AUCTION SALE

BY ADAMS & WILDER.

REGULAR ROOM SALE

ON DAY, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28th,
AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M., THE
GENERAL LINE OF DRY GOODS, CLOTHING,
Furnishing Goods, Groceries,
Crockery, Glassware,
Sugars, Card Matches,
Kerosene Oil, etc., etc.
Also—120 Bundles Barrel Hoop Iron.
—ALSO—
EX STEAMER MOSES TAYLOR:
SACKS CORN,
20 SACKS BARLEY,
20 SACKS BRAN,
50 SACKS HUMBOLDT POTATOES!
20 SACKS OATS.
ADAMS & WILDER, Auctioneers.

NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS AT AUCTION

ON THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 29th,
AT 7 O'CLOCK, AT SALESROOM,
A Choice Selection of Goods,
SUITABLE FOR NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.
☞ No Reserve. All Samples Sold.
ADAMS & WILDER, Auctioneers.

LAST EVENING SALE OF THE SEASON!

NEW YEAR'S EVE!
ON SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 31st,
AT 7 O'CLOCK, AT SALESROOM,
CHOICE GOODS,
USEFUL ARTICLES.
☞ No Reserve Lots. ☜
ADAMS & WILDER, Auctioneers.

PIANOS! PIANOS!!

TWO OF THE BEST HALLET & CUMSTON Pianos
d24 For Sale by C. BREWER & CO.

Shingles! Oats!

JUST RECEIVED PER "COMET,"
d24 For Sale by C. BREWER & CO.

WINE BARRELS AND SHOOKS!

FOR MOLASSES CONTAINERS.
d24 For Sale by C. BREWER & CO.

300 CASES OF VERBLANK'S KEROSENE OIL!

WARRANTED
As Good as Downers,
AS IT HAS BEEN FAIRLY TESTED AND found to give entire satisfaction.
For Sale in Quantities to Suit Purchasers
AND AT LOW RATES, AT
d10 3m F. A. SCHAEFER & CO'S.

TOBACCO, TOBACCO!

A Fine Lot of Tobacco
LATELY RECEIVED
per Bark Stirling from New York,
IN 1-4, 1-2 AND 1-10,
carefully selected for the Trade.
FOR SALE IN BOND OR DUTY PAID,
d1 1m At F. A. SCHAEFER & Co.

FORT STREET, NO. 80.

CHARLES WING,
DEALER IN DRY GOODS, CLOTHING,
CROCKERY, GROCERIES, &c., &c.,
HAS THE OFFERS FOR SALE AT
Bottom price. Also, a very good assortment of
Jewelry, Clocks, Gold and Silver Watches!
ALSO ON THE PREMISES!
BY LOUIS, GOLD AND SILVERSMITH,
Meerschaum, Melodeons and other Musical Instruments repaired. Jewelry made and repaired to order. Gilding and Plating done and guaranteed. d3 3m

WINES AND LIQUORS!

IN WELL SELECTED ASSORTMENT,
Consisting of:
Holland Gin in cases, French Cognac in cases,
Old Port Wine and Sherry in cases,
Genuine Hock Wine,
Fine French Bordeaux Wines,
French Claret,
Genuine Heidsick Champagne!
In quarts and pints.
All of which, of Superior Quality, and For Sale
IN BOND OR DUTY PAID,
d1 1m At F. A. SCHAEFER & Co's.

CHELSEA LAUNDRY,

Corner of Queen and Richards Streets.
To the Ladies!
PLAITING! PLAITING! AND CRIMPING DONE TO ORDER.
Shirts, Collars, Napkins, and all Unstarched Clothing done at Reduced Rates.
Gents' and Ships' Work Solicited.
☞ Wagon in attendance. B. H. LYON,
d26 6m Proprietor.

MORE LIGHT

AND LESS LABOUR.
EQUALLY SAFE AND LESS EXPENSIVE than KEROSENE, admirably adapted for
Lighting of Streets and Public Buildings,
PRIVATE PARLORS, &c., Call and examine
WARD'S PATENT
Gas Generating Lamps
At the Lock and Gun Shop, No. 40 Fort St.
n29 2m J. NEILL.

JUST RECEIVED

—PER—
R. C. WYLIE FROM BREMEN!
ENGLISH PRINTS, FANCY, PURPLE, Mourning,
French Prints, fancy. Fancy Muslins,
Victoria Lawns, Mosquito Netting,
Superior Black Coburgs,
French Merino and Crape, Ticking,
White Shirting and Long Cloth,
Brown and Blue Cotton Drills, heavy.
Brown and Blue Cottons, Hickory Stripes,
Blue Twilled Saxony Flannels,
Fine White Flannels,
Imperial Linens, assorted. White Linen Handkerchiefs,
White Jaconet Handkerchiefs,
Turkey Red and Yellow Handkerchiefs,
Fancy Cotton Handkerchiefs,
Black Silk Elastic, Dress Goods,
Plain and Figured Black Silk,
White Linen and Ribbed Drill,
Fine White Linen Duck.
Black Hair Cloth for tailor's use, Black Lining Silk,
Blue Twill, Blue Pique, Cashmere,
Veil Barege, assorted colors.
n 3m For Sale by H. HACKFELD & Co.

