

of the distance might be traversed either by lake (which is 100 miles long), or on rivers to communicate with it. Even now this is the case; for as many as 3000 persons pass every month, though nothing can exceed the inconveniences with which it is attended at present. There are three or four transshipments in the course of the river San Juan, and the passage to Francisco is very unsafe and uncomfortable. Scherzer's account, this road must afford some of the most curious specimens of nature to be met with anywhere. California is a land of Cave of Adullam for every man that is an adventurer and every man that is in debt; and the roads swarm with characters something more than ordinary.

American, six feet and a half long, of stern, stern, and gloomy physiognomy, came with us on a steamer from New Orleans to San Juan del Rio, and when he had drunk enough to make him give, he confided to one of his fellow passengers, whom he had known in Kentucky, that he had murdered his wife out of jealousy. The Swiss quite attracted to him by this little anecdote, joined company with him immediately, as did another American from Texas, an Irishman, and a German gentleman—a German—after exhausting his profession of gold-digger, inn-keeper, apothecary, physician, night-watchman, and horse-dealer, travelled about the country in a monk's dress, as a confessor, in which profession he soon made a large business, being strict to fees and loose to absolution. Till it was "spoilt by competition" this was considered a very profitable employment.

The most striking passages in Dr. Scherzer's narrative relate to the natural phenomena of the district which he traveled. The city of San Salvador was completely destroyed by an earthquake which was in its immediate neighborhood; and he inserted a description of the occurrence by a woman who was actually present at it. A fearful shock on Easter Sunday, 1854, laid the whole town in ruins. Slight ones had been felt ever since Friday, two or three times an hour, so that people had left there before the final catastrophe. The earth continued to tremble during the day of the Sunday and Monday—rents and chasms usually opened in all directions, and the fugitives from the city were in momentary expectation of being all swallowed up alive. The history of the eruption of the Cosiguina volcano on the 20th January, 1835, is still more striking. A mountain, before that time, though apparently extinct, had never in the memory of man been seen to erupt on that day an explosion took place which was heard at a distance of 350 miles, and a cloud of smoke so dense and so fearful that people could hardly breathe through wetted handkerchiefs. The darkness was so intense that for about two hours the candles and fires which could be lighted made it visible, whilst the ashes fell in Cuba, Jamaica, and Quito. The English ship at Belize was called out, as the Governor thought there must be a sea-fight to account for the noise. Dr. Scherzer mentions some strange legends connected with this eruption. The people prayed a long time to the various saints with much effect, and at last brought out their images to the streets, and set their faces towards the sea, that they might have an opportunity of judging themselves about them. The priests, too, carried bottles of brandy by them in the pulpits and on the altars.

**new "Circle Rig" in a Gale of Wind.**  
We have heard considerably about the new "circle rig" for sailing vessels, as tested in New York harbor, and felt an interest in its working under these circumstances of wind which was gratified yesterday, just previous to the opening of that desolating rain storm. At that time the upper part of the street was treated to a little private whirl of its own, which came tearing and twisting with a "screw-angular" and spiralic concentration of exasperated force which threatened to up the very paving stones and whirl them in its airy vortex, with the dust, sticks, and articles which it had picked up lying around in the streets. This bitter, maelstrom of wind, beset a lady who was out on a cruise about town in all the bravery of the hoop "circle rig" of toilette canvas. Her ladyship was dead bee shore of high fence, and laying close to clear the corner, when the squall struck with great promptitude she summoned all hands to her aid, as a single ladyship generally has, when "manned" they have a complement of (1) to reduce sail, which she did by consulting the canvas with her dainty fingers, and (2) to luff up to get the wind astern; but she didn't shake the wind out of her sails, and for a moment went fairly down on her beam-ends, but she braved bravely in the lull, and clawed a length or eight up into the wind's eye, and gained offing enough to weather the corner; just as she eased a luff or two to run off to leeward round the corner, she barely keeping her sails flat, a terrible blast struck her, tearing the bolt ropes clear of her spars, and several parts of her rig, while her sky-scraper was blown right out of the earings and she was sailing on the blast and its own hook. In this disastrous condition she weathered the corner, when we, who were well up to the windward could make it without difficulty, being fore and aft rigged, rounded the point, her ladyship was blown down to leeward, scudding before the wind on her bare poles, with her canvas all adrift and blowing out straight from the head ropes.—[N. O. Della.]

