Royal Courtesies.

On 23rd ult., his Majesty the King went on board H. S. M. S. Vanadis to return the call of H. R. H. Prince Oscar, the second son of the King of Sweden. Major Purvis and Col. Iaukea and Mr. Schmidt, the Consul, were in attendance.

The barge of the Vanadis left the wharf punctually at 12, under the salute of 21 guns.

His Majesty was received on board by Commodore Lagerberg and officers. The yards were manned, and on His Majesty setting foot on deck he was greeted by three cheers from the ship's company, and a royal salute from guard and band playing the national anthem.

It may be of interest to our readers that the Vanadis only carries five musicians in the band, but they are each perfect masters of their art. Admiral Lyons of H. M. S. Swiftsure, who, when on board a few nights ago, was surprised, when listening to the latest operatic airs so well discoursed, that a full band was not in attendance.

His Majesty was conducted around the lower decks of the ship, and inspected the guns and scientific apparatus with which she is fitted up.

On leaving the Vanadis, the yards were again manned, the crew cheering, and a royal salute fired. H. B. M. S. Mutine, lying alongside, manned yards at the same time as the Vanadis, and on the King's passing, gave him also three cheers.

There is a custom peculiar to Sweden to receive royalty with three cheers.

For an Admiral, or an officer of equal grade, two cheers are given.

The Reception to Prince Oscar.

Mr. Schmidt, Acting-Consul for Norway and Sweden, and Mrs. Schmidt, gave a reception and dance, last Wednesday evening, to H. R. H. Prince Oscar and officers of the Vanadis. It was one of the most magnificent, enjoyable and elegant affairs ever given in Honolulu.

A large *lanai* was erected at the right of and adjoining the house, and from the large bow window one obtained a beautiful view of the dancing hall. The grounds were brilliantly illuminated with countless Japanese lanterns, hung in rows, and festoons that were beautiful in effect. The *lanai* was draped in flags, with very striking decorations of swords in cirles and stars, with the coat-of-arms of Norway and Sweden at either end of the room. The house was ablaze with light and color, the music was good, of course, as Berger always is, and the floor, though laid so recently, was perfect.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt are perfect in the art of entertaining.

The reception lasted from eight o'clock till ten during which time the guests were presented to His Royal Highness, who returned each salutation with princely grace.

His Majesty the King, all the Ministry, and all high officials of note were present, and the many orders and decorations added to their distinguished appearance.

H. R. H. the Prince is a young man, tall, soldierly and dignified, with very elegant manners. He is a blond, as, indeed, are most of his officers, and as they assembled in full navy evening dress, they formed a very handsome and striking company.

The Royal Quadrille opened the ball; among those who participated were: His Majesty the King and Mrs. Schmidt, H. R. H. Prince Oscar and H. R. H. Princess Liliuokalani, His Ex. Gov. Dominss and Mrs. Wodehouse, Capt. Lagerberg and H. R. H. Princess Likelike, Mr. Schmidt and Mrs. Austin, Mons. Feer, and Mrs. Paul Neumann.

The refreshment and supper served during the evening were in keeping with the magnificence and style of the whole affair, and were of the best. Some of the toilettes worn on the occasion were very rich and elegant, and looked particularly well relieved by the many colored flags, and handsome uniforms of the navy officers.

Among those present were—His Majesty the King, Her Majesty Dowager Queen Emma, H R H Prince Oscar, H R H Princess Liliuokalani, His Ex Gov Dominis, H R H Princess Likelike, Hon A S Cleghorn, Commodore O Lagerberg, and officers of the Vanadis, His Ex Walter M Gibson, His Ex Rollin M Daggett and Mrs Daggett, His Ex Chas T Gullick and Mrs Gulick, His Ex Paul Neumann and Mrs Neumann, Chief Justice Judd and Mrs Judd, Judge Austin and Mrs Austin, Hon C R Bishop, Hon J Mott Smith, Senhor and Senora Canavarro, Mons and Madame Feer and the Misses Feer, Chamberlain Col C H Judd, Major Purvis, Hon H A Widemann and Miss Widemann, Dr Trousseau, Consul General R W Irwin, Major Wodehouse and Mrs Wodehouse, Mr and Mrs Glade, Mr and Mrs Pfluger, Mr and Mrs M M Scott, Mr and Mrs Bruce Cartwright, Madame Zeilska, Mr and Mrs Grinbaum, Dr and Mrs Grew, Mr and Mrs Hendry, Mr and Miss Winter, Mr and Mrs J D Strong, Miss Vina Green, Miss Cotta Mist and Miss Dora Dowsett, the Misses Coney, the Misses Cleghorn, Mr and Mrs J G Spencer, Dr Arning, Hon Sam Parker, Hon Geo Macfarlane, W G Irwin and many others.