AUCTION SALE

BY C. S. BARTOW.

Lease of Real Estate at Auction!

The Undersigned will sell at Public Auction, by Order of the Commissioners of Crown Lands, on
SATURDAY, - - - DECEMBER 31st,
AT 12 O'CLOCK M., AT SALESROOM,
The Lease of
The Lot of Land Known as "PA MOO,"
And lately as Sawyer's Yard,
With the Buildings Thereon.

This very eligible lot of Land is bounded as follows: Commencing at hidden stake at north and west corner, 29 feet 8 inches east of Nuuanu street and 30 fathoms 2 feet west of the south and east corner of French mission dwelling lot, and running south 42° west 24 fathoms 5 feet along east side of lot known as Isaac Coleman's, Portuguese Joe's and H. Wallaces to stake at south and west corner of lot measured; thence south 39° east 28 fathoms 4½ feet along north side of a narrow strip of land belonging to the Wallace lot, also along north side of alley entering into Pikoi's lot to south and east corner of lot measured; thence north 49° 45' east 27 fathoms 8 inches to dwelling lot of the Rev. S. C. Damon, 2 fathoms east of south and east corner of French mission lot; thence north 44° west 32 fathoms 1½ feet along south boundary of French mission and H. Skinner's lots to place of beginning, and has an entrance on Nuuanu street and one on Hotel street by what is known as Parke's Lane. It contains an area of 777 square fathoms, and is one of the most desirable localities in town for business purposes.

The Lease will be for Ten Years
From the 1st Day of January, 1871.
C. S. BARTOW, Auctioneer.

A GOOD THING FOR THE LADIES!

SEWING MADE EASY.
CALL AND EXAMINE AT THE STORE
—OF—
CASTLE & COOKE,
Agents for the Hawaiian Islands,
HALL'S PATENT TREADLE!
—ADAPTED FOR—
ALL KINDS OF SEWING MACHINES!

THE HALL TREADLE HAS BEEN ADJUSTED to many Sewing Machines in the United States with the greatest success.

Dr. Did Lewis speaking at the Woman's Convention, says "that two years steady work on a Sewing Machine, uses up a girl, and no delicate woman will wonder at it. But the application of HALL'S TREADLE to the Sewing Machine, entirely disposes of all difficulties," and makes sewing a pleasure rather than a task. d10

WORKING OXEN!

THE UNDERSIGNED OFFERS FOR SALE
OXEN Thoroughly Broken!
To Tongue or Lead, on Cart or Plow, or elsewhere.
d10 1m J. H. WOOD.

SITUATION WANTED

BY THE ADVERTISER AS COOK AND STEWARD in a private family; who has had 15 years experience; testimonials to ability and character will be produced, if desired. Please address "SALA," Box 25, Post Office,
Dec. 9th, 1870. (d10 1m) Honolulu.

NOTICE!

WHALEMEN'S SLOPS
AT COST PRICES.
Sea Boots, Rubber Boots, Oil Suits,
AND ALL KINDS OF
Woolen Goods at Cost Prices!
To Close Business by the New Year,
At MACNIN'S,
n12 2m Nuuanu St. opposite Merchant.

JUST RECEIVED

Ex "A. J. POPE!"
—AND—
For Sale by the Undersigned!

SUPERIOR COTTAGE PIANOS!
Direct from the celebrated Manufacturer, A. BOND, Paris.
SHALL WE SAY MORE? YES!
We will say they were ordered by A. S. HAVELL, Esq., who was well qualified to judge of their superior qualities, he being a first class musician, and having dealt in these Pianos for several years in Australia.
These PIANOS are in beautiful Italian walnut cases, and are in splendid condition, having been packed in zinc lined cases.
—ALSO—
TWO SUPERIOR PIANOS
In Rosewood Cases, from the well-known house of
HALLETT & CUMPSTON, Boston.
—ALSO—
DIRECT FROM LONDON PER A. J. POPE,
A fine assortment of
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS,
Such as
Harmoniums, Violins, Organ Concertinas, Guitars, Violin and Guitar Strings, Banjos, Cornopeans, Piano Strings and Felt, Musical Boxes, assorted; Organ Accordeons with stands, Tambourines, Regulation Drums and Toy Drums.
CHRISTMAS IS COMING!
—ALSO—
A Large Assortment of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE
EX LATE ARRIVALS
NOW OPENING!
All of which will be sold CHEAP FOR CASH at my Ware Rooms on Fort Street. Particulars in advertisement next week
d3 C. E. WILLIAMS.

