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Tenders

Will be received at the office of the Board of Education until WEDNESDAY, the 8th of May next, at 12 o'clock noon, for the construction, including material, freight, cartage, painting, etc., of a school house 24x42 feet, with two rooms, at Waipio, Hamakua, Hawaii.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Board of Education, Honolulu, and at Mr. H. A. Lyman's, School Agent, Hamakua, Hawaii.

By order of the Board of Education. W. JAS. SMITH, Secretary. Education Office, April 10, 1889, 89-31 1291-4

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, HONOLULU, April 11, 1889.

The following persons have been appointed Assessors and Collectors of Taxes for the respective Taxation Divisions of the Kingdom, in accordance with an Act to amend and regulate the Law, relating to the appointment and tenure of office of Tax Assessors and Tax Collectors, and the Assessment and Collection of Taxes, approved the 21st day of August, A. D. 1888.

C. A. BROWN, 1st Division, Island of Oahu.

H. G. TREADWAY, 2d Division, Islands of Maui, Molokai, and Lanai.

HERBERT C. AUSTIN, 3d Division, Island of Hawaii.

JOSEPH K. FARLEY, 4th Division, Islands of Kauai and Niihau.

W. L. GREEN, 5th Division, Island of Hawaii.

Approved: Minister of Finance. J. AUSTIN, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

L. A. THURSTON, Minister of Interior. C. W. ASHFORD, Attorney-General.

EVENTS OF TO-DAY.

AUCTION SALES—By L. J. Levey, special credit sale, 10 a. m.

CENTRAL UNION CHURCH—Sabbath memorial service, 7:30 p. m.

IMMIGRATION DEPT.—Japanese constitutional celebration, 5 p. m.

THE DAILY

Pacific Commercial Advertiser.

Be just and fear not. Let all the ends thou aim'st at be Thy Country's, thy God's, and Truth's.

THURSDAY, : : APRIL 11, 1889

BAROMETRIC INDICATIONS OF THE SAMOAN HURRICANE.

Observations taken by Prof. A. B. Lyons, of Oahu College, and his brother C. J. Lyons, of the Government Survey, show that the tremendous atmospheric disturbance of March 16th was indicated by changes in the barometric pressure over a wide area. There was, at the date named, an extraordinary rise of the barometer here, the mercury reaching a higher point than at any time since the collapse of the crater of Kilauea in March, 1886. That subsidence was accompanied by a marked barometric rise, which extended throughout this archipelago, and how much beyond, we know not.

WHAT THE SAMOAN DISASTER MAY DO FOR PEARL HARBOR.

An immediate effect of the grievous disaster to the American squadron at Apia will naturally be the creating of a keen impression upon the minds of the American people, as to their naval necessities. The Nipsic canal gave the country a sharp shock, and a very annoying sense of partial impotence in the presence of a hostile power with anything like a navy. The present actual wrecking of a whole squadron, immediately following the former exciting report, must intensify the public sense of the necessity of the to provide an adequate naval force.

There can be no doubt that the already well developed disposition towards liberal expenditure for new ships will receive a very effectual impetus from the distressing disaster at Samoa. It is very mortifying for a great nation in the face of serious foreign complications, to find itself almost stripped of available vessels most sent to the point where most needed. It may be regarded as a matter for thankfulness, that this disability did not occur in actual war, leaving the country unable promptly to defend its honor.

In the consciousness of immense strength and vast resources, the American nation has been unusually careless of making such adequate preparations for possible war, as is one of the chief guarantees of continued peace. This has been particularly the case as to naval preparation. The enormous internal development of the country has diverted the attention, especially of the West-

ern States, from the importance of their foreign relations. Western members have been habitually averse to large appropriations for the navy. The late untoward event must do good service in counteracting this dangerous indifference.

