COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 26, 1858.

We have to announce the arrival of the packet bark *Fanny Major*, on Thursday last, from San Francisco, with a fair freight and a small number of passengers. Dates are to the 4th inst., from San Francisco, and from New York to the 5th of April. We give below a full and carefully prepared report of the California markets, which will be found particularly interesting. The decline in sugar and flour, which is reported, is undoubtedly owing to the enormous shipments of those articles from New York.

The Missionary packet *Morning Star* followed closely after the *Fanny Major*, and is now undergoing thorough repairs. The Am. Guano Company's ship *John Marshall* made her appearance this morning, having made the passage from Jarvis Island in 18 days. She brings 400 tons of guano, which was loaded at the island in less than 30 days—including the time consumed in placing buoys and other preparations.

Trade has improved considerably since our last, and some bustle is noticeable about the streets. We learn that three vessels are on their way to this port from Germany with full assorted cargoes, which will make the importations from that quarter unusually heavy this year.

The *Fanny Major* has engaged a full return freight, and will sail about June 5th.

FLOUR—Sales at auction of 60 bbls Haxall, inferior, at $10 62½. No transactions in Hawaiian, and the market is very unsettled.

OATS—The importations of oats and barley, per *Fanny Major*, amount to 496 bags, a good portion of which has been sold at 3c per lb.

SUGAR—A small lot of crushed came to hand, per *Fanny Major*, but the stock of that description is small. We hear of no sales of domestic raw.

LIQUORS—Sales at auction of whisky in kegs, at 37½c per gallon.

SHINGLES—Importations, per *Fanny Major*, 150 M. The market is abundantly supplied.

LUMBER—The market is rather overstocked at present, and jobbing at rates not remunerative. Three more cargoes are expected next month. We quote boards and assorted scantling at $30@$35, jobbing sales; pickets in abundance at 3c.

EXCHANGE—On the East may be had at par—on San Francisco, none offering.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.—May 3, 1858.

Our advices from San Francisco up to the 3d of May, report the markets as glutted with almost every description of goods. A large number of ships were due from foreign ports. We notice a large decline in the price of sugar and flour. The amount of sugar and flour on the way out from the States was very large, at least 25,000 bbls. of each article. Several cargoes of raw sugar were also known to be on the way from East Indian ports, which would cause a great decline, and it is probable that the price of sugar in San Francisco, after the month of June, will rule very low—probably 8 to 10c for raw, and 12 to 15c for refined.

We give the latest and most reliable quotations found in our exchanges up to the sailing of the packet.

SUGAR—Sales of finest China No. 1, 13@13½c; Sandwich Islands No. 1, 12c, No. 2, 9½c.

FLOUR—A sale at auction of 1900 bbls Haxall and Gallego at $12 50 @ $12 75. The same lot jobbing at $13 50 @ $14. City brands held at $12 @ $15, according to quality.

RICE—The stock was heavy, and sales are reported at $4 75 @ $5 50 ℔ 100 lbs.

SOAP—Sales of American at 3c @ 3c.

DRIED APPLES—Sales of fair quality at 8½c @ 8½c.

COFFEE—Sales of 10,000 lbs Rio, May 1st, at 13c ℔ lb.

BARLEY and oats were in great supply. Sales at 1¼ @ 1½c. Some 15,000 bags of barley were about being exported to Melbourne by the *Whatcheer*.

POTATOES—The market overstocked with Irish and sweet.

NEW BEDFORD OIL MARKET—Week ending March 29.

SPERM OIL—The market for Sperm has been quiet since our last, but firm. The sales for the week embrace 75 bbls, at 125c; 50 bbls, at 126½c ℔ gallon, and 50 bbls at a price not transpired.

WHALE—We notice a further advance in Whale, with a good demand. The transactions for the week include sales of 1400 bbls, in parcels at 60c. Also, 200 bbls Dark and Inferior at 50 @52c ℔ gallon.

WHALEBONE—Sales for the week, 4000 lbs Northwest at 70c. Also, 20,000 lbs Ochotomb and 9000 lbs Northwest upon private terms.—*N. B. Shipping List.*

LATEST DATES, received at this Office.

San Francisco - -	May 3	Paris - - - - -	Mar. 19
Panama, N. G. - -	April 30	Hongkong - - - -	Jan. 28
New York - - - -	April 5	Melbourne, N. S. W.,	Jan. 27
London - - - -	Mar. 20	Tahiti - - - - -	Mar. 2

Ships' Mails.

For SAN FRANCISCO—per Fanny Major, June 1.

PORT OF HONOLULU, H. I.

ARRIVALS.

May 26—Am Mis packet Morning Star, Johnson, 13 days from Marquesas.
27—Sch Kamehameha IV, Gulick, from Kohala.
23—Br sch Alice, from sea, leaking.
22—Sch Kinoole, from Kona, Hawaii.
22—Sch Maria, Molteno, from Maui.
22—Sch Excel, Antonio, from Kauai.
24—Sch Moikeiki, from Kahului.
26—Am mer sh John Marshall, Pendleton, 18 de fm Jarvis Island.
26—Sloop Laanui, fm Lahaina.

