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WEDNESDAY April 14th.

HAWAII A PACIFIC POWER.

We are inclined to think that the bitter opponents of the Government will approve of the wisdom of the course taken by it in relation to the influence of Hawaii in the Pacific, after reading the diplomatic correspondence on the subject to be laid before the Legislature next session.

THE RECIPROCITY TREATY.

Although we do not regard the Reciprocity Treaty with the United States in any greater danger now than it has been at any time since the arbitrary period of seven years expressed upon its face expired, it is barely possible that Congress may conclude that national interests require its abrogation, and that the Executive may give the requisite twelve months notice.

Death of Mr. John Russel.

Mr. John Russel, a native of Gallitown, near Scotland, and a resident on these islands since 1843, died on Monday at his residence, Rose lane, at the ripe age of 74 years.

Admitted to the Bar.

In the Supreme Court, Mr. Edward F. Hopke appeared before His Honor the Chief Justice and presented credentials and asked to become enrolled as a member of the Hawaiian bar.

Fish Market Stalls.

Stalls No. 2, 3, 5 and 17 at the Honolulu Fish Market having been abandoned, the same will be re-sold at public auction at the front entrance of Alioliwai Hale at noon to-day by His Excellency the Minister of Interior.

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might otherwise have been. The country has been built up by the treaty industrially; and if public sentiment in the United States is set so strong against it as to defy prudent resistance, while bowing to the inevitable we may congratulate the country that it is in a position to weather the storm, and go on prosperously in the lines marked out for it by public and private enterprise and ripened experience.

And this brings us to the point that the United States Government, in a variety of significant ways, has conveyed the impression that it has no desire to annex these Islands. It is solicitous that the Hawaiian Government should be in a position to stand at the head of a great Polynesian Confederacy of States, instead of cherishing petty ideas of aggrandizement by the questionable policy of territorial annexation.

SUGGESTIONS.

“Palace Square” has been suggested as the name for the open space between Merchant and King streets, and Richard and Wilder streets, which is being graded by the Government.

It has been suggested by several correspondents and visitors to the city, that it would be a great improvement if the wall surrounding the Palace were lowered to a height of two feet, and surrounded by an iron railing of chaste and artistic design.

It has been suggested that the work of deepening the bar, by blasting out the coral reef from the fair way of the entrance to the harbor, should be undertaken by the Public Works Department after the Legislature adjourns.

Among other suggestions regarding the Post Office is the advisability of increasing the public convenience there by having a delivery and a receiving window. The present arrangement is far from satisfactory.

A free port and an amended shipping registry law have been suggested—the first by the ADVERTISER; the second by the Collector General of Customs. These suggestions should certainly be acted upon. If carried into effect they would greatly increase the number of shipping frequenting this port, and stimulate trade and productive industries.

It is suggested that there would be less outcry for water for domestic use if greater care were taken to prevent its waste in irrigation. Water is allowed to run to waste every day for hours in many places.

A Lot of Fine Mules.

The Hawaiian Hotel Stable Company received by the barkentine Discovery, March 29th, from San Francisco, a consignment of eighteen mules—as fine a lot of animals as anyone need wish to see. They were personally selected by Mr. E. R. Miles, and on arrival here were taken to Marshfield. Yesterday the company shipped eight of them to Mr. R. Hind, Kohala, Hawaii, by the Kinua, and the remaining ten have been sold and will shortly be sent away.

Salvage Sale.

Mr. J. H. McCooey, of the firm of Buchanan, Pearson & Co., London & Melbourne, has arrived with a large lot of goods purchased from the great fire of Messrs. Whitely & Co., Western Grove, London, consisting of English and Scotch tweeds, silks, satins, French and Paisley shawls, Irish linens, table cloths, towels, etc.

The German men-of-war Bismarck, Gneisenau and Olga were at Auckland, N. Z., March 28th. They were to remain there about a week, and then leave for Samoa and Honolulu.

Street Improvements.

The removal of the old Kanoa buildings from the King and Merchant street gore has been a great improvement to that section of the city, and fully justifies the purchase of the block by the Government. The lot and adjoining streets are being graded to the established level under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Works, Mr. Julius H. Smith, and when the work has been finished the public will see precisely what the official grade of the city, as determined by accurate survey, will be.

It is also contemplated to proceed with the widening of Merchant street without unnecessary delay. The Commissioners having made their award, the Minister of the Interior is loing no time in giving it effect. The public spirit of Colonel Spreckels and Mr. A. J. Cartwright deserves special mention in this connection. The net damages awarded to Colonel Spreckels is \$1,416 20; and to Mr. A. J. Cartwright the award was \$340 50, making a total of \$1,761 70. These gentlemen, instead of demanding the amount of their respective awards, at once volunteered to convey the ground to be taken from them for the widening of Merchant street to the Government free of cost, and directed the necessary deeds to be made out.

Assignee's Sale.

BY ORDER OF F. H. GEDING, ESQ., Assignee of the estate of Moller & Halbe.