Among the points upon which interest will be quickened, will be that of foreign harbor improvements. This was shown even before the Nipsic canal, in the liberal appropriation of \$500,000 made by Congress for possible contingencies, and for improvements at the harbor of Pago-pago, ceded to the United States at Tutuila. Successive Administrations at Washington have somewhat languidly moved towards the improvement of our Pearl Harbor, of which they have the exclusive privilege for naval purposes. This concession remains useless to the United States until they deepen the channel through the soft coral of the outer bar, so as to admit large ships. Lieut. Wilson of the Vandavia, with his assistants, made a minute and exhaustive survey of both the harbor and bar during 1887-8. We believe the cost of opening the channel will be much less than one million dollars. It is reported that the losses of the U. S. Navy at Apia will foot up over two millions, showing how small, in proportion to possible losses, is the probable cost of needed improvements to the harbor.

With the opening of the bar at Paoula, the Pacific squadron of the American navy will manifestly be in a greatly strengthened position. It will be in the exclusive possession of the only first-class harbor in the mid Pacific, and indeed in all respects, one of the very best harbors in the world. No destructive waves like those at Apia can possibly traverse the long, river-like channels above Paoula, even if they could pass in full force over the barrier reef. The inner reaches of the harbor are safe against even the heaviest earthquake waves, or of anything short of a Krakatoa convulsion, such as drove the sea five miles inland. We never have hurricanes in this region of the Pacific; but even in the fiercest cyclones, vessels in the Ewa lagoons would have their anchors in stiff mud, the best of holding ground. If driven ashore they would bring up on mud banks from which they could be easily and safely removed.

The defense of Pearl Harbor would seem to be a matter of great simplicity. The only approach for an enemy by water is up a straight channel, directly commanded by the end of the Waipio peninsula, upon which search lights and dynamite guns would form an adequate protection. So large and secure a harbor for purposes of supply and refitting, and in such a choice geographical position, must contribute materially to the efficiency of the American navy. In view of the gain in this respect, the expenditure, even of millions, must be regarded as trifling. It seems reasonable, in view of the recent events, to look for an early opening of Paoula bar by the United States Government.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the statements made, or opinions expressed by our correspondents.

A Practical Suggestion.

Mr. Editor:—I desire to offer a suggestion, partly for the benefit of the Government, and partly for a poorly paid class of the public servants, namely, the police. It is based upon the practice of a large city where I formerly resided. There, as here, the policemen are required to furnish all their own uniforms. The plan is simply this. The department purchases the cloth in large quantities and furnishes it to the men, as required, at cost. In this way, uniformity in the quality of the goods and in the appearance of the men is secured, a good quality of material is guaranteed, and the cost of their uniforms is very considerable. As the pay which the native members of the force receive is very small, and as the adoption of this plan would cost the Government nothing except a little trouble, it seems to me that it is well worthy of a trial. Very respectfully,

MALIBU. Honolulu, April 10, 1889.

The Federal Council of Australia has adopted an address to the crown viewing with deep anxiety recent events in Samoa, and favoring treaties guaranteeing independence in Samoa, and also expressing the opinion that foreign dominion of Samoa endangers the safety of Australia.

The Auckland Star, noticing the departure of the steamer Richmond for the islands, said: "Neither arms nor ammunition were taken for Samoa, but otherwise no precaution was taken when the object of preventing a recurrence of the German houses in the ransacking of cargo and insulting of passengers. Nothing of the kind is anticipated, however, in consequence of representations made to Germany as to the outrageous character of former proceedings."

THE LEPER SETTLEMENT.

Observations and Impressions of a Visitor From Abroad.

The following letter tells its own story. Mr. Clifford is so well and so favorably known to a large number of persons, having spent about four months in visiting the various points of interest in the islands, that his statements will be likely to carry with them more weight than is the case with the opinions of ordinary tourists. The use of gurjun oil is something of which we purpose speaking hereafter more fully.

