COMMERCIAL.

HONOLULU, JULY 8, 1862

The week has been one round of interested excitement over the celebration of the Fourth, that has interfered somewhat with peoples' settling down to regular business, though the free arrivals of so many of our packets this week have enlivened our shipping houses and consignees. The full and varied cargoes ex H. W. Almy, Kalakaua, Wm. G. Irwin, Discovery, W. H. Meyer, and R. H. Wentworth, from San Francisco, since our last issue, has placed our market in full stock of all needed Coast Supplies, while the Zealandia brought up a partial cargo from the Colonies.

The extent of trade with San Francisco has grown so steadily that the above list of vessels leaving there within a week, or arriving here together, is no uncommon occurrence. The *S. F. Coast Herald and Market Review* of the 23d ult., very truly says "The Hawaiian traffic is growing with considerable rapidity. * * * both exports and imports for the week being large and of no little value to the commerce of this port." And yet there are journals that, exercising a "dog in the manger" policy will persist in their attempts to decry the advantages to the United States by the Treaty of Reciprocity, while others again though not out-spoken against it, indicate by their silence that they are not watchful for the best interests of San Francisco for the encouragement of any trade that will tend to give her the supremacy of the Pacific.

Building activity continues in our midst, and some little transactions have been reported in real estate, of which we have the following. Messrs. Hart Bros. has purchased from Mr. Schriever his property on Nuuanu street between King and Merchant streets for the sum of $3,750. It has a frontage of 46 feet on Nuuanu St. and runs back some 151 feet. They propose to erect two fire-proof stores thereon, one of which has already secured a tenant. Mr. B. F. Dillingham has also disposed of two more double lots of 100x100 feet since the auction sale of a few weeks since, to parties we believe who contemplate building at an early date.

At the auction sale last Saturday of the two-storied residence of P. C. Jones, Esq., it is reported to have been bought in at $8,500.

By the arrivals from San Francisco we have dates to the 23d ult. The latest quotations on island produce are as follows:—

SUGAR—Active demands for all grades of refined, ranging from 10@12½ c. No allusion made for Hawaiian.

RICE—Prices are weaker through continued free imports, though 6c is held for by jobbers.

COFFEE—

WOOL—Demand dull with accumulating stocks in various parts of the state. Quotable at 14@30c for poor to choice.

HIDES—No material change in values from last quotations.

TALLOW—Continues in active demand, quoted at 7 @7½c for rendered.

The steamer City of New York may be looked for as due after this p. m. from San Francisco, with dates to the 1st inst. The Suez will follow with dates to the 6th, to return again from here on the 22d.

We call attention of our readers to the proceedings of the Assembly yesterday on Steamship Subsidy matters and the letters of the agents of the Oceanic and P. M. S. S. Co's, relative to their proposed steam services between this port and San Francisco.

We omitted last week to make mention of the removal of the California Furniture Co., from their Fort St. Store to Queen St., adjoining W. G. Irwin & Co., where with enlarged quarters they will have better facilities for displaying their extensive stock, and room for upholstering purposes. Mr. G. F. Wells extends into the store vacated.

J. T. Waterhouse moves into his due new store on Fort street, specially arranged for the needs of his fancy and dry goods trade that "No. 10" has long been noted for.

The firm of West & Page is dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. West continuing.

The Marble works of Messrs. Lane has been moved from Bethel street to Fort, above Hotel street.

PORT OF HONOLULU.

Arrived.

July 1—Stm Kilauea Hoa, from Kahului
Sch Mary E Foster, from Kau
Sch Pauahi, from Ookala
2—PMSS Zealandia, Webber, from Auckland
Am bk H W Almy, Freeman, from San Fran
Stm Likelike, from Hilo
Sch Mannokawai, from Hanamanin
Sch Ka Moi, from Laupahoehoe
Stm C R Bishop, from Kauai
Sch Kaala, from Waianae
Sch Kulamanu, from Kohala
3—Haw bk Kalakaua, Miller, from San Francisco
Haw schr R A Wentworth, from San Fran
Sch Luka, from Pohoiki
4—Am bgtne W G Irwin, Turner, from San Fran
Sch Kaluna, from Maliko
5—Sch Wailele, from Maliko
Sch Jennie, from Punaluu
6—Stm Jas Makee, from Kauai
Sch Nettie Merrill, from Lahaina
Am bktne Discovery, Perriman, from San F
7—Am bgtne W H Meyer, Howe, from San Fran

Sailed.

July 1—Sch Haleakala, for Pepeekeo
3—PMSS Zealandia, Webber, for San Francisco
Sch Mannokawai, for Olowalu
Sch Pauahi, for Moloaa
7—Ger bk Anna Precht, Moller, for P Townsend

Vessels in Port.

Haw bgtne Ninito,
Am bk Edward May, Johnson
Haw sch Julia, Tierney
Am bk H W Almy, Freemann
Haw bk Kalakaua, Miller
Am bgtne W G Irwin, Turner
Am bktne Discovery, Perriman
Am bg W H Meyer, Howe

Vessels Expected at Honolulu, from Foreign Ports.