On Friday, April 16th, At 10 o'clock A. M., on the premises, LINCOLN BLOCK, KING STREET, the entire Stock and Fixtures, consisting of Marble Top Tables, Show Cases, Chandeliers, Vienna Chairs, Crockery, Plated Ware, Assorted Candles, Preserves, Candy Boxes, Ice Cream Cans and Tabs, Counter Scales, One Revolving Bake Oven, Refrigerators, Candy Machine, Etc., Etc.

E. P. ADAMS & CO., Auctioneers.

KAMEHAMEHA DAY

Third Annual RACE MEETING

Hawaiian Jockey Club,

Kapiolani Park

June 11 and 12, 1886.

FIRST DAY, JUNE 11, 1886.

1.—HONOLULU PLATE.

Running race, half mile dash, open to all.

2.—KAPIOLANI PARK PLATE.

Running race, 3/4 mile dash, open to all horses bred in the Kingdom that have never run at an old offender.

3.—KING'S PLATE.

Trotting and pacing, mile heats, best two in three; free for all horses not having a record of three minutes or better to be owned and driven by members of the Jockey Club.

4.—HAWAIIAN JOCKEY CLUB CUP.

Running race, a sweepstake of \$50 added; cup to be won by the same person twice, the second winning to be at any future Annual Meeting; one mile dash, open to all three-year-olds; sealed nominations, including a lot of \$10, to be sent to the Secretary of the Hawaiian Jockey Club on or before 2 p. m. on the 4th day of June. Final acceptances as to the balance of sweepstake on or before 2 p. m. on the 10th of June. Second trial—Cup run for last year.

5.—OCEANIC PLATE.

Running race, one mile dash, free for all Hawaiian bred horses. Maidens allowed five pounds.

6.—WAIKAPU CUP.

Running race, a sweepstake of \$25 added, three-quarter mile dash, open to all two-year-old Hawaiian bred horses. Cup to be won by horse beating the two-year old record, 1:27.

7.—KAMEHAMEHA PLATE.

Running race, one and one-half mile dash, open to all.

8.—PONY PLACE.

Running race, mile dash, open to all ponies of 14 hands or under.

SECOND DAY, JUNE 12, 1886.

1.—GOVERNOR DOMINIS, PLATE.

Running race, three quarter mile dash, free for all.

2.—LUNAMAKAAINANA PLATE.

Trotting and pacing, mile heats, best two in three; all horses having a record of 2:30 or better to go to wagon.

3.—ROSIITA CHALLENGE CUP—\$ added.

Running race, mile dash, free for all; winner to beat the record of Rosita, 1:47 1/4. Cup to be run for annually and to be held by the winner until he time is beaten at a regular meeting of the Association.

4.—THE QUEEN'S PLATE.

Running race, mile dash, free for all Hawaiian bred horses.

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Running race, a sweepstake of \$50 added, one and a quarter mile dash; free for all three-year-olds owned by members of the club. The cup to be run for annually.

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Finds Employment in all branches of industry connected with the Islands.

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Keep Books and Accounts, collect Bills, loans or Invest Money's. Penmanship, Engrossing and all kinds of Copying done. Proceeds Fire and Life Insurance. Advertisements and Correspondence attended to. Information of every description connected with the Islands coming from abroad fully answered.

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SPRING SEASON 1886.

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YOU ARE RESPECTFULLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

CHAS. J. FISHEL,

Corner Fort and Hotel streets Honolulu, H. I.

To Horsemen and Others!

The eleventh of June is at hand, and I have, therefore, manufactured some of the finest angle-strapped harness with key saddles, something never attempted before in this Kingdom, and which all good horsemen know the value of. I also manufactured key saddles here but himself. Peter Dalton is compelled, in self defense, to say that he can and will supply key saddle harnesses as perfectly finished as any that can be manufactured here or elsewhere, and if his old friends will give him a call they can see a home manufactured article that will defy competition. The old bandage Honolulu do not care to stand at the street corners blowing their own trumpets, but must let the public know what they can do as well or better than the new comers. PETER DALTON, King street.

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Proprietor Corner Harness Store, MUTUAL TELEPHONE 299. 131H HONOLULU.

A CARD.

PETER DALTON, SADDLER and HARNESS maker, does not need to tell the people of Honolulu that what he says he can substantiate and stand by. In the card published by another harness maker in this city, he states that no one can manufacture key saddles here but himself. Peter Dalton is compelled, in self defense, to say that he can and will supply key saddle harnesses as perfectly finished as any that can be manufactured here or elsewhere, and if his old friends will give him a call they can see a home manufactured article that will defy competition. The old bandage Honolulu do not care to stand at the street corners blowing their own trumpets, but must let the public know what they can do as well or better than the new comers. PETER DALTON, King street.

Hawaiian Bell Telephone Co.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PUBLIC Telephone Stations have been established in the districts of Ewa, Waiānae and Waialua, which are available to subscribers at the following rates: EWA—10 cts. per message. WAIĀNAE and WAIĀLUA—25 cts. per message. Ewa Station is at the residence of Hon. A. Kūhī. Waiānae Station is at the store of M. Mahalo. Waialua Station is at the residence of S. K. Mahoe. Who, for a reasonable consideration, will undertake the delivery of messages in their respective districts. Facilities for telephoning from town can be furnished at the Central Office, on Merchant street. GODFREY BROWN, President H. B. Tel. Co. Honolulu, March 31, 1886.