DEAR MR. DAMON: My visit to the leper settlement on Molokai has given me great satisfaction. The Board of Health kindly arranged for me to stay a fortnight at the guest house, so that I had ample opportunity for sketching and observing. It was a great surprise to me to find how apparently happy and contented the lepers were in spite of the disease. They almost always looked cheerful and ready to give me a smiling greeting, whether I met them riding or walking about the place, or sitting chatting at home. I was glad to find from those able to judge that the leprosy certainly takes a milder form in the island than it took some years ago, and that generally speaking the lepers do not suffer severe pain. I saw several bad cases in the hospitals, but compared to what I have recently seen in India, there were few in proportion to the population. This I suppose mainly due to the excellent sanitary arrangements on the island. The cottages are well ventilated, the supply of good water is plentiful, and the food, as far as I could judge, excellent. During my stay I subsisted largely on the same meat and biscuits which were supplied to the lepers, as my visit was lengthened unexpectedly, and the supply of food I had brought with me became exhausted. I noticed that even the numerous dogs about the place looked well fed.

I was struck with the diligence of Dr. Swift, who seemed to be always hard at work among his patients, and to be quite absorbed in attending to them. I attended two services on Sunday, Protestant and Roman Catholic, and in both cases there was a large congregation and hearty singing. I was particularly pleased with the Bishop cottages erected for girls, superintended by the Franciscan Sisters. They were kept in beautiful order, and the girls looked happy; they and the boys at Kalawao were very much delighted with the magic lantern of scriptural views which I had brought with me from England. I think you are aware that one of my chief objects in visiting the leper settlements was to introduce to them the gurjun oil which has proved itself so valuable a cure in the Andaman Islands and other places. Dr. Swift was very kind in furthering my wishes about this matter and the Sisters willingly consented to try the remedy on the girls in their charge. While I was there there was a marked improvement in the patients who used it—voice, face, sleep, and general health being all noticeably better, but I feel that a good deal of pressure would have to be put on lepers before they could give the oil a sufficiently lengthy trial to produce a cure. Two small doses have to be taken daily and it should be rubbed all over the body for two hours twice daily. You know better than I how difficult it will be to persuade Hawaiian lepers to make this exertion. If, however, this can be done, I feel persuaded that a cure will be the result. I am assured by Sir Donald Stuart (late governor of the Andaman Islands) that every one of his convict lepers without exception was cured by the gurjun oil treatment, though many cases were far advanced and of several years' standing. I shall indeed be thankful if the same results can be attained in Hawaii. There is a large supply of oil at the settlement and more is to arrive shortly. The only fear is that it will not be steadily and sufficiently applied. Would it be possible for the matter to be taken up by the authorities?

I left Molokai in the Likelike, the ship which carried for the first time the friends of the lepers at Honolulu to spend a few hours with the sufferers, and I was deeply interested in the excursion. I had previously witnessed the heart-breaking parting of those who were leaving their homes and families for Molokai, and it must have been an unspeakable delight to find that the links were not broken forever and that segregation at the settlement did not mean absolute separation for life. I shall never forget the scene. It was certainly a beautiful thought to plan this excursion, and it must make a permanent change in the feelings of dread with which a life at Molokai is regarded. Altogether my visit has left me thankful and surprised at the comparative prosperity and contentment of the lepers, and I feel that the greatest credit is due to those who have brought matters to their present state. I must not close without saying how interested I was in my intercourse with Father Damien and his associates, and how impressed I was with the work he has been effecting at the cost of so much suffering to himself.

Believe me, Yours very sincerely, EDWARD CLIFFORD.

March 8, 1889.

NOTICE.

AS I INTEND TO CLOSE OUT MY business on April 25th, I give notice that all watches and jewelry left over three months for repairs, will be sold at auction, if not claimed on that date. All outstanding accounts not paid on April 25th, will be placed in the hands of J. H. ECKHART, collector.