JUST RECEIVED!

—PER—
A. J. Pope from Bremen
HEAVY AMOSKEAG DENIMS,
Fancy Flannel Shirts, Silk Umbrellas, Kid Gloves,
Cotton Handkerchiefs, Vinegar, in barrels & demijohns.
Epsom Salts, in casks and cases,
Castor Oil in tins—1 gall. pints, hf. pints, qr. pints,
Cloves, Shelled Almonds, Cream of Tartar,
French and Spanish Olives,
Huntley & Palmer's Soda Biscuits in 1 lb tins,
Wiltshire Loaf Cheese, Edam Cheese, Butter in tins,
Lea & Perrin's Sauce, Stearine Candles,
200 tons Best Steam Coal,
Rifle Powder in hf. lb. cans, Fire and Arch Bricks,
Muntz Yellow Metal and Nails, assorted,
Oak Boats for Coaster's use, Cut Tumblers,
Flower Pots, Market Baskets, Children's Wagons,
Demijohns, from one to five gallons,
Wrapping Paper, Manila Rope, 3-4 to 1 and 1 1-4 inch.
Manila Cutting Falls, Hemp and Flax Packing,
Hoop Iron, Iron Tinned Saucepans and Tea-kettles,
Superior Scotch Canvas, Nos. 0 to 5,
Oak and Pine Barrels and Hogsheads,
30,000 Gallons New Oil Shooks.
—ALSO—
A Large Assortment of Havana Cigars!
Favorite brand.
Rum in barrels, Gin in cases,
An Assortment of Fine Glassware, &c., &c., &c.
FOR SALE BY
H. HACKFELD & CO.
d10 1m

J. H. THOMPSON
Will Sell from this Date at his Blacksmith SHOP,
All Small Sizes of Iron at
Five Cents per Pound, and
Heavy Flat Iron
For Four Cents per Pound.
BLACKSMITH'S COAL!
Twenty-Five Dollars per Ton.
n5 2m*

REMOVAL.

HAVING OPENED A NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERY on Fort Street, nearly opposite my old stand, next door to Grunwald & Schutte, I shall be happy to see my old patrons, and any others who wish for first-class picture. All styles taken upon the most reasonable terms. Having made arrangements with a good artist in San Francisco, I shall pay particular attention to copying and enlarging pictures for retouching or painting.

By attention to the tastes of my customers, I hope to receive a share of patronage.

Also for sale a variety of Photographic Views, Portraits, &c., and a
PANORAMIC VIEW OF HONOLULU,
The only one ever taken of the City.
d3 H. L. CHASE.

NO. 10 STORE!

NEW SILKS! NEW SILKS! NEW SILKS!
JUST RECEIVED PER MOSES TAYLOR, and imported by the undersigned direct from Europe. No advance in price in consequence of the war. A great variety of New Goods about to be opened, and well worthy the attention of the Ladies. Superior quality of Goods and reasonable prices. (d3 1m) JOHN THOMAS WATERHOUSE.

WHARF STORE.

PER STEAMER MOSES TAYLOR, JUST received a great variety of New Goods, suitable for native and country trade. For sale by
JOHN THOMAS WATERHOUSE.
P. S.—Orders from Country Storekeepers will be attended to promptly, and charged reasonably. d3 1m

SHIP WM. "LE LACHEUR,"

From London Direct,
EXPECTED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS, and containing about 1,000 Tons of Goods, suitable for the market, and for sale by the undersigned. Particulars at a future time. (d3 1m) JOHN THOMAS WATERHOUSE.

THE NEW ENGLAND MUTUAL
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,
Of Boston.
Organized in 1843.

Cash Assets, January 1, 1870	$8,432,731
Gross Income for 1869	2,933,557
Dividends for 1869	786,000
Premiums Collected from 1843 to 1868	$11,093,594
Losses paid from 1843 to 1868	3,236,800

READ WHAT OTHERS SAY OF US!

From the "Spectator" of New York City we extract as follows:—"The New England Mutual stands forth as a fitting type of what a company should be in regard to its method of business. Seeking rather to establish a reputation or stability and soundness, than to present novel and promising, but untried and unapproved features in underwriting; conducting all the company's affairs with the strictest economy and adopting only those measures proved by experience to be the wisest, the directors of the company have succeeded in establishing for it a reputation for reliability second to no other similar organization in the country. Yet, great as is the degree of caution manifested in the adoption of every new measure, the company is conducted in a manner fully in unison with the progressive spirit of the age. As regards its dealings with policy holders, few companies are more liberal and honest."

