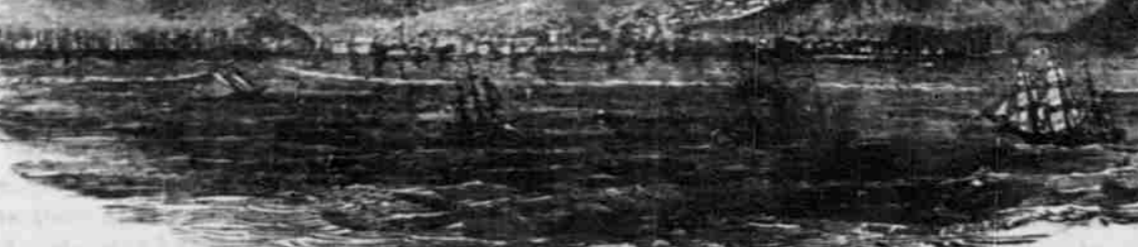


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Old Times. The preacher had his sermon preached, and prayer kneeling was done.

Variety. A colored preacher in South Carolina puts his foot on excessive liberty at elections and craves the "Die King."

A Chicago Alderman tried for three hours to think of George Washington's last name, but he couldn't do it.

A Pennsylvania bull caught sight of Dan Rice's elephant going to water and charged him.

A sound philosopher once said: "He that thinks any innocent pastime foolish is either a grow wiser, or past the ability to do so."

A young man walked into a Indianapolis drug store, the other day, and called for 50 cents worth of strychnine.

A man in Ocos county, N. H., ordered a barrel of poor whiskey of a Portland, Me., firm, and it went like hot cakes among his neighbors.

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Domestic Produce. A. S. CLECHORN & CO., AGENTS FOR THE WAIMEA TANNERY.

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Domestic Produce. WAIKAPU PLANTATION, H. CORNWELL, PROPRIETOR.

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Russia Bolt Rope! AN ASSORTMENT OF SIZES.

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Offer For Sale  
**THE FOLLOWING GOODS**  
JUST ARRIVED  
—PER—  
**HAWAIIAN BARK KA MOI**  
WHICH SAILED  
**From Bremen**  
ON THE 24 OF NOVEMBER LAST.  
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Assortment Fancy Prints, new styles,  
White Ground Prints,  
Black and White Prints, French Mullins,  
Heavy Blue Denims, plain and striped,  
Blue and White Striped Ticking,  
Brown Cottons, assorted qualities,  
Blue Cottons, White Cottons,  
Hercules White Long Cloth, A and B, 36  
inch and 32 inch wide,  
Hickory Stripes,  
Linen Sheetings, 72, 82, 90 and 100 inches wide,  
Victoria Lawns, 7-yard pieces, assorted qualities,  
Indigo Blue Flannels, Black Silk Alpaca,  
Black Coburgs, fine and medium,  
Scotch Waterprooof Tweeds, all colors,  
Mossy Netting,  
Silk Corn Handkerchiefs,  
Turkey Red and Yellow Cotton Handkerchiefs,  
Ladies' Cotton Handkerchiefs,  
Assorted Cotton Stockings and Socks,  
Linen Thread, Assorted,  
Black and Colored Silk Neckties, new styles,  
Monkey Jackets, assorted qualities,  
Heavy Woolen Blankets, Scarlet, Orange, Blue  
and Green,  
Fancy Flannel Shirts, Linens, Cottons, 40,  
Merino Flannel Undershirts, Cotton Undershirts,  
Assorted Barlays, French Calskins,  
English Saddles,  
Genuine Eau de Cologne,  
Mauve Hair Oil, Lubin's Extracts,  
Fine India Rubber Dressing Combs,  
Fine Wooden Shawls and Traveling Flasks,  
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Fine Steel Scissors, Common Scissors,  
Tinned Spoons on Cards, Iron Teakettle,  
Crushed Balls, 10 and 12 inch,  
Galvanized Washing Tubs,  
Perforated Metal for Centrifugal Machines,  
Charcoal Box Irons,  
Bright Fencing Wire, No. 4, 5 and 6,  
Full Assortment of Best Refined English Par Iron,  
Swedish Iron,  
Musta's Yellow Metal Sheathing, and Composi-  
tion Nails, Block Tin,  
Galvanized Iron Pipe, Hoop Iron,  
Porous Water Monkeys, Pressed Tumblers,  
Cup Porter Glasses,  
Hubbuck's Patent White Zinc Paint,  
Hubbuck's Patent White Lead Paint,  
Hubbuck's Pale Boiled Linseed Oil,  
Black Paint, Paris Green, Red Lead,  
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**A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF**  
**GERMAN, ENGLISH & FRENCH**  
**Groceries.**  
Liebig's Extract of Meat.  
Stearine Candles, 4, 5 and 6 to a pound,  
Ultramarine Blue,  
Castor Oil, in tins and glass,  
Epsom Salts in bulk and boxes.  
Nests of Trunks, Birch Brooms,  
Wrapping Paper, Market Baskets,  
Demijohns, Corks,  
Assortment of Blank Books,  
Press Copy Books, Shipping Receipt Books.  
Assorted Sizes Horse Rope, Hemp Packing,  
Squarers, Flag Line, Log Line,  
Marline and Hoisting,  
Swedish Safety Matches,  
Dyvoe's Kerosene Oil, in patent cans,  
Hickstead & Co's Champagne, in qts. and pts.  
Ruliant Pere & Fils' Champagne, do. do.  
Sparkling Hock, in qts. and pts.  
Genuine Hollands Gin, in jugs and boxes,  
Genuine Hollands Gin, in glass, green bottles,  
Bouteillean & Co's Brandy, in glass, one to  
four diamond  
Bouteillean & Co's Brandy in casks  
German Ale and Lager Beer in qts. and pts.  
Jeffrey's Edinburgh Ale and Stout qts. and pts.  
Assorted Claret very fine to common  
Liebfaumich & Lasbenheimer Rhine Wines  
Small Assortment of Hungarian Wines  
Sitters, Alcohol in 1 gal. demijohns 90 per cent  
German and Havana Cigars.  
Fire Clay, Coal Tar, Stockholm Tar  
Stockholm Pitch  
Empty Petroleum Barrels for Tallow containers  
Oak Boat for Coasters,  
Etc. Etc. Etc. Etc. Etc. Etc.  
Etc. Etc. Etc. Etc. Etc. Etc.  
The above specified Goods, together with a well  
assorted stock now on hand ex recent arrivals,  
are offered for sale in quantities to suit the trade.  
Orders from the other islands filled at  
lowest market rates. 963