Advertisement for photographic dry plates, Hollister & Co., received per S. S. Umatilla, a full line of Spalding's baseball goods, Chr. Gertz, importer and dealer in boots, shoes and slippers, James Carty, hacks Nos. 18, 37, 66, 75, 130, Wong Sai, manufacturer of wool, calico and linen shirts, David B. Smith, manufacturers' agent, importer and commission merchant, Gardner K. Wilder, attorney at law, Eagle House, Nuuanu Street, first-class family hotel, Manhattan Life Insurance Co., survivorship dividend plan, Mrs. Good, fashionable milliner, French flowers, latest novelties in trimmings, Oceanic Steamship Co., for San Francisco, Umatilla, firewood for sale, \$8 per cord, at Chr. Gertz's.

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DAVID B. SMITH, Manufacturers' Agent, Importer and Commission Merchant, No. 28 Merchant St., Honolulu, 1292 62-3m

GARDNER K. WILDER, Attorney at Law, OFFICE—Honolulu Hale, Merchant Street, 77 1294-1y

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Mortgagee's NOTICE OF SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF A POWER of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by J. K. Spalding, of Honolulu, to R. Foster of said Honolulu, dated February 23, 1882, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds, in Liber 75, on pages 375 and 376, and in pursuance of notice of sale to foreclose heretofore published, there will be sold at Public Auction by LEWIS J. LEVEY, Auctioneer, at his sales-room Queen Street, Honolulu,

On Saturday, April 13 AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON.

All and singular the Premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, to-wit: A certain piece of land situated on Liliha Street, at Kukanaka, Honolulu, Oahu.

TOGETHER WITH ALL THE Buildings & Improvements Thereon, And all the rights and privileges to the same appertaining, to-wit: A certain piece of land situated on Liliha Street, at Kukanaka, Honolulu, Oahu.

T. H. FOSTER, Mortgagee, Honolulu, March 30, 1889. LEWIS J. LEVEY, Auctioneer.

NOTICE. MRS. LIZZIE JORDAN WOULD respectfully inform her friends and the public generally that she has opened a place of business on Fort Street, next door to Gonzales' Photo Gallery, where she is prepared to do sewing, embroidery, etc. of all descriptions. Native hats of all kinds made to order. Hawaiian curios always on hand. An inspection invited. 82-3m

Notice of Removal. THE UNDERSIGNED HAS REMOVED his office from over Bishop & Co.'s Bank to No. 13 Kanuhonu street, or the office formerly occupied by Hon. H. A. Widemann, and will be most happy to attend to any business that may be entrusted to his care. W. C. PARKE, 80-1m

ANDERSON & LUNDY, Dentists. ARTIFICIAL TEETH from one to an entire set inserted on gold, silver, aluminum and rubber bases. Crown and bridge work a specialty. To persons wearing rubber plates which are a constant source of irritation to the mouth and throat, we would recommend our Prophylactic Metal Plate. All operations performed in accordance with the latest improvements in dental science. Teeth extracted without pain by the use of Nitrous Oxide Gas. 80-1m Hotel street, at Dr. Grossman's old stand.

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STEAM VESSELS of all kinds built complete, with hulls of wood, iron or composite. ORDINARY ENGINES compounded when advisable.