The Palace Garden Party.

The Palace Garden Party, or Royal Fair, held in the Palace grounds under the auspices of Her Majesty Queen Kapiolani, was a success, not only as a pleasant social gathering, but also as a financial speculation. The ladies who had kindly volunteered their services on this charitable occasion, manifested a spirit of rivalry in the matter of disposing of their wares, which, with the assistance of Mr. A. L. Smith, the indefatigable money-taker at the gate, resulted in their amassing a gross sum of $2,295.85. This amonnt has been actually received by the treasurer. Mr. W. W. Hall, and he is informed by Her Majesty that some further cash donations may be looked for in the future. In addition to the various booths where money could be disposed of *ad libitum*, the Palace was thrown open for public inspection, which was of itself a treat to many who have not had a previous opportunity of inspecting the building. The band played throughout the afternoon and evening, and added materially to the gaiety and enjoyment of the occasion.

The receipts at the gate were $418.30; fancy table, $514.30, presided over by Mrs. J. S. McGrew, assisted by Mrs. Judd; squash flowers, $88.85, disposed of by Hawaiian ladies, whose handiwork they were. Ice cream realised $160.40, and was disposed of by Mrs. P. C. Jones, Jr. As a fortune-teller Mrs. J. D. Strong netted $35.25; Mrs. C. O. Berger realised $151.30 at the flower table; whilst at the lemonade table Mrs. A. B. Hayley was the recipient of $93. Mrs. R. F. Bickerton's 25-cent table had $68 to its credit, and Mrs. H. R. Macfarlane sold refreshments to the extent of $96.75. The Hawaiian dinner table was presided over by the genial Hon. J. A. Cummins, and he was rewarded with $167 for his trouble. Mr. Henry Waterhouse engaged in the profession of auctioneer, and "knocked down" $289.70. Cash donations were also received to the amount of $218. The total expenses will not amount to $100, leaving over $2,200 to the credit of the fund. Her Majesty is to be congratulated on the success of her thoughtful and charitable undertaking.

Mr. Henry Heyman's Concert.

Saturday evening, June 21st, a large and fashionable gathering assembled at the Music Hall to hear a violin recital by California's favorite artist, Henry Heyman, and indeed such music is a rare treat, and seemed to be thoroughly appreciated.

Mr. Heyman is absolutely without mannerism, and combines in his playing all that is best of the German and French *technique*. With him there is no clap trap, no straining after effect, but in its stead a full large tone and pure artistic harmony.

Mr. Heyman's bowing is extremely graceful and elegant, his stage presence perfect.

His versatility is something wonderful, from the light and sparkling *Idylle* or mazurka to a tender and pure *berceuse* or *reverie* he is equally intelligent and sympathetic.

Indeed Mr. Heyman's playing is well expressed by the word intelligent, and he uses execution as the means and not the aim by which he gains such wonderful effects.

Miss Castle's accompaniment was admirable and Mr. Heyman must feel grateful to her for an able assistant. This lady is an excellent pianiste and her playing throughout was a most material aid to the concert.

The vocal pieces by Miss Lachman were well rendered, and frequently *encored*, and that she was a favorite with the audience was shown by the numerous testimonials in the way of way of flowers and *leis*.

Mr. Heyman also received some floral tributes from admirers among the audience.

Mr. Hasselman sang in a fine baritone, and his *non-e-ver* was rich, pure, and full of feeling.

On the whole the concert was a success, and we hope that Mr. Heyman will feel encouraged to visit us again, and bring some more talent in the musical line.

Among the familiar faces in the audience were, His Excellency Minister Gibson, His Excellency Paul Neumann Mr. and Mrs. Sandford Dole, Mrs. Deane, Mons. and Madame Feer, the Misses Feer, Mr. W. G, Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. G. Spencer, Mr. Sam Parker and many others.

Saturday's Concert.

