

THE arrival of the clipper ship Sylvia, on Saturday last, places us in receipt of the French papers to the 25th. These papers contain Eastern and European news as received by her, and the news of Europe fully confirmed. The Sylvia is chartered to land oil and bone, and comes consigned to A. J. Cartwright, Bay.

The clipper ship E. F. Willets, which landed at this port last fall, arrived at Lahaina on the 24th, consigned to S. Hoffmeyer, Ho, and will load at home at that port. Her advertisement will be found in another column to the 25th.

The whaler ship Confess, Capt. Ladd, arrived yesterday from the Kodiac and Bristol Bay, with only 240 barrels, taken this season. Capt. L. brings rather a disheartening report from the coast. It seems that very little oil had been taken, hardly enough by all the vessels to fill one ship. Most of the Kodiac coast had gone to the Arctic, where there was a large crowd of vessels, but from them we shall not hear definitely for some weeks yet.

We give below the dates of the first arrivals from the North for the past eight years:

Table with columns for Year, Date, and Name of Ship. Includes entries for 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859.

In reply to the shipment of oil and bone, we may here say, that although orders have been sent by contract to our whaling vessels to ship largely by moderate vessels, yet there is an unusually large amount of oil to be shipped. No less than 60 ships on their third and fourth seasons, all oil gone, with perhaps one or two exceptions, shouid there, quite a number of the larger vessels, out of their second seasons, will be ordered to cruise home. There will be at least a total of seventy-five to eighty whaling vessels homeward bound this fall, and the greater part of the whaling will be done by them.

The ship Dupuy arrived yesterday, with her usual full complement, having had a passage of just four months. She has a large cargo of assorted merchandise, which comes in good season for the fall trade.

Advisers from San Francisco report that the clipper ship Oceanic Telegraph, G. H. Willis, would leave about the 25th, to call at this port en route for Java, India, to land goods. She is a ship of about 1700 tons, and is also to leave about the end of the month, chartered to land at this port. By one of these ships we shall probably receive our next mail.

The shipments of domestic produce by the Palmer were very large and show that the increasing demand exists abroad for our products. Her freight list and passengers will be found below.

The bark Felice is taking in freight for Hongkong, and will sail about the 15th inst. for that port.

OIL—We hear a sale of 1000 gallons of sperm oil at \$1.20 per gallon.

REWARDS—100 bbls sold on Tuesday, p. m. L. EXCHANGE—New York, 1/2; London, 1/4; San Francisco, 1/4. Water's bill will soon be in the market, but no one should expect to get them below this season.

Moon's Phases at Honolulu, in September.

Table with columns for Date, Time, and Phase of the Moon. Includes entries for First Quarter, Full Moon, Last Quarter, and New Moon.

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THE PACIFIC Commercial Advertiser.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

It is undeniably a just proposition that the disbursements of a national treasury should be made without partiality toward any favorite section, always having due regard to the best ultimate interest of the entire country. This principle has not, we think, been practically allowed in the administration of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

For many years there have been just complaints from different sections of the kingdom, that their districts have been greatly neglected in the treasury disbursements, that the appropriations made to them have been intercepted at headquarters, and in their consequence have been left without roads, bridges, harbors, and necessary public buildings, such as the Government ought to make and do for them, and for want of which their enterprise has been crippled, and the native resources of the country are undeveloped.

Looking at the appropriation bill for 1858-9, which has been considered by the highest authority to be the best-considered one ever passed, we may make a general division of the six hundred and fifty thousand dollars voted, as follows:

- 1. CENTRAL—that is to say, salaries of officers of the central government, who have general jurisdiction, for the government, the expenses of the legislature, &c., \$242,000.
- 2. GENERAL—As for assessing taxes, surveying, road-supervisors, repairs of public buildings, &c., \$48,800.
- 3. OAHU—for the salaries of its officers, local improvements, with \$13,000 private claims of residents in Honolulu, and \$40,000 for the military wholly paid and employed in Honolulu, \$232,000.
- 4. MAUI—\$55,000.
- 5. HAWAII—\$133,600.
- 6. KAUAI—\$35,800.