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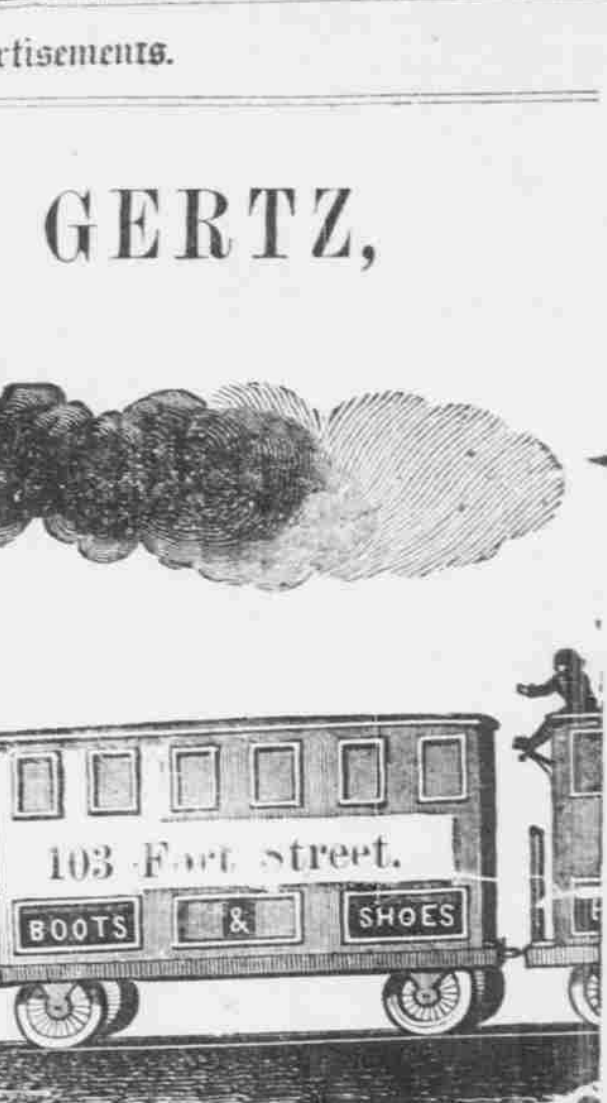
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PORT OF HONOLULU, H. I.

ARRIVALS. WEDNESDAY, April 10. Stmr Lehua, Clark, from Hanakoa. Stmr James Makee, Macaulay, from Kapa.

DEPARTURES. WEDNESDAY, April 10. Stmr Kaala, Underwood, for Waianae and Waialua at 9 a. m.

Vessels Leaving To-day. Stmr James Makee, Macaulay, for Kapa, Kaula, at 3 p. m.

Vessels Expected from Foreign Ports. Vessels. Where from. Due. Stmr G North, San Francisco, Mar 16.

Vessels in Port from Foreign Ports. U S S Alert, Port, Hawaii. U S S Cordoba, Honolulu, Kanai.

Daily Receipts of Produce. Bags sugar, Bags rice, Ma, pkgs. Stmr Lehua, 2500.

PASSENGERS. ARRIVALS. From Kapa, per stmr James Makee, April 10.

DEPARTURES. For Waianae and Waialua, per stmr Kaala, April 10.

SHIPPING NOTES. The Morning Star received a new fore-topmast yesterday.

The bark Royal Tar is receiving ballast at Fort street wharf.

The British schooner Norma will soon leave for a fishing cruise.

The steamer Iwawiti will leave to-morrow morning for Hanakoa.

The steamers Kilanea Hou, Kaala and J. A. Cummins are due to-day.

The schooner Rainbow came down from the Marine Bazaar, with 570 bags of sugar.

The barkentine W. H. Dimond may be looked for from San Francisco to-day.

The steamer Kilanea Hou was at Oo-kala, Hawaii, on Tuesday, loading sugar.

The steamer James Makee arrived yesterday from Kapa. She leaves again this afternoon.

The bark Iron is in the stream erecting berths for Chinese steerage passengers to Hongkong.

The steamer C. R. Bishop arrived on Wednesday from Kaula with 570 bags of sugar.

The schooner Kauikouali arrived yesterday from Kohala, Hawaii, with 2,100 bags of sugar.

The American barkentine planter, Captain D. W. P. Penhallow, arrived early April 10th.

The schooner Lehua, with a full cargo of general merchandise, Messrs. H. Hackfeld & Co.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. G. P. Castle offers for sale a fine saddle mare.

Remember Mr. Levey's special credit sale at 10 o'clock.

Memorial service in Central Union Church this evening.

Tenders are invited for building a schoolhouse at Waipio.

The bear was performing very cleverly on Palace Square yesterday.

Mr. T. P. Severin was out photographing scenes at Waikiki on Wednesday.

