COMMERCIAL.

SATURDAY, January 26th, 1884.

Business during the week has not been over brisk in local circles. Retail dealers continue to do a steady trade, and, generally speaking, the year may scid to have opened with fair prospects for the future.

News was received at the beginning of the week by the inter-island steamers from all quarters, that rain had fallen copiously in the sugar-growing districts, much to the gratification of the planters. Honolulu has also been blessed with a few showers during the week. Though this is the so-called rainy season, the rainfall has been very light, compared with former years.

The receipts of sugar during the week comprise 16,000 bags. The latest advices from the Coast show a reduction in rates. In this connection the San Francisco *Merchant* says: "We notice that the California Sugar Refinery has reduced the price of D sugar to 7⅞; this reduction, with the low prices at which good Hawaiian grocery grades are selling, makes it impossible to dispose of choice refined sugars in this market at a profit, even if there was no prejudice against them."

The importations of sugar at San Francisco for the year 1883 are reported to be: Hawaiian Island, 51,921 tons of 2,000 pounds each; of China, including 700 tons of refined, 1,078 tons; of Central American, 888 tons; and of Manila, 9,198 tons. Total importations from foreign countries, 63,086 short tons. The *Merchant* states that it is understood that a considerable quantity of the latest arrival of the China-refined sugar has gone into store, not being salable at a profit at present prices for that grade.

The imports from the Coast since our last issue have been unusually large, and comprise the cargoes of the brig Hesperian, steamship Alameda, bark Kalakaua, and brig W. G. Irwin from San Francisco. Also, two full cargoes of lumber per barkentine Kitsap and Kilkitat from the Sound. The Pacific Mail steamship City of Rio de Janeiro called here en route to China, and landed 255 Chinese immigrants, being the first to be imported by that Company under their original permission from the Government. After coaling she proceeded on her voyage, leaving this port at 4 P. M. on Thursday last. Noticeable amongst the recent importations are several lots of valuable horses, thoroughbreds and others, from the best ranches in California. The new Telephone Company, styled the "Hawaiian Cable Company," has landed a large amount of material, and it is anticipated it will soon be in working order. The P. M. steamship City of Sydney arrived at 2 A. M. on the 22d instant, and sailed for San Francisco at 10 A. M. the same day, carrying away about 400 tons of freight and a few passengers.

The departures for the week were the steamship City of Sydney and Consuelo for San Francisco, the tern Eva for Eureka, and the steamship City of Rio de Janeiro for Japan and China.

A sale of real estate took place on Saturday last, and the price realized tends to prove that property is still rising in value.

The circulation of the new Hawaiian coins, half-dollars and quarters, has proved a boon to all retail dealers, as "change," or the want of it, was becoming an inconvenience that was seriously felt.

Business men of all grades, from the banker and merchant to the smallest retail dealer, are beginning to evince an interest in the coming elections, which take place on the 6th proximo, each one having more or less at stake that requires legislation. Mr. J. O. Carter is the only foreign candidate for Honolulu, whilst many of our residents have distributed themselves over the country seeking admission to Legislative honors.

The steamship Zealandia is booked for to-day from the Coast, en route to the Colonies.

The Stock and Bond Exchange, whose quotations we formerly published weekly, have settled into a state of apathy, no meetings having been held this year. As it did not prove such a successful scheme for making a rapid fortune as some of the "bears" anticipated, it will probably die a natural death.

The dissolution of partnership of the firms of Hardee & Bertelmann and Ashley & Hebbard were announced during the week. Mr. Hardee assumes all the liabilities of the first-named, and will continue the business known as the Enterprise Planing Mill Company, in his own name. Mr. Hebbard will act in a similar manner with regard to the last-named firm.

PORT OF HONOLULU, H. I.

ARRIVALS.

SATURDAY, January 19.

Stmr Kinau, King, from Maui and Hawaii.
Stmr Lehua, Lorenzen, from Maui and Molokai
Stmr James Makee, Freeman, from Waianae and Kauai
Stmr Waimanalo, Nelson, from Waimanalo
Schr Nettie Merrill, from Lahaina
Schr Kekauiohi, from Hanalei.

SUNDAY, January 20.

Stmr Likelike, Wiseberg, from Maui and Hawaii
Stmr Iwalani, Cameron, from Kauai
Stmr C R Bishop, Davis, from Hamakua
Stmr Mokolii, McGregor, from Koolau.
Schr Waileki, from Waianae

MONDAY, January 21.

Steamship City of Sydney (Am), Dearborn, from the Colonies.

MONDAY, January 21.

Brig Hesperian (Am), Winding, from San Francisco
Schr Waioli, from Kona
Schr Caterina, from Hanalei
Schr Ehukai, from Waialua

TUESDAY, January 22.