DEPARTURES.

May 21—Sch Kamoi, for Lahaina.
21—Sloop Luika, for Kauai.
24—Sch Moikeiki, Hall, for Kahului.
25—Sch Maria, Molteno, for Lahaina.
25—Sch Excel, Antonio, for Kauai.
25—Sch Kinoole, for Kona, Hawaii.
26—Sch East Maui, for ports on the main.
26—Sch Kamehameha IV, Gulick, for Kohala.

MEMORANDA.

REPORT OF SHIP JOHN MARSHALL, FROM JARVIS ISLAND.—Left Honolulu on the afternoon of February 27. Had pleasant weather for two weeks—winds easterly. March 12, passed to the westward of Christmas Island—fell to the leward on account of westerly current, and had to beat up. Did not reach Jarvis Island until the 31st of March. On the 31st, at 7 P. M., anchored off the south-west point in 15 fathoms water, with 75 fathoms chain. On the 2d of April, placed moorings—a large anchor of five thousand pounds in 35 fathoms water, with 60 fathoms chain. Laid until the 8th of May, during which time discharged all her cargo, including 20 tons coals, provisions and water for the men for three months. Erected the buildings—took on board 400 tons guano, leaving on the island Mr. Chas. H. Judd and 23 men; started for Honolulu May 8th, and arrived on the 26th—18 days passage—winds E.N.E.

Extract of a letter from Mr. C. H. Judd:—"Monday, April 5th, the *Helen Snow*, a clipper whaler, Captain Nye, came close in to the island, and I went on board. She was 5½ months from New Bedford, bound to the westward, whaling. Capt. Nye has 200 barrels sperm. He said he thought he might stop at New Nantucket. I gave him some eggs when he came on shore. He said he could bring the *John Marshall* and anchor her off the boat entrance."

REPORT OF BRIG MORNING STAR, FROM MARQUESAS.—Left Honolulu March 16. During the first ten days encountered S. E. gales which drove us to the westward of our usual course. March 29, crossed the line in long. 152° W., nearly 2 degrees west of Capt. Moore's track on the previous voyage. Easterly winds prevailing, we had a dead beat of three or four weeks, making but from 20 to 30 miles per day on our course. It is here suggested that perhaps a shorter route might be found to the Marquesas by way of the northern variables, in order to first get the necessary easting and then run down through the trades. April 21, arrived at Hivaoa, 36 days from Honolulu. Left Hanamenoe Bay May 7, at 4 P. M., and after a pleasant passage of 13 days arrived at Honolulu, Thursday noon, May 20.

VESSELS IN PORT.—MAY 19.

Am. ship John Marshall, Pendleton.
Wha. packet Morning Star, Brown.
Am. bark Fanny Major, Paty.

COASTERS.

John Young, repairing.
Sch Dolphin—Sch Warwick.
Sloop Laanui—Sch Hasilihi, repairing.

Vessels Expected from Foreign Ports.

The Am clipper bark Melita, of H. A. Pierce's line, was to sail from Boston for this port direct, Feb. 20, and will be due here June 20, with merchandise to B. W. Field.

The clipper sch Vaquero, Newell, from Melbourne for San Francisco, will be due here about June 15.

Danish bark Candace was to sail from Hamburg in April, with merchandise to H. Hackfeld & Co.—due here in August.

The schooner Halifax will be due from San Francisco about June 10, and will probably bring the news of April 20th and May 5th.

IMPORTS.

From SAN FRANCISCO—per Fanny Major, May 20—Hay and oats, 35 cases mdse, 1 bar steel, 6 sheets iron, 15 casks sand, 3 cases hides mdse, 2 bxs citron, 10 hf bxs raisins, 15 tins crackers, 1 keg cheese, 11 boxes shoes, 24 cases mdse, 2 bales 6 cases 2 pkgs mdse, 11 cases mdse, 100 kegs whisky, 8th cask brandy, 6 cases bitters, 4 bags corks, 7 bxs mdse, 10,000 ft siding, 5,000 ft flooring, 120,000 shingles, 50 bags potatoes, 81 bags oats, 1 bx glassware, 1 Seat, 17 pkgs mdse, 3 cases opium, 20 hf bbls crushed sugar, lot of fruit trees and plants, 1 gas machine, 4 bbls rosin, 1 cask tumblers, 1 wooden shaved, lot of oats and barley, 1 case California cheese, 1 case saddles, 50 pieces duck, 1 cask flower pots, Oregon hams, Lyon's ale, pie fruits, etc., 2 packages mdse, and 15 bags mail matter.

PASSENGERS.

FOREIGN.

From SAN FRANCISCO—per Fanny Major, May 20—Judge J W Borden, U S Commissioner, lady and son, Mrs J R Von Pfister and 3 children, Mr H H Hale, lady and daughter, Capt J Hobbs, S P Adams, S Hopkins, C A Fischer, Fred Low, John Bailey, D Tucker, 8 Japan.