**Rev. Dr. Bellows on the Religious and Secular Press.**

The Rev. Dr. Bellows, in his reply to the complimentary letter received by him from the "Garrick Club" of London, called forth by the Rev. gentleman's address in defence of the theatre, and in favor of elevating the moral standard of the same, and thus make it the means of instructing, amusing and improving the great masses of the people, comments thus justly and fearlessly on the religious and secular press. We believe that few, whose opinions are worth the having, and whose experience is at all familiar with the subject, but will endorse the criticism of this learned and liberal minded divine:

"The reception my address has met with from the so-called 'religious world,' though far less chilling than that bestowed on any previous effort to throw the mingled sanctions and restraints of piety around the pleasures of men, has been cool and cutting enough to discourage any spirit not sanguine in the faith, that human nature ever wins her case in the end, against conventional or ecclesiastical prejudices. Unhappily for society, though fortunately for me, the religious newspapers, my only bitter opponents, do not represent the best intelligence or the soundest piety of Christendom.

In our day, and on both sides of the water, the ecclesiastical press reflects less of the Christian candor, the good sense, and the humane and progressive feelings of the public, than the secular press; and that great organ of experience and influence is distinctly with you and with me, in the conviction that the theatre may be, ought to be, and will be, sustained, purified, and accepted as a legitimate institution."—[S. F. Weekly Talk.]

**SAN FRANCISCO ADVERTISEMENTS.**

**L. P. FISHER'S**

ADVERTISING AGENCY,  
SAN FRANCISCO—NO. 171 WASHINGTON STREET,  
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- L. P. Fisher is the authorized Agent of the following:
- Polynesian, Honolulu, S. I.;
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  - Marysville Herald,
  - San Joaquin Republican, Stockton;
  - Pacific Methodist, Stockton;
  - Sonora Herald,
  - Nevada Journal,
  - Grass Valley Telegraph,
  - Red Bluff Beacon,
  - Columbia Gazette,
  - Tuolumne Courier,
  - Mountain Democrat, Placerville;
  - Empire County Argus, Placerville;
  - Calaveras Chronicle, Mokelumne Hill;
  - Siasta Courier,
  - Mariposa Gazette,
  - Yreka Weekly Union,
  - Trinity Journal, Weaverville;
  - Iowa Hill News,
  - Weekly Ledger, Jackson;
  - San Jose Telegraph,
  - Sonoma County Journal,
  - Folsom Dispatch,
  - California Mining Journal,
  - Los Angeles Star,
  - Santa Barbara Gazette,
  - San Diego Herald,
  - Alameda County Gazette,
  - Placer Courier, Yankee Jim's;
  - Napa County Reporter,
  - Sierra Democrat, Downieville;
  - Humboldt Times, Union;
  - Oregonian, Portland, O. T.;
  - Oregon Statesman, Salem, O. T.;
  - Pacific Christian Advocate, Salem, O. T.;
  - Jacksonville Herald, Jacksonville, O. T.;
  - Pioneer and Democrat, Olympia, W. T.;
  - Washington Republican, Steilacoom, W. T.;
  - Mexican Extraordinary, City of Mexico;
  - Hongkong Register.

ADVERTISING IN THE ATLANTIC STATES.  
L. P. F. has now completed his arrangements for the forwarding of Advertisements to all the principal circulating Journals and Newspapers published in the Atlantic States. A fine opportunity is here offered to those who wish to advertise in any part of the Union, of doing so at the lowest rates, and in a prompt and satisfactory manner. 26-11

**To Farmers.**  
**TOBACCO.**—Parties having California grown TOBACCO, of last year's crop, will find a purchaser by addressing  
**ADOLPH SUTRO,**  
26-11 115 Montgomery street, San Francisco.