BY AUTHORITY.



Foreign Office Notice.

Official notice having been received that J. W. PFEUGER, ESQ., Has resumed the exercise of his functions as His Imperial Russian Majesty's Vice-Consul at Honolulu, all persons are hereby required to give full faith and credit to all official acts of the said J. W. Pfeuger, Esq., as Vice-Consul, as aforesaid.

PORT OF HONOLULU, H. I.

ARRIVALS.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13. Steamer C. R. Bishop, from Hamakua, Hawaii. Sailed Mokuia, from Ewa.

DEPARTURES.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12. Steamer Kinoo, King, for Hawaii and Maui, at 4 p.m. Steamer Likieike, Lorenzen, for Kahului, at 5 p.m. Steamer Mokuia, Motregor, for Mokuia, at 5 p.m. Steamer Iwani, Freeman, for Kauai, at 5 p.m. Steamer Emma, for Hawaii. Steamer Mary E. Foster, for Kauai. Steamer L. Lady Lamson, Marston, for San Francisco.

Vessels Leaving To-Day.

Steamer C. R. Bishop, Nye, for Hamakua, Hawaii, at 12 noon. Steamer Mokuia, for Ewa.

FOREIGN VESSELS IN PORT.

Get bark Apollo, H. Drott, from Callao, S.A. Am bk Chas B Kenney, H M G Dahlner, from Newcastle, N.S.W. Am bk Kate Pickinger, Young, from Newcastle, N.S.W. Am bkine Ella, E M Howe, from San Francisco. Am bark James S Stone, C F Barslow, from Boston. Am bark Sonoma, B C Howes, from Newcastle, N.S.W. Am bark Natana, H Grala, from Glasgow.

Vessels Expected from Foreign Ports.

Am bkine Nellie M Stude, from New York, due April 14-15. Brit bark Lapwing, De Gruchy, from Liverpool, due May 30-31. Brit bk Star of Devon, from Newcastle, N.S.W, due March 12-13. German bark Furst Bismarck, from Bremen, due June 1-2. Am bkine Malay, from Sydney, due April 20-21. H. B. M. S. Heroine, from Callao, S.A, due April 25-31. H. B. M. S. Satellite, from Callao, S.A, due April 25-31. H. B. M. S. Triumph, Haid, from Esquimault, due April 25-31. Brit bk Burmah, Jenas, from Glasgow, due June 25-30. H. B. M. S. Marara, Brit, James Eddie, from San Francisco, en route to Auckland and Sydney, due April 17. Haw Miss steam-bark Morning Star, J. Fry, from Honolulu, N. S. I, via Hilo, Hawaii, due April 7-15. Am bkine W. H. Diamond, H. C. Hoadlette, from San Francisco, due April 20-30. Aca bkine Uncle Sam, from Newcastle, N.S.W, due April 15-20. Steamship Rio de Janeiro, H. C. Dearborn, from San Francisco, en route to Hongkong, due April 14-12. British ship Kate Davonport, from Newcastle, N.S.W, due April 15-20. Am ship Excelsior, from Newcastle, N.S.W, due April 20-30.

EXPORTS.

For San Francisco, per bark Lady Lamson, April 13—F A Scheffer & Co, 1447 bags sugar; C Brewer & Co, 1300 lb sugar; Theo H Davies & Co, 1800 bags sugar; J A Cooke, 674 bags sugar. Total sugar, 490 bags. Total tonnage, 690 tons. Domestic value, \$53,109.92.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS. From Hamakua, per steamer C. R. Bishop, April 13—Mr Hattie, J. H. Halliday, Geo Tremble, M Nagano and 22 deck passengers. DEPARTURES. For Kahului and Spreckelsville, Maui, per steamer Likieike, April 13—Claus Spreckels, wife and daughter, H. O. W. Merrill and wife, J. McKeague, Mr Harrison, Mr Wm G Irwin, and about 60 deck passengers. For Kauai, per steamer Iwani, April 13—Hon E. L. Kanae, Rev J. Kamae, Rev Palmer Leonard, Dr H. I. Lightfoot, Dr Walters, Mrs Herbert, F. L. Clarke, Mr and Mrs Metcalf, Mr Lewis, W. E. Rowell, Mr Akkiso and wife and 300 deck passengers. For Hilo and way ports, per steamer Kinoo, April 13—Hon S. G. Wilder, Hon L. A. Thurston, Hon G. E. Richardson, W. H. Cummings, W. H. Daniels, Col Sam Norris, H. S. Thompson, Miss B Van Hout, Mr Penn, H. Moller, W. J. Hill and wife, H. Von Tempisky, C. Alford, Mrs Hitchcock, Mrs Leonard, Dr Thompson, F. May, W. H. Shipman, Mrs May and servant, J. W. Girvin, J. N. S. Williams, Mr Deveritt and wife, J. A. Beckwith, Mrs Wright, Misses B and M. Woods, R. M. Walsh, S. Decker, J. W. Gay and about 120 deck passengers.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The British bark Natana was docked at Brewer's wharf, April 13th, to discharge her coal. The steamer Likieike returned the roller of the Reciprocity Sugar Company, Maui, April 13th. The bark Charles B. Kenney has finished discharging her coal near the Pacific Mail Company's wharf, and is taking in sugar. The steamer Kinoo took eight mules for Kohala, Hawaii, April 13th. The schooner Mokuia brought 230 bags rice from Ewa, Oahu, April 13th. The schooner Emma sailed for Hanalei, Kauai, for sugar, April 13th. The steamer C. R. Bishop arrived from Hamakua, Hawaii, April 13th, with 284 bags sugar, which were transferred to the bark Charles B. Kenney. The brigantine John D. Spreckels, Captain Fries, will leave Kahului, Maui, this morning, with a cargo of sugar for San Francisco. The British bark Lady Lamson sailed for San Francisco April 13th, with sugar valued at \$53,109.92. The bark Sonoma is still in the stream, waiting for a berth to discharge her coal. The steamer C. R. Bishop sails for Hamakua, Hawaii, via Hamoa, Maui, on to-day. The bark James S. Stone commenced discharging her general cargo at the old Custom House wharf, April 13th.

