COMMERCIAL.

HONOLULU, DEC. 29, 1868.

This being our last issue of the year, we will briefly review the commercial matters of the past twelve months. In doing so we merely refer to the leading articles of our trade, and we think we may congratulate ourselves on a fair amount of prosperity attending our commercial and agricultural pursuits, and with perhaps one exception, none of our leading enterprises have in any way suffered or proved unsuccessful to their projectors.

Our market has been well supplied with the usual assortment of merchandise from Europe, the United States and China. Our stocks of dry goods are heavy, especially cottons, prints and clothing. Of the latter we think the market greatly overstocked, and much of the former is the importation of former years, and will have to be sacrificed to meet the times.

The steam line between this port and San Francisco has given an impetus to trade between the two ports, especially so in importations. The certainty of short passages and the low rate of freight have induced parties to speculate somewhat on our market, which being so very limited, soon convinces those with extreme views that our country is small and our wants moderate.

The whaling fleet which has visited our port this season have had reason to congratulate themselves on the low prices which have ruled for provisions, money and outfits generally. Those who have relied entirely on this market to supply their wants have saved money by it; and with California at our door, we need never apprehend any scarcity of the leading articles, or speculations in high prices.

General Merchandise.

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, etc are not in request just at this time, with perhaps the exception of some new styles of prints. Cotton duck is in some demand, No. 1, 58c., No. 2, 55.

COAL OIL.—There is over one year's consumption now in market, jobbing at 48@50c. for Downer's.

MATCHES.—Market overstocked and bring in the auction rooms 75@80c. for Boston card.

CORDAGE.—The market is well supplied with Manila cordage, which is held in round lots at 18c.

PAINTS AND OIL.—Stock large, and considerable on the way; White Lead in jobbing lots, 12c.; boiled linseed oil in drums, $1 40@$1 50.

PROVISIONS.—Our market is well supplied with beef, pork and hams. Free sales of Eastern beef have been made at $18, and pork at $19.

MALT LIQUORS.—The stock of ale and porter of all kinds in the market is very large, and is freely offered at auction at prices ranging from $1 50 to $2 50 per dozen.

SALMON is in fair demand, and the quantity on hand at this time is less than it has been for some years, chiefly Russian Red, which is held at $10.

LUMBER.—The market has been well supplied with N. W. throughout the year; cargo prices $26@$27. Redwood, which has come into use very much of late, is scarce and in demand.

NAILS.—Stock heavy and held at $6@$7, according to assortment.

California Produce.

FLOUR.—Throughout the earlier part of the year the stock was large, and was forced on the market at less than cost and charges. The past few months the demand has been fair, but generally sold at cost, freight and charges, owing to the fact that a large portion brought hither is on vessel's account, purchasers to give the vessel return cargo, held at $8@$9 for extra, and $7 50@$8 for superfine.

BREAD.—For the greater part of the year the market has been glutted with California bread, and there have been large losses in consequence of its being stored and damaged by weevil. The ruling prices for the Fall season have been 6@7c. for pilot, and 5@6 for navy and medium.

OATS.—The consumption of oats this year has been less than usual, owing to the high prices, and our market has been well supplied with bran, chiefly from Oregon. It is expected that next year we shall get the greater part of our feed from Oregon direct. Oats are selling at 2½c., and Bran, owing to a scarcity, at 2c.

POTATOES.—Our market has been fully supplied this season with California and Vancouver's Island potatoes. The latter are very superior, and have found ready sale at 2¼@2½c., while Humboldt and California potatoes have been selling at 1½@2, and large quantities on hand, which are being passed through the auction rooms at mere nominal figures.

Island Produce.

SUGAR.—The early part of the year, while the bulk of the sugar crop was coming in, the prices ruled in San Francisco at 10@11½c. for No. 1, and during the latter part prices have advanced to 12½@14½c., the latter figures for choice. Sales made in this market are governed entirely by San Francisco quotations; the quantity disposed of here, however, is confined chiefly to the requirements of British Columbia. It will be seen by the exports that our last crop fell something short of the previous year, and we doubt if this one will be any larger.

MOLASSES.—San Francisco and British Columbia are our only markets for this article that are available to us, hence the stoppage of the distilleries in California for the past six months has affected this article very materially, and there is no demand either here or there at this time. The prices have ranged, except at times when orders were being filled for Victoria, at 12@14c., according to quality and containers.