**GENERAL ADVERTISEMENTS.**

**TOBACCO! CIGARS AND SNUFFS!**

**J. STEWARD** RESPECTFULLY INFORMS his friends and the public generally, that he has now on hand an extensive assortment of the above articles, all of the choicest brands. He will always have on sale as complete a stock as is procurable in the market. He offers the following articles, all of the first quality, on reasonable terms:

- Anderson's Solace,
- Buffalo Chips,
- Citron,
- Morning Glory,
- J. Patrick & Co.'s Diamond P.
- Honey Dew,
- Golden Leaf,
- Luscious Luxury,
- Natural Leaf,
- Richmond 8's,
- Varina's Canister,
- Spanish Mixed,
- Aromatic,
- Let her Rip,
- Manilla Cigars No. 2, two-ends,
- Cheroots,
- Havana Cigars in fancy boxes,
- Fancy Snuffs, etc.

ALSO—A General Assortment of **GROCERIES** Hotel street, near the French Hotel. 8-3m\*

**JUST RECEIVED.**  
**CALIFORNIA CHEESE,**  
**HALF BOXES RAISINS,**  
**JUJUBE PASTE,**  
**For sale by (16-11) T. MOSSMAN & SON.**

**HOTEL KEEPERS' CLUB.**—MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED to attend their daily meetings at the usual place. Per order. 23-11 J. M.

**GENERAL ADVERTISEMENTS.**

[CIRCULAR.]

**California Brandy---Vintage 1856.**

**THE UNDERSIGNED** offer for Sale California Brandy in assorted packages, and in quantity to suit purchasers. This Brandy is guaranteed to be a pure distillation of the juice of the Native Grape, and possessing in an eminent degree all the aroma and delicacy of flavor for which the California Grape is so highly renowned. Competent judges have pronounced the quality to be fully equal to the best French Brandy; and the public are assured that not only the Wine from which this Brandy is made, but also the construction of the stills, and the whole modus operandi, are precisely the same as used in France: in fact, the principal distiller himself has been for many years foreman of a firm celebrated for their brandies, in Cognac. We trust that a discerning public will appreciate the importance of the introduction of

**PURE NATIVE LIQUORS,** as a substitute for the vile poisonous trash, known as Mixed Brandy, with which our market has been flooded.

The bloated, bleared, and disgusting specimens of humanity that we meet at every step, sufficiently attest the effects of the deleterious Oil of Cognac, and the no less poisonous Fusil Grain Oil, contained in the (so called) pure spirits used in the adulteration of genuine liquors.

The subscribers are enabled to offer this FINE BRANDY at less than half the cost of French Brandy of the same grade, and they confidently invite a trial of its quality, by sample or otherwise; believing that the people will sustain them in their endeavors to introduce our

**HOME PRODUCTIONS,** and also to check the torrent of poison which has, up to this period, deluged our State. To Physicians and others, wishing a pure article for medicinal purposes, we can confidently recommend our California Brandy (even in preference to French), on account of its undoubted purity. To the Public at large we will simply say, TRY IT!  
**JAMES T. McDUGALL & CO.**  
175 Sansome street, San Francisco.

**Just Received per "Yankee!"**

**AND FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED,**  
**Kegs 20 Gall. each,**  
of Messrs. James T. McDougall & Co.'s Superior  
**"CALIFORNIA BRANDY."**  
Samples at the store of  
**21-11 VonHOLT & HEUCK.**

**GODFREY RHODES,**

**DEALER IN WINES AND SPIRITS,**  
**HAS ON HAND AND OFFERS FOR SALE,**  
a well selected stock, consisting in part as follows, viz:  
**MONONGAHELA and BOURBON WHISKIES;**  
**FINE BRANDY** in cases and casks;  
**HOLLANDS GIN;**  
**CHERRY BRANDY,** a superior article;  
**Stoughton's and Dunbar's BITTERS;**  
**FINE SHERRY and MADEIRA;**  
**PORT;**  
**SAUTERNES** of superior quality,  
**CLARETS,** " "  
**CLARET** in pints; " "  
**HOCK** " "  
**CHAMPAGNE;**  
And all the favorite brands of ALE and PORTER, which he offers for sale low at his Store near the Post-Office.  
Honolulu, May 30th, 1857. 4-11