"The business of the New England Mutual is conducted in the most economical and able manner; its terms are liberal and just; its success has been uniform and extended and its *perfect reliability and safety*, the natural consequences attendant upon the possession of such features, and which should be the great desideratum with an insurance company, *are in no instance excelled.*"

For further particulars please call upon
CASTLE & COOKE,
d10 3m Agents for the Hawaiian Islands.

BE WISE!
THE BEST PRESENT
—FOR—
CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEARS
—IS AN—
INSUSANCE POLICY
—IN—
THE NEW ENGLAN
MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COM'Y.
Don't Waste your Money on Perishable Play Things or Japanese Ware!
Present your Wife and Children This Year, as a Christmas or New Year's Gift, an Insurance Policy in "The New England."
ONLY THINK!
At the Age of 25, $20 annually, will secure $1,000 for your family!
At the Age of 30, $23 annually, will secure $1,000 for your family!
At the Age of 35, $26 50 annually, will secure $1,000 for your family!
WHO ARE WISE?
THEY WHO INSURE THEIR LIVES IN THE OLDEST AND BEST COMPANYIN—THE
New England Mutual Life Insurance Co.,
—Of which—
CASTLE & COOKE, are Agents for the
d10 4t Hawaiian Islands.

New Goods! New Goods!
86] M. T. DONNELL [88
—HAS—
JUST RECEIVED PER MOSES TAYLOR!
A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF FURNITURE, expressly selected for this market, consisting in part as follows:

Common Wood-seat Chairs,
Lafayette " "
Washington " "
Quincy " "
Bar Room " "
Light Grecian Cane-seat,
Oak Dining " "
Oak Comp bent Dining Cane-seat Chairs,
Oak Office Chairs—Rotary,
Wood " "
Walnut Swiss Cottage Chairs,
Gilt Arm Rockers, cane seat and back,
Light Maple " " "
Imitation Rosewood " " "
Oak Oval-back Nurse Rockers,
Walnut " "
Brace Arm Rockers,
Victoria " "
Common " "
Children's Nursery Chairs,
" Cane-seat oak Dining Chairs,
" oak Cane seat and back Dining Chairs,
" Common Wood-seat Rockers,
" Cane seat and back " "
" Koa and Walnut upholstered Rockers,
American 3-ft leaf Dining Tables,
" " 3½ ft " " "
" 8 ft Extension Dining Table, Walnut,
" 10 ft " " "
" 12 ft " " "
" 2½ ft Saloon Tables,
" 3 and 3½ ft " "
" Cottage Bedsteads,
Mahogony Iron feet Towel racks,
Plain Black Walnut " "
Carved " " "
Black Walnut Whatnots,
Walnut Parlor setts in Haircloth,
" " " Reps,
" Easy Chairs in Haircloth,
" Russia " "
" Rockers " "
" Ottomans " "
" Hat-tree and Book-case,
Rosewood and gilt Mouldings, different styles and sizes,
Gilt " " " "
Walnut Chamber setts,
" Corner Brackets, &c., &c.

ALSO ON HAND
K-a Bedsteads, Pine Bedsteads,
Pine Bureaus, Mahogany Bureaus, Walnut Bureaus,
Lounges in Damask and Haircloth,
Mirror Plates, Washstands,
Walnut Backgammon Tables,
Children's Willow Carriages,
" 3 wheel Chaise-top Carriages,
" 4 wheel " "
Spring, Hair, Excelsior, and Straw Mattresses made to order. Also, Lounges, Wardrobes, Bureaus, Tables, Bedsteads, Meat Safes, &c., &c.

All of which will be sold as cheap as the cheapest, and perhaps a little cheaper.

N. B.—Furniture repaired at short notice and on reasonable terms. Orders from the other Islands will receive prompt and careful attention.

Nos. 86 and 88 King Street.
d3-2m

MASONIC HOTEL,
KING STREET, H. I.
Comfortable Furnished Apartments To Let
TO GENTLEMEN OR FAMILIES. d10

CIGARS, CIGARS!!
A Large and Varied Assortment of
Havana & German CIGARS!
Just Received
Per A. J. Pope, from Bremen,
—AND—
NOW OPEN FOR INSPECTION AT
THE STORE OF
d10 1m F. A. SCHAEFER & Co.

Plymouth Collection.
ON HAND AND FOR SALE, THE PLYmouth Collection of Hymns and Tunes.
H. M. WHITNEY

TO LET!
THE HOUSE ON KUKUI STREET, now occupied by the Undersigned.
d24 3t Apply to H. A. P. CARTER.

TO LET!
A COTTAGE AT WAIKIKI.
d24 3t Apply to DR. WM. HILLEBRAND.

A FURNISHED COTTAGE TO LET,
IN THE REAR OF NO. 10 EMMA street, inquire at the store of
d24 WM. HUMPHREYS, Merchant St.

