

LIME.—As the price of this indispensable article has advanced to \$3 per barrel, in Honolulu, and its use is so extensive, it has become of considerable consequence that no more than a proper proportion be used in the making of mortar.

From a late American paper we have extracted the following, which is well worthy the attention of builders; and we trust that a series of experiments may be made known, for the benefit of the public.

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THE LATE CAPT. EDEN, OF H. B. M. SHIP AMPHITRITE.—Some time ago the Minister of Foreign Relations received a letter from Lieut. Walker, dated Mazatlan, 14th February, informing him that Capt. Eden, much to the regret of his officers and crew, had died on the 11th January, after an illness of only three days.

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THE POLYNESIAN, SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1850.

Correspondence of the Polynesian. SAN FRANCISCO, May 23, 1850. Mr. Editor.—Sir: the recent importations of Sandwich Island produce, with the exception of a portion of the cargo of the bark 'Drummond,' have been sold at good prices.

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REVIEWER REVIEWED.—or Remarks on a Review of Sir George Simpson's Tour around the World. In further examining the claims of Sir George Simpson to be known as a philanthropist, allow me to quote a few paragraphs which have a bearing upon his candor and impartiality.

These extracts have reference to the motives and labors of Protestant Missionaries, a class of men with which he had but slight intercourse, but a class which he delights to honor with his notice. That he has made free in speaking slightly of the labors, and disparagingly of the motives, of these men is well known to all who have read his volume.

Indeed this is obvious from a single paragraph, which he designed at the time of writing perhaps, as the winding up of what he had to say of the Missionaries, though his subsequent visit to Maui furnished him with an opportunity of making a few additional thrusts in the same direction.

I have italicized that part of the paragraph to which I wish to direct the attention of your readers. He means to say, I suppose, that he has spoken freely of the Missionaries and of their labors. This he has certainly done; and this he has a right to do, provided what he said shall be found springing from a desire to do justice to the parties—to leave the right impression on the minds of his readers; in a word, if it shall appear that he spoke candidly and impartially.

In speaking of the Hawaiian language and the probability that the English will "ere long be the vernacular tongue of the group," he goes on to say: "At first, perhaps, the missionaries could not avoid adopting the Hawaiian language, but in their exclusive use of it, they have, in the opinion of most foreign residents, done more harm than good.

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It is no small encouragement that the veteran Arctic sailor Sir John Ross, who knows the Northern sea like a book, has taken the safety of the mission, and in that faith, embarks for the search with the snows of seventy winters upon his head.

God's Providence.—We saw at the Banking House of Bourgeois & Co., the largest mass of gold being quartz ever yet brought to this city. This specimen is a block of irregular shape, about two feet long, and weighs one hundred and ninety three pounds.

NAVY INTELLIGENCE.—In the expected reconstruction of the cabinet, Thomas Butler King is spoken of as the probable successor of Mr. Preston in the Navy Department.

EXTRACTS FROM MARCH NUMBERS OF THE LONDON EXAMINER. The Baron Gros, who has been charged by the French Government with the office of Mediator in Greece, has left Paris for Athens.

By the Bank of France returns, just published, it appears that the stock of bullion is now 4,000,000, more than the circulation.

Jenny Lind has recently given several most successful concerts in Hanover, one of which was for the benefit of the poor of the city. King Ernest, who was present at one of the concerts, sent to the Swedish nightingale the appropriate gift of a golden goblet filled with ant's eggs—the food of nightingales.

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HEAD-QUARTERS OF THE RAILWAY MADNESS.—A colony of solicitors, engineers, and stock accountants had settled in the purlieus of Threadneedle. Every town and parish in the Kingdom blazed out in zine plates on the doors.

THE REINS OF NINEVEH.—Mr. Stewart Rolland, late of the 69th regiment, who is now at Nimroud with Layard, assisting him in his endeavours to bring to light the hidden antiquarian treasures of Nineveh, has sent an account of their recent proceedings, from which we extract the following:

Of the works at Nimroud, Mr. Rolland says: "In opening a trench the workmen uncovered three copper cauldrons of immense size, and some huge dishes of metal. Layard carefully removed the earth from one cauldron, which was partially filled with it, and discovered an immense variety of ivory ornaments, an iron head, and innumerable other articles.

INTERESTING DISCOVERY IN SOUTH AFRICA.—The Cape papers of the 1st of January refer to the discovery of a great lake in the interior of South Africa during the late expedition of two gentlemen named Murray and Oswald.

THE RESULT OF THE LATEST EXPERIMENTS has been satisfactory with Mr. Shepherd's balloon, numbers of the ships having been returned to the admiralty from Colchester, from Sussex, and from the West.

THE FAVORITE DAUGHTER OF THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA, the Duchess of Leuchtenburg, will visit England very shortly, and reside in London for some time.

A COMMITTEE OF LADIES has been formed to operate with the Duchess of Leuchtenburg in carrying out the design of the Exhibition of the Industry of all Nations in 1851.

THE ESTIMATES FOR 1850-1.—The army, navy, and navy estimates for 1850-51 have been published. The following tabular statement, compiled from them will show the amount of reduction effected:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Army, Navy, Post office packets. Rows for 1850-1 and 1849-50.

Proposed decrease in 1850-1, £729,063

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE. EXTRACTS FROM CALIFORNIA PAPERS.

THE EXPEDITION IN SEARCH OF SIR JOHN FRANKLIN.—The following are the ships now in search of Sir John Franklin, and the two missing ships of his expedition to the Arctic sea, the Erebus and Terror.

GOING TO SEARCH IN JONES' SOUND AND WELLINGTON CHANNEL, the Lady Franklin and Sophia. Going in search of Cape Walker, Banks Land, and Melville Island, the Resolute, Assistance, Pioneer, Intrepid, and Felix, with the Arctic veteran Sir John Ross.

THE FOREGOING are all British ships. The following is the American expedition: The Lady Franklin, Captain De Haven, and Rescue, Captain Griffin, going, if not disappointed, to the point of danger, where Sir John Franklin is to be found, if living, and convey him to England under the Yankee flag.

IN RELATION TO THIS MATTER, the Congressional summary of the N. Y. Herald of April 27, contains the following: In the House, the day was consumed in a debate upon the joint resolution from the Committee on Naval Affairs, in relation to the search for Sir John Franklin and his men.

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