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August 23d, began at Honolulu by a sudden ebbs of the sea, the fall being about 1.1 foot. This was at twenty five minutes past 12 P.M., and about five hours after the highest tide of the twenty-four hours, the intervening fall seeming to have been retarded more than is usual even for some days. That is to say the sea was standing higher, previous to the oscillation, than would ordinarily be expected. The tide immediately rose again nearly to its previous height, and after about four nearly equal waves, of a duration to each apparently increasing from eight to fifteen minutes, the undulations began to diminish as the afternoon rise of tide began. At 4 P.M., there was a distinct wave, and also at 6 P.M. From 10 P.M. to 2 A.M. of the succeeding night, it being low tide, and the sea quite free from wind-waves, there was a regular succession of tide-waves, of about twenty minutes in duration, and height of not over 3/4 of a foot. The above figures are from a careful comparison of the record of the tide-gauge at the light-house with the testimony of actual eyewitnesses on shore.

We have not as yet such accounts from the other islands as will enable any one to form conclusions with respect to the phenomenon. It is reported from Kaula, by Capt. McGregor of the Kilauea as occurring there at 12 M., which would indicate an origin to the westward rather than at Hawaii.

It is always a matter of scientific interest to have accurate records of the time of such occurrences. The wave resulting from the terrible earthquake at Arica, Peru, in 1868, occupied 12 hours in its passage to these islands, indicating a velocity of 500 miles per hour. The waves, occupying about twenty minutes in rise and fall, had a breadth or length as we might say, of about 175 miles. The velocity given above is proof of a great depth of ocean between here and the South American coast, while the diminished speed of the same wave on its course toward Japan shows a shallow sea to the northwest of us. It was 18 hours on its passage here to Hakodadi, a much less distance than the other.

The waves that travelled across from Simoda to San Francisco on December 23d, 1854, had a velocity of 350 miles per hour, and a breadth of 215 miles from crest to crest. Apart from the scientific interest that attaches to these matters, there is something intensely fascinating in the movements of these swift messengers from coast to coast, while there is always a dread feeling that some terrible volcanic tragedy may have occurred as in 1868, at their starting-point.

We do not care to frequently bring our own grievances before the public notice, but continued injustice compels us to speak. Our complaints in regard to the unfair course pursued by the Alta California in systematically crediting clippings of island news to the Hawaiian Gazette which were taken bodily from our columns, have at length elicited a response from grandmother Alta, in the following words:

"The Commercial Advertiser of Honolulu complains that the items of Hawaiian news published in the Alta are credited to the Gazette, without regard to the source where they first appeared. If it has happened that the Gazette has pilfered the Advertiser's news, we are not responsible for it, but give credit to the paper from which they were clipped. As to giving credit to the wrong paper, if such a mistake has occurred, any journalist should know it to be an accident; no newspaper would sanction such a meanness, and no fair newspaper should charge such a mistake as intentional."

The above paragraph infers what is untrue when it intimates that the Gazette has pilfered our items. We make no such charge against our contemporary; but what we do charge is that the Alta has constantly taken our news items, word for word, and credited them to the Gazette, and that its statements to that effect, in its credit to the paper from which they were clipped, is a downright falsehood. This course on the part of the Alta is no new thing, but has gone on, with an occasional short interval (such as during the visit of the Hawaiian Consul to Honolulu several months ago), for over a year. It is quite possible that the heads of the Alta staff may not be thoroughly posted as to the exact mode in which this "meanness" is brought about. But the fact that it is accomplished systematically is evident enough, and the clue lies in the Foreign Office at Honolulu, with its ramifications in the Hawaiian Consulate and the Alta office. It is futile and unbecomingly to talk about "accidents" of this kind, when they become so chronic. The interior press of California are frequent witnesses to the unscrupulous disposition of "grandmother Alta" in appropriating other people's property—and we have not forgotten its wholesale robbery of our lengthy and carefully prepared account of the shipwreck of the Saginaw. Possibly in that instance also, the fraudulent device originated in Honolulu.

As we have had occasion to remark before, the product of one's brain and enterprise is as much his property as the money in his purse or the goods on his shelves; but the larceny of the first is a shade meaner than that of the last.

Fatal Accident at Jarvis Island. To the Editor of the Pacific Commercial Advertiser: Sir—It is my painful duty to inform you of a very sad accident that occurred on this island on the 14th of May last. My informant was the late Mr. Thompson, an employee of the American Guano Co., who was in the field when the accident occurred. The cars that were used to convey guano from the lagoons to the beach, were being hauled and on the above date one of these attached to a loaded car becoming unmanageable, Captain Alex. Aluy, Asst. Superintendent, ordered the driver to stop, and the animal, thinking he was being quitted, quit the animal. All went well for a time, but at the head of a slight incline in the track, the hook attached to the front part of the car, being dragged from the loaded car by the reins, falling on the rails, the car passing over the left breast, neck and head. Assistance was promptly rendered by Superintendent Kenny and others, and the unfortunate man conveyed to his room, where the scalp wound was sewn up. In spite of all that could be done to alleviate his sufferings, he breathed his last at 1:50 P.M. nine hours after the accident. Deceased conveyed quite clearly up to the hour of his death, and did not seem to realize that he was so near. From the symptoms as described by the Superintendent, I am convinced that his death was occasioned by a fracture of the spinal column, the body being paralyzed from the neck down. Next day the remains of deceased were interred by the Superintendent in the north end of the island. The gloom over the small community, caused by the loss and calamity is mournful indeed, and the employees of the Company who have lost a dear friend and respected companion, unite in expressing their heartfelt sympathy for his young widow, in this, her hour of affliction.

J. E. WESTON, M. D.

Judicium Paris. The judgment of Paris Who was Paris? And what was his judgment about? Paris was one of the seventy sons of Priam, king of Troy. He was a very handsome man; but vain and conceited, and cowardly. It was he who carried off Helen, the wife of Menelaus, king of Lacedaemon, and thus was the cause of the Trojan war.

At a certain time when the goddesses were assembled on a festival occasion, Discord threw among them a golden apple, on which was inscribed, "To the most beautiful." Forthwith Venus, Minerva and Juno claimed the prize, each one for herself. Which of the three was the most beautiful? That was the question; and the decision was referred to Paris. As the three were each very beautiful, Paris was doubtful as to which he should give the apple to. He placed the apple in the hand of the goddess of love, and she encouraged industry, and obedience to the laws. She ought to have been offered a bribe. Venus was the goddess of love, and by no means a respectable character. It could not, of course, be expected that she should possess a high degree of honor.

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