A Chance to Pay Up.

A short time ago a native named David Kaapa was arrested and charged with obtaining about \$40 under false pretenses from J. N. Madeira. In the Police Court yesterday, on the request of Deputy Marshal Dayton, Police Justice Bickerton granted a remand until moved on by the prosecution, to enable Kaapa, who obtained the money by bad security, to restore the amount to Mr. Madeira. Kaapa will have to report from time to time to Mr. Dayton.

The Postmaster-Generalship.

There has been various rumors of late regarding changes in the Post Office, and as usual these were somewhat wide of the mark. It is a fact, however, that the Hon. H. M. Whitney has tendered his resignation, to take effect on the 15th instant, and that to-morrow at 9 o'clock a. m., Hon. J. L. Kaulukou will assume the duties of the office as Postmaster General.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The wrecked steamer Planter is reported to be fast breaking up at Nihoa. The game of baseball on Saturday will be between the Honolulu and Benedicts. The book of the season, THE HONOLULU ALMANAC AND DIRECTORY FOR 1886. Price, 50 cents. The foreign jury are required to attend in the Supreme Court this morning at 10 o'clock. "Obedience" will be the subject of the prayer meeting at the Fort-street Church this evening. The steamer C. R. Bishop, which arrived yesterday, brings news of plenty of rain at Hamakua, Hawaii. Do not forget the lunch between 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. to-day at the vestry of the Bethel Union Church. At 10 o'clock this morning Messrs. E. P. Adams & Co. will sell the household furniture at No. 4 Adams Lane. Yesterday Messrs. E. P. Adams & Co. sold the Daigle premises on Pensacola street to Mr. C. Bolte for \$1,500. His Excellency Hon. George W. Merrill, United States Minister Resident, and Mrs. Merrill, were passengers by the Likieike yesterday for Maui. The British bark Lady Lamson left for San Francisco yesterday with domestic produce valued at \$58,199.92. She carried fourteen letters from the Post Office. Mr. F. L. Clarke left for Kauai by the steamer Iwalani yesterday for the purpose of making a collection of living specimens of fine ferns and plants on that island. The lease of the Old Corner restaurant was sold yesterday by Mr. L. J. Levey to Mr. H. J. Nolte for \$50. The fixtures and cooking utensils were purchased by Chinese. Colonel Claus Spreckels, Mrs. Spreckels and Miss Spreckels left by the steamer Likieike yesterday afternoon for Spreckelsville, Maui. Mr. Wm. G. Irwin was of the party. Messrs. Meller & Halbe, confectioners, having assigned all their property to F. H. Oeding, all claims against them must be presented to the latter at his offices 81 King street. Mr. J. W. Pfeuger, who returned from the Colonies by the Alameda on Saturday, has resumed the exercise of his functions as His Imperial Russian Majesty's Vice-Consul at Honolulu. No book ever published contains so much reliable and valuable information regarding the Hawaiian Islands in such small compass as the HONOLULU ALMANAC AND DIRECTORY, 1886. Price, 50 cents. Mr. J. Welch, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, offers Boen beer on draught and iced at 1 1/2 cents, a fine cold lunch at any hour, and on Saturday evenings hot lunch with the best of liquors. Give him a trial. By the Alameda news was received of the birth of sons to the wives of the Revs. C. E. Groser and W. A. Swan, both formerly of Honolulu. The former event took place at Adelaide, the latter at Narracoort, South Australia. On Friday, the 10th instant, Messrs. E. P. Adams & Co. will sell at public auction, by order of F. H. Oeding, assignee of the estate of Meller & Halbe, the whole of the stock and fixtures on the premises, Lincoln Block, King street. The regular monthly concert will be held at the vestry of the Bethel Union Church this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Subject, "Turkey." The pastor will deliver an address on "Mohammed and his religion," and Mr. Wm. Noble will also speak. There will be the usual service at St. Andrew's Cathedral this evening at 7:30 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. George Wallace, who will deliver an address. The choir will rehearse the Easter music after service, and a full attendance is requested.