Steamship Alameda (Am), Morse, 6 days and 19 hours from San Francisco
Bktne Kilkitat (Am), Cutler, 28 days from Port Townsend
Bktne Kitsap (Am), Robinson, 28 days, from Port Townsend
Schr Marion, from Nawiliwili
Schr Emma, from Heeia
Schr General Siegel, from Koolau
Schr Mile Morris, from Molokai

WEDNESDAY, January 23.

Steamship City of Rio de Janeiro (Am), Searle, 7 days from San Francisco
Stmr Waimanalo, Nelson, from Waimanalo
Bark Kalakaua (Haw), Miller, 15½ days from San Francisco
Schr Ka Moi, from La pahoehoe
Schr Kawaihai, from Koolau
Schr Rainbow, from Koolau

THURSDAY, January 24.

Bktne Wm G Irwin (Am), Turner, 11 days from San Francisco

THURSDAY, January 24.

Schr Ehukai, from Waialua
Schr Moi Keiki, from Ewa

FRIDAY, January 25.

Stmr Kilauea Hou, Sears, for Kahului
Stmr James Makee, Freeman, from Kauai

DEPARTURES.

SUNDAY, January 20.

Schr Mary Alice, for Molokai

MONDAY, January 21.

Steamship City of Sydney (Am), Seabury, for San Francisco
Stmr James Makee, Freeman, for Waianae and Kauai
Stmr Kilauea Hou, Sears, for Kahului
Tern Eva (Am), Wickman, for Eureka
Schr Kekauiohi, for Hanalei
Schr Kaaikeaouli, from Kohala
Schr Waileie, for Waileie

TUESDAY, January 22.

Stmr Kinau, King, for Maui and Hawaii
Stmr Planter, Bates, from Maui and Hawaii
Stmr C R Bishop, Davis, for Kukuihaile
Stmr Iwalani, Cameron, for Kauai.
Stmr Lehua, Lorenzen, for Maui and Molokai
Stmr Mokolii, McGregor for Koolau.
Stmr Waimanalo, Nelson, from Waimanalo
Schr Leahi, for Koholalele
Schr Moi Keiki, for Ewa
Schr Ehukai, for Waialua.
Schr Waimalu, for Koloa and Waimea
Schr Waiehu, for Waianae
Schr Nettie Merrill for Lahaina

WEDNESDAY, January 23.

Stmr Likelike, Wiseberg, for Maui and Hawaii
Schr Emma, for Olowalu, Maui
Schr Waioli, for Hawaii
Schr Manuokawai, for Kekaha
Bktne Consuelo (Am), Cousins, for San Francisco

THURSDAY, January 24.

Steamship City of Rio de Janeiro (Am), Searle, for Hongkong
Schr Jenny, for Kekaha
Schr Mile Morris, for Molokai
Schr General Siegel, for Koolau
Schr Marion, for Waianae
Stmr Waimanalo, Nelson, for Waimanalo
Schr Rainbow, for Koolau
Schr Liholiho, for Kilauea
Schr Ka Moi, for Kaiwilahilahi
Schr Caterina, for Hanalei

VESSELS LEAVING THIS DAY.

Bktne J A Falkinburg (Am), Goodman, for San Francisco
Schrs Moi Keiki, for Ewa.

MEMORANDA.

The steamer City of Sydney, Captain W B Seabury commander, discharged Sydney pilot January 3d, at 3:15 P. M.; received Auckland pilot January 8th, at 3:15 A. M.; discharged Auckland pilot January 8th, at 2:05 P. M.; received Honolulu pilot January 21st, at 1:06 A. M. She brought 3 cabin passengers and 30 tons freight for Honolulu; 21 cabin and 26 steerage passengers and 270 tons of freight for San Francisco.

The steamship Alameda sailed from San Francisco January 15th at 3:05 P. M.; discharged pilot at 4:30 P. M.; had light southwest and northwest winds to latitude 26°; thence moderate trades. January 16th, at 2:45 A. M., passed Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamship City of Rio de Janeiro, bound to Honolulu; January 17th, at 12 noon, passed an English bark bound to San Francisco; at 3 P. M. passed a brig bound to San Francisco; January 21st, at 5 P. M., a bark steering southwest; arrived at Honolulu at 11:15 A. M. on Tuesday last. Time from pilot to pilot, 6 days and 19 hours.

IMPORTS.

From the Colonies, per City of Sydney, January 21: 1 case drapery, A S Cleghorn; 14 tanks oats, order; 2 cases drapery, order; 1 case merchandise, Hart Bros.; 4 tanks oats, Macfarlane & Co.

From San Francisco, per Hesperian, January 21: 10 rolls leather, 13 horses, 265 bbls lime, 100 bales hay, 15 bbls salmon, 1,073 packages flour, 44 pkgs furniture, 205 pkgs groceries, 6 packages carriages, 9 cases canned goods, 70 sacks feed, 110 sacks bread, 1,370 sacks flour, 85 sacks bran, 651 sacks barley, 10 tanks naptha, 10 cs sundries, 2 tanks gasoline.

From Port Townsend, per Kilkitat, January 22—453,554 feet rough lumber, 125,372 feet dressed lumber, 7,000 pickets and 100,000 shingles.