Mr. Max Eckart has an important notice to his customers in this paper.

Officers of the Pacific Hardware Company for the ensuing year are announced elsewhere.

The Tramways Company announce a half hour service to and from Waikiki on and after Friday next.

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THE SAMOAN CALAMITY.

Impressive Memorial Service at St. Andrew's Cathedral-Variou Nationalities Unite in Honoring the Memory of the Good and the Brave.

St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral was completely filled with a representative congregation at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Among those present were Princess Kaiulani attended by her father, Hon. A. S. Cleghorn; Prince David Kawananakoa, accompanied by Mr. James W. Robertson.

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THE LAST MAN BROTHERHOOD.

A Feast Where Many Were Prepared for White but Few Came—Curious History.

Six men upon whose faces the hand of time has carved those lines that indicate the meridian of life has passed, walked into a dining-room up town the other evening and sat down to a table that looked like that of the feast in the parable where many were bidden but few came. It was set with plates and chairs for thirty-three persons. The eldest of the six strode quickly to the head of the board and sat down, while the others found seats near him. No one looked at the twenty-seven empty chairs and, as the meal was immediately served, it seemed as though the absentees were not expected. The dinner was a curiously quiet one, and but little was said as it progressed. A gentle melancholy seemed to pervade the six, and if perchance a laugh was raised it was quickly hushed, and a hurried, apologetic look cast at the vacant chairs. When the meal was ended, and the coffee and cigars came on, the chairman of the feast placed upon the table a bottle whose many layers of cobwebs told of long years in a dusty bin.

The history of this bottle is, indeed, a curious one and well worth the telling. Thirty years ago, when it was new and fresh and its label bright and clean, it occupied the same position on the table at which, like the one on Saturday night, there were thirty-three chairs, but this time each chair was filled with a merry, fast, and song, and story and merry jest kept the table in a roar.

The thirty-three were all men in the prime of life and the dinner was the first banquet of a society they had just organized. They were all composers on morning papers in Philadelphia, and, inspired by a popular drama of that day, they had resolved to meet together on the third Saturday of February in each recurring year. No additions were ever to be received to their number, and when death took away a member his chair and plate were to be set for him as on the first night, except that the survivors moved up a little nearer the chairman. The bottle was also to make its appearance at each of the succeeding feasts until the day came when but one man was left of the original number. Then he was to uncork the flask, and in memory of his departed comrades drink its contents. Then the Last Man Brotherhood, as it was called, was to be at an end. Of the thirty-three, death has taken away twenty, and seven could not attend because of various reasons. Last year made unusual inroads on the membership.—Philadelphia Call.

New Concrete Walls Built in Paris.

A kind of concrete, hard and solid, is now being used for building purposes in Paris. It is composed of eight parts of sand, gravel and pebbles; one part of common earth, burnt and powdered; one part of powdered cinders, and one and a half parts unslacked hydraulic lime. These materials are thoroughly beaten up together, their mixture giving a concrete which sets almost immediately and becomes in a few days extremely hard and solid, which property may be still further increased by the addition of a small quantity, say one part, of cement.

Among other constructions to which this material has been applied is a house three stories in height, 65x45 feet, standing on a terrace, having a perpendicular retaining wall 30 feet in length and 20 feet high. Every part of this structure was made of the hard concrete, including foundations, vaults of cellars, retaining wall, and all walls, exterior and interior, as well as the cornice-work, mouldings, string courses, balustrades, parapets, and the building is without band-iron, rivets, or wood throughout.—Chicago Journal.

London's Improved Postal Service.

One of the last official acts of Lord John Manners as postmaster general has been to sanction the introduction of an improvement in the postal service which will confer no little benefit upon Londoners and their correspondents in the country. A new collection will be made at midnight from the pillar-boxes, and letters for the country posted up to that hour will be dispatched by the early newspaper trains, and will be delivered in the forenoon of the following day in many provincial towns.—Chicago Tribune.

Superstition on the Stage.