A Chinese Thief.

On Saturday evening last a Chinaman named Chung Yip, living at Waikiki, was working in his banana patch, near the house, when a friend came and told him someone was in the house. Yip at once ran to the premises, when he saw a Chinaman run away. The former went into the house, and found that a tin box containing \$10.50, which was placed in a large basket with a lid, was missing. He ran out and gave chase after the thief. The latter was caught at Paawa by a native policeman, and gave his name as Chan Yuen. He said he had stolen the money, but on being searched only \$10 could be found. He offered his coat as a pledge for the missing fifty cents, but it was refused and he was taken to the Station House. He tried to escape near the Police Station, but was quickly recaptured and locked up. The news of the arrest soon spread through Chinatown, and it appears he is a man who has done considerable thieving of late. A Chinaman residing at Paoua charges him with stealing nearly \$10 from him, while another one from Waimanalo says that Chan Yuen broke his trunk open and abstracted \$15.50 on the 1st of March last. On Monday evening a Japanese named Iuni was arrested for assault and battery on a fellow-countryman and taken to the Station House. He was placed in the same cell with Chan Yuen. Some time during the night the latter went through the Japanese's pockets and abstracted about \$10. The latter missed the money soon after he awoke the next morning. Chan Yuen was tried yesterday morning for the robbery at Waikiki, and sent on the reef for nine months, besides having to pay a fine of \$20. He has been on the Islands about three years, and is under contract to Wong Leong for seven years. He ran away from service three times, and is a bad character.

The Madras Case.

In the Supreme Court yesterday, before Mr. Justice McCully, the Hon. S. B. Dole, counsel for plaintiff in the case of John Chapman vs. the Hawaiian Government, made a motion that it be struck off the mixed jury list and placed for hearing by the foreign jury. The motion was argued and submitted. His Excellency the Attorney General for the Hawaiian Government.

DIGEST OF HAWAIIAN LAWS.

By M. Thompson, of the Honolulu Bar.

NOTARIES PUBLIC, LAW MERCHANT, BILLS AND NOTES, ETC.

An instrument having the ordinary features of a promissory note, loses its character of negotiability, if, by some clause or stipulation in the body of the instrument such negotiability is limited or qualified. Martin vs. Shumate, 19 Reporter (Boston), 61, and authorities. Most of the rules applicable to bills of exchange equally affect promissory notes. No particular form is requisite to these instruments; a promise to deliver the money, or to be accountable for it, or that the payee shall have it, is sufficient. Chitt. Bills, 53, 54. Bills of exchange and promissory notes are usually, but it is apprehended not necessarily, written on paper. It is conceived that they might be written on parchment, linen, cloth, leather, or any other convenient substitute for paper, not being a metallic substance. They may be written in any language, and in any form of words. Byles on Bills, 76. A bill or note, or any other contract, may be written in pencil, as well as ink. "There is," says Abbot, C. J., "no authority for saying, that when the law requires a contract to be in writing, that writing must be in ink." 5 B. & C., 234; 11 E. C. R., 7 Dow & K., 653, S. C. The signature or indorsement of negotiable paper may be by a mark; 1 M. & M., 516 (22 E. C. L. K.). Neither is a date in general essential to the validity of a bill or note; and if there be no date, it will be considered as dated at the time it was made; 30 Vermont, 11. An indorsee, in a suit against the maker, may prove that there was a mistake in the date of the note; 32 Maine, 524, and see generally Byles on Bills, p. 70-77, and notes and authorities. There are two principal qualities essential to the validity of a note; first, that it be payable at all events, not dependent on any contingency; nor payable out of any particular fund; 3 J. J. Marsh., 170, 542; 5 Ark., 441; 2 Blackf., 48; 5 How., 382; 3 Pick., 541; second, it is required that it be for the payment of money only; 10 S. & R., 94; 47 Wisc., 551; 27 Mich., 191. A promissory note payable to order or bearer passes by indorsement, and, although a chose in action, the holder may bring suit on it in his own name. Although a simple contract, a sufficient consideration is implied from the nature of the instrument; 5 Comyn. Dig., 133, n. 151; 4 B. & Co., 235; 1 C. & M., 16. It has been urged that upon principle negotiable instruments are contracts binding by their own force, and not requiring any consideration; Langd. Con., sec. 49. A stipulation in an instrument otherwise in the form of a promissory note, for the payment of an attorney's fee for the collection of the note in case of dishonor, renders the instrument negotiable. 84 Penn., 470; 71 Mo., 622. Contra: 33 Ill., 372; 32 Iowa, 184; 35 Ind., 103; 18 Kan., 433; 12 Bush, 180; 1 Dan. Neg. Inst., 54. As to promise to pay a debt in specific articles, see 21 Am. Dec.'s 422. Days of grace are certain days allowed to the acceptor of a bill, or the maker of a note, in which to make payment, in addition to the time contracted for by the bill or note. They are so called, because formerly they were allowed as a matter of favor; but the custom of merchants to allow such days of grace having grown into law, and been sanctioned by the Courts, all bills of exchange are by the law merchant entitled to days of grace as of right. 6 W. & S., 176; Byles on Bills. Where there is an established usage of the place where the bill is payable to demand payment on the fourth or other day, instead of the third, the parties to it will be bound by such usage. 5 How., 317; 9 Wheat., 582; 1 Smith Lead. Cas., 417. Days of grace are, for all practical purposes, a part of the time the bill or note has to run, and interest is charged on them. 2 Cow., 712; 14 La. An., 205; 1 Dan. Neg. Inst., 489. The Courts always assume that the same number of days are allowed in other countries, and a person claiming the benefit of a foreign law or usage must prove it. 8 Johns., 189; 13 N. Y., 200; 9 Pet., 33; 4 Metc. (Mass.), 203. When properly proved, the law of the place where the bill or note is payable prescribes the number of days of grace and the manner of calculating them. 1 Denio, 307; Story P. Notes, secs. 216 and 217. Bankers' checks are payable on demand, without days of grace; and the same rule applies to bills or notes payable on demand. 21 Am. L. Reg., 7. Time—Generally, in computing time, one day is included and one excluded. 2 P. A. Browne, 18; 4 T. B. Mour, 464; 26 Ala. N. S., 547; 5 Blackf., 319; 16 Ohio, 498; excluding the day on which an act is done, when the computation is to be made from such an act. 15 Ves. Ch. 248; 1 Pick., 485; 3 Denio, 12; 19 Mo., 60; 18 Conn., 18; including it, according to Douglass, 463; 3 East., 417; 15 Mass., 193; 18 How., 151; except where the exclusion will prevent forfeiture; 2 Camp., 294; 4 Me., 298. Time from and after a given day excludes that day; 1 Pick., 485; 1 Blackf., 392; 9 Cra., 104; 3 Penn. R., 200. But see 94 U. S., 560. A policy of insurance includes the last day of the term for which it is issued; L. R. 5, Echl., 296; 34 L. J. C. B., 11. Particular words, e. g., at, on, or upon a certain time, will be construed to a reasonable interpretation of the contract; 10 A. & E., 370. Mr. John Brown, who had an epileptic fit at Kilauea, Kauai, a week ago last Saturday, is slowly recovering from the effects.