Ger bk Paradox, Burgdoff, New Castle on Tyne, due July 15-20, H Hackfeld & Co, Agents.
Ger bk Adolph, Hupfer, New Castle on Tyne, due H Hackfeld & Co, Agents.
Haw bk Kale, Rothfus, Bremen, due Sept 1-5, H Hackfeld & Co, Agents.
Ger bk Josefa, Hortsmann, Cardiff, due Aug 5-10 Hackfeld & Co, Agents
Brit bk Oberon, Harvey, Liverpool, due August 5-10, T H Davies & Co, Agents.
Brit ss Strathairly, ——, Hongkong, via San Francisco, uncertain, Hackfeld & Co, Agents
Am bk Martha Davis, Benson, Boston, due Sept 15-20, C Brewer & Co, Agents.
Brit sh British Embassador, Davis, New Castle, NSW
Nic bk Remijio, Howes, Newcastle, N S W, due
Am bk E L Pettingill, Departure Bay, for Kahului
Am bk Adelia Carleton, ——, New Castle, due June 25-30, Wilder & Co, Agents
Am tern Hera, Babbidge, Newcastle, N S W, due July 25-30, F A. Schaefer & Co, Agents.
Am bktne Grace Roberts, Olsen, Newcastle, NSW, due July 25-30, Wilder & Co, Agents
Am tern Eva, Reel, Humboldt, due Lewers & Cooke, Agents.
Brit bk Glengaber, Metlee, Liverpool, loading May 4th.
Am tern Emma Claudius, Matson, for Hilo, due July 15
P M S S City of New York, Cobb, San Francisco, due July 8, H Hackfeld & Co, Agents.
Am bktne Amelia, Newhall, Port Blakely, due July 1-5, Allen & Robinson, Agents.
Am sch Anna, McCulloch, Humboldt, for Kahului, due July 1-5
Am sch Ida Schnauer, Spencer, Humboldt, for Hilo, due July 1-5
Haw bk Iolani, Garrels, Bremen, due Oct 1-5, H. Hackfeld & Co, Agents.
Brit stmr Anjer Head, Roper, San Francisco, due July 1-5, H. Hackfeld & Co, Agents.
Hon bk Chiclayo, Ordano, New Castle, N. S. W., due July 15-20, H. Hackfeld & Co, Agents
Am bk Emerald, Lord, Port Gamble, due July 15-20, H. Hackfeld & Co, Agents.
Ner bk Imacos, Neilsen, New York, loading May 20th. Castle & Cooke, Agents
British s s Suez, Dood, San Francisco, due July 14, Irwin & Co, Agents
Am ship Valley Forge, ——, New Castle, N S W, due July 25-30
Am bk Calhariem, Hubbard, San Francisco, due July 25-30, Castle & Cooke, Agents

MEMORANDA.

P M S S Zealandia, Weber Commander.—Left Sydney June 13th, at 4 p. m. and arrived at Auckland June 19th, at 6:30 p m. Left on the 20th at 4:16 p m. sighted West Cape, July 2d, 8:30 a m. and arrived off Honolulu at 10:45 a m. Weather moderate and fine throughout.

Spoken—April 29, 5° N 26° W. Ger bk Tosefa, Hartemann, from Cardiff for this port.

Gumshy—Entered out June 2d, Zarse, for Honolulu

SHIPPING NOTES.

The whaling bark John P. West, sailed from New Bedford, May 14th, for the Pacific Ocean, Capt. P. H. Smith in command.

The Brit stmr Strathairly was libeled at San Francisco June 13, for the sum of $22,580.

The schr Anna was transferred by J. D. Spreckels & Bros to the Oceanic S. S. Com'y., yesterday. The brigs W. G. Irwin and J. D. Spreckels, will probably be transferred to-day to the same corporation.—*Alta* June 13.

One-half of the Haw. bk Kalakaua was purchased on Monday by Capt. Miller, formerly of the schooner Bonanza, terms reserved. Capt Miller took charge immediately and went to Honolulu in her.—*Alta.*

From Eastern Exchanges we learn that it is probable that the new steamers San Jose, San Juan and San Blas now building for the P. M. S. S. Com'y., will be used in the new Brazilian line between New York and Rio.—*Alta.*

The Haw schr Julia is at Sorenson's wharf, fitting for another cruise to the New Hebrides, sailing about Wednesday next.

The Haw bk Kalakaua at the Old Custom House wharf.

The H. W. Almy is at Brewer & Co's wharf discharging. She returns to San Francisco shortly.

The Am bk Edward May is still discharging at the Old steamship wharf.

The W. G. Irwin is at the foot of Fort Street discharging. She made a good run down this trip from San Francisco 12½ days.

The bktne Discovery arrived off the port on Thursday evening too late to come in. She entered the port Friday A. M., and docked at the Old Steamship wharf were she is now discharging.