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CONFECTION, TOBACCO AND BILLIARD SALOON  
No. 19 NASSAU STREET, 4 DOORS BELOW KING  
Dealer in Shella, Corals and General Curiosities  
of the Pacific.  
PUREST CANDIES, CHOCOLATE, TOBACCO, LEONARDS & BOLD WATER  
ALWAYS ON HAND.  
**NOTICE!**  
THE UNDERSIGNED MOST RE-  
spectfully begs to inform his friends, that having assumed the management  
of the  
**Restaurant and Boarding House**  
known as the **FOUNTAIN**, No. 64, Fort St., he will  
continue to carry it on as  
**First-Class Style and at Reasonable Prices.**  
Lunch at all hours of the day and evening, from 6 A. M.  
to 10 P. M.—Sundays, until 7 P. M. Having secured the valu-  
able services of Mr. A. W. DEWING, Patron may feel assured  
that their wants will be properly attended to.  
**Always on Hand:**  
THE BEST OF CIGARS, TOBACCO & SODA WATER.  
Please give me a call,  
J. W. CROWELL.  
**CARRIAGE MATERIAL!**  
SPOKES, 1 TO 3 1-2 INCHES, HICKORY  
RIMS—Ash and Hickory, 1 to 2 inches;  
HUBS—All sizes,  
WHEELS—For Ox Carts, assorted sizes, Oak and Ash;  
SADDLERY—Wagons and Carriage, finished and rough,  
POLES—Wagons and Carriage, finished and rough  
Whiffletrees, Singletrees,  
Cross Bars, Yokes, Seat Rails,  
Seat Spindles,  
Wagon and Buggy Bows!  
—ALSO—  
**Always Keep on Hand and made to Order,**  
Ox Cart Wheels and Carts,  
Which I am prepared to **SELL CHEAP.**  
**ALSO, ON HAND,**  
**A Large Lot of Ash Lumber!**  
Having purchased the entire stock of carriage material from Dil-  
lingham & Co., I am prepared to fill City and Country Orders  
promptly and at Reasonable Prices.  
**DIFFERENT STYLES OF**  
**ELEGANT CARRIAGES!**  
of my own manufacture, constantly on hand, and  
for sale at  
G. WEST,  
713 3rd 74 and 76 King Street, Honolulu.  
**60,000**  
**EASTERN SUGAR**  
**SHOOKS!**  
**FOR SALE LOW BY**  
C. BREWER & CO.  
**BUILDING MATERIALS!**  
**OF ALL KINDS, AT**  
**BED ROCK PRICES!**  
**WALL PAPER**  
**BORDER**  
**In Large Assortment.**  
**NAILS,**  
**GLASS,**  
**PAINTS,**  
**OILS,**  
**TURPENTINE, VARNISH!**  
**DOORS,**  
**SASH,**  
**BLINDS,**  
**LOCKS,**  
**HINGES,**  
**BUTTS, &c.**  
**Finest Quality Puuloa Salt.**  
**GOODS DELIVERED IN TOWN**  
**FREE OF CHARGE,**  
and at any Port in the Kingdom as per  
agreement.  
**WILDER & CO.**  
974 Corner of Fort and Queen Sts.  
**FOR SALE!**  
**PILOT BREAD!**  
**Damaged Bread,**  
Good for Chicken Feed, &c.  
**KAKAAKO SALT, per Bag or Ton,**  
**FIREWOOD,**  
Of the Best Quality, Cut up if Required,  
**Curb Stones.**  
JAS. I. DOWSETT,  
Corner Queen & Fort Sts.