The dramatic and musical entertainment at the Music Hall, Saturday evening in aid of the leper fund, drew a large and fashionable audience. The first selection on the programme was a chorus by Schumann which was agreeably rendered. Mr. Heyman followed with a violin solo, and played with his usual grace and expression. The violinist was succeeded by Mrs. J. D. Spreckels who sang "Heaven has Shed a Tear" by Kucken. Mrs. Spreckels is gifted with a voice of rare excellence. Her upper notes are clear and her voice possesses that sympathetic quality without which the highest cultivation does not please. Her second song the "Carnival of Venice" was still more exquisitely given and won for the lady an enthusiastic encore. Mrs. Grinbaum's piano solo, by Weber, was brilliantly executed; and Mr. D. W. C. Nesfield followed with a song, and for an encore gave "Am Meer." Mr. Nesfield has a fine baritone voice, well cultivated and sang with much expression. His piano accompaniment to Mrs. Spreckel's singing was admirable. The musical part of the entertainment closed with a violin solo "Reverie" which was delightfully given.

In the comdietta, "Cut off with a shilling," Mrs. Hayley took the part of "Kitty Gaythorne," and sustained it with grace and *chic*, losing none of the clever points in the dialogue, which, from its extreme length demands spirited acting to save it from tediousness. Mr. E. W. Purvis played the nonchalant young husband well, and Mr. F. M. Swanzy's "Colonel Berner's" was a capital piece of character acting. It is net too much to say of this gentleman's rendition of the irascible old uncle, that it would be creditable to any professional comedian, and had not a trace of the amateurist quality. Indeed we cannot conceive the piece better played throughout, and its lack of incident, its dependance upon a single absurd blunder which is drawn to the finest extreme, makes it no easy task for any three persons to keep the interest of the audience sustained to the end.

News from the Essex.

A private letter from Dr. Ruth of the Essex gives more interesting particulars of their very romantic voyage of rescue.

An American ship went to pieces on the reef of Wjal, an island about half-way between here and Japan. Her people sought and obtained shelter and food on a little island about a mile in diameter. The place is called on the maps Wjal or Catherine Island.

There were twenty-eight people in all, and the gallant doctor particularly describes "a little Maine girl, a bride of a few months," who was accompanying her husband, the Second Mate, on a trip around the world.

Well, the natives took care of the cast-aways, and for a bit of romance, the King fell in love with the bride, who was only twenty, and a pretty little blonde. He wanted to marry her, in regular Grand Turk and harem style, and was only bought off with the promise of *two* charmers equally pretty, fresh and appetizing.

Our naval hero boldly adds: "The old chap had not half bad taste. Had I been King, I would have chopped off the head of Mr. 2nd Mate, and taken the bride all to my own cheek."

They picked up the party three months and ten days after the wreck. They had been living on cocoanut milk, taro, bread fruit and flying fish, and were as stout and hearty as these lucious articles of diet could make them.

He says the little woman really seemed loth to leave her island paradise. She roamed about in a *holoku*, corsets did not bother her, and hair-pins were of no use. However she recovered her spirits on shipboard, as well she might, with Ruth and York to do the agreeable, with Bevington to wait upon her, and Dunn to enliven the flying hours with his guitar and inimitable songs; though the writer naively adds that the husband seemed rather depressed.

The Essex has the Homeward Bound pennant ready, which will be broken as soon as the order is officially in the hands of the skipper.

They expect to be in New York by the 15th of November, going via Suez Canal, and stopping at various Italian ports on the Mediterranean.

On the occasion of the marriage of the Librarian, Miss Annie Woodward, which took place last Tuesday the subscribers of the library collected a purse of seventy dollars as an expression of their appreciation of her faithful and efficient services. Mrs. McGrew and Mrs. Hagan were delegated to make suitable purchases, and selected, with great taste, the following articles: Handsome china dinner and tea set, one-half dozen solid silver spoons and forks, and a tiger-claw breast-pin mounted with gold.

The Assault on Minister Gibson.