FOR RENT OR LEASE!
SEVERAL COTTAGES, PLEASANTLY located, and suitable for large and small families. They are entirely NEW, handsomely finished, and supplied with all the necessary outhouses and modern improvements.
d24 tf Apply to HUGO STANGENWALD, N. D.

FURNISHED COTTAGE TO LET AT WAIKIKI.—The Cottage recently occupied by W. L. Green, at the Beach, Waikiki. Rent, $20 per month, or by the year at $35 per month.
o29 tf Apply to W. L. GREEN.

FOR SALE.—THE COTTAGE ON THE Beach at Waikiki, formerly occupied by Miss Montgomery.
Apply to
o29 tf W. L. GREEN.

WAGON FOR SALE!

ONE NEW TWO HORSE WAGON, warranted to carry two tons; heavy patent springs, suitable for a sugar plantation, to be sold cheap.
o15 Apply to JAMES L. LEWIS.

TO LET.
THE HOUSE LATELY OCCUPIED BY H. A. Widemann, on Judd Street. Apply to
d3 J. L. RICHARDSON.

TO LET!
THE RESIDENCE FORMERLY OCcupied by Capt. Berrill in Nuuanu Valley, containing Parlor, three Bed-Rooms, large enclosed Verandah, Dining and Bath Rooms, Pantry, Kitchen, Out-house, and one New Bed Room. Apply to
d3 tf WILLIAM BERRILL.

ALMANACS FOR 1871.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY ALMANAC	25c
Appleton's Almanac	50c
London Illustrated Almanac	75c
Cassell's Illustrated Almanac	75c
Nautical Almanacs for 1871 and 1872	$2

For sale by
d17 1m H. M. WHITNEY.

MR. ALFRED SINGER,
TEACHER OF THE PIANO FORTE AND SINGING,
Balls, Parties, &c., Attended
WITH ALL THE LATEST DANCE MUSIC.
Lessons Given at Private Residences, or at Mr. S.'s Studio, next Door to Mr. Adderley's, Nuuanu Avenue.
Applications by letter can be left at Mr. Thrum's Book Store
d24

SUGAR PLANTATION FOR LEASE!
In Honoipu, District of Kohala,
HAWAII, AT A REASONABLE PRICE and Terms.
Fifty Acres under Cane!
With more Land around it for Cultivation, with
Mill, Cart, Cattle, Sorghum-Pan,
and every requisite to carry on growing and grinding cane. The Mill is drawn by horse-power.
For particulars apply to
F. CHRISTANSEN, Honoipu, or to
JOHN THOMAS WATERHOUSE,
d17 3m Honolulu.

DIARIES FOR 1871.
BY THE MOSES TAYLOR, I SHALL RECeive my usual assortment of
CHOICE DIARIES FOR 1871!!!
Comprising all the various sizes and patterns, 1, 2 and 3 days to a page, in plain and costly bindings,
FROM 50 CENTS TO $5.00 EACH.
Besides the usual assortment of Pocket Diaries, I shall have also,
Lett's (London) Office Diaries, 3 days to a page,
Elmer's Physicians Diaries and Visiting List,
Long and Quarto Office Diaries,
Cap Office Diaries.
No one should be without one of these useful remembrances, which often save to the purchaser more than the cost.
d17 1m For Sale by H. M. WHITNEY.

NEW GOODS!!

JUST RECEIVED
—PER—
A. J. POPE, FROM BREMEN.
—ALSO—
A WELL ASSORTED STOCK
—OF—
GENERAL MERCHANDISE!
Ex Late Arrivals,
For Sale at Reasonable Rates
—AND ON—
Liberal Terms to Suit the Times
—AT—
F. A. SCHAEFER & CO'S.
d10 1m

MORE NEW GOODS

EXPECTED
TO ARRIVE EX BARK NABOB
FROM BOSTON.
BALES AMOSKEAG DENIMS,
Cases White Cotton Thread,
Bales India Rubber Hose,
Cases American Blacking,
Cases Hunt's Handled Axes,
Cases Charcoal Irons,
Cases McMurray's Oysters,
Kegs Saltpeter (conde salnitre),
Barrels Turk's Island Salt, etc., etc.
—ALSO—
CASES OF LADIES' GAITERS!
Balmorals, Kid Slippers.
Cases Men's Boots and Shoes,
IN GREAT VARIETY.
Cases Children's Shoes.
AND SOON EXPECTED VIA PANAMA,
AN ENDLESS VARIETY OF
New and Desirable Goods!
SELECTED WITH THE
Greatest Care Expressly for this Market,
—SUCH AS—
DRY GOODS,
FANCY GOODS.
SILK, WOOLEN AND COTTON
DRESS GOODS!
&c., &c., &c.
For Sale to Arrive
n19 3m By THEOD. C. HEUCK.