Various items to the amount of more than \$30,000, not justly belonging to either of the above divisions, are not included in them. The disparity between the amount appropriated to Honolulu and Oahu, and the amounts appropriated to any and all other parts of the kingdom, is too obvious; and it is further to be recollected, that of the appropriations classed as "central," by far the greater part is beneficial to Honolulu, and further, that the experience of all last years gives warrant to believe that the appropriations for the country will not be expended there, but will be directed to swell the appropriations for the metropolis.

The report of the Minister of Finance to the Legislature for the last two fiscal years, on the actual expenditures, sets out yet more forcibly than the above figures the partial distribution of the government funds. The report exhibits both the revenue and expenditure, as follows:

Table with columns for Revenue and Expenditures. Includes entries for Oahu, Maui, Hawaii, and Kauai.

MEMORANDA. Ship Dupuy, H. W. Burdett, from Boston May 6th, experienced heavy westerly gales, off the Cape for sixteen days; crossed the equator 129° W., thence to this port in 13 days. She speaks no vessels.

ARRIVALS. Ship Confess, Ladd, from the Kodiac and Bristol Bay, with only 240 barrels, taken this season. Capt. L. brings rather a disheartening report from the coast. It seems that very little oil had been taken, hardly enough by all the vessels to fill one ship.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

OURSELVES.—We take pleasure in announcing to our subscribers that we have secured the services of Mr. J. H. SLEEPER to fill the place vacated by Mr. S. H. HARRIS in the editorial department of this paper. Mr. Sleeper is already favorably known to our readers as a frequent contributor to our columns, and we doubt not that his connection with the paper will redound to the mutual interest of its patrons and the publisher.

—In response to the frequent solicitation of our subscribers, we shall next week commence the publication of this paper Semi-weekly, to continue to the close of the year, December 31. It will be published on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week, in the same style and size as at present, and our advertising friends will please notice the change in the days of issue. We commence it as an experiment, and should our patrons demand its permanent continuance, we each subscriber, for issuing the semi-weekly, will be \$2.00 for the four months. This arrangement will enable us to give, each week, more foreign and miscellaneous news, and we trust that it will be acceptable to all. But our patrons should bear in mind that our expenses under the change will be considerably increased, and we shall need their cordial support.

—In all that relates to the shipping and whaling interests, our efforts will continue as heretofore to make it the earliest and most reliable medium of news in the Pacific. Our patrons may rest assured that in this respect the Commercial will stand where it always has stood.

DEATH OF AN OLD CHIEF.—Mr. Henry Sea, an old and esteemed citizen of this city, died on Wednesday morning last, after an illness of a few days. Mr. Sea was an Englishman by birth, and came to these islands about the year 1812. He was secretary to the British Commission in 1813, and subsequently to the Hawaiian Commission. He was a man of great energy and ability, and his death is a loss to the community. He is survived by a family.

CHINESE PHYSICIANS.—In another column is a communication referring to the refusal of the Medical Board to grant a license to Chinese Physicians to practice in Honolulu. We do not know. But it will appear to most persons quite unreasonable that a permit should be withheld from a competent physician, because his theory and practice do not square with our antiquated notions. As well might the Minister of the Interior refuse to license Chinese store keepers, because they choose to conduct their business on a different mode from foreigners. We trust that the medical board will reconsider their decision, and grant the license asked without further appeal to the public.

OLD RESIDENTS.—We notice with pleasure the return of two of our former residents, Mr. S. Peck, formerly in the ship chandler business at Lahaina, and Mr. Chas. E. Hitchcock, formerly editor of the Polynesian, and at present Hawaiian Consul for the port of San Francisco. Both these gentlemen notice great changes since their residence here and think that Honolulu gives every evidence of going ahead instead of backwards, as some will have it, that we are going.

POLICE COURT.—No less than twenty native women were brought up before the Police Court on Monday morning last. Five of them were charged with being idle and disorderly conduct and vagrancy, and in default of \$25 security for future good behavior, sentenced to one week's imprisonment and costs—amounting to \$8.60 each. Fourteen, charged with blocking up the sidewalks, and being somewhat noisy, on Saturday evening, near the corner of the National Hotel, were dismissed with a conditional sentence for drunkenness; and one was fined \$6 for drunkenness.