From Port Townsend, per Kitsap, January 22—667,558 feet rough lumber, 127,770 feet dressed lumber, 10,020 pickets, 106,250 shingles and 16 spars.

From San Francisco, per Alameda, January 22—$500 in dimes and nickels, 2,064 sacks flour, 129 pkgs telephone material, 205 coils wire, 275 bxs raisins, 6 bxs glycerine, 650 sks potatoes, 900 sks barley, 322 sks bran, 609 sks beans, 4,869 posts, 100 bxs apples, 240 sks oats, 50 bxs starch, 6 bxs billiard ware, 25 pks blinds, 1 shaft, 29 cs drugs, 162 pieces ash, 100 kegs lead, and about 3,500 cs sundries.

From San Francisco, per Kalakaua, January 23—1,400 packages merchandise, 8 sewing machines, 125 sks potatoes, 11 buggies, 270 sks flour, 500 sks barley, 558 cs dry goods, 12 bxs soap, 250 bbls lime, 50,000 bricks, 626 bgs flour, 1 bx type, 536 bales hay, 10 horses.

From San Francisco, per Rio de Janeiro, January 23—318 packages merchandise, 56,500 kegs merchandise in transitu, and $501,219 86 in specie.

From San Francisco, per W G Irwin, January 24—590 sks flour, 221 sks potatoes, 69 bxs glass, 21 horses, 3 jacks, 40,000 bricks, 146 hogs, 100 sks barley, 56 sks oatmeal, 230 sks salt, 90 tins crackers, 69 sks oats, 2 carboys acid, 5 bxs billiard ware, 3 bxs telephones, 2 bxs telephone wires, 298 bbls pipe, 500 bbls lime, 46 bxs butter, 48 kegs giant powder, 69 bbls salmon, 1 piano 375 bdls printing paper, 45 cs lard, 13 cs shoes, and 500 cs sundries.

EXPORTS.

For San Francisco, per Consuelo, January 23—J I Dowsett, 94 bgs awa root, 1,093 kgs sugar; W G Irwin, 1,645 bags sugar; C Brewer & Co, 1,181 bgs sugar; T H Davies & Co, 1,751 bgs sugar; M S Grinbaum, 500 bgs rice; J A Robertson, 79 pkgs old junk. Domestic value, $42,400 69.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

From Sydney and Auckland, per S S City of Sydney, January 21, Mrs Chapman, Miss Chapman, Mr Jeffry. In Transitu for San Francisco, Mr Greenwood and wife, Mrs A Andrews, Mr and Mrs Wheelock, Mr Hoslock, J Seymour, W E Frith, Miss H Murlelle, Mr Davolson and wife, Mr Western, W H Taylor, Mr Rhodes, Mr Roberts, Lrs Stillwell, Dr Spillini, I. Dixon, A M Garland, Miss M Eurr.

From Hawaii and Maui, per Kinau, January 19—Capt Thos Spencer, S H Maby, J Howell, H Allen, D Porter, C N Arnold, Mrs Jes Wood, J Triska, T R Keyworth, Miss M Dowsett, H H Wilcox, W H Bailey, E H Woodsworth, W Y Horner, T Campbell, C Buchanan, wife and child.

From Maui and Molokai, per Lehua, January 19—Mrs J E Barnard, Miss Unna, Rev Alex Mackintosh, Dr Saxe, R Mitchell, and 28 deck.

From Kahului, per Kilauea Hou, January 19—Mrs Capt Sears & family, A Horner, W G Smith, W G Atwater & wife, Miss Hofman, Geo C Williams, W Goodale, Mr Winter and 25 deck.

From Kauai, per James Makee, January 19—R A Macfie Jr, Mrs Barker, J H Thomas, A P Jackson & wife, 1 Chinese and 4 deck.

From San Francisco, per Hesperian, January 21—J M Low, J C Thompson, W F Clemens.

From Kauai, per Iwalani, January 22—S W Wilcox, Paul Isenberg, Mrs Hannah Titcomb and servant, R A Macfie Jr, T G Wall, Joseph Triska, G Alwins, and 30 deck.

From San Francisco, per Alameda, January 22—H J Agnew, Mrs H A Parmelee and daughter, A Borel, E B Beckwith, R Walkenshau, Clarence Macfarlane and wife, J R Dwyer, John E Budington, Thos Cummings, E F Coutolene, L Woodward, Jos Wilson and wife, Captain John T Wright and wife, Max Taubles, J K Porter, H J Insel, Edwin Sutherland, John Chalmers, Geo Chalmers, Miss Ann Napier, H E Blancon, L Peterson, A W Kaufmann, John Sullivan, J Forrest, James Collins, Thomas Clark, R Wright, A S George, Leong Hong, C C Olsen, Tina McCanna, F Wright, Geo Deacon and son, Miss M Grimes, R I Brindell, Alfred Rushton, Mrs Forrest, Wm Rogers, U Chrispine, and 5 Chinese.