**THE PACIFIC**  
**Commercial Advertiser.**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 3.  
**A Living Barometer.**  
We present to our readers the details of a curious  
arrangement, that will unerringly predict the  
atmospheric changes and conditions for twenty-  
four or thirty-six hours in advance, at any rate.  
When we consider how often anxiety is ex-  
pressed as to the state of the weather, it would  
seem strange that an infallible barometer, which  
could be obtained at trifling cost, would be looked  
upon as invaluable, and find a place in every  
house.  
Such, however, is not the case; those who pat-  
ronize this living barometer are "few and far be-  
tween," and it is with the desire of making others  
better acquainted with what has been proved to be  
a most useful aid to weather-wisdom that the  
following notes are put together.  
This barometer is none other than the common  
leech, which we are, perhaps, accustomed to look  
upon with more or less disgust, in spite of the  
undoubted benefits which its operations bring to  
us.  
The poet Cowper was well acquainted with the  
property of the leech. In a letter to Lady Hes-  
keth, he says:  
"Yesterday it thundered, last night it light-  
ened, and at three this morning a shower of rain  
fell as a city in flames could have made it. I have  
a leech in a bottle that foretells all these prodigies  
and convulsions of nature. No—not, as you will  
naturally conjecture, by articulate utterance of  
cranial matter, but by the way in which it moves,  
which here I have not room to give an account  
of. Suffice it to say, that no change of the  
weather surprises him, and that in point of the  
earliest and most accurate intelligence, he is worth  
all the barometers in the world. None of them,  
indeed, can make the least pretense to foretell  
thunder—a species of capacity of which he has  
given the most unequivocal evidence."  
In Home's "Everyday Book" there is a letter  
dated March, 1825, in which the following obser-  
vations, "made by a gentleman who kept a leech  
several years for the purpose of a weather-glass,"  
are given: "The leech was kept in an ordinary  
glass bottle, about three parts filled with  
water, and covered at the mouth with a piece of  
linen rag; it was kept in a window, and the water  
was changed once a week in Summer, and every  
fortnight in Winter.  
The leech, when it is allowed to come near to  
those which we ourselves made, that we shall ex-  
tract them for the benefit of those who may make  
a similar experiment, so that they may know in  
advance (what observation would soon teach them)  
the meaning of the different movements of the  
prisoner.  
"If the weather proves serene and beautiful,  
the leech lies motionless at the bottom of the glass,  
and rolled together in a spiral form.  
"If it rains either before or after noon, it is  
found crept up to the top of its lodging, and there  
it remains till the weather is settled.  
"If we are to have wind, the poor prisoner  
gallops through its limpid habitation with amazing  
swiftness, and seldom rests till it begins to  
blow.  
"If a storm of thunder and rain is to succeed,  
for some days previously it dodges almost contin-  
uously out of the water, and discovers very great  
uneasiness in violent throes and convulsions.  
"In the frost, as in clear Summer weather, it  
lies constantly at the bottom, and in snow, as in  
rainy weather, it pitches its dwelling upon the  
mouth of the phial."  
Our personal experience of these "clerks of the  
weather" is but limited; so far as it goes, it gen-  
erally tends to confirm the foregoing remarks.  
The following observations, however, of a lady  
naturalist, to whom we are indebted for the in-  
duction to leeches in their barometrical capacity,  
and who has herself kept a daily record of their  
movements for more than twelve years, admirably  
supplement what has been already quoted.  
"As a rule, during fine and wet weather, the  
leeches remain at the bottom of the vessel.  
"When a change is slowly approaching, they  
move upward, twenty-four hours, or at times  
thirty-six hours, in advance of it.  
"When a storm is rapidly approaching, the  
leeches become very restless, and rise quickly  
while before a thunder-storm they pass entirely  
out of the water. A light-frost, or a heavy  
snow, or a high wind, or a change of weather,  
must be placed over the top, as the leeches soon  
escape, especially in stormy weather.  
"When the change occurs, they become still at  