An unfortunate incident occurred Saturday afternoon outside the Government building after the adjournment of the Legislature. Minister Gibson and Mr. Heury Waterhouse were passing out with the crowd, and Mr. Gibson remarked in a jocular tone to Mr. Waterhouse, "Well, Henry, you've lost your cause, and you've your lost money." Mr. Waterhouse fired up at this and asked hotly, "Do you mean to say, sir, that I have been spending money on any one?" "Well," rejoined Mr. Gibson, "you seem very sensitive about it." At this Mr. Waterhouse walked away, and Mr. J. T. Waterhouse, Sr., approached Mr. Gibson hurriedly, and shaking his stick at the Minister, said, "You're a rogue, sir, you've been carrying on this Government in a rascally manner." Mr. Gibson then extended his hand, expecting an assault, and said, "Keep that stick down and then I'll talk to you." At this juncture Mr. Henry Waterhouse rushed up, and gave Mr. Gibson a violent push which brought that gentleman to his knees. The bystanders rushed in, and the affair terminated. While Mr. Henry Waterhouse has been condemned for his violence towards a man so much his senior, the excitement of the moment must be some apology for his hasty and unfortunate action.

Accident to the Leipsig.

The handsome man-of-war Leipsig, on whose deck we have danced so gaily, and whose gallant and charming officers are so well remembered here, had a serious accident quite lately which came near sending her to the bottom.

They had stopped for a while among the Sulu Archipelago, a strange, half-civilized place, where post offices and mail steamers are institutions unknown to the natives.

She received an order to go from the Sulu Islands by North Borneo to Macassar and Bolivia. The south-east part of Borneo is full of reefs, and the Leipsig found one—by running into it. The ship, though dangerously damaged, managed to keep afloat, and reach Singapore, when she was, at last accounts, on the dock awaiting repairs.

She intends leaving as soon as able for "the dear home" by way of the Cape of Good Hope, and reach Germany some time in September.

A Great Ocean Race.

The City of Paris, now lying at our wharves, had at one time a great ocean race with the Cunard steamer Russia. Both left New York on the same day, and within a short time of each other. On the 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th of that month both vessels were in company:

On the 18th, by the Russia's log, she passed the City of Paris, and, though the fact is not logged, it is stated by passengers that the Russia had afterwards to stop her engines for an hour and a half in order to remove the cover of the air pump, and to renew the indiarubber of a valve. The following are the times of departure and arrival according to the respective logs. Owing to the Russia's log not giving the hour of passing Sandy Hook, the times of both are taken from New York. The gross time is given without deducting difference of longitude, which is about 4 hours 20 minutes.

	Day	hrs	min
Russia left New York Feb. 10, at 2.40 p.m.; arrived at Queenstown Feb. 19, at 10.45 a.m.	8	20	5
City of Paris left New York Feb. 10, at 1.35 p.m.; arrived at Queenstown Feb. 19 at 8.58 a.m.	8	19	23
City of Paris left Queenstown Feb. 19 at 9.18 a.m.; arrived at Liverpool Feb. 20 at 3.45 a.m.	0	18	27
Russia left Queenstown Feb. 19 at 11.8 a.m.; arrived at Liverpool Feb. 20 at 4.20 a.m.	0	17	12

It will be seen by these figures that at Queenstown the City of Paris had gained 42 minutes on the Russia, but that coming up the Channel the Russia recovered her lost ground.

Italian Corvette "Vettor Pisani."

The *Vettor Pisani*, Captain Giuseppe Palumbo, arrived in port Sunday afternoon, 41 days from Callao. She had fine weather the entire passage. The *Vettor Pisani* is a wooden vessel of 1500 tons burden. Her engines are 300 horse-power, and she steams 9 knots. She carries 248 men, 14 guns, ten 12-centimetres, and four 8-centimetres. The following is a list of her officers:

Captain—Giuseppe Palumbo.
1st Lieutenant—Buggero Caniglia.
2nd Lieutenant—Enrico Serra.
Lieutenant—Gaetano Chierchia.
" Casare Marcacci.
" Clemente Bellatarre.
" Ginlio Bertolini.
" Francesco Rossoni.
1st Surgeon—Filippo Milone.
2nd " Antonio Boccolari.
Paymaster—Francisco Chrozzi
Chief Engineer—Carlo Duppaldi.
Midshipman—Rioberto Pandolini.
" Riccardo Pericoli.
" Paolo Parenti.
" Umberto Cagni.

H. S. M. Ship Vanadis.

The Swedish frigate Vanadis arrived in port Friday the 20th ult., 18 days from Tahiti. She experienced fine weather all the way through. She left Carlskrona, Sweden, on the 3rd of December, 1883. She will remain in port till the 7th of July, when she will proceed for Yokohama, Shanghai and Canton, and will afterwards proceed homeward, by way of the Suez Canal. The Vanadis is a wooden vessel of 2,130 tons burden, with an engine of 1400 horse-power, making a speed of 12 knots. She has 2 anti-torpedo guns, 6 17-centimetre guns and 8 6½-inch (Swede) guns; total, 16. She carries 323 men, including officers.