THE PACIFIC
Commercial Advertiser.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28.

PHASES OF THE MOON FOR DECEMBER 1870—Honolulu Mean Time—As prepared by Capt. Daniel Smith.

Dec. 7th—Full Moon	4 8	P. M.
Dec. 15th—Last Quarter	10 40	A. M.
Dec. 23d—New Moon	1 48	A. M.
Dec. 29th—First Quarter	6 7	A. M.

TIME SUN RISING AND SETTING.

1st—Sun Rises	6 25 A. M.	Sun Sets	5 13 P. M.
8th—Sun Rises	6 30	Sun Sets	5 14
15th—Sun Rises	6 33	Sun Sets	5 17
23d—Sun Rises	6 37	Sun Sets	5 21
29th—Sun Rises	6 40	Sun Sets	5 24
31th—Sun Rises	6 41	Sun Sets	5 25

England.

It is reported by an English newspaper, that the British Cabinet has surrendered to Russia the points demanded by the latter, viz: the revision of the treaty of 1856. This statement is extremely open to doubt. England cannot, in the nature of things, consent to a conference of the Powers, without the withdrawal of Gortschakoff's first note, which all England considered as tantamount to an insult. Granville's last note to Gortschakoff expressly stated that England would not consent to a conference, unless the latter withdrew his first circular. Meantime, orders have been given to put the navy on a war footing, and work in the dock-yards was brisk.

The President's Message.

News from the States is not of great importance. Congress met on the usual day in December, and the message was presented. The document is rather lengthy for Gen. Grant,—famed for brevity,—occupying five columns of small type in the *Alta*. It is, however, a plainly spoken document, without any attempts at eloquence. But withal, the President is very pointed. He particularly urges the acquisition by purchase of San Domingo, which the last Congress refused to sanction. The recognition of the French Republic is officially declared, and it is stated that while the people of the United States do not think of imposing their ideas of republicanism upon other nations, yet they cannot be indifferent to the growth of those ideas in a country like France. The "Alabama claims," as they are called, it is proposed, shall be transferred to the Government for settlement. This is a novel view of the question, and one that appears to meet with favor. He further advocates the free navigation of the St. Lawrence, and the common use of the fisheries. New diplomatic questions with England.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

MAIL FOR THE EAST.—The steamer *Moses Taylor*, with the European and American mails, sails to-day for San Francisco, at 4.50 P. M., mail closing at 12 M.

THE NEXT MAIL.—May be looked for by the *D. C. Murray*. She left here Nov. 19, but had not arrived over Dec. 15, 26 days passage—unusually long for her.

A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—By the *Wonga Wonga*, en route for Europe, arrived the Field Marshal Jochmus, of the Austrian Army, and a nobleman of that Empire.

CORRECTION.—We were in error in an item the other day, when speaking of the guests at a marriage celebration, in styling F. A. Schaefer, Esq., the North German Consul. That gentleman is Consul for the Kingdom of Italy.

THE GOOD BOOK.—By reference to advertisement, it will be seen that a large stock of Bibles has been received at the Depository in the Sailors' Home, of different sizes and styles of binding. The "good book" makes an appropriate New Year's present.

RUSSIA SAYS:—"For our part, we are ready for any deliberation having for its object the settlement of the guarantees for the consolidation of peace in the east."

This is *diplomatic* language, and the Russian Government understands thoroughly how to use it.

MASONIC.—Yesterday being the festival of St. John, the members of the Masonic fraternity of this city, met in the morning and installed their officers for the ensuing year. After work, "the brethren of the Mystic Tie," enjoyed themselves over a bountiful spread of good things in the hall of Lodge le Progres.

PROMPT TO TIME.—The firm of Bolles & Co., fitted out the schooner *Kona Packet*, with provisions, etc., on Saturday last, between the hours of 2 and 5 P. M. with extraordinary dispatch, the destination being Ocean Island, and for the relief of the *Saginaw's* ship's company. Messrs. C. A. Williams & Co. are the owners of the *Kona Packet*, and deserve praise for their promptness of action, under the authorization of Mr. Perkins, U. S. Acting Consul.

CATS IN RAT-TRAPS.—The first instance we ever heard of a cat being entrapped after the manner of a rat, occurred in a certain hotel on Christmas morning. Sugar, etc., had been frequently missed of late, and so an improved rat-trap was set to catch the thief. At early daylight, a tremendous rumpus in the trap gave proof that the "critter" was caught. It was a bustering big one, too. "O my, what a rat!" was the exclamation. But on bringing the cage to the light, it was discovered, to the infinite disgust of the would-be rat-catcher, that he had caged a favorite cat, belonging to the premises.