The W. H. Meyer arrived yesterday A. M., with late news from the coast. She has docked at Brewer & Co's wharf where she is now discharging.

The P. M. S. S. City of New York will be due this P. M., from San Francisco.

DIED.

BERRILL—In this city, July 1st, Captain WILLIAM BERRILL, aged 57 years. New Zealand papers please copy.

IMPORTS.

From Sydney and Auckland, per Zealandia, July 2—276 sks potatoes and 7 pkgs sundries.

From San Francisco, per Helen W Almy, July 3—S G Wilder & Co, 25 ladders, 20 cs ammonia, 50 kgs nails, 3 bbls putty, 5 cs mdse; McIntyre Bros, 200 sks bran, 500 sks flour, 100 sks oats, 25 cs yeast powder, 10 bbls salt, 18 cs groc, 25 sks wheat, 10 cs onions, 30 cs bread, 100 tins crackers; G Waller, 50 bls hay, 20 sks grain and feed; Lewers & Cooke, 2000 r w posts; Order, 9 cs sew machines, 52 pkg carriage material, 71 bx soap; Grinbaum & Co, 7 cs boots and shoes, 7 cs d goods, 1 case pipes, 4 rls leather, 1 bx tobacco, 51 pkg groc, 159 cs crackers, 200 ½ sks flour; W C Parke, 11 cs groc, A W Peirce & Co, 1 cs d goods, 7 pkg twine, 3 pkg duck and rope; Castle & Cooke, 20 m brick, 350 bbls lime, 75 bx potatoes, 1 cs h h goods, 48 pkg pipe etc; F Higgins, 2 carriages, 2 buggies, 1 pkg shaftings; W R Foster, 6 pkg saddlery, 10 cs ammonia, 4 sks A Sole, 19 pkgs leather and skins; Laine & Co, 100 sks barley; R Lishman, 25 bls hay, 60 sks oats and bran; T Sorenson, 12 bls oakum, 18 boards, 6 bbls pitch, 1 bdl mops; M Reis, 9 bls hay, 15 sks feed, 6 mattresses; A L Smith, 10 sewing machines, 4 cs hdware; Irwin & Co, 100 cts potatoes; McChesney & Gilliens, 440 sks flour, 600 sks bran, 60 sks beans, 60 pkg groc, 1 cs d goods, 1 bdl h se; order, 100 bbls lime; R Irwin, 15 pkg potatoes and onions, and 245 pkg mdse to Chinese firms.

From San Francisco, per R A Wentworth, July 3—P C Advertiser, 1 bx type; G W Macfarlane & Co, 100 bls flour, 8 bls hay, 100 ½ bx sugar, 350 pkg liquor, 307 sacks feed, 100 sks flour, 24 bxs spices, 1 bbl cisternes, 50 sks meal.

From San Francisco, per Discovery, July 7—C O Berger 8 iron safes; I H Davies & Co, 13 bx bolts; A Monsarrat, 1 cs groceries; Hollister & Co, 5 bbls alum, 3 cs lobsters; D E Ackerman, 1 cs pickled ware; J E Wells, 2 cs medicines; J M Oat Jr, 5 cs ink, 9 pkgs stationery; L Fisher, 11 pkgs d s goods; B Hoffenslager & Co, 10 cs cigars; H Mackenie & Co, 3 cs cotton ½ cs woolens; T J Newman, 1 pkg glassware; Hall & Son, 5 pkgs furniture, 20 pkgs mdse, 100 bbls lime; R Grieve, 1 cs paper; Lewers & Cooke, 1000 posts; B Hoffenslager, 4 cs liquor goods; G W Macfarlane & Co, 50 pkgs paper, 1 pkg tin; W H Wetmore, 4 cs fancy goods; M Phillips & Co, 10 cs cigars, 25 cs sardines; F Horn, 2 pkgs mdse; Allen & Robinson, 12 pkgs doors; J A Palmer & Co, 12 cs drugs; H Mehlhorn, 3 cs drugs; Queen Hospital, 12 cs vins and drugs; A W Allen, 90 pkgs groceries; Union Feed Com'y, 150 sks grain and feed; A Waterhouse, 25 cs boots, 191 pkgs groceries and furniture, 11 sks grain and feed; H May & Co, 250 pkgs groceries, 25 cs bread, 340 sks feed, 10 pkgs coffee; H Mackfeld & Co, 80 cs bread, 50 bbls flour, 100 sks flour, 25 sks middlings, 1 iron pipe, 30 sks bone meal; Allen & Robinson, 500 bs shingles; I H Davies, 1 pkg cutlery, 200 bbls lime; John Nott, 60 pkgs hardware and tinware; G W Waterhouse, 300 sks flour, 12 pkgs mdse, 1 wagon; C H Gulick, 4 tons, 34 bls hay, 55 sks bran; S Nott, 30 pkgs ironware, tinware; 25 pkgs furniture, 13 stoves; Hoffman & Co, 2 pkgs dye stuff; G F Wells, 8 pkgs mdse, 17 pkgs furniture; M McInerny, 1 cs dueling, 5 cs books; M J Rose, 25 pkgs materials; E F Adams, 37 pkgs furniture; A G Freeman, 3 cs books; R Macfarlane, 5 sks butter; Castle & Cooke, 10 pkgs mdse; Honolulu Iron Works, 5 cs hardware; Hall & Son, 10 pkgs mdse, 100 sks pollard; H Netter, 4 horses, 8 cows, 4 colts, 17 yearlings, 12 sukeys, 2 pkgs mdse, 3 cs mdse; E A Cullen, 2 pkgs, Mrs Cook, 2 pkgs and 307 pkgs Chinese firms.