COASTWISE.

From Lahaina—per Maria, May 20—Rev Hoheokaua, and 15 others.

From Kaneohe—per Kalkohi, May 24—Messrs J Harrington, Kaumanui, J Cox, H U Parker, and 5 on deck.

From Kona—per Maria, May 25—T W Rhodes, Achow, and 2 others.

From Koloa—per Excel, May 26—Mr and Mrs Wood, 2 others, and 20 on deck.

INTER-ISLAND TRADE.

From LAHAINA—per Maria, May 23—24 cords firewood, 6 bbls Irish potatoes, 20 hides.

From KAHULUI—per Moikeiki, May 24—20 bndls poi, 25 kegs sugar, 15 bbls molasses, 2 kegs butter, 5 hides, 20 bndls goat skins.

For LAHAINA—per Maria, May 25—2800 feet lumber, 4 bbls salmon, 100 pkgs mdse, 50 coils rope.

MARRIED

In Honolulu, May 24, by Rev. S. C. Damon, Mr. HENRY BREWS, of Lihue, Kauai, to Miss A. MARIA ADALBAID SCHLEFS' of Honolulu.

April 5, at Kalaus Plain, Washington Territory, Mr. CHARLES JAMES BIRD, of Kalaus Plain, to Miss ELIZABETH VON PFISTER of Honolulu, by Rev. Dr. McCarty.

DIED.

In San Francisco, April 26, I. P. INGOLS, a native of Boston, Mass., aged 26—a brother of N. L. Ingols, of Honolulu.

In East Boston, March 9th, CHARLOTTE MARIA, wife of Chas. F. Hussey, and daughter of the late James Athearn, Esq., formerly of Nantucket, 41 years, 9 months.

Thy pilgrimage ended, thy sufferings o'er,
Thou hast slept and awakened on yonder bright shore;
Thy body of earth thou hast left for the sod,
Thy spirit's fled upward, to be with thy God!

Fare thee well! we shall miss thee while here we may dwell;
But sweet angels whisper, with thee it is well;
Then let us not sorrow—our loss is her gain;
May we "up and be doing," and grieve without pain.

Thou hast left us "thy darling"—a bud from the stem;
We will nurture her kindly—this heavenly gem;
Most watchful we'll guard it till Jesus shall call
For more of his jewels;—we'll give them up all. E. BOSTON.

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THURSDAY, MAY 26.

Birth of a Prince.

THE event of last week, and we may say of the year 1858, in Honolulu, was the birth, on Thursday evening at about ten minutes past 6 o'clock, of an heir to the throne of these islands. A royal salute from Punchbowl Fort immediately announced to the expecting public the welcome intelligence that Her Majesty had been safely delivered of a son.

At an early hour on Friday flags and streamers were displayed from every staff in town, in honor of the auspicious event. During the forenoon, the foreign Consuls paid their respects to His Majesty, when A. P. Everett, Esq., Consul for Chili, presented an appropriate address. Immediately after these came the government employees and officials, headed by Warren Goodale, Esq., the Collector-General, who also congratulated His Majesty in a short and feeling speech.

The propriety of the citizens paying their respects and offering their congratulations to His Majesty on the happy occasion, having been suggested by some of our leading merchants, it was immediately resolved to go in procession. At 12 o'clock noon, by unanimous consent, the stores and places of business were universally closed, and the remainder of the day was kept as a holiday quite generally. At 3 o'clock P. M., a large number of the foreign residents met at the foot of Kaahumanu street, and escorted by the Honolulu Rifles, (who, on this occasion, turned out thirty-five rifles) marched in procession to the Palace. Foremost in the procession were the clergymen of the American Mission, bearing a handsome copy of the Holy Scriptures, intended by the citizens as an appropriate present to the Young Prince. On arriving at the Palace, the troops, native and foreign, were drawn up on either side of the entrance, while the citizens passed in to the large reception room at the east end of the building, which was at once crowded to overflowing. At twenty minutes past 3, His Majesty the King appeared in the veranda of the Palace and in answer to a congratulatory address from Prince L. Kamehameha, on behalf of the soldiery, remarked as follows:

PRINCE AND SOLDIERS:—The expressions of loyalty you have just uttered, are very welcome to me. There is no tie between the head of a government and his troops like that of mutual good wishes and a common object. Such exists between us, and may it never cease to exist. So long as it does, we have nothing to fear from one another, but everything to hope. In the Queen's name, and that of our infant son, I thank you kindly for your generous wishes.