Supreme Court.

AT CHAMBERS—BEFORE JUDD, C. J. TUESDAY, APRIL 13th.

In re estate of Akiona, of Wailuku, Maui, bankrupt. The Court hears the application of J. F. Hackfeld, assignee, for approval of his accounts and discharge. The receipts have been \$601 42; paid for preferred claims, \$125 32; balance distributed among creditors, at the rate of 64-100 per cent, \$476 10. The total amount of claims proved were \$7,338 81. The accounts were approved and the assignee discharged upon filing receipts of creditors in the sum of \$23 50, being balance in Court remaining undistributed. The assignee in person. In re estate of Aliu (Ch), late of Honolulu, deceased. Application of J. F. Hackfeld and Joseph Hyman, creditors, for letters of administration upon the estate. The Court hears proof of the intestacy of deceased, and orders that letters issue as prayed for to J. F. Hackfeld and I. Rubenstein under a joint and several bond of \$8,000. The debts of the estate aggregate about \$15,000, the business of which was extensively carried on in stores at Koloa and Hanapepe, Kauai, and in Honolulu. The proceeds of the business when realized upon is estimated at about \$6,000. The deceased left a widow and two young children in destitute circumstances. Hon. L. A. Thurston for petitioners. In re estate of August Uma, late of Hana, Maui, deceased, continued from April 13th. Hearing on executor's petition for approval of accounts and discharge. Hon. Cecil Brown appeared for himself and co-executors, Hon. S. B. Dole for M. S. Gribbaum & Co., to oppose. Mr. Dole claims that the balance of cash in the hands of the executors should not be distributed among the heirs, but held as part of the assets of the Hana Plantation, a partnership concern, that there should first be a marshaling of the partnership debts. Mr. Brown argued that the surviving partners should first exhaust all other assets of the partnership before claiming any right to the funds in hand. After hearing counsel in the matter, the Court took time to consider.

The Bethel Lunch.

The ladies' lunch in the vestry of the Bethel Church was well patronized yesterday, and the good things quickly disposed of. Another lunch will be given to-day, between the same hours, with the following bill of fare: Rice and curry, cold meats, strawberry short cake, ice cream and cake, coffee, tea, home-made bread and butter and ginger ale on ice.

Cricket.

In a few days H. B. M. S. Triumph, and probably two other British men-of-war ships, will arrive at this port. There is sure to be a cricket team on these vessels, and in order to be well prepared to meet them in a match, our cricketers ought to indulge in a little practice at their earliest convenience.