From San Francisco, per Kalakaua, January 13—Miss M Hoage, H Eldred, wife and servant, Mr Temple, Mr Blaisdell, D Daniel, G Gress, A Antone, D King.

From San Francisco, per Wm G Irwin, January 24—W Fennell, Chas Lucas, Frank Lucas, Z T Cowdrey, Mrs Judge and child, J Burk, C A Doody, John Stolle, F H Powers, Morris Malloney, Richard Sheehey.

DEPARTURES.

For Maui and Hawaii, per Likelike, January 20—Parker Makee, M McGloan, J C Newcomb and 5 deck.

For Kauai, per Iwalani, January 20—Mrs Dr Walters Mrs L Orange, Jno Spencer & wife, Mrs L Titcomb, S W Wilcox, Mr Faye and 30 deck.

For Kahului, per Kilauea Hou, January 21—Mrs Sam Obed, Mc Glone, H C Clarke, C Stuhlmerun, and about 28 deck.

For Kauai, per James Makee, January 21—Dr Saxe, J H Thomas, and about 20 deck.

For San Francisco, per City of Sydney, January 21—B Block, Chas Furneaux, R Lewers, wife and 2 children, Herr Bandmann, Miss L Beaudet, Chas Lobbett, A S H Swift, J F Hackfeld, Mrs E W Peterson, Mr Pernet, Z R Moffat, J H Williams, J Silva, and 47 in transitu.

For Hawaii, per Kinau, January 22—Mrs E O Hall, Mrs J Kral, J Wilson and wife, H Turton, wife and son, Chas Notley, Rev Father Leonor, Mother Marienne and 2 Sisters, Mr Akana, H F Williams, C N Arnold, W Y Horner, Mr Denton and son, Mr Faye, R Blacon, Miss Napier, Mrs L Orange, W C Jones, Mr Dudoit, Mr Rose, F H Hayselden, J Brown, Mrs Weight, J B Burton, Parker N Makee, W Wenner, W O Smith, W H Bailey, A Gartenberg.

For Maui and Hawaii, per Planter, January 22—A S Hood, J D Emerson, Miss McComber, Mrs Eartels and 2 children, R J Parkinson, T Jeffrey, Master Bartels, Mrs Reidel, W Goodale, D Kelilpio, and about 60 deck.

For Maui and Molokai, per Lehua, January 22—M D Monsarrat, Rev Father Damien, Israel Fisher, wife and 2 children, J McDade, and 25 deck.

From Maui and Hawaii, per Likelike, January 23—J K Hantua, and 5 deck.

BIRTH.

ECKART—In Honolulu, January 19th, to the wife of Max Eckart, a daughter.

MARRIED.

GREEN-DUNCAN—In Honolulu, January 21st, at the residence of Mrs. Robinson, by Rev. Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. S. A. Green to Miss Abbie H. Duncan.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The steamer Kinau brought 2,219 bags of sugar, 114 hides 17 bundles goat skins, 174 sheep, 2 horses.

The Iwalani brought 3,281 bags sugar, 124 bags paddy, 68 bags rice, 11 green hides, and 250 head of cattle from Kauai.

The Likelike brought 1,374 bags sugar and 60 head of cattle from Maui and Molokai.

A new house is being erected at the Likelike wharf on the same spot where the old one stood.

The building of an iron house was commenced on Saturday last for the dredger, for sheltering the engine only, and it will be completed within a week or less.

The Kilauea Hou brought 366 bags of sugar, 27 kegs of sugar, 50 bags of corn, 93 bags of taro and 3 head of cattle from Kahului.

The James Makee brought 1,527 bags of sugar, and 1,379 bags of paddy from Kauai.

The Lehua brought 226 kegs of sugar and 107 bags of sugar from Maui and Molokai.

The C. R. Bishop brought 1,133 bags sugar from Hamakua.

The Mokolii brough 532 bags rice, 122 bags sugar, 21 kegs molasses and 21 bdles from Koolau.

The schooner Waiehu had her bottom cleaned yesterday and painted with copper paint.

The brigantine Consuelo, Captain Cousins, leaves to-day for San Francisco with a cargo of sugar and rice.

When the Hesperian left San Francisco the bark Kalakaua was loading for here.

The Caterina brought 900 bags paddy from Hanalei.

The brig Hesperian, Captain B. G. F. Winding, arrived yesterday. She left San Francisco on the 12th instant. Had calms and light breeze throughout the entire passage. As she arrived in port she was anchored out in the stream below the ship Aberystwith Castle, but was afterwards hauled alongside Brewer's wharf, when the Kilauea Hou left.

The Marion brought 35 cards wood from Nawiliwili.

The barkentine Kilkitat, Captain R. D. Cutler, and the barkentine Kitsap, Captain D. Robinson, arrived Tuesday last, both 28 days from Port Townsend. The Kilkitat for a few days out had rough weather, and the rest of the passage had moderate winds. They are both consigned to H. Hackfeld & Co. The Kitsap is anchored out in the stream, and the Kilkitat at the Likelike wharf.