HOOK AND LADDER.—At a meeting of the Honolulu Hook and Ladder Company, held on Monday evening last, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Foreman—Thomas Spencer; Assistant Foreman—C. N. Spencer; Secretary—F. B. Bind; Treasurer—H. Nott; Delegate—E. J. Smith. This effective company at present comprises, fifty active members. They contemplate enlarging their house to accommodate their increasing numbers.

THE DASHWAYS.—On Saturday evening a lecture was delivered before the Dashways, by Mr. G. B. Ingraham, in the Bethel Vestry. The lecture, which was an excellent one, was concluded by a poem, descriptive of the rise and progress of the institution—abounding in happy sallies of wit, and humorous allusions, which kept his audience in a tumult of laughter, from the commencement to the close. The next lecture is to be delivered by Mr. A. J. McDuflie.

NORTHERN LIGHTS.—There was quite a display of the Aurora Borealis a few nights since, visible in Honolulu. Broad fiery streaks shot up into and played among the heavens, almost as beautifully as those which are sometimes seen in more northern climes.

WARM WEATHER.—Old Sol has been very fierce and hot, and the thermometer has stood at 85° in the shade for several of the past few days. A unusual period of weather, which is to be desired, as the season is so hot, and the crops are so near being ruined.

REWARDS TO THE AMOUNT OF \$300 are offered for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the persons or persons concerned in the recent general poisoning of dogs throughout our city—\$100 by the Sheriff, and \$200 by a committee of citizens. Some of the finest dogs in the place have been poisoned, and we trust the reward will result in disclosing the perpetrator of this rascality.

THE HOKU LOA.—The excellence of this new native paper seems to be appreciated. It has already attained a circulation of between three and four thousand copies, and everywhere the natives show great eagerness to obtain and peruse it.

THE KING.—His Majesty and Suite arrived here in the Maria yesterday morning, from Lahaina. It is his intention to make but a brief stay in Honolulu, and he will probably sail again to-day or to-morrow for windward ports.

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ABOUT CATS.—Since the crusade against dogs has ceased, we have heard a number of gentlemen—in every case well-to-do, unaccustomed to nightly howls of marbles, flying kites, &c., are emblematic of a high state of civilization, we think there is no little further room for the advancement of the native race. But and ball to being introduced among the \$80,000, according to the estimate of a government superintendent of public works, and \$40,000, according to that of an English engineer, would construct a road around its base, and in any Dutch or English colony this would long ago have been done. A few thousand dollars expended at Lahaina would bring down for the convenience of the town and its shipping, a supply of mountain water, albeit it might destroy the present monopoly of watering ships; yet they cannot obtain the money which has been appropriated for the improvement. The same town has an unfinished breakwater which has destroyed one landing, and made the other no better.

PLANT TREES.—It is really refreshing to notice year by year the rapid growth of trees in Honolulu. The old residents tell us that forty years ago, scarcely a tree was to be seen where this city now stands, excepting a few cocoanuts along the beach, and some pandanus trees along the Nuuanu stream. From Mauna Kea street towards the Stone Church was as barren as the Waikiki race course. How changed! Among the finest of our trees is the Pride of India. As an ornamental tree it has few equals, and the rapidity of its growth and the durability of its wood, make it especially valuable for many uses. In favorable localities four years only are necessary to procure a tree of a size to be of any use. A tree of a size to be of any use. A tree of a size to be of any use.

RAINBOWS.—Honolulu has a just claim to be famous, so far as her displays of rainbows go. Her exhibitions of this kind are frequent and beautiful. The little showers that at some seasons are continually passing down through the valley, are, every one in the land, adorned, in the day time, with a beautiful prismatic arch; and in the night, when there is a moon in the west, with a graceful lunar rainbow.

SEPTEMBER 12th.—Next Monday is the day fixed for the French treaty to go into effect, or rather the day on which it makes certain changes in our duties, &c. On and after that date, ardent spirits pay three instead of five dollars duty.

OUR thanks are due to Mr. Slope, for files of Mexican papers brought by him from Mazatlan. Also to Capt. Swase