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[London Letter.] Conceive a weapon weighing only sixty-five pounds, mounted upon a light tripod, which can be lowered, raised, moved laterally with one hand as easily as a garden hose, and which pours out automatically 800 shots a minute! There is no crank to turn; there is no labor of feeding. One man simply sets the frizmal stream of bullets going, and then directs it at will, making a whole regiment front if he likes, or keeping the fire within a range of five feet or five inches. This is a gun, too, which can not jam, which can not get overheated, and which could go on firing just the same if its operator was shot down at the start.

The basis of it all is the utilization of the recoil force to fire the next shot. Each time the recoil energy, instead of being wasted in kicking the gun over, is used to eject the empty cartridge, cock the gun, place the next cartridge and fire it. The idea is as simple as the result is wonderful. The cartridges are taken in from the bottom in a chain, just as the perfecting press feeds paper from the top. Each of these chains has 233 cartridges packed in a box which is set in a groove under the gun. The operator has simply to start the gun—a matter of seven turns of the hammer crank—and then, when the chain of cartridges is nearly exhausted, fasten a new chain to the hook at the end, and push out the old box with a new full one. For the rest he can devote his attention solely to training the weapon. This contemplates the possibility of its being worked by one man—a thing entirely feasible. Of course with two men, the one to point the gun around at will the other to connect the chains and shift the boxes at intervals of half a minute or so, the maximum speed could be kept up for an hour if necessary without fatigue or intermission. In a quarter of that time, resisting a charge for example, 9,000 rounds would be sent to a barrel which was sweeping the line as a telescope sweeps the sky. One need not see the gun itself to be able to realize what destruction such a capacity implies. Difficult as it is to portray mechanism with words, some idea of the Maxim gun's peculiarities may be gained by imagining a low-set photographic camera, with a long tube in front, and, instead of bellows-like arrangement, a black, coffin-shaped box stretched out behind. The tube is of brass, and contains not only the 45-inch barrel, but a supply of water, which prevents heating. The box is made of hardened steel, and its lids lift up from two ends, disclosing the machinery. On the right side of the box, well in front, is an indicator running on a half-gauge, which has a number of figures on it, from ten on the right to 600 on the left. You push this indicator to ten if you want to fire the number of shots a minute, or to 200 or 600. Its position regulates the speed precisely. Then, on the same side, but at the back, there is a little crank with a half-inch handle. Underneath the tape of cartridges is attached underneath, and with the hand the crank is pushed backward and forward in seven motions. That takes up six cartridges from the magazine and puts one in position to be fired. Then you put the indicator where you want it, and the firing begins. If it be at a slow rate, the crank at the side alone back and forth with each revolution of the machinery, and a report follows each shot. If it be up to 400 or more the crank works so fast that the eye can not follow it, and the rattle of the firing is like a thousand pecks of fre crackers being set off at once.

On the left side of this coffin-shaped box is an aperture through which the empty cartridge-shells are tossed. At its fastest there are always six of these shells in the air at once. At the end of the box is a brass handle with which the operator can move the gun about. Underneath are two simple systems of screws by which the levels of the gun may be accurately fixed and fine sighting done. When this is not needed, as in a charge or similar movement, a turn of these screws releases the gun so that it may be trained instantaneously to any point. Another feature is an arrangement by which a limited range between two given points can be fixed, so as to sweep a bridge or ford or section of road, and then the operator could push the gun sidewise between these steps in utter darkness, if necessary, and still be sure of his range.

The forty-five inch gun of which I have spoken is for the field, and Mr. Maxim has invented for it a carriage which is almost as remarkable in its simplicity and novel value as the gun itself. With all the other machine-guns the trouble and difficulty of transporting a shield has been great. Mr. Maxim makes his wheels two solid steel disks, and has these fixed on the axle that can be swung forward in front can completely mask all of the gun except the muzzle. The prince of Wales said this was an even more remarkable discovery, considering its entire simplicity, than the gun itself, and the authorities at the Horse Guards are enraptured with it.

How Trees Pump Water. [Chicago News.] Some idea of the necessity for preserving our forests, in order to protect the valleys from disastrous inundations, may be gathered from the fact that Dr. J. M. Anders, in the official report of the geological survey of Wisconsin, says that the average amount of water pumped from the earth and exhaled by the leaves of plants in clear weather amounts to about one and one-fourth ounces Troy per foot of twelve hours for every square foot of surface. "Hence," says the doctor, "a moderate-sized elm raises and throws off seven and three-fourths tons of water per day."

Out in the Country. [Harpur's Bazar.] Little Elvira went to visit at her grandmother's. The country was a revelation to the child. Among other things that excited her wonder and interest was a lamb that came bleating to the door the evening of her arrival. "Oh, Aunt Esty," she cried, running in-doors, "there's a live sheep here that can talk as plain as anything. Do go out and hear it say 'Ma.'"

Inhabited Houses in Great Britain. [Exchange.] The increase in the number of inhabited houses in Great Britain in the ten years 1871 to 1881 was, in round figures, from 4,500,000 to 5,500,000. The value had risen in a still larger proportion—namely, from \$5,000,000,000 sterling in 1871 to 12,000,000,000 pounds sterling in 1881.