The schooner Emma brought 572 bags sugar from Heeia.

The General Seigel brought 930 bags rice and paddy from Koolau.

The schooner Caterina was hove down on Wednesday for the purpose of having her rudder repaired.

The bark Kalakaua, Captain F. Miller, arrived here on Wednesday, 15½ days from San Francisco. She left there on the 7th instant, and had pleasant weather throughout the passage. She brought a general cargo of merchandise, with 166 hogs. She is at Brewer's wharf.

The Kawailani brought 400 bags rice and 23 hogs from Koolau.

The Ka Moi brought 1,160 bags sugar from Laupahoehoe.

The Waimanalo brought 400 bags paddy and 150 bags sugar from Waimanalo.

The steamship City of Rio de Janeiro sailed for Hongkong at 4 p.m. on Thursday. She took 32 Chinese from here.

The barkentine Kitsap was hauled alongside Foster's wharf, where she is discharging her lumber.

The brigantine Wm. G. Irwin, Captain H. N. Turner, arrived here Thursday, 11 days from San Francisco. She had strong north northeast winds, excepting the last two days, when she had moderate weather. She was off port on Wednesday evening. She saw a vessel on the night of the 13th instant, and on the following night saw a bark bound to San Francisco.

The new shed at the Likelike wharf is rapidly approaching completion.

The bark Kale has finished discharging. She was removed out out in the stream yesterday.

The barkentine Jane A. Falkinburg, Captain Goodman, sails to-day with a cargo of sugar for San Francisco.

The newly-arrived six oared gig Lilian was out for the first time yesterday evening.

Auction Sales Announced.

TUESDAY, February 5th—Lyons & Levey—Plantation Salmon, at Salesroom.

Phases of the Moon During January, 1884

	D.	H.	M.	
New Moon	27	6	29.8	P. M.

Sun rises to-morrow at 39 min. past 6 o'clock.
Sun sets to-day at 46 min. past 5 o'clock.

THE PACIFIC

Commercial Advertiser.

SATURDAY.....JANUARY 26, 1884

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The following remarks on the steamship rivalry betwixt the Pacific Mail Steamship Company and the Oceanic Steamship Company are taken from the *S. F. Bulletin* of the 15th instant:

It was rumored that the contest between the Oceanic and Pacific Mail Steamship Companies for the Royal privilege of landing Chinese in Hawaii had resulted in the determination on the part of the Pacific Mail to carry freight and passengers to the Islands on the round trip from San Francisco to Hongkong. It was also reported that the Oceanic Steamship Company would place steamers on the China line as a measure of retaliation. These reports, however, if not wholly lacking in truth, are premature. The Rio stops at Honolulu on this outward trip to land two hundred Chinese laborers recently brought to this city from China, but destined for the Islands.

The following account of the origin of the controversy between the two steamship companies may prove interesting to Hawaiian readers. It appears that the Pacific Mail people, through Claus Spreckels, solicited the Hawaiian Government for the privilege of landing Chinese at Honolulu, stipulating that in return they would withdraw the Australian steamers from the Honolulu trade. Mr. Spreckels went to the Islands, but found after reaching there that a small concession had been made through the efforts of the local agent of the Pacific Mail. He laid the matter before the Hawaiian Cabinet and obtained for the Mail Company a larger concession, or privilege to land a great many more coolies from every China steamer.

After a lapse of time it was noted that the Pacific Mail had not withdrawn the Australian steamers according to the alleged agreement. The Mail Company replied that the Hawaiian privilege was secured without the aid of the Oceanic Steamship Company and declined to recall their ships. The representatives of the Oceanic Steamship Company then besought the King and Cabinet for permission to land Chinese and obtained a very liberal concession from the Government. The Mail Company being apprised of their movement complained to the State Department at Washington that the Hawaiian Government had discriminated against them, and there the contest rests. It is said that Secretary Frelinghuysen regards the contest as rivalry between steamship companies and sees no reason to interfere with King Kalakaua's business.

The steamer Alameda brought among other passengers Mr. Maximilian Taubles, who comes to our Islands as the correspondent of the S. F. *Examiner*. Mr. Clarence Greathouse has resumed the management of that excellent newspaper and his outspoken advocacy of the renewal of the Hawaiian treaty, should recommend the *Examiner* to our citizens.

Of all the daily press of San Francisco, the *Examiner* is the only journal which from a sense of justice only, and not for any other consideration, takes the stand that a renewal of the treaty between the United States of America and the Hawaiian Islands is of benefit to the Pacific Coast, and should be the policy of all who are interested in its welfare.

It is a matter for congratulation that the health of Mr. Greathouse, permits his active resumption of the management of the *Examiner* since his friendly attitude towards all interests that are mutual between the Islands and the United States, constitute him a sturdy and honest advocate of any measure which has a tendency to promote the active intercourse between the nations.