From San Francisco, per W H Meyer, June 7—C Brewer & Co, 300 sks feed, 125 bls hay, 200 sks flour, 1 tank gasoline, 6 horses; Minister of Interior, 15 cks rice; Dillingham & Co, 1 pkgs hose, 3 cs oil, 12 pkgs glassware, 10 pkgs hardware, 61 cks lead; Wilder & Co, 140 sks feed; Hall & Son, 20 pkgs hdware, 1 cs brushes; Honolulu Iron Works, 1 cs hdware; M S Grant, 74 sks feed, 40 pkgs groceries; A W Allen, 19 pkgs groceries; McCandless, 3 bls pork; E Cook, 37 pkgs groceries, 2 kegs spikes; Order, 140 pkgs poultry, onions and garlic; A Herbert, 5 pkgs ironware; Order, 15 cs groceries; Hart Bros, 9 cs clothing, 131 pkgs groceries; Order, 150 sks potatoes, 70 pkgs groceries; Aylman Bros, 35 pkgs d goods clothing, 3 pkgs coffee, 20 chests tea, 1 bl wine; S M Damon, 35 pkgs groceries; Order, 35 pkgs groceries and provisions; Honolulu Dairy, 14 bales hay, 60 sks oil cake, 2 doz pkgs corn cove, 1 wagon; I C Throm, 2 cts ink, 5 pkgs stationery; S Bolt, 1 cs soap; Mrs Brewer, 1 trunk 6 goodwins, 10 pkgs h s goods; C Brewer & Co, 200 bbls lime, 800 posts, 400 bls hay, 110 sks barley, 19 m orices, and sundry small parcels and 387 pkgs mdse to Chinese firms.

From San Francisco, per Kalakaua, July 3—J G Tucker, 30 pkgs colonos; E A Schaefer & Co, 620 sks feed; 1 case, 50 cs sewing machines; C B Williams, 39 pkgs furniture; Schaefer & Co, 19 pkgs trunk, 90 bls hay, 400 bbls sulphur, 1,050 posts, 50 sks flour; A W Bush, 1 cs groceries; A S Cleghorn, 8 cs groceries; Hollister & Co, 2 cs glassware; G F Wells, 65 sks feed, 24 cs groc, 6 bxs soap, 500 bls lime; Order, 60 bls hay, 2 wagons, 10 carriages, 1 carriage; Honolulu Iron Works, 24 pkg furniture, 2 pkgs to address and 2 pkgs to Chinese firms.

From San Francisco, per W G Irwin, July 4—W G Irwin, 7 cs books, 41 pkgs feeding, 2 cs hollows, 1 cs hats, 1 cs dry goods, 1 cs groc, 1 cs tooth powder, 20 cs tobacco, 1 sack flour, 1 cs boots, 21 sks h s goods, 1 cot mattresses; W H Rosanna, 1 cs medicine; J F Bowman, 1 cs crockery; G W Macfarlane, 5 pkgs mdse, 40 cas champagne, 100 doz ale, 50 cs whiskey; H A Widemann, 1 box mdse, 1 pkg iron and steel; A R Porter, 200 pairs boots, 1 cs tobacco, 50 cs sardines, 100 kgs rice, 30 pcs pipe; M Phillips & Co, 50 pkgs d goods, 15 cs boots, 1 cs perfumery, 91 kgs butter, 22 pkgs cigars and tobacco; J E Mills, 100 sks bran; Hoffenslager & Co, 5 pkgs d goods; A S Cleghorn & Co, 9 cs salmon; H A Agnew, 100 sks feed, 104 bls hay; J J Spreckels & Co, 1 barrel, 1 cs enlinges; W Unvin, 4 pkgs d goods; Wing Wo Chan & Co, 97 pkgs mdse and 3 pkgs to address.

From Australia & New Zealand, per Zealandia, July 3—Cleghorn & Co, 5 cs mdse; A W Richardson & Co, 1 cs mdse; Order, 1 cs tools; H May & Co, 95 sks potatoes Macfarlane & Co, 120 sks potatoes; J C Glade, 1 cs scenes; Order, 60 sks potatoes; Irwin & Co and W G Irwin & Co each 1 cs treasure.