**JOSEPH FALLON,**  
Importer and dealer in Wines, Liquors and Cigars,  
**LAHAINA, MAUI.**

**BEGS RESPECTFULLY** to inform his friends and the resident public generally, also Masters and Officers of vessels visiting Lahaina, that he has made arrangements to receive regularly from the United States and England, choice assortments of very best qualities of the above articles. His stock at present comprises—

- Pure London Dock Martell Brandy;
- Otard, Dupuy & Co.'s Brandy;
- American do., for shipping, in 5 and 10 gal. pkgs;
- Old Monongahela Whisky, " "
- Holland Gin, in cases, kegs and demijohns;
- Sherry and Port Wines, Claret do., Champagne;
- Porter and Ale, in cases and casks.

ALSO—Manilla Cigars and Cheroots; Havana do., and a complete assortment of the articles usually found in similar establishments in Europe and the U. States.

N. B. Particular attention paid to putting up Stores for shipping.  
Lahaina, February 27th, 1857. 43-9m

**Pure California Native Wines!**

**JUST RECEIVED PER "FANNY MAJOR,"** a small lot of Choice Family Wines, warranted unadulterated, viz:  
Cases California Port Wine.  
do do Angelica Wine.  
do do White do  
do do Red do  
do do Ginger do  
For sale by  
Honolulu, Oct. 23, 1857. J. C. SPALDING. 25-11

**ANCHORS AND CHAINS!**

**FOR SALE BY THE AGENT OF THE HUDSON'S BAY** Company—  
**3 Anchors,**  
**2 Chains,**  
Honolulu, 7th Oct., 1857. At the lowest market prices. 23-11

**Administrator's Notice.**

**ALL PERSONS indebted to the Estate of the late JOHN C. CLARK** of Wailuku, Maui, are hereby requested to settle their accounts immediately; and all persons having claims against the estate, are requested to present them for payment immediately. **JOHN D. HAYEKOB,** Administrator. Wailuku, Oct. 29, 1857. 26-11

**GENERAL ADVERTISEMENT.**

**Sailors' Home Shipping Office.**

**ON ACCOUNT OF THE PRESS OF BUSINESS AT THE** Home, the undersigned has engaged Mr. G. W. Willifong to act for him in the Shipping of Seamen, the undersigned being still responsible, as heretofore. **THOMAS THURM,** Manager Sailors' Home.

The undersigned begs leave to inform the Skipmasters and Merchants of Honolulu, that he is now acting as Agent for the Shipping Office at the Sailors' Home, under the management of Mr. Thurm, and requests of his friends and the shipping interests generally, a portion of their patronage, promising to use his most faithful endeavors to give satisfaction. Office at the Sailors' Home. Refers to A. J. Cartwright, Esq., and Captain Thomas Spencer. 27-3m\* G. W. WILLIFONG.

**Water! Water!**

**OWING TO THE QUANTITY OF WATER ALLOWED** to run at night, by certain parties, from their hose or garden taps, to the great injustice and inconvenience of others having an equal right to the water, I hereby give notice that a constable is appointed to see that there is no water wasted; and if any person is found allowing their garden taps or hose to run after 8 o'clock in the evening, they will forfeit their right to the water.  
By order of the Minister of the Interior.  
**HENRY J. H. HOLDSWORTH,** Harbor Master.  
If every house provides a cask, with a bail tap attached to the end of the pipe, they will be able to have it filled during the night. 17-11

**A. F. & A. M.**

**HAWAIIAN LODGE NO. 21, F. & A. M. (UNDER THE** jurisdiction of the M. W. Gr. Lodge of California), holds its regular meetings on the first Monday of every month, in the third story of Makee & Ashton's brick building, corner of Kaahumanu and Queen streets. Entrance from Kaahumanu street. Visiting brethren respectfully invited.  
By order of W. M. **A. FORNANDER,** Secretary. 24-11

**A. F. & A. M.**

**LE PROGRES DE L'OCEANIE LODGE, NO** 134, under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of the Grand Central Lodge of France, working in the ancient Scotch Rite, holds its Regular Meetings on the first Wednesday nearest the full moon of every month, at the old Lodge Room, in King Street. Visiting brethren respectfully invited to attend.  
By order of W. M. **H. SEA,** Secretary. Aug. 18.—16-11.