In view of the antagonistic course of the S. F. *Chronicle* and the supineness of the other S. F. dailies with regard to the treaty, it is to be hoped that our citizens will give the *Examiner* their hearty support.

The New York *Almanac* for 1884, supplied to the public gratis by Mr. C. O. Berger, agent for the New York Life Insurance Co, is a very superior publication of its kind. It is edited by James M. Hudnut, and published by Theo. L. Vinne & Co. It contains 48 pages of interesting reading matter and useful information, interspersed with elaborate engravings. On the forty-eighth page a concise table is presented, clearly showing the progress of the New York Life Insurance Company during a period of thirty-eight years. The interest received by the company on its investments during thirty-eight years has more than paid its death losses. At the beginning of 1883, the amount of interest due and unpaid was less than three-tenths of one per cent, on the investments of the company—this promptness in payment of interest showing the high character of these investments. These features of its business have been widely noticed by the press as evidence of extraordinary prosperity, and of great skill and energy in management.

The *S. F. News Letter* draws a comparison in the matter of horse racing between the city of Melbourne and the city of San Francisco. It says "The city of Melbourne and the city of San Francisco are about equal in size, and the count of years in the matter of age, is about the same; but in the appreciation of patronage of sport what a contrast they present. On November 3rd last the race for the Melbourne cup was run on the Flemington Course, for which twenty-nine horses started, and was won by Mr. J. White's Martin Henry; the distance is two miles, and the time 3:30¼, the best on record for the Melbourne cup, beating Darriwell's time of 3.30¾, made in 1879. The attendance on this occasion is estimated at 123,000, about one-eighth of the population of the colony of Victoria. During October our racing Association held its Fall meeting, at which the finest stock in California competed, and attracted less than 1,000 persons."

A new first-class cable of the Sunset Telephone Company, on the 9th instant, was laid between San Francisco and Oakland. The Oakland end of the submerged line is at the mole of the Central Pacific Railroad Company. The cable is 15,000 feet long, weighs 18 tons, and has a tensile strength of 40,000 pounds. It contains seven insulated conductors for seven different lines, and is protected by an armor of twelve quarter-inch galvanized wires. Besides the insulating coat of gutta-percha the central conductor is incased in lead to prevent the electric fluid from being carried off by the inductive effect of the electric currents passing through the surrounding wires. This is the largest submarine telephone cable in the United States, and it forms the link that connects San Francisco with the telephone system which branches out from Oakland to remote interior points.

The *American Journal of Science* for the current month contains a lengthy article on "The effect of a warmer climate upon Glaciers" from the pen of Captain C. E. Dutton, a gentleman who recently paid a visit of scientific exploration to these Islands and who is well known to, and warmly remembered by many of our readers. The article is an argument exposing the fallacy of the idea that any great extension of glacial action being dependent on greater precipitation of snow must have been contemporaneous with a warm climate—that is, with a period when the surface of the earth and the atmosphere were warmer than they are now.

Immediately after every race meeting at Kapiolani Park in the month of June, there is a general expression of opinion that a Race Club is an actual necessity. Now is the time to form such a club. There are at the present time, an unusually large number of persons in town who are particularly interested in the breeding and training of good stock, and provided a club was formed for the purpose of carrying out all the details connected with horseracing, in a purely legitimate manner, there is every probability of more thoroughbreds being imported in time for the June races. If such a matter were mooted at the meeting of the Kapiolani Park Association, to be held to-day, it might possibly receive due consideration.

To-morrow is Chinese New Year's day. It is a day for which the Chinese have a great deal of respect. To-day their places of business will close at an early hour, and all who can, will pay their debts before sundown. This rule or custom is strictly carried out amongst themselves, if not with foreigners, but the latter can rest assured if he is indebted to the Celestial, in ever so small a sum, he will be called upon for payment before the day closes. As the Chinese have no Sabbath, or day of rest once in every seven days, they appreciate all the more the only recognized holiday in the year, that is, New Year's day. They are always glad that their friends should call on them on this occasion, and appreciate all the good wishes that can be offered them. We wish our Chinese friends "A happy and prosperous New Year."

Apropos of the stock recently imported into this Kingdom from the Palo Alto Ranch, the following figures show the doings of some of the best colts from the ranch. The records are as follows: Hinda Rose, one year, 2:36¼; Wild Flower, two years, 2:21; Bonita, two years, 2:24¾; Fred Crocker, two years, 2:25¼; Carrie C., two years, 2:27¼; Hinda Rose, three years, 2;19¼; Bonita, four years, 2:18¾; Albert W., four years, 2:22. The *S. F. News Letter* says if Hinda Rose and Bonita should, at four and five years, show the same form, not only the system of breeding at Palo Alto, but the mode of training will be proved to be the best—an ultimatum we sincerely hope."