EXPORTS.

For San Francisco, per Zealandia, July 3—365,300 lbs rice, 901,740 lbs sugar, 7 pkgs betel leaves, 998 bunchs bananas, 1 cs coral, 25,603 lbs wool. Domestic Value, $73,214.90.

PASSENGERS.

From San Francisco, per J D Spreckels, to Kahului, June 30—Miss Prescott, Miss J E Martin, R Turner, F Gregory, W Daly, C Stanley, G Thurston.

From Kauai, per C R Bishop, July 2—P Isenberg, W H Rice, and S B Dole.

From Windward Ports, per Likelike, July 2—Capt T Spencer, R McKenzie, D Jauner, Mrs J Like and child, J F Jordan, G Koechlin, J Kimo, H H Renton, J G Wyman, J Bradley, G Baumister, J Shaw, S Comly, C B Makee, Mrs E P Adams 4 children and 2 servants, Mrs Ella Nahaolelua and child, Capt R Briggs.

From Australia and New Zealand, per Zealandia, July 3—Mr Lockwood, Mr Millard, Mr Gaskill.

From San Francisco, per Kalakaua, July 2—Wm Levy, S Hirshwan and 6 Chinese.

From San Francisco, per W G Irwin, July 4—Mrs E Sessions, Miss M Williams, Mrs L P MaGuire, Jno A Bockwith.

From San Francisco, per Discovery, July 17—Mr Eldred and wife, Mr Shore, Mr Lowell and 13 Chinese.

For San Francisco, per Zealandia, July 3—J McKeague wife and servant, Mr Nelsser, E A Phelps and wife, Miss Lawlor, E A Wilson, A Lumley, T W and W H McIntyre, Miss H F Taylor, A W Beard and mother, S L Austin and wife, Mrs W W Hall and son, A T White, H F Taylor, and 3 children, Mrs L W Snow, Mr Louisson, Mrs Toler daughter and son, A Herbert H C Thompson, W Garrutt, M G Lima wife and child, J Lund, F E Oat, G Eckley, R McKeague, O P Williams and wife, Mrs Diaz, M Verada, F J Doyle, H Stewart, P Silva and sister, J H Faris, J Bryant M B Horne, R McKenzie, G S Brendel, F H Redward, J Grace, A Botta, E Collins, J Bradley, F L Leslie, F D Manson, H Woolmington and 3 Chinese.

From San Francisco, per H W Almy, July 2—J Miller C Clark, T Bishop, T Welch, A H Bareman, A Skelton, S Norris Mrs C Nicols.

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PLACE OF RECREATION NEEDED.

The success of the celebration on July 4th has demonstrated the fact that this community, when opportunity affords, is capable of enjoying itself *en masse*. The great numbers present at the temporary picnic grounds on "Independence Day," the amiable spirit which prevailed, the unflagging merriment of the younger portion, and the apparent desire of each and all to see that the others were enjoying themselves, prove that an occasional day of recreation is just what the people need. A day when every care can be thrown aside; when all the members of the family from the youngest to the oldest may get out of town and do just as they please; when the order of exercises shall be such that no taste will be insulted and nobody will be bored; a day that may be looked forward to with delightful anticipation, revelled in and remembered ever after with real pleasure.

Now, if we have just such a day, where would we spend it? The picnic grounds on the 4th of July were well adapted to the occasion, and the several committees who had the arrangement of the celebration deserve the highest praise for the thorough and admirable manner in which the numerous duties were discharged, but should a community like ours be compelled to look about for a suitable place to resort to when it desires to spend a day out of town?

Kapiolani Park does not fully answer the purpose and will not for many years to come, if indeed it ever does. Several picnics have taken place recently; on each occasion the committees have been obliged to secure the use of private grounds, and have been driven to more or less expense in preparing them for the reception of the picnics; this was a very considerable item in the case of the American celebration. None of these picnics have been given at Kapiolani Park for good and sufficient reasons. Nor is the Park the place to give them; even if the necessary accomodations were provided and were alway in readiness, it would not be suitable for that particular purpose.

There is land still to be hand within a convenient distance of the city where pleasure grounds could be secured and reserved for the permanent use of our citizens—a reservation that shall become the property of the government and be held for the exclusive pleasure and healthful recreation of the people. It is not yet too late to secure a tract of land in some neighboring valley which nature has beautified, and where the improvements will be permanent, and the necessary conveniences need not be demolished and sold at auction when the day's pleasure is ended. These lands will by-and by have passed into the hands of private purchasers; or if they are left ungarded there is danger that the cattle will stray upon them and destroy their foliage which is their chief beauty. While these delectable pleasure gardens are within our reach is no one possessed of sufficient public spirit to make an effort toward securing them?