the bottom of the vessel; but if under such cir-  
cumstances they rise again, or keep up and down,  
length or violence of storm is indicated. If the  
leeches rise during a continuance of cast wind,  
wind rather than rain is to be expected then.  
"When a storm comes direct from the distance,  
we shall observe the rapid rising and restlessness  
alluded to above, but much shorter notice—from  
an hour to six hours—will be given.  
"When heavy rain or high wind is to be ex-  
pected, the leeches are also restless, and keep up  
of the water, but their movements are much less  
rapid.  
"It is advisable to keep the vessel in a tempera-  
ture as even as possible.  
"When the temperature falls below forty-eight  
degrees, the leeches cease to indicate any change;  
they become quite torpid, or, in other words, hy-  
bernate *pro tem*. In a small jar at a temperature  
above seventy-five degrees, the excessive heat may  
cause them to rise; otherwise they would be quiet."  
From this description—the more trustworthy as  
being the result of the observations of many  
years—our readers will be able to gather what  
the various motions of the leech indicate, and they  
will be induced by this short notice to set up a  
living barometer.  
In more than one instance, when in apparently  
cloudless and serene weather, a violent storm was  
indicated by the leeches and prophesied by their  
owner, the amazement of those not in the  
secret has been very amusing.  
We do not hesitate to say that many dis-  
appointments at picnic or festive parties would be  
prevented were these weatherwise creatures more  
generally known and more frequently consulted.  
**Uncle Billy's Objections to Civil Rights.**  
I interviewed Uncle Billy, a good old col-  
ored friend of mine, the other day, on the ques-  
tion of civil rights.  
"Do you think I'm a nigger?" said Uncle Billy.  
"Got too much already for die nigger."  
"How is that, Uncle Billy? Is it not a good  
thing to be equal before the law?"  
"Now, Mars Boss," grunted Billy, plain-  
tively, "dat's just whar de nigger comes in. We  
ekal befo' de law, an' dar yer hit our wint.  
Befo' de waw, er nigger stole chicken an' pig, yer  
jerked him up, gub him thirty-nine lashes, an' let  
him go. But jine dar called possession try it now!  
Yer lable him 'fore court, and send him to de  
penitentiary, jist like he was one of yer poor  
white trash. Dat's whar 'tis to be ekal 'fore de  
law!"  
I suggested to Uncle Billy that this might be  
obtained by being a little more honest.  
"Mars Boss," interrupted Billy, "we can't  
run agin Natur'. It's nat'ral for nigger to steal  
pig and chicken, fryin' 'ise. Yer knows it, an'  
ain't no use tryin' to stop us. Now we us as  
willin' to let you use alone, and you all jist let  
us alone in dis pint. We're powerful weal on  
dis pint, Mars Boss."  
Just here a pensive and disloyal spirit tempted  
me to hint to Uncle Billy that the colored people  
were indebted to their Republican friends for this  
change in their status.  
"Well, den, Mars Boss," said he, "all I got  
to say is de law's got to be change, and de law  
is a law for white man and a law for de black  
man."  
Strange as it may seem, some of our best citi-  
zens echo Uncle Billy's sentiment. They are in-  
clined to view the negro's minor transgressions  
in a lenient light, and I know that some of our  
Democratic judges impose lighter penalties upon  
colored men for small offenses than they would  
do in cases where the guilty parties were white.  
Before Uncle Billy left I asked him how he  
would like to sit down at the table with white  
folks in the hotel.  
"Great Moses!" exclaimed the good old man.  
"I allow youse tryin' to make de fun of dis chile.  
Why, you know yourself dat no colloid pusin  
ebber lets a white man 'em 'eat out of dey kin  
help it!"  
This is strictly true. The ordinary Southern  
negro will not eat in the presence of a white  
spectator.  
"Well, Uncle Billy," I said, "it is very evi-  
dent that you don't want any civil rights."  
"Not anything mo', P'ank you," replied Billy.  
"Nearly done ruined now. Hev to pay my own  
doctor's bills; lost all my money in de Freedmen's  
Bank; nebber got no forty across an' de male dey  
promised me; an' can't help myself to a little  
chicken, fryin' size, widout gwine to de peniten-  
tiary. Yer got 'nuff civil rights!"  
The above is no production of the fancy. It is  
a true incident, honestly told, and it is impossible  
to talk to the country negroes without hearing  