The Australian team that propose going to England to play a series of cricket matches during the coming summer will probably pass through Honolulu by the next upward Pacific Mail steamer. Our local club can hardly expect them to engage in a contest during the few hours they remain here, but even should their stay be prolonged, the ground at Makiki, does not "offer sufficient inducement" for the professional cricketer to show his skill. Provided our local club had a decent piece of ground on which to play, there might be a probability of our witnessing some of the best cricket the world can show.

The band will give the usual concert this Saturday afternoon in Emma Square commencing at half past four o'clock:

PROGRAMME.

March—Hunting Call ..... Faust
Overture—French Comedy ..... Keler Bela
Chorus—Day of Judgment ..... Schneider
Waltz—Flower Show ..... Coote
Gavotte—Stephanie ..... Gibulka
Cornet Solo—First Kiss ..... Neuman
D. K. NAONE, Assistant Bandmaster.

The thoroughbreds recently purchased by Mr. H. J. Agnew, at ex-Governor Stanford's Palo Alto ranch, comprise a bay filly, sire Wildidle, dam Robin Girl by Enquirer; chestnut colt, sire Hubbard, dam Texana by Foreigner; chestnut filly, sire Monday, dam Abbie W. by Don Victor; bay filly, sire Flood, dam Rivulet by Rivolo; bay colt, sire Wildidle, dam Kate Gift by Lodi; bay filly, sire Shannon, dam Cuba by Imperial Australian; bay colt, sire Wildidle, dam Montana by Harry of the West. All of these magnificent animals have been safely landed ex brig Wm. G. Irwin.

The Supreme Court sit to-day for the purpose of hearing Divorce cases. On Monday the Court will sit in Banco to hear the arguments of counsel in the case of the President of the Board of Health vs. the S. S. Madras. On Tuesday the case of Mokuhia vs. W. McCandless, and on Wednesday, Rex vs. Owen Holt, Jr.

Messrs. A. W. Richardson & Co. are once more on their old stand, but in a new building. The superiority of their furnishing goods is an old established fact in this city, and their present opportunities for display, permit of samples of all their goods being inspected. Their new establishment is an ornament to the city.

The Board of Management of the Royal Hawaiian Agricultural Society met last evening and got through a large amount of work. The programme of the next Annual Show was completed and will shortly be published. The site selected at the last meeting not being available, another was chosen which, if secured, will be found very acceptable, both to exhibitors and the public.

Mr. H. J. Agnew arrived on Tuesday last. While in the States he purchased seven thoroughbreds from Governor Stanford's Palo Alto ranch. Among them is a filly and two bay colts sired by Wildidle. Mr. Agnew is a reputed judge of horseflesh and his purchases will no doubt be a valuable addition to the stock at present in this Kingdom.

By the S. S. Alameda several old residents returned to their homes, and many new arrivals are welcomed. The names of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Macfarlane, Mrs. H. A. Parmalee and daughter, Mr. H. J. Agnew, Mr. J. K. Porter and Mr. H. J. Insel appear in the passenger list.

Last Tuesday, the Honorable James Keau harangued his Honolulu constituents in front of the *Pae Aina* office. His eloquence and his hilarity pleased his listeners. He was led on to give this address by his opponent in politics, Mr. J. U. Kawainui, whom he eclipsed in logic, rhetoric and oratory.

The S. S. Zealandia was advertised to leave San Francisco on Friday last for Honolulu. She is due to-day, the 26th instant. This will make three first-class ocean steamers leaving San Francisco for the Hawaiian Islands within one week, an unprecedented fact in the maritime history of this Kingdom.

The P. M. S. S. Rio de Janeiro was passed by the S. S. Alameda on the 16th instant bound to Honolulu. The Rio de Janeiro left San Francisco three hours before the Alameda, and arrived twenty-three hours after her. She proceeded to Hongkong direct on Thursday.

At Fort street Church, Sunday, Mr. Cruzan will take for his morning theme, "God Found Unsought," and for the evening "The pleasures of Sin," a sermon especially for young people, though a cordial invitation is extended to all classes.

The "Windsor" restaurant opens to-day. Persons, whose business engagements are in the lower part of the city, will once more be able to obtain a good meal, without the loss of time in looking for it in other parts of the town.

The barkentine Jane A. Falkinburg sails to-day, and it is expected that this will be her last trip to the Islands. It is expected that she will change hands on her return to San Francisco.

Instead of preaching services at the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, there will hereafter be held a Young Men's Meeting at 3:30 o'clock at same place.

The *S. F. Merchant* says that although the *Chronicle* is very happy over the Huntington letters, it can always spare a little space for a few lies about the Hawaiian treaty.

Mr. P. McInery will make his display of candies of home manufacture to-day. He will be glad to receive the patronage of all the young folks in the town.

The O. P. M. B. is still at the corner of Fort and Merchant streets, and its motto of "small profits and quick returns" is a certain inducement to ensure the patronage of the mechanic.