With a pleasure ground at the service of the public the several holidays of the year which now, as a rule, are rather dull affairs, would become gala days. Why should they not? A suburban resort properly cared for would offer a thousand attractions: There would be sylvan walks and shady arbors for the delectation of the more quietly disposed; there would be a lawn for tennis and croquet, and fields for cricket and foot and base-ball. There would be a *lanai* where luncheons could be spread, a good floor for dancing, lofty swings, merry-go-rounds that don't squeak all the day long; there would be ladders, bars and spring boards for athletic exercises, and some of the several out-of-door games with the customary apparatus, simple and inexpensive, could be easily added.

All this may not come at once, but it must come gradually and there is no reason why there should be any end to it; a resort of this character grows with what it feeds on; the numerous picnics of the year might and should each contribute something toward the improvement of the premises and ultimately the pleasure grounds of Honolulu, while they would ever be a constant source of convenience and pleasure to the people, and might become as famous, through the lips of the transient guests who visit them, as the gardens of the Hesperides.

HAS HAWAII A POLICY?

There are very many reasons why the present Cabinet is looked to for a marked policy for the good and prosperity of Hawaii, for there are potent grounds for the belief that there seldom has been a more critical condition of affairs in its history than that which it is threatened with to-day. She has passed through dark and anxious days of wrong and oppression at the hands of over zealous representatives of foreign powers, but wrongs and oppressions that were righted and removed when referred to their home governments through the wise councils of her then Premier. Nor would we for a moment ignore the consideration for our weakness when an impulsive Ministry in September of 1880 insulted and undertook to dictate to foreign powers.

To-day we have no foes without that threaten the life of the nation, though it does not need much perceptive ability to discern the troubles and discords that threaten us from within. To have watched the course of the present Legislative Assembly was but to see a tendency of a wasteful or reckless appropriation of monies that the country does not possess, and that, too, for objects that in no way tend to advance, or enhance the interests of the people, but on the contrary, provide for measures that pander to useless extravagance and display, and which, fostered, will induce a spirit of indolence, vanity and arrogance. As to what benefit this country expects to derive by the change from an agricultural to a military people we confess ourselves unable to answer, and defy its supporters to satisfy the query, for in all this effort to attain to a position of "mock soldiery"—for it can be no other—it is pitiable to see that every demand that is sought at the hands of the Assembly has been supported by the Ministry, except the provision of $500,000 for a naval craft.

From their course in the House and the indications that are apparent of want of harmony in the Cabinet, is it to be wondered at that the public should feel a want of confidence? 'Tis true they have not yet been tried long in their responsible positions, but we must bear in mind that the Premier has long been assailing former administrations for want of announced policies, want of ability or tact in managing the House, want of cohesion in Ministerial action, want of many things he has considered desirable and necessary. It was natural in consequence to expect the present incumbent, on taking office, to not only profit on the experience of others, but to enter upon a vigorous policy for the advancement of "the dear people" he has labored so long and so disinterestedly for. But in all this the people (not we) are doomed to disappointment, for there has not been shown the first glimmer of statesmanship in any measure he has brought before the House, but rather the reverse, an inclination to dodge issues rather than meet opposition, a preference to conciliate with unwise measure- rather than risk a defeat of schemes that would not bear investigation or examination. The course of the PRESS has shown, in language plain as day, that Walter Murray Gibson in the various positions he has assumed before the Hawaiian public, has failed in every case to meet the expectations he would have them place in him.

AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY.

The Fourth of July 1862 is already a thing of the past, but the memory of it will linger long with those who joined in the observance of the day in Honolulu. The celebration began at an early hour and was continued far into the night, and nothing occurred to mar the day in the slightest particular. Citizens of the Great Republic turned out *en masse*, and were joined by people of all nationalities, to whom a general and cordial invitation had been extended to partake in the pleasures of the day. The procession and boat-racing in the morning were an agreeable introduction to the exercises at the grounds on King street, where arrangements had been made for the reception of the multitude of invited friends. The music and singing were good, the reading of the Declaration of Independence and the oration were excellent, the lunch was ample for the thousands present, the amusements provided for Young America and their many welcome cousins were thoroughly enjoyed, the dancing was participated in by people of all ages and from every clime, refreshments were abundant and free as air, members of the committees were attentive and obliging, the ball at night was a complete success, and closed one of the most successful Fourth of July celebrations that Honolulu ever witnessed.

The money subscribed by American citizens was sufficient to defray all expenses, and it is a matter of gratulation that they turned out with such enthusiasm and unanimity, that so large and cosmopolitan a multitude of friends joined with them in the remembrance of the day, and that only the kindest of feelings were maifested throughout. All Americans must have felt gratified to witness people from every continent and the islands of the sea forming for the time one large happy family: all must feel thankful toward the many friends from other lands who united so heartily in making the day one of unalloyed pleasure: and every one who was present will accord a due share of thanks to the committees, who left nothing undone that could add to the enjoyment of the day, and will join in the hope that Honolulu may see many more such celebrations of the "Glorious Fourth."

In our next issue will appear an editorial on the Egyptian question for which we have not space this week. This is the all-absorbing topic of the day and is a peculiarly interesting one at the present time.

