Photophobia," and says it produces reflex headaches.

Klondike is the name of a new mining town in Cole County, near Marion, Mo. The prospects for lead and zinc are good.

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