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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

At the test of skill on last Thursday evening at the Theatre, Mr. Douglas lost his wager.
Persons coming from Hilo, Hawaii, report the volcano as being very active, and the night at night, at times, grand beyond description. Be prepared for startling news from the volcano.

DANCE POSTPONED.—The social dancing party under the supervision of Mr. Williams which was advertised for Monday evening at Grant & Robertson's hall, did not come off owing to the inclemency of the weather. It has been postponed till Friday evening the 21st inst.

On last Tuesday evening, Mr. George Lupo, Proprietor and Manager of the Royal Hawaiian Casino, left on board the steamer Lulu, with his full troupe, on his second annual tour of the islands. Mr. Lupo, with him a good company of performers, all masters of their profession, also several very fine trained horses. Persons attending to him their patronage, will receive full value for the amount invested and never regret the outlay. To our friends on Hawaii and Maui we say, don't fail to see the circus performance when in your neighborhood.

A Ladies' Fair.—On Thursday (to-morrow) the 20th inst. the ladies of the Fort Street Church will open their Fair in the basement of the church building. Preparations for the above Fair have been made to render it very attractive by the contributions of the ladies of this city. The proceeds of the Fair are intended to defray the expenses incurred in enlarging the church. We trust that a liberal spirit will be indulged in by our citizens generally so as to make the Fair a success, as was the case with Dr. Damon's church fair some months ago. Money contributed for such purposes is well laid out, and therefore we hope that the people of all denominations will contribute liberally.

THANKSGIVING.—The 28th inst., will be Thanksgiving day, when all Americans are expected to keep it as sacredly as if they were at home. Thanksgiving day in America is a holiday peculiar to the United States, and has been observed since the earliest days of the existence of the government. It is kept religiously in the United States by all good Americans, and we see no reason why it should not be observed by Americans resident here. In old Jewish times a season of thanksgiving, prayer and praise to the All-wise Dispenser of mercies and blessing was set apart each year, which all the people were required to keep sacred—a custom which we believe is still kept up among the Jews. It is in all respects but right, proper and customary, that we should feel thankful to Almighty God for blessings vouchsafed to us, and therefore we hope Americans resident on these Islands will be the property of observing the 28th inst. as a day of thanksgiving to Jehovah for His goodness. It is little as we can do to thank Him for His grace, always remembering that "behind a frowning Providence He hides a smiling face."

ARRIVED.—The China Merchant's Steam Navigation Company's steamer Ho-chung, Captain Peterson, arrived in this port on Thursday morning the 18th, 20th from Wampoa, with 451 Chinese passengers 15 of whom are females. The Ho-chung was brought as a passenger Mr. C. C. Moore, who is the agent for the company in Hawaii, and who is also authorized to enter into negotiations with the Hawaiian government relative to the future movements of the Chinese immigrating to these Islands. From this it would seem that a new field of operations is about to be opened up on the part of the Chinese government through the Navigation Company, who contemplate running a line of steamers between China and Hawaii, touching at and taking the direct trade with these Islands, and thus make the line a profitable one. In such an arrangement we can easily conceive how beneficial direct communication would be with China for this Kingdom, and we hope that whatever negotiations may be entered into will be carried on and consummated with that sole object in view.

THE WEATHER FOR THE PAST WEEK.—The weather for the past week has been anomalous. On Sunday last we had an unusual rain fall which continued on Saturday night and lasted all day Sunday. During Saturday night and Sunday a heavy quantity of water descended which was so gently and so copiously distributed, that it produced effects of the most beneficial character. The present year has been one of unusual character so far as the rain fall is concerned which is a blessing, and the consequence to the agricultural interests must be in corresponding ratio. But the most phenomenal freak of nature took place on Friday evening the 14th inst. At about 5 o'clock P. M. we had thunder and vivid lightning which has not been heard or seen on this Island for years before. The peals of thunder which continued for about two hours were so loud, but the lightning was vivid and continued for several hours. The clouds were so thick dark clouds from which the lightning issued at short intervals during the whole of Friday night were gathered in the east, and seem to brood over Oahu all the time spoken of. These phenomenal exhibitions in the natural world must have their explanation somewhere, and no doubt will manifest themselves in due time, if not here elsewhere. Till then let us wait and see.

Monday, the 17th inst., was observed as a holiday in Honolulu, it being the anniversary of His Majesty King Kalakaua's birthday. The anniversary being this year on Sunday, the 16th, which is the proper date, the celebration of the event could not be observed till the following Monday, and to this end a grand fête was arranged for that day at Ewa, 10 miles distant from this city, to place His Majesty and suite, and a numerous multitude of citizens repaired, some on Sunday but by far the greater number preferring to wait till Monday morning. Many persons went by steamer to the point of rendezvous, and others by private land conveyances. The weather in the morning being rainy, kept quite a number from going, who had made preparation for so doing. The shipping in the harbor was profusely decorated with bunting in honor of the occasion, prominent among which was the Chinese steamer Hochung. At 12 o'clock a royal salute was fired from the battery on Punchbowl. His Majesty, King Kalakaua, was born November 16, 1836, so that he was 43 years of age on the 16th inst. He was elected King of the Hawaiian Islands, February 12th, 1874, and inaugurated the next day, February 13th, 1874. He is at present in excellent health, and we hope he may be spared for many years to come, to bless his people with his judicious and humane presence as their Ruler and King. All the business places in the city were closed during Monday as a token of respect for His Majesty, which was a tribute alike creditable to King and people.

THE PLANTERS MOVING.—At Kohala, Hawaii, the planters of that vicinity held a meeting on the 21st ult., to take into consideration the discussion of questions touching the mutual welfare of the planting interests connected with the culture of sugar on these Islands. The meeting was permanently organized by the election of the following gentlemen, viz: President, Dr. Wright; Vice President, Dr. Thompson; and Messrs. Montgomery and Hooker, Secretaries. As this is a new departure and a good beginning we trust that the example will be followed, till there is a thorough national organization of the planters on these Islands. If such an organization existed the planters would find out how much mutual benefit would be derived by their annual meetings when and where they could interchange views, and discuss questions of vital importance to themselves by which means they would become well posted upon all matters touching their individual interests. It would not be long till new light would burst upon them from such discussions, and they would see where wholehearted reform could be introduced that would save large sums of money annually, as well as enable them to regulate things to suit themselves. It does not always do to leave things to take their own course; no business is worth attention that does not pay, and no business will or can pay that is not attended to in all its details by those immediately interested. In other words, if a man desires success in his business, he must be in the hands of others. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

CAUTION TO THE PUBLIC
To avoid imposition, purchasers at Waltham Watches will observe that every genuine watch, whether gold or silver, bears our trade mark on both case and movement. Gold cases are stamped with "W. W. W." and guarantee certificates accompany each. Silver cases are stamped "W. W. W." and guarantee certificates accompany each. All watches are accompanied by guarantee certificates, signed by E. E. Robbins, and the name of the watchmaker is plainly engraved upon all movements, irrespective of either distinguishing marks.

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