His Majesty then entered the eastern reception room, which, as we have said, was crowded with the foreign residents, without respect of creed or nation. Abner Pratt, Esq., U. S. Consul, addressing the King, spoke as follows:

YOUR MAJESTY:—For myself, and in behalf of the highly respectable body of foreigners here present, and who reside at the seat of your national government, I tender you, and through you to your native subjects, our most heartfelt congratulations on the birth of a Royal Son, and the comfortable condition of the fortunate and happy Mother. May that Son long live, and prove an invaluable blessing to his race, by the adoption of that liberal and enlightened course, now so wisely pursued by his Royal Father, in supporting those great fundamental principles of morality and religion, which must ever constitute the only safe foundation of a rational civil government; in building up and permanently establishing primary schools, and other educational institutions, the only broad basis of human intelligence among the masses of any people; and in fostering industry, agriculture and commerce, the great and true sources of your national wealth and your national prosperity, until the inhabitants of this beautiful group of islands, your national domain, shall *export* and *import* millions annually, and until your national government shall stand firmly upon a footing with the most favored and enlightened nations of the world.

At the conclusion of Mr. Pratt's remarks, the Rev. S. C. Damon, Seamen's Chaplain of this city, presented a splendidly gilt copy of the Holy Bible, addressing the King as follows:

SIRE:—The announcement, last evening, of the birth of a Prince, was hailed with marked manifestations of joy by all classes in this community, but among none with more pleasure than the foreign residents. We have embraced the very earliest opportunity that propriety afforded for tendering your Majesty and your illustrious Consort our unfeigned congratulations upon this joyful occasion. As a suitable expression of our sympathy, we designed to have furnished the Royal Nursery with an article of furniture, but learned when too late that your thoughtfulness had anticipated our plan. In this dilemma it was suggested that no more appropriate token could be presented the young Prince than the Sacred Volume, which I now present, in the name of the foreign residents of Honolulu. Should our Heavenly Father permit him to live and become your successor, (although our earnest prayer is that that day may be far distant,) may his mind be early imbued with Bible principles and the great truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I need not remind your Majesty what these principles and truths are, or how essential to good government and the well-being of society, for we have not forgotten your eloquent remarks and noble sentiments as expressed in the reply of your Majesty when presented with a Bible by the American Bible Society one year ago. Should your Royal Son be instructed in those principles, he will be fitted to control, in a manner worthy a Prince, and rule worthy a King. In due time let him be reminded of that prayer offered by King Solomon when ascending the throne of David, and the God of Israel may grant him these inestimable but unasked blessings which will render your line illustious and long perpetuated.

His Majesty, addressing himself to the Rev. Mr. Damon and the clergy who stood near, said:

GENTLEMEN:—For your valuable present allow me to thank you, in the name of my son, whose advent into this life has been greeted so kindly, so heartily, by the community at large, but by none more sincerely or with more ardent wishes for his real happiness than by yourselves—of that I am sure. The birth of the young Prince has placed me in a relationship to which I have hitherto been a stranger, and it has imposed upon me new responsibilities. I trust that in my conduct towards him throughout my life, I may remember the particular offering which your affection devoted most reverently, and that as this Bible is one of my boy's first possessions, so its contents may be the longest remembered. In the Queen's name and my own I thank you, and it shall be the task of both of us to teach our first-born child to kindly regard you.

Then turning to the American Consul, he added:

GENTLEMEN AND FRIENDS:—I receive your congratulations on this occasion with mixed feelings of pleasure and pride. I take pleasure in knowing that the event which has given so much happiness in my own domestic circle, has caused pleasure in this whole community, and brought to my house these unmistakable marks of sympathy and good will; and I cannot but feel pride at such a time as this, in knowing that my first-born child, the destined heir to the position I now occupy, enters the world amidst your hearty acclamations. I thank you for those expressions towards the Queen and myself, which are reiterations of feelings often expressed, and more often manifested than expressed, but which come doubly welcome at a time when every parent's heart has a yearning for sympathy. Gentlemen, you see me a proud father, and by these manifestations of your love for me and mine, you make me a proud King. Such occasions as these make a throne worthy of any man's envy, whilst the feelings uppermost in my heart will establish and seal from this time forth a new tie between me and every man who, like myself, can say he has a child.

During the delivery of the foregoing replies, which it will be observed are very happily worded, the King evinced a degree of emotion, which, while it proved that the heart of the man was deeply stirred in the bosom of the King, by the spontaneous expression of the public sympathy with his domestic happiness, at the same time caused him to appear more than ever a Prince. It is occasions like these that test our humanity, and bring out those latent sensibilities of the heart, the manifestations of which are alike honorable in the peasant and the King. And we are confident that we speak the sentiments of the entire foreign community, when we assert that, aside from the respect due to the sovereign ruler of the country, Kamehameha IV. has ever inspired the warmest admiration and the highest respect for his qualities as a man and a gentleman. But the demonstration of Friday, was a singular and pleasing proof that, however much the public may disapprove the policy of Ministers in the administration of government, His Majesty and the Royal Family are ever the objects of the most loyal affection and esteem, which only requires a suitable occasion to become apparent.