The following is a list of her officers:

Commodore—O. Lagerberg.
Commander—H. Klineberg.
Navigating-Commander—R. Nissen.
Officer Lieutenants—H. R. H. Prince Oskar, Duke of Gottland; N. Sundstrom, Aid-de-Camp to H. R. H; F. Carlsson, W. Dyrssen, G. Sagercratz, C. E. Ulff, U. Broman. S. Natt och Dag, F. Peyren, H. Von Krusenstierna, H. Lindman, G. af Ugglas.
1st Doctor—C. Rudberg.
2nd Doctor—O. Holmer.
Paymaster—Lagerholm.
Consulate Instructor—H. Ehrenborg.
Chaplain—Rev. T. Kiellman-Goransson.
Meteorologist—Dr. G. Fineman.
Ethnographist—Dr. H. Stolsse.

Captain Thomas Spencer.

At 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, Captain Thomas Spencer, at the age of 72 years, passed peacefully away. Few men were better known on these islands than the subject of this brief sketch. Captain Spencer came here in command of a whaling vessel about 1849, and entered in the ship chandlery business, locating on Queen street on the lot now occupied by Mr. A. W. Pierce & Co. For many years his place was the rendezvous of all the whaling captains who came to this port. After making an independent fortune in this business, Captain Spencer moved to Hilo, and bought out a store then occupied by Mr. Benjamin Pitman. He next transferred his attentions to sugar planting, but this proved a disastrous move, and he never received any return from his investment. He filled the position of United States Commercial Agent at Hilo, which he held to the day of his death. Captain Spencer was a native of Rhode Island, and that patriotic little state never gave birth to more devoted lover of the Stars and Stripes. His dying request was that he be wrapped in the flag he loved so well, a wish complied with by his sorrowing and devoted friends. His reputation for open-handed generosity and hospitality was unbounded. He has entertained princes, dukes and plebians, and all found a hearty welcome at Captain Tom's board. During his last illness he bore up bravely, never once showing the least fear of death. His honesty was of the most sterling character, and Captain Spencer's word was his bond in all commercial transactions. He loved Hawaii, and was a devoted friend to His Majesty, an affection his Sovereign returned, visiting his old friend frequently during his last illness. Her Majesty the Queen was also much attached to Captain Tom, and paid him several visits while he lay on his death bed. His name will long be remembered in Hawaii as one who had the strongest affection for his people. His charity knew no bounds; no deserving case of distress ever came to his notice that he did not immediately relieve. Mr. Frank Spencer of Hawaii nursed Captain Tom during his last illness with the most devoted care, sitting up with him night after night, and satisfying every want of his dying friend. Though of the same name, there was no tie of blood between them, nothing but the bond of a life long friendship.

THE FUNERAL

took place Sunday afternoon fro[illegible] Hawaiian Hotel, the Rev. J. A. C[illegible] the officiating there, and also at the [illegible]ruzan grave. The coffin was placed in the par[illegible] where numerous friends of the decea[illegible]ed to do honor to the dead[illegible] those present were Their M[illegible]ngst King and Queen, His Ex. G[illegible]y's ministers, Hon. A. S. Cleghorn, [illegible] Minister, His Ex. Rollin [illegible] Majesty's Consul McKinley, Hon. [illegible] Daggett, Hon. J. A. Cummins, Fra[illegible] S. Walker, Hon. G. W. Macfarlane, H[illegible]nk Spencer, [illegible]lane, Hon. H. M. Whitney, [illegible]enry Macfarlane, P. C. Jones, Jr., A. J. Ca[illegible] J. H. Paty, Sam Parker, W. G. Irwin, [illegible]twright, Hon. Chief Justice Judd, Associate [illegible] W. Laine, Cully, Hon. W. C. Parke, F. [illegible] Justice McKinley, Hon. C. H. Judd, J. A. Hopper, [illegible] Schaefer, H. W. Schmidt and many oth[illegible] O. Carter, [illegible]ing several ladies. [illegible]rs, including

Numerous wreaths and ga[illegible] flowers were placed on the co[illegible]ands of [illegible] was covered with the stars and [illegible] which the deceased's dear native land, [illegible]ripes of [illegible] impressive and earnest prayer by [illegible] After an [illegible]e pas-