The revenue for the inter-island postal money order business of the United States for 1832 was $99,923 29.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of Kapiolani Park Association will be held at the Armory this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The S. S. Zealandia may be looked for to-day with dates to the 19th instant.

New moon to-morrow at 6:30 P. M.

The play of "East Lynne" on Saturday night last was not a success. The beneficiaire, Miss Louise Beaudet, did her utmost to please; but it is all but impossible for one actor or actress to carry their audience with them through a three-act piece. Those amongst the audience who did not know the plot of "East Lynne" failed to gain any clue to it as represented on Saturday evening. Miss Beaudet did her best, but the question was repeatedly asked, where was Herr Landmann? He was certainly not where he ought to have been, and consequently the piece fell flat. Another and very material feature was the working, or, rather, the mismanagement of the drop scene between the acts. The guardian of the curtain did "those things he ought not to have done, and left undone those things he ought to have done." The effect was ludicrous in several instances, more especially in the death scene, so much so as to excite the risibility of the audience when they ought to have been moved to tears. Passing from the misrepresentation of "East Lynne" to the second part of the entertainment, or more properly speaking, performance, Miss Beaudet did not acquit herself as creditably as on previous occasions; but in fairness to this accomplished young lady, it was probably due to the accompanyist, and no fault of hers. In the last piece Mr. Bandmann appeared, but as it was a repetition of what everybody had seen only a few nights previously, numbers left the house before and during the play. The theatre was filled to its utmost, in addition to which, many who took tickets did not attend. It was anticipated that a better performance would have been furnished in return for the liberal support that the company has received during their short stay. Had Mr. Bandmann wound up with "Narcisse" last he would have left a favorable impression on his Honolulu audiences. In saying this we but re-echo innumerable remarks reachingus from all quarters.

The Pastoral letter and organization of the Fort street Church for Christian activities has been circulated, the Pastor at the outset of his letter stating that his recent sickness had delayed its preparation. The officers for the year are John A. Cruzan Pastor; W. W. Hall, Clerk and Treasurer; Deacons A. W. Pierce, J. M. Whitney, A. F. Judd, W. W. Hall. Standing Committee, Pastor and Deacons. P. C. Jones, Jr., J. T. Waterhouse, Jr. The Pastor's letter contains a series of suggestions which ought to encourage the Christian worker. The Christian activities are divided under six heads, viz.: (1) Department of Aggresive Work; (2) Department of Social Work, (3) Department of Temperance; (4) Department of Missions; (5) Church Building Committee, and (6) Sunday School Department. The first named is subdivided under four headings, viz.: "Sunday Evening Service" Committee, and Committee on "Invitations" to same; "Y.M.C.A. Afternoon service," and "Neighborhood Meetings" Committees. The department of Social Work comprises the "Church Sociables and Benevolent Work" Committee, the "Welcome" and the "Care of Sick and Aged" Committees. The Church Building Committee has a special committee for decorations and also one for the care of the Church. The Sunday School comprises twenty-six teachers, twenty substitute teachers and nine helpers.

As stated by us last week, Mr. Joseph M. Poepoe has been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of this Kingdom, having passed a most satisfactory examination before the full Bench. Mr. Poepoe has been for some time past a practitioner in the lower courts of the Kingdom and has also been engaged as principal assistant to Mr. John Russell, for the last two years and over, who speaks highly of his application and zeal in the performance of his professional duties. His admission to the Bar of the Supreme Court is an additional accession to the native membership of that Bar, and we doubt not that he will distinguish himself in the future. In addition to his knowledge of law, Mr. Poepoe is a most skillful translator, as has been tested on various occasions. We bespeak for him a successful career and trust that other Hawaiians will endeavor to emulate his example. He still remains with Mr. Russell whom he will continue to assist in his professional duties.

Signor Umberto Crispini, a professional musician, arrived on Tuesday per S. S. Alameda. This artist is making a tour of the world, and judging from the critiques he carries with him, his musical talent is of a high order. The instruments on which he performs comprise the violin; xylophone and verrophon. Signor Crispini purposes giving a few concerts during his stay in this city, and should sufficient inducement offer he may make Honolulu his place of residence for several months. He is prepared to give instructions on the guitar, violin, and other stringed instruments, also on cornet and other brass instruments. Signor Crispini can be addressed at Messrs. Lycan & Co's Music store.

The P. M. S. S. Rio de Janeiro, 2,275 tons, arrived last Wednesday morning from San Francisco, and anchored outside the reef. She brought for this port 255 Chinese passengers. There was one death during the passage. The Port Physician, Dr. Parker reports that he finds no contagion or infectious disease on board and he has, as instructed, ordered the males to be landed at the Quarantine Station on the reef, and the women and children to be brought to Honolulu, where they will remain under his surveillance. The whole of them were let out of quarantine on Friday morning, and will be able to join in the festivities of the Chinese New Year.

As our statement that the S. S. Zealandia would be due on Friday appears to be doubted in certain quarters, we give, as our authority, the advertisement of the P. M. S. S. Co. in the