After the foreign residents had retired the Honolulu Rifles, (which on this occasion looked remarkably well) filed through the reception room, as did several bodies of native troops. After drinking the health of the new born Prince, at a table amply supplied with refreshments, the company departed, pleased with themselves, and imbued with new sentiments of esteem for their Royal Host. Long live the Royal Family of Hawaii!

Torchlight Demonstration of Americans.

Pursuant to a very short notice issued on Tuesday afternoon, a large concourse of American citizens assembled in the evening of that day at the residence of Thomas Spencer, Esq., and at 8½ o'clock formed in procession, and, carrying torchlights, preceded by a band of music, marched to the residence of the Hon. David L. Gregg, late Commissioner of the United States. Hon. James W. Borden, the new Commissioner, is also a guest of Mr. Gregg, and thus the occasion was made doubly interesting to American residents in tendering at the same time their farewell to Mr. Gregg as their representative, together with their hearty appreciation of his qualities as a man and a Commissioner, while they extended a cordial welcome to his successor.

On the appearance of the Ex-Commissioner on the veranda, three cheers were given with good emphasis for the Hon. David L. Gregg. Barnum W. Field, Esq., then stepped forward and addressed Mr. Gregg as follows:

Mr. Gregg: The American citizens of Honolulu having learned that you had this day delivered up the Portfolio of the American Legation to a gentleman recently arrived from the United States, by appointment of the present administration, could not resist their inclination to call upon you for the purpose of expressing their full approval of your course of conduct as the representative of the American Government at the Sandwich Islands. Your fidelity to the American Union during your four and a half years' residence at Honolulu as United States Commissioner, has won the admiration of all in the community who pride themselves in their birth as Americans, and it has always been a source of great pleasure to your countrymen at these islands to witness the zeal manifested by you in disseminating their national principles and in keeping them, at all times, aware of their duty to their nation while absent.

As an American, you have never been found wanting, and most sincerely do we accord to you the honor of fidelity to the land of your birth. In remembering and celebrating our national holidays you have not only led us as the representative of our country, but joined with us as a private citizen, doing all in your power to impress upon our minds the occasion of the day commemorated. Our best wish to you is, that whatever situation in life you may hereafter occupy you may infuse as warm a sentiment of esteem in the breasts of your fellow citizens as you have done in ours.

In your official intercourse with the Hawaiian Government your course has been such that the interests of the American residents have been promoted. To the commercial interests your aid has always been promptly rendered, and the American citizen who has claimed your protection has ever found in you a ready champion for his rights. Consequent upon all this, you merit our unbounded thanks and most sincerely do we tender them.

As the representative of the United States we shall always remember you for your devotion and zeal. Of this, sir, be well assured. To you, as a friend and private citizen, we can but express our deepest regret at the slightest indication that we may soon lose you from our midst, but in this, perhaps, we are premature. At any rate, you, your good wife and children have our best wishes for your prosperity and happiness, in whatever clime you may be placed.

Mr. Gregg replied nearly as follows:

Friends and fellow countrymen: Allow me to return you my most sincere thanks for this very flattering demonstration of your esteem and kind regards and for the still more flattering words which you have addressed to me through Mr. Field. This is certainly a surprize, but a very agreeable one, for to know that I retire from official life with your plaudits of approbation is a consideration which, wander where I may, whatever be my lot, I shall ever cherish as one of the happiest recollections of my life. But having simply done my duty towards my countrymen in so far as I may have been called to act in my official capacity, I cannot but think that the warm commendations you have been pleased to bestow upon me have been all undeserved. But, gentlemen, I thank you again most sincerely. Words are wanting in which to express the feelings of my heart. To-day, I am no longer your Commissioner, and my official connection with you ceases from henceforth, but the remembrance of this night's cordial approval of my course among you will always be remembered with pride and satisfaction.

Mr. Gregg's speech was listened to with marked attention and greeted with frequent cheers, and at its conclusion he introduced to the audience the Hon. James W. Borden, U. S. Commissioner. Mr. B. W. Field addressed Mr. Borden as follows:

Mr. Borden: In behalf of the American residents here congregated, I greet you and bid you welcome. And in welcoming you permit me to say, that the complimentary mention of you by Mr. Gregg this evening is the best credential that we could wish in this presentation. You will find in the American community of the Hawaiian Islands many elements, but be assured that they are all Union men, and you will ever find them true to their nation. May the mantle that has this day fallen upon you, be worn with the same grace as by your predecessor, and may your residence amongst us be a pleasing and happy one for yourself and family. We welcome you.