"There is as much superstition among actors as there is among sailors," remarked a member of the profession to a reporter. "They are forever on the lookout for signs, and these are construed into all kinds of meanings. The placing of a chair on the stage in a peculiar position will be taken to mean something in connection with their success, while the action of a single individual in the audience will have a decided effect upon their future course.

"It is while rehearsing a new play that the greatest amount of superstition is indulged in with actors and managers. "One of the most noticeable is the effect of the lines upon the members of the company. If a laugh or even a smile is provoked by the criticism of the author it is regarded as a bad omen for the success of the piece. If a pathetic passage causes a remark regarding its beauty, the conclusion is at once reached that the play will not be a 'go,' and when the effect is in the opposite direction their spirits rise and the belief is entertained that all will be well with the play. There are probably 100 other signs upon which actors hang the fate of themselves or the play to be produced."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Causes of Premature Death.

Most of those who die between 25 and 60, unless they die by accident, die by some indiscretion. It is the over-indulgence of appetite, or the neglect of food when needed, or the overstrain of business, or exposure to changes of temperature without corresponding change of clothing. Most people of these ages are conscious of the error after it has been made, or others are conscious of it for them. Without undue caution we can note changed conditions, and adapt ourselves thereto. Multitudes die prematurely by reason of an indiscretion which might have been easily avoided. It is intelligent caution that saves sickness, and this caution ought to be in possession and exercise before middle life. It is so much easier to prevent serious sickness than it is to secure recovery from it. Hence it is that so many that are belated in vigor in early life outlive the vigorous and the careless. Necessity compels them to study their changing conditions of health, and so touches them the benefits of adaptiveness to conditions and circumstances.—Independence.

Not a Good Memory.

For some reason, I don't know why, people expect to hear sensational testimony whenever I'm put on the stand in a political case. But they don't hear it for a very good reason: I am so peculiarly constituted that in a political campaign I never remember a transaction in which I am concerned for twenty-four hours afterward. I never write letters, I always burn those I receive, and I don't make notes in a memorandum book or diary.—"Politician" in Globe-Democrat.

Advice to a Son.

"My son," said a careful and observant father, "live an honest life and you will preserve your self respect, though you may fail to win the respect of others. But if in an evil hour you should deviate from the path of rectitude, struggle to escape detection until you have sated down enough money to purchase justice. Don't make a mistake and take too little; justice comes high."—New York Tribune.

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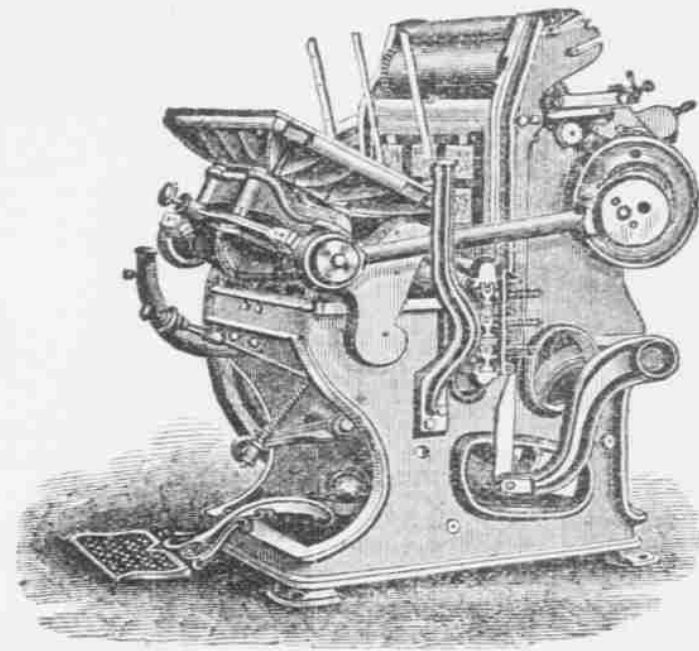
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