Things Wise and Otherwise.

Twenty-five representatives voted "no" on the motion to indefinitely postpone the consideration of the 10,000,000 loan bill. Their names will be found in the report.

The manner of the recent change of Jailer of Oahu Prison detracts nothing from the late incumbent, adds no laurels to the new one, nor glory to any one responsible for the change.

It is one thing for the Assembly to favor a $10,000,000 loan, another for the nation to get it, and quite another thing for the people to pay it. Egypt's present troubles from just such a course should teach Hawaii a lesson.

The present Ministry say they "deem it their duty not to allow expenditures of public moneys not authorized by the Assembly." By the liberal appropriations for items innumerable we should judge there would be no need of any.

Our sympathies extend to the disappointed many on the projected route of the procession of "Antiques and Horribles" on the Fourth and trust that no sleight to the American Minister Resident was intended, though it looked very much like one. When a route is once adopted and published it should be strictly carried out.

Our "jewel of consistency" used to deem it a strange proceeding in late Ministries for royal measures to be presented to the Assembly by Hon. members, but now that he himself occupies the exalted position of Premier, will he explain why the $500,000 asked for to inaugurate a navy to be in keeping with the proposed army was introduced by a representative and voted against by the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

When a National LAW SCHOOL—as asked for by some of our Solon's—becomes an established fact and turns out its graduates, we may expect appointments to the Attorney Generalship, Bench or Chief Justiceship similar to the rule that is prominent in all recent changes. There are those who desire to see the day hastened; but whether they are the true friends of Hawaii, or her most dangerous foes, we leave for those to judge who should have her deepest interests most at heart.

Our contemporary the *Gazette* considers this country is at the zenith of her prosperity, and from this time forth her Crown land values will rapidly depreciate in value; therefore, it would be wisdom to remove the tabu of disposal thereof and shoulder them onto private parties. We beg to differ: If the Government either by a course of mismanagement of said lands, or by a political policy, has brought on a depreciative condition of her real estate, she alone is to blame in the matter and should bear the result.

The idea put forth in a recent communication to the PRESS and echoed by a contemporary that the water supply of Honolulu would be better managed by private parties no doubt has much foundation of truth in it and probably gave rise to the rumor that an offer had been made the Government for the same, but we doubt if there be many who would desire to see this consummated. No one here wishes to be victimized by a private monopoly similar to the reputation attending the Spring Valley Water Works Co., of San Francisco, though we do believe that when our people are taxed for a supply of water for a stated period—in advance—they should have it, or a rebate allowed for non-fulfillment of contracts, whether by governments, corporations, or private individuals.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

MR. CRUZAN left for Maui by the *Likelike* last Wednesday.

THE July term of the Supreme Court commenced on the 3d inst.

THE *City of New York* will be due from San Francisco this evening.

A NUMBER of people were in town from the other islands to spend the Fourth.

PROFESSOR ZAMLOCH left here for Kauai by the *C. R. Bishop* last Wednesday.

WILLIAM BUCKLE has been appointed Jailer of Oahu Prison to succeed Mr. D. K. Fyfe.

ALL of the Island steamers that remained over to celebrate the Fourth sailed on Wednesday.

GOVERNOR DOMINIS has been quite seriously indisposed for several days but is now improving.

THE postoffice clerks have been handling unusually large mails lately—both foreign and inter-island.

AN informal meeting of veterans of the U. S. army and navy was held at the picnic grounds on the Fourth. It was decided to organize soon.

ON Monday last, Mr. Geo. Macfarlane's new schooner, *R. A. Wentworth*, arrived from San Francisco, and is to be used for the local trade.

THE *Zealandia* arrived from the Colonies last Sunday and sailed on Monday morning for the Coast with a good cargo and several passengers.

IN the show window of Mr. Thrum's Fort Street store a painting of the John Hancock residence in Boston, by Mr. Furneaux, was exhibited on the Fourth.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL PRESTON kept open house on the Fourth, and many visitors accepted his hospitality at his residence opposite the picnic grounds, on King street.

THE Fourth has never been celebrated here more orderly than on Tuesday last; there were no serious accidents and no disturbances of any kind worthy of note.

WE neglected to mention last week that in the investigation of the cause of Mrs. Janner's death some months ago, the chemical analysis proved that the lady had not taken poison.

CAPTAIN ROPER of the *Anjer Head* has been arrested in San Francisco for assault on the Chinese interpreter of the U. S. Courts, and for having the berths on his vessel illegally arranged.

MANY friends of the Rev. T. Blackburn assembled at the school house adjoining St. Andrew's Cathedral Thursday evening to bid him a kind farewell. He leaves for the Colonies by the *City of New York*.

MR. HALLENBECK will occupy the pulpit at Fort Street Church to-morrow and will speak from the text "How long halt ye?" In the evening the venerable Dr. Coan of Hilo will preach.