Judge Borden in coming forward was greeted with hearty cheers. He observed

That as far as the visit could be considered as a mark of respect to him, he sincerely thanked his assembled countrymen. The courtesies and many kind attentions extended to himself and family during the few days they had been in the city, fully justified the world-wide reputation which the citizens of Honolulu had gained for hospitality and every social virtue. The reports had not been exaggerated; in fact, the half had not been told him. He was truly grateful for the friendly greetings with which his arrival among them had been received, and he hoped that while he had the honor to reside here as Commissioner of the United States, nothing would ever occur that should tend to mar the friendly relations commenced under such favorable auspices. He was now the guest of Mr. Gregg, and he fully agreed with Mr. Field in all he had said of that gentleman. He hoped that he should be so fortunate as to maintain as fully the rights of his fellow citizens, as had been done by his predecessor, if not with so much ability. He remarked that he observed with pleasure this demonstration of respect for Mr. Gregg, as it showed conclusively that they were not disposed to forget former friends even when their term of office had expired. Mr. Gregg he observed, if he chose to return to his native state, would at once be offered the honorable position of one of its representatives in the councils of the nation, as an appreciation of his abilities as a statesman. But he hoped that circumstances would be such that we would long continue to greet Mr. Gregg in that social circle of which he was so estimable a member. In concluding his remarks, Mr. Borden said he should always be most happy to meet his countrymen at all times, either individually or collectively, and to render them any service which might lay in his power.

We regret that we are unable to give at more length the eloquent extempore remarks which were made by both the distinguished gentlemen, but our reporter hints at the difficulty of taking notes on the crown of one's hat by the flickering light of a torch. Moreover, in the middle of one of the speeches a false alarm of fire was given, and an excited fireman, in his frantic efforts to get out of the crowd, upset both our reporter's notes and his equilibrium.

Considering the fact that the whole was a perfectly impromtu affair, it having only been suggested at a late hour in the afternoon, the demonstration of Tuesday evening was both creditable to those gentlemen who were prominent in originating and carrying it on, and highly complimentary to the distinguished recipients of those honors which their countrymen delighted to show.

PRAISEWORTHY.—It having become desirable to remove a sick resident from Ewa to Honolulu, last week, the government very kindly loaned the *Pele*, free of charge, for that purpose.

Presentation of the U. S. Commissioner.

On Tuesday last, Hon. D. L. Gregg waited on His Majesty for the purpose of presenting his successor, as Commissioner of the United States, the Hon. James W. Borden, on which occasion the following addresses and replies were made.

Mr. Gregg commenced by saying:

He was expressly instructed to renew, in taking leave of His Majesty's Government, the assurances of friendship on the part of the United States towards the Hawaiian Kingdom. He had great pleasure in doing this, on account of the friendly relations subsisting between the two countries, and because it afforded him a fit opportunity of making his acknowledgments for the kindness with which he had been uniformly treated during his official residence at Honolulu.

Having congratulated His Majesty upon the happy advent of the young Prince of Hawaii, he alluded in complimentary terms to Mr. Borden, and concluded by presenting him as Commissioner of the United States.

His Majesty replied to Mr. Gregg:

He had heard, with the greatest satisfaction, the renewed assurances of good will he had been instructed to make on the part of the Government of the United States. That after so long a continuance of favor and encouragement as had been enjoyed by the people and government of Hawaii, without any interruption of these amicable relations, of which they are at the same time the result and evidence, it was impossible to doubt what would be the future policy of the United States in regard to these Islands. He complimented Mr. Gregg upon the fact that after protecting the rights of American citizens for more than four years, he resigned his honorable office at a time when the feeling of good will between the two countries was perhaps more apparent and active than at any previous period. He attributed this, in no small degree, to the courtesy of Mr. Gregg, and his belief in the good faith of the country to which he was accredited.

The King thanked Mr. Gregg for his expression of acknowledgements for the courtesies he had received, and wished him to believe that they had not, after all, been equal to the desire entertained by him, and every member of his government, to make his position, and that of his family, agreeable, and spoke of the pleasure having been mutual, the part taken by the Commissioner and his family having added greatly to the enjoyments of the community.

His Majesty thanked Mr. Gregg for the kind expressions he had made use of in alluding to the young Prince; and, in conclusion, declared his belief, in view of the known good will of the Government of the United States, that the new Commissioner would endeavor to cement, although he could hardly add to, the feelings of amity existing between the two countries at the time of Mr. Gregg's retiring from office.

Mr. Borden then addressed the King:

He assured him of the solicitude felt on the part of the United States for the stability of Hawaiian institutions, and the advancement and prosperity of the Hawaiian people. Referring to his predecessor, he said he hoped he might be fortunate enough to equal him in the discharge of the duties of his new position. No one had a greater respect than himself for His Majesty, or a more ardent desire to perpetuate the friendly relations existing between the United States and the Hawaiian Kingdom. On all proper occasions, he should zealously use his best exertions to promote the mutual welfare of both countries. In so doing, he should best discharge his duty and secure the approbation of the President. He then concluded by offering his congratulations upon the birth of the Prince Royal.

The King replied to Mr. Borden:

He assured him that too many instances had been given by the people and Government of the United States of sympathy for this country, to allow of any question as to the course they would hereafter pursue towards these islands. He felt satisfied that no interruption of the friendly relations now existing could occur so long as these feelings existed on the part of the Government represented by Mr. Borden, and he, (the King,) his Government and people, were sensible of past obligations, and able to appreciate the further advantages to be derived from the support and countenance of so great a nation as the United States.