just such things as I have related.—Wallace  
Patterson Reed, in the Independent.  
**Left-handed Scions.**  
The English correspondent of the Boston Post  
writes:  
England does not in all cases "visit the sins of  
the fathers upon the children." On the contrary,  
the English people have been notably fortunate  
wont to crown the children with honor on the  
very account of the paternal peccadilloes. The  
Dukes of Richmond, St. Albans, and Grafton are  
living, and are hereditary illustrations of this.  
All three of these nobles are direct descend-  
ants of illegitimate sons of Charles II., the "mer-  
curial monarch." The Duke of St. Albans is the  
descendant of "sweet Nell Gwynne"; and the  
Duke of Richmond is the descendant of a certain  
English knight, Charles Goring, and the latter  
is left-handed scions of disolute royalty. This  
is their only title to nobility; and thus, in  
past generations, the house of Peers has more or  
less recruited. The ancestors of the Duke of  
Richmond, that beautiful, brilliant, and  
fascinating Louise De Perencourt, whom the  
crafty Louis XVI. sent over to England to charm  
and corrupt the easily-to-be-charmed-and-corrupt-  
English King, Charles IX., and the latter's  
spiteful enemy in the breasts of the court-beauties,  
whom Lely has so well preserved to us, than any  
fair stranger of that time. Charles created her  
Duchess of Portsmouth, and Louis XIV. deliv-  
ered all the honors of England and the English  
King to his designs, added to this distinction by  
making her Duchess of Aubigny in France. Her  
son by Charles was a bright and enterprising  
young fellow; and, on coming of age, was cre-  
ated Duke of Richmond in England, and Lennox  
in Scotland, was made a Knight of the Garter—  
to the disgust of some old Dukes and Earls who  
had long been craving this honor for themselves.  
His son, the second Duke, was quite a character  
in the times of the two first Georges, and became  
master of the horse. The third Duke became  
yet more distinguished. He was a Secretary of  
State in the elder Fox's administration, master of  
Ordnance under Roebuck, and then under  
Shelburne, a firm friend of Fox, a Whig to the  
core, and one of Chatham's most effective allies  
in defending America. He was an accomplished  
and popular man, a good speaker, and friend of  
English literary men, including the great  
Lennox. This was the young man who created  
such a stir by fighting a duel by the Duke of York,  
George III.'s second son, and at that time Com-  
mander-in-chief of the army, in 1789.  
**Sunday in Boston.**  
Some of our religious people are viewing with  
apprehension the encroachment of amusements  
upon the Sabbath in New York. They say that,  
if this be not stopped, it will reach Boston in the  
end. We have been somewhat surprised to find  
subject for many years. There is a stringent law  
now on the statute books of the State that pro-  
hibits even driving on the Sabbath for other than  
absolutely necessary purposes. It was this Act  
that was objected to by that body, and was de-  
clined by the veto of the then Mayor, who was less  
a person than the present Governor-elect of the  
State. (Mr. Gaston is an orthodox Congrega-  
tionalist in religious views, Mr. Cobb, his suc-  
cessor, being a Unitarian.) The proposed amend-  
ment to the law is not an especially popular  
measure, if it be tested by the amount of use that  
is made of the institution on that day. It is  
quietly acquiesced in, and nobody has anything  
to say upon the subject, as regards amend-  
ments, the case is somewhat different. It is only  
of late years that theatrical performances have  
been allowed in Boston even on Saturday evenings.  
It required some time for our people to be-  
come accustomed to them. The night was not  
popular for theatre-going at the beginning, and  
it has always attracted a peculiar class of patrons.  
Stars do not play on Saturday evenings, as a rule,  
and the Museum makes up its difference on its  
other night performances. Music has got a  
strong hold on the Sabbath here. The concerts  
began with sacred music in the oratorios. Then  
they were succeeded by miscellaneous concerts. In  
time there followed concerts with sacred and  
secular music intermixed. We have at last got  
to concerts in which there is very little sacred  
except the title. This is carefully retained every-  
where, I believe, except in the case of variety  
entertainments, which scorn any such hypocrisy.  
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