

s. but by other foreign powers. Why should
of not that government be allowed to stand?

e. In what way does it concern the United
s States what sort of a government the Hawaii-
t ans choose for themselves, provided that, the
d government is strong enough to preserve or-
s der and is friendly to the United States?

o The fact that the Government at present
- existing at Honolulu may desire annexation
s to the United States does not impose any
- duty of annexation on the United States.
d Our own interests should govern in that
- case, and the United States is not in need
- of another state or territory 2,100 miles off
- in the middle of the Pacific ocean. There
- is nothing in the population of the islands,
- sons and grandsons of cannibals, to make
- them desirable citizens of the United States.
- The islands made a part of the United
- States become a source of expense; to be fur-
- nished with a territorial government, in
- peace and protected by fleets and armies in
- war. What corresponding benefits are to be
- received in return?

l It may be that Mr. CLAU S P R E C K E L S
- will be benefited by annexation. Once
- "annexed" and made an American citizen
- Mr. S P R E C K E L S ' s sugar manufacture will
- become a "home" industry and Mr.
- S P R E C K E L S will receive two cents a pound
- bounty on his sugar, which is not so bad a
- thing; but how is the sovereignty of the
- United States elevated by this?

7 It is evident that the President, anxious
- to close his administration with a "deed of
- note," has allowed himself to be led away
- from a safe and prudent course. The idea

or doing something brilliant has over-
powered him. Even should it turn out that
the annexation of Hawaii should finally be
a necessity there is no evidence at present
that it is either desirable or necessary. Let
the American eagle remain on his perch till
there is something tangible to fly at.