Mrs. Borden was then presented to His Majesty by the Minister of Foreign Relations. Mrs. Gregg, Miss Miller, Mrs. Pratt, the French Commissioner, and the American Consul were present at the Palace.

Visit of the Clergy to the U. S. Commissioner.

On Friday last, after the visit of the citizens to the Palace, the members of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association called upon the Hon. James W. Borden, the newly arrived Commissioner of the United States, and in a body paid their respects to him. Rev. Dr. Armstrong, President of the Hawaiian Board of Education, addressed the Commissioner in a short but appropriate speech, to which Judge Borden replied nearly as follows:

He thanked the clergy for this mark of respect in calling upon him in a body as the Protestant Clerical Association of these islands. It afforded him great pleasure to meet them, and he extended to them a cordial welcome now, and hoped that whenever business or pleasure should again call them to Honolulu, they would call upon him. He should always be happy to render them in his official capacity any service which might be in his power. He observed that many of them had been long absent from their native home for he presumed that they still called America by that endearing title) and perhaps would never return; but they were not forgotten there. Their friends often sent their kind thoughts and good wishes, and he might add, their prayers, after them for the success of their labors.

He had come to the Islands simply to represent the United States at the Hawaiian Court, but he hoped that no act or word of his, during his residence here, whether official or otherwise, would tend to retard or in any manner oppose the work of love and mercy in which they and their families had devoted their lives in these far off isles of the sea.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE FANNY MAJOR—having a full freight engaged, is advertised to sail on Tuesday, June 1.

ANNIVERSARY WEEK.—During last week, commencing on Wednesday, the Hawaiian Evangelical Association were in session. On Saturday evening, the Mission Children's Society held their annual meeting for choice of officers, &c., when Prof. Alexander, of Oahu College was elected to the Presidency, in place of S. C. Armstrong retired. The address of the retiring President on the subject—"Commercial Intercourse and the Missionary Cause"—was well written and well delivered, giving a promise of better things in the youthful orator. On Tuesday forenoon, the Native Missionary Society had an interesting meeting at the Stone Church at Kawaiahao, which was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Kekela, a returned missionary from the Marquesas. In the evening of the same day, the Hawaiian Missionary Society held their annual meeting in the Bethel Chapel, and on Wednesday evening the Hawaiian Bible Society held its anniversary in the same place.

FIRE IN NUUANU VALLEY.—At about 11 o'clock on Thursday last, a fire was discovered in a wooden shed in the rear of Mr. J. T. Waterhouse's premises in the valley, known as the "Valley Store." The Engine and Hook and Ladder Companies were promptly on hand—No. 1, on this occasion earning the distinction of being first—and by their strenuous exertions prevented the fire from spreading to the neighboring premises of Mr. I. Bartlett, and in this connection the Hook and Ladder "Protection" deserve special commendation. We refer our readers to the separate cards of Messrs. Waterhouse and Bartlett in to-days paper. We understand that the loss by this fire is comparatively quite small. It being desirable that on an occasion of fire, the members of the different Companies should all hear the alarm and be promptly on hand, the Fire Department have ordered the key of the Fort Street Church (in the tower of which hangs the loudest bell in town) to be kept at Mossman's store, on the opposite corner. Any one hearing an alarm given either by day or night, will please *ring the bell.*

THE NEW BEDFORD SHIPPING LIST.—This valuable mercantile paper and whalemen's reference, entered on its sixteenth volume March 16, and comes to us somewhat enlarged and much improved generally, being printed on new and clear type, and with increased advantage in consulting the tables. This paper, under the efficient and careful management o Benj. Lindsey, Esq., has become indispensable to those engaged in the whaling business, and its large circulation, both among the fleet and the mercantile community generally, renders it very valuable as an advertising medium, while its market reports of the principal commercial ports of the Eastern States are always reliable. Subscriptions for the *Shipping List* will be received at the Bookstore. Terms, $3 per annum, postage paid.

KITE FLYING.—We never object to allowing the juveniles a large latitude in their sports, but we always feel vexed when we see a great hearty *kanaka*, instead of producing something to add to the wealth of the country, spending his time in kite flying. And our vexation reaches the speaking point when we hear of repeated instances—as of late—where the lives of women and children have been put in jeopardy while riding through some of our most frequented thoroughfares from the horses taking fright at kites. Can't our police, by arguments of more or less vigor, induce those who devote their time to this amusement,—whether boys or men—to betake themselves to the open country instead of the streets of the city?

A SHOCK OF EARTHQUAKE.—By letters from Kailua, Hawaii, we learn that on the morning of the 19th inst., at about 4 o'clock, a smart shock of an earthquake was felt, which, says our correspondent, "set the dishes to rattling in the cupboards and made the furniture dance and vibrate quite merrily. It is thought that some of the stone buildings are cracked. The natives all say that it is a sure sign that a young prince has been born."