**NOTICE.**

**THE UNDERSIGNED PROPOSES MAKING REGULAR** trips in the clipper barque "Yankee," between this port and San Francisco, and is prepared to execute any commissions that may be entrusted to his charge, promptly and at reasonable rates.  
Enquire at the Auction Room of Mr. A. P. Everett.  
Refers to—Capt. Jas. Smith, Messrs. C. A. Williams & Co., Mr. A. P. Everett, Mr. C. H. Lewers, Messrs. Richards & Severance. 22-3m M. M. RUSSELL.

**Law Notice.**

**THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BEEN LICENSED BY** the Supreme Court as an **ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW** AND **SOLICITOR IN CHANCERY.** Tenders to the public his services in the line of his profession, and hopes, from his long practical experience and the undivided attention that he will pay to all business committed to his care, to merit a share of patronage.  
Office over Dr. J. P. Judd's Drug Store, corner of Merchant and Fort Streets. **O. HINTON,** 4-ly\*

**PERFUMERY**

**MANUFACTURED BY DELCROIX, HUGHES & JONES** —For sale by the Agent of the Hudson's Bay Company 10-11

**Champagne, Claret & Ale.**

**THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY OFFER FOR SALE** Dzs. Martell's Ale, in quarts, "Claret," Superior Champagne. 16-11

**Cordage! Cordage!**

**THE AGENT OF THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY** offers the following for sale in lots to suit purchasers, viz:  
Manilla Cordage, 1/2, 3/4, 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/2, 3 3/4, and 4 inches—42 coils.  
10 coils WHALE LINE.  
Honolulu, 15th Oct., 1856. 24-11

**NOTICE.**

**ANY PERSON TAPPING THE GOVERNMENT WATER** Pipes from this date, without a written permission from the Harbor Master, will be prosecuted.  
**HENRY J. H. HOLDSWORTH,** Harbor Master. Honolulu, June 16, 1855—6-11

**J. C. SPALDING,**

**HAVING RECEIVED BY THE MAIL PER "JOHN** Land," appointment of AGENT for one of the principal Manufactories of **Pure Extra No. 1 White Lead.** —Also of—  
**Zinc Paint, English Boiled Oil, Spirits of Turpentine and Vinegar.**

is prepared to contract for delivery of above articles, at lower prices than ever before offered to dealers for from one to three years.  
On hand and shortly expected, **3,000 kegs, 25 lbs. each,** WHITE LEAD, comprising above quantities. 18-11

**Public Notice.**

**THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY GIVES PUBLIC NOTICE** that he will not be responsible for any debts contracted in his name without his written order. 16-11 **J. R. BOND.**

**LIME! BRICKS!**

**THE UNDERSIGNED BEGS TO INFORM HIS FRIENDS** and the public that he has on hand a quantity of Lime and Bricks, also Kaolin for fire bricks, which he offers for sale, in small or large lots, at his store in the rear of Mr. Emmert's Paint shop, opposite the City Market, King street. 23-11 **GEORGE THOMAS.**

**ADVERTISEMENTS, &c., Translated into**

**HAWAIIAN.** Office—J. P. B. MARSHALL'S. 26-11 **A. K. CLARK.**

**ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.**

**ALL PERSONS** having claims against the estate of C. H. Butler, will please to present their accounts for approval, and all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment of the same to **C. H. LEWERS,** Assignee Honolulu, Jan. 27, 1857. 39-t

**TARRED ROPE, Manilla Rope; Canvas, Paint**

and Boiled Oil, for sale by **ROBERT C. JANION.** 47-11

**English Hops.**

**FOR SALE BY THE AGENT OF THE HUDSON'S BAY** Company—  
**4 packets BEST ENGLISH HOPS.** 45-11