A LONG-LEGGED BIRD.—Looking at Borres' Confectionary and Cigar Store on Nuuanu street, yesterday, we were shown a presentation cake, one of a number beautifully frosted and ornamented. But the particular one which attracted our attention, was surmounted by the figure of an extremely long-legged and long-necked bird, apparently standing in a marsh. It was life-like. Around the margin of the cake was the legend—"Presented by Brother Crane." Comment is needless. By the way, we may remark that the Christmas cakes at Borres' are quite equalled by those got up for New Years.

CALIFORNIA "SUGARIES."—Sugarie is a new word, recently coined, and as near as we can learn, means in California, a ranch or plantation for the growth of sugar-making beets. At Alvarado, they claim to have achieved a decided success, though we cannot find the figures. But at Sacramento, where a company to carry on the business of making beet-root sugar was organized and incorporated with a capital of $100,000, the whole thing has become a decided failure. One of the largest share-holders offers for sale his 130 shares at 75 per cent. discount from the money cost, with no takers, at that.

ALMOST A CENTENARIAN.—Capt. Alexander Adams, the venerable pioneer foreign resident of the islands, celebrated his ninety-first birth-day on Monday last. Although his eye-sight has entirely failed him for a number of years past, he is in other respects as quick of perception as ever, and has an unabated interest in the politics of the world. The current news is regularly read to him, and he comments upon the details of war and the probable results of events with a clearness of judgment that is surprising. The occasion on Monday last was peculiarly interesting, as there was a full gathering of the patriarch's descendants at a feast, together with numerous acquaintances and friends.

TOO MUCH CURIOSITY.—One of the curious, rambling about town a few days since, observed the bright yellow berries of the coral plant, and wondering how they tasted, eat two of the seeds. A native boy seeing this, asked if they were sweet, and learning that they were, he also eat some. Consequently both were taken very sick, with severe, long continued vomiting and dizziness. After twelve hours of experience of the reward of curiosity, they both recovered. It is to be hoped wiser. Moral.—Don't let your curiosity run away with your judgment. We may add that the so-called coral plant, while being a pretty adornment of a garden, is dangerous to a family with children; the pretty sweet berries are tempting.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS!

The French Situation Growing Desperate—From Tours to Bordeaux.

RUSSIA'S DEMAND--ENGLAND'S ATTITUDE.

France will Fight to the Bitter End.

By the *Moses Taylor*, Captain Floyd, which arrived on Sunday morning last, nine days from San Francisco, we are in receipt of papers from that city to Dec. 15th, New York dispatches to Dec. 14th, and from London up to the 13th. We are indebted to Mr. Hughes, the gentlemanly Purser of the *Moses Taylor*, for files of the latest papers.

Gold at New York on the 14th closed at 110¼; Sterling, 9@9¾.

The telegrams, which come over the French cable only—the two English being still disabled—are extremely contradictory, but we give them below.

European.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 2.—The Czar warmly congratulates President Grant on his offer of assistance.

All the powers have accepted the proposal for a Conference, but the date of the meeting has not yet been fixed.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—A special correspondent of the *Herald*, at Versailles, writes on the 28th ult., that if the army of the Loire should capitulate, Paris would be summoned to surrender within three days following. The terms of surrender to be offered are:

Regulars and Gardes Mobile become prisoners of war; National Guards and irregulars to be allowed to return to their occupations in private life. The forts, cannon and munitions of war to be given up to the Prussians, and the regular garrison to be permitted to march out with the honors of war.

If these terms of surrender are refused, bombardment of the forts will immediately follow.

TOURS, Dec. 5.—In an engagement near Potay, 14 miles northwest of Orleans, 20,000 Frenchmen held ground against 60,000 of Frederick Charles' army, but were cut to pieces by the shells of the enemy. The Prussian artillery was served with fearful and overwhelming effect. The Papal Zouaves fought with superhuman bravery, but nearly all were killed.

The Government appeals to the people of France to still further maintain their resistance, which is certain finally to end in triumph. The army of the Loire is still over 200,000 strong. In another month 800,000 Frenchmen will be in arms.

Paris may fall; but the campaign has changed in character, and is fast becoming a detached warfare of large armies, manœuvering in an open country.

France herself is unconquerable.

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—A letter from the King of Bavaria to the King of Saxony says: "The Germans, led by the King of Prussia, will celebrate the brotherhood of arms by giving a glorious proof of the importance and power of United Germany. I have negotiated with Versailles to this end, and now invite you and other German Princes to urge the King of Prussia to assume the title of Emperor of United Germany, with presidential functions. I am proud thus to take the first step in crowning Germany unity, and hope for your assent, and that of other Princes and free towns."

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The British Government has given out a contract for sixty batteries of light guns, each of Gotling's mitrailleuses, to be made in America.

The Russian Government has in its employment a number of American workmen in Russia, engaged in manufacturing mitrailleuses.