RETURN OF THE ALICE.—The British (late Hawaiian) schooner *Alice*, Capt. Gates, which sailed hence for Victoria, Vancouver's Island, on the 19th inst., returned on Saturday last, after an absence of three days, having discovered a leak in the plank-shear about the bows. The *Alice* is an iron vessel and is built with several water-tight compartments, the forward one of which forms the forecastle, and which, on this occasion, became full of water, without however injuring the cargo, stowed as it was in the midship compartment. The forward part, however, being full of water, brought her down by the head, and Capt. Gates decided on returning. The wood-work has been recaulked, and a pump fitted in the forecastle. The *Alice* sailed again on her voyage yesterday.

HORSE RACE.—Another horse race came off on the Waikiki course on Saturday last, between two of our fastest racers, Mr. F. Spencer's grey "Vandyke," or rather "The Flying Dutchman," and Mr. Wood's sorrell "Catch me if you can," half mile heats. "Vandyke" beat Mr. M. M. Webster's "Eclipse" in 1855, which was allowed to have been the best contested race ever ran here. "Catch me if you can" beat "Eclipse" in the early part of the present year, and great odds were offered against "Vandyke" on Saturday, from the fact of his having been used in harness for the past three years. The knowing ones were taken in somewhat, as, after a severe struggle, "Vandyke" proved the winner in both heats, by two full strides. Large amounts are said to have changed hands.

ROCK SALT.—We have been shown by Dr. Rooke a specimen of nearly pure *rock salt*, which came from the mountain at Olualu, a few miles from Lahaina. It is a long way elevated above the level of the sea, and the question arises, how came it there, and by what process of nature was it formed? We also learn that at Waianae on this island, on the land of Messrs. J. Robinson & Co., a similar large deposit of very pure rock salt exists, cropping out in large veins on the face of a cliff, at least one hundred feet high. Specimens of this salt, we hear, will be submitted to a chemist for analysis, and if, as we suspect, they prove free from lime, they will become a mine of wealth.

CARRINGTON COMMISSIONAIRE.—This is the title of a journal published by Mr. John W. Carrington, No. 78 Broadway, New York, whose object is to make known an agency through which non-residents can send to New York and purchase *any* article, large or small, that may be wanted for individual use or for dealers supplies, either single articles or goods by the quantity from a shawl to a steam engine, a penknife to a piano. We are assured by residents here who have patronised Mr. Carrington's Agency, that he is in every respect reliable and competent, having had many years experience in this line in New York. The charges are only five per cent., and goods are carefully packed and forwarded by express or ship, as may be directed. See avertisement.

THE CALIFORNIA FARMER.—Among the multitude of newspapers produced in California, there is none which reflects more credit upon that rising State than the *California Farmer*,—published by Warren & Co., San Francisco. Its existence and continued prosperity (having reached its ninth volume) are a standing proof of the attention paid to agriculture in California. Although our island climate and soil differ so essentially from those of our trans-Pacific neighbors, yet we find much useful information in the well filled columns of the *Farmer*, capable of practical application by our planters, gardeners and stock-keepers. Subscriptions will be received at the Bookstore.

PASSAGES OF CLIPPERS FROM THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.—The following clipper ships, hence for the United States, with oil and bone have arrived. The *John Land*, Feb. 16, at New Bedford, 97 days; the *Mary L. Sutton*, March 23, at New Bedford, 119 days; the *Hound*, March 25, at New London, 107 days. The *John Gilpin*, had not arrived April 5, 126 days out. We understand a considerable amount in wagers has changed hands on the passage of the last named ship.

THE MORNING STAR.—This vessel returned from the Marquesas on Thursday last, after an absence of sixty-five days, all well. The interesting report of her cruise came to hand too late for insertion in to-day's paper. For memoranda see commercial column. We understand that the vessel will have to undergo quite extensive repairs before leaving for Micronesia, the carpenter work having been shamefully slighted by her builders in Boston.

ALARM OF FIRE.—The Fire Department was called out by an alarm of fire on Monday morning last, which proceeded from a Chinese cook-house on the premises in the rear of Utai & Ahee, China merchants, King Street. The fire was happily extinguished without doing any damage. No. 1's were again the first on hand, although it may be stated that the fire was nearer their house than to that of the other companies.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S BIRTH-DAY.—Last Monday, May 24, was the anniversary of the birth-day of the illustrious lady who occupies the British throne. All the colors in town were displayed in honor of the occasion. H. B. M.'s Consul General entertained a party of invited friends at dinner, and in the evening, we hear that several *soirées dansantes* were given among the foreign residents.

MUSICAL CONCERT.—Our readers will remember the Concert of Vocal and Instrumental Music, this evening at the Fort Street Church at 7½ o'clock. A judicious selection of pieces appears on the programme. We learn that the proceeds of the concert will be applied to the purchase of a new instrument for the choir of the Fort Street Church.

A PACKET TO OREGON.—We understand that Mr. H. C. Leonard, late in the lumber trade between these islands and Columbia River, took his