The seventeenth anniversary of the battle of Waterloo found few survivors of the memorable action. Three English officers are surviving who were present at Waterloo.

Whitehall Times: Original ideas are the lighthouses on the sea of journalism. It is the man who has the most property that has the greatest will power.

ROMANIZATION IN JAPAN.

Japanese Adopting the Roman Alphabet—A Society of Reform Organized. [New Orleans Times Democrat.]

Japan offers perhaps the only historical instance of a nation voluntarily abandoning its manners, customs, beliefs and learning within the short space of a generation, in order to adopt a foreign civilization, of which it recognizes the overwhelming superiority. "Old Japan"—the Japan of the eighteenth century—has ceased to exist except in fragments of its antique arts, and in such legends as we have charming examples of in Millford's collection. The new civilization of nineteenth century civilization, illuminated by electricity, traversed by railways, speaking through telephones, guarded by repeating rifles and breech-loading cannon, and turmed navies of steel. The medical science of Paris and of Berlin is familiar to the students of Yokohama; the perfected press prints daily editions of Japanese papers. The handwriting is in the modern characters, such printing being on exhibition here. As each new word required new signs, and as the number of these were enormously increased by the expansion of learning in Japan, the strain entailed upon the student's memory became something indescribable. An ordinary public school teacher was obliged to memorize his task by leading his memory with at least 4,000 ideographic characters. But if he wished to graduate in a higher college, he had to learn not 4,000, but at the very least 8,000 characters—to familiarize himself with which required six years of constant application.

The reform has begun—not so rapidly, perhaps, as would be wished, but upon a very solid base. A society has been formed called the "Society of Romanization," with a membership of more than 1,000 persons, many of whom are princes and government officials. A committee consisting of two Europeans and four natives, was appointed to establish the rules for the transcription of Japanese words into Roman characters, and their work was very satisfactorily accomplished. Now the society is at work upon a Japanese dictionary arranged upon this principle, and a special journal is being founded in support of the undertaking. The government warmly supports this reform. It is true that in the transcription of various Oriental alphabets, special characters have to be used, as in the system for Persian, Arabic and Sanscrit pronunciation adopted by Max Muller. But these characters are simply Roman letters, especially accentuated, so as to render sounds peculiar to the tongue transliterated. Leon de Rosny, the eminent Japanese scholar, showed long ago in his translation of the Si-Ki-zen-Yo, that the Japanese language could be well adapted as a whole to the English alphabet.

Cure for the Heartburn. [Blaikely Hall in The Argonaut.] We went up to see the other man whose specialty is cigars. He is obliged to examine the millions that arrive every week, and he smokes from fifteen to twenty-five cigars a day. He gave a recipe for heartburn which I do not think is generally known. "Very many smokers suffer from this distressing form of dyspepsia after having indulged in a cigar or two too many. I have often been hit pretty hard myself that way, and have absorbed vast quantities of limonade, pepsin, baking-soda, carbonic water, Rhine wine and seltzer, and the various other remedies which have been suggested from time to time. I asked the cigar man if the appraiser's office if he was ever troubled with heartburn, and he shook his head gloomily.

"It is an awful penalty for too much smoking, and lots of men have it because they don't know of a very simple and pleasant remedy." "What is the remedy?" I asked. "This," he said, dramatically: "I am suffering from heartburn, I hold out my left hand thus, knock some of the ashes of the cigar into the palm of my hand, allow it to get cool, touch my tongue to the ashes, and presto! the heart burn is gone. You look as if you don't believe it, but it is an unfailing and accurate remedy. There is hardly a smoker in Europe who is not acquainted with it, and I have never explained it to an American in my life but that he was surprised."

Artesian Wells in the Sahara. [Boston Transcript.] A correspondent of Ausland makes a communication regarding the present condition of the artesian wells in Sahara. It was well known that such wells have been in operation there from a very remote period, and in the Algerian Sahara additional wells have been opened with considerable success by the French. Between Biskra and Tuggurt the 434 old wells yielded in 1879 64,000 litres of pure water per minute, the sixty-eight French ones 118,000 litres. The number of palms had increased from 359,000 to 517,000, that of other fruit trees from 40,000 to 90,000, the population 6,672 to 12,837. In December, 1881, the yield of water from the wells had risen to 203,000 litres per minute.

But this success is confined to a narrow zone within which water can be reached to a depth of 100 metres and even here the borings that have been made since 1881 indicate a diminution in the yield of water, making it appear as if the limit of production of the underground springs is fast being reached. The most desirable candidate is Prince Ludwig, cousin of the king. The only redeeming feature in the proceedings of the eccentric king is that he secludes himself strictly from the public gaze. He has become, says a Berlin correspondent, "more inaccessible than ever."

Kare Sport. Salmon-fishing around the islands between Japan and Siberia is rare sport. A scientific traveler describes seriously the abundance of fish. "They exist in such numbers that during the summer and autumn seasons their fins sticking out of the water near the entrances of the rivers look like masses of tangled kelp." A single haul brings to land 5,000 salmon.

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