There is ample evidence of other kinds that Russia is preparing for war on a grand scale.

VERSAILLES, Dec. 6.—The French were utterly defeated at Orleans; 10,000 men were made prisoners, and 77 pieces of artillery, including several mitrailleuses; and four gunboats on the Loire were captured.

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—The King of Wurtemburg has signified his concurrence with the King of Bavaria and the other German Sovereigns, in the proposal that King William shall assume the title of Emperor of Germany.

WILHELMSHOHE, Dec. 7.—The general impression prevails that the prospects of the restoration of the Emperor are steadily improving. The argument in favor of his restoration is the ruinous consequence to the many property-stricken sections of Germany, in case of a much longer protraction of the war.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The *Tribune* cable correspondent at the headquarters of Prince George says the prisoners looked sturdy fellows, and anything but badly fed; they were hearty, and good fighters, to judge from their expressions. A sergeant bade me "*Bon jour*," and told me cheerily that every one who indulged in the anticipation of a speedy capitulation was entirely out of his reckoning. "Food is plentiful," he said, with a laugh, "and the programme is, sorties every day and in every direction."

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A correspondent at St. Petersburg writes on the 2d instant, that the warlike feeling prevailing over the whole Empire is like that on the arrival of the Sebastopol news.

Gortschakoff's circular created a universal feeling of joy.

Notice is given by the Emperor to the reserve corps to hold themselves in readiness, which is considered of great importance. This measure has not been resorted to since the Crimean war.

Russia is committed to a bold line of conduct, and is resolved to carry it out in spite of all opposition.

It has been announced by the Emperor that forty million roubles will be devoted to extraordinary war expenses.

FLORENCE, Dec. 8.—Parliament was opened on Monday by King Victor Emanuel. The King, in his speech from the throne, declared that with Rome, as the capital, the edifice commenced by Charles Albert was crowned, and the freedom of Italy completed it; it was now the task of the Chambers to make her great and happy. "While we are thus happy," he continued, "two nations, the glorious representations of civilization, are engaged in a horrible struggle. We will persist in our efforts to induce them to end the conflict, and prove that United Italy is an element of order and peace in Europe."

In reference to the Pope, he said it was the duty of the nation to secure to the Supreme Pontiff the free exercise of his religious offices, and the maintenance of his relation with the Catholic world. Improvements in the administration of the Government, and the development of the military and educational system were promised.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—The King of Saxony has signified his acceptance of the proposal made by the King of Bavaria, regarding the title of "Emperor of Germany."

The North German Parliament has approved of the Federal treaty with Bavaria. All amendments rejected.

The President announced yesterday to the North German Parliament that a note was received from Bismarck that King William had accepted the title of Emperor of Germany.

Protocols and treaties with Baden, Hesse, Wurtemburg and Bavaria had been sanctioned.

TOURS, Dec. 9.—The *Official Journal* announces that the Government has removed to Bordeaux.

Gen. Chanzy reports that he fought yesterday against the army of Prince Frederick Charles, and repulsed them along the whole line.

Private letters received in London from Versailles say the German losses before Paris and on the Loire since the 28th ult. are immense. Correspondents are forbidden to communicate the truth. A republication of official returns show the losses to be over 12,800, with many returns lacking.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—A dispatch from Gambetta asks the *Courier* to announce that he had asked for armistice to enable the National Assembly to be elected, and requests that Favre be permitted to leave Paris to consult with his colleagues, and to conduct negotiations. He admits that he has lost all hope of prosecuting the struggle successfully, and has no expectation of being able to defend Tours.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—*Le Citoyen*, of this city, in an editorial to-day, says that further resistance on the part of the French will end in anarchy or the permanent occupation of the country by the conquerers. The intervention of neutrals would be worse than either anarchy or foreign occupation. The guilt of further resistance would not be on the men of the 4th of September, but upon the counsellors of the Empire who prevented the Empress presiding, must now meet and make peace with the conquerer.

VIENNA, Dec. 8.—The Porte has called for immediate returns of further regulars that each district can furnish. He has also summoned the reserves, and called upon the Naval Council to increase the strength of the fleet.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—There was an anti-war riot of a very serious character yesterday which was caused by the resistance of an order drafting men for the landwehr, and the police were unable to quell the riot. The military were called out and suppressed the disorder, after using great severity. If the order of drafting married men is carried out, it will give an additional force of twenty-five thousand to the army, and is of great importance at this time for the prolongation of the war, while every day France increases in strength.

VERSAILLES, Dec. 10.—The French are assuming the offensive in strong force. They were repulsed at nightfall, after a day's artillery fight. The Prussian loss was slight; but French prisoners were taken.

The French at Ham captured a detachment of Germans with artillery.

LILLE, Dec. 10.—General De Hencourt arrived in a balloon from Paris. He says