MAILS have been received from the Coast this week by the *H. W. Almy*, *W. G. Irwin*, *Discovery*, *W. H. Meyer*, the latest dates being to June 23d. Very little news of interest is contained in the latest dates.

ON Thursday evening after the conclusion of the business of the Engineers of the Fire Department a handsome gold watch and chain was presented to Chief Engineer Lacon, who retires from the department.

MR. BERGER and the Band boys had a very trying time on the Fourth, beginning at 11 a. m. and continuing with little intermission until 2 a. m. on the morning of the 5th. Their staying qualities were severely tested.

JAMES H. BOYD, who has been in the employ of the Interior Department for several years, was presented with a fine silver fruit stand by his fellow clerks, on Monday last, accompanying which was a neat testimonial.

AMONG the passengers for San Francisco by the *Zealandia* were Mr. George Eckley, bookkeeper of the SATURDAY PRESS for the past two years, who returns to his old home, and Fred. B. Oat, who goes for a short period of recreation.

AN exchange says: "information has been received at Ottawa that an engineer and fifty-two mechanics have reached Honolulu, and are building a marine tramway there. This is the initiative step toward the establishment of a Canadian line of steamers to the Sandwich Islands and China."

ANOTHER massacre is reported from the South Sea Islands. The recruiting brig *Janet Stewart* while at Malayta, Solomon Islands, the crew with the exception of one man who escaped, were murdered during the absence of the Captain and second mate. The vessel was afterward burned.

THERE have arrived during the week three passengers from Australia by the *Zealandia*, eight from San Francisco by the *Kalakaua*, eight by the *Almy*, six by the *Irwin* and eighteen by the *Discovery*. One sailed from here for Victoria by the *Anna Precht* and sixty-two for San Francisco by the *Zealandia*.

CAPTAIN BADCOCK had an exhibition the other day an apple grown on his place on the plain. It was one of three which a young tree bore. Some grapes from Mr. Herbert's place at Kalihi were also shown this week. With perseverance and care we ought to grow many of the fruits of the temperate zone here.

FOLLOWING is the programme of the Band Concert at Emma Square to-day at 4:30 P. M.:—

Introduction, "The Martyrs"..... Donizetti
Polka, "The Little Foulting Face"..... Strauss
Selection, "Lampon"..... Lecocq
Waltz, "Vienna Blood"..... Strauss
Cavatina, "Belisario"..... Donizetti
Galop, "Clear the Track"..... Strauss

J. T. WATERHOUSE's new brick store on Fort street, just finished, is one of the handsomest buildings in town and is an ornament to the block between King and Hotel streets. It has a roomy upper story and the lower portion is well calculated for a dry goods store. Everything is conveniently arranged and customers will appreciate the change as well as employees. The sidewalk of neatly laid mosaic is an attractive feature of the new improvements and adds much to the appearance of the building.

THE Gospel services conducted by Mr. Hallenbeck, with Rev. S. E. Bishop, A. C. Forbes and W. H. Rice as translators, has this week been devoted to the natives, and have from the first been marked with a great deal of interest. They commenced last Sunday evening at Kawaiahao Church, after which they have been held at Kaumakapili; and the awakening among the people plainly indicates that "the field is white for the harvest." These services will continue through next week. Being held in English and translated into Hawaiian, they are adapted to foreigners also, a large number of whom attend and manifest interest in the work.

THE absence of Hawaiian flags from among the profuse decorations of the Music Hall on the evening of the Fourth has been spoken of by a contemporary, but it was no fault of the committees. In addition to the American flags, were those of several leading countries, and a place was left over the King's box for the royal flag and another place left for a large Hawaiian flag beside the "Stars and Stripes" under the music stand. The flags were engaged, and the royal flag was to have been sent from the Palace before the dance began, but did not arrive, and, when too late, it was found that it could not be procured in time. An explanation was immediately made to the King who was perfectly satisfied.

LAST Tuesday evening a drunken man was put out of a saloon and two policemen standing by were requested to arrest him. They pounced upon the man as if they were going to tear him limb from limb and began to drag him along toward the Station House. He asked for his hat, which had fallen off, but instead of stooping to pick it up for him or even condescending to take it from a boy who handed it to them, one of them kicked the man and both twisted his arms to make him move along. A friend of the prisoner advised him to go along quietly to the station house, which he did without further trouble, and if the cowardly brutes who wore the police badges had not been spoiling for an opportunity to show their authority by abusing an unfortunate drunk incapable of resistance, they could have taken him with them without creating any disturbance. The numbers of the officers are 34 and 20 and they are guilty of assault whether they be charged with it or not.

Sociable at Hilo.

Hilo, the beautiful, has much enjoyment. Once a month the always delightful church sociables occur. Tuesday evening, June 27th, the sociable was held at the residence of Mr. L. Severance, and a delightful occasion it was. It is always a guarantee for a pleasing time to know that it is to be held at the house of Mr. Severance. But of all the treats the last sociable excelled