COFFEE.—The bulk of our coffee is raised in the district of Kona, Hawaii, where the climate is so well adapted to its cultivation, and for some years back the price has been remunerative to the producer, but the low price in other countries for some time past has seemingly affected our market. Our local consumption is small, and the high duties in the United States preclude our shipping to California, our former market, with the view of realizing a living price. There appears to be a large quantity in the market at this time. The greater part now being forced on the market is of this year's crop, collected by small traders without regard to quality and condition, and is freely offered at 10@11c., while one or two known brands of old and selected is held a 14@15c.

PULU.—Bad weather and a scarcity of labor have affected the production of this article very much of late. The demand in California appears to have fallen off somewhat of late years, although the price remains high, as we see it quoted. We believe the greater part is shipped on producers' account.

FUNGUS.—The greater part of this article is collected for shipment to China, and rules at 11@12c.

HIDES.—A large number of the hides are purchased green for the California market, at prices ranging from $2 50 to $3 25, which at the latter price would amount to over 12c. per ℔ for dry, and bring less trouble and expense; few care to trouble with the latter at 8c.

SKINS.—The ruling price for goat skins for the past two years has been 30@35c. a piece; of late, however, owing to several parties being in the market, the price has advanced to 28c. for average lots.

RICE.—The advance in San Francisco has been the means of a large portion of this year's crop of paddy having been shipped thither, and we understand there is barely enough on hand to supply the local demand until the next crop comes in. The Punaluu Rice Co. are the only parties who are manufacturing in any quantity, and they hold Coolie No. 3 at 4½@5c., and No. 1 polished at 7@8.

WOOL is purchased entirely for the Hamburg and Bremen markets, some of which is of superior quality, and may be quoted at 13@14c.; fair to middling grades, 10@12c.

FREIGHT.—Owing to the reports from the whaling fleet in July and August last, induced those who had formerly provided tonnage for the freighting of oil to the United States to abandon the idea for this season, and they were not therefore prepared to furnish vessels on the arrival of the ships from the North; in consequence the rates, 12c. for oil and 2c. for bone, in currency, are higher than they are likely to be again for some years. To San Francisco the rate is $6 per ton by steamer and $5 by sailing vessels, and there is not much fear of its advancing above that rate for some time, as there are two steamers and four sailing vessels now on the route.

EXCHANGE.—The whalemen's drafts have all been drawn payable in gold this year, the rate being from 2½ to 3 per cent; some little has been taken at par, in consideration of trade and sight exchange on San Francisco. Through the Fall season it has ruled at 1 per cent discount.

OIL MARKET.—Sales of Polar have been made at 50c., for shipment to Europe.

IVORY.—Walrus teeth have brought 50c.

The British brig Robert Cowan sailed on Saturday for Victoria, V. I., with part of a cargo of sugar and and molasses.

The Idaho sailed promptly on Saturday at 5 P. M., with over half a cargo and a few passenger.

The British bark Archus, 36 days from Sydney, is at anchor outside, and will sail for San Francisco to-morrow.

The bark Comet will be due in all this week.

The ship Robert L. Lane, which has been so long in our harbor, has nearly completed her loading, and will sail for New Bedford about the 2d proximo. She will carry some 9300 barrels of oil.

PASSENGERS.

For San Francisco, per Idaho, Dec 28.—Mr McCullough, M Louisson, Capt Hogemann, A B Marks, N L Mokae, W H Stevens, Mrs G Hughes, D Treanor, Ahyong and boy, J Georgle, T Lechanoff, A Kurtz, C Bochoe, N Lechanoff, A Campbell, H Winther, Katekicka, Siekijucka, Tamda Sinanche.

PORT OF HONOLULU.

ARRIVED.

Dec. 24—Schr Kamoi, from Maui.
Schr Warwick from Molokai.
Schr Hattie, from Kauai
Schr Kinau, from Maui.
Schr Owana, from Maui.
25—Schr Kate Lee, from Maui.
26—Schr Nettie Merrill, from Kauai.
28—Schr Mary from Kauai.
Schr Mary Ellen, from Maui.
Schr Active, from Maui.
29—Schr Moi Keike from Maui
Schr Kinau, from Maui.
Br bk Archus, Hopkins, 55 days from Sydney, for San Francisco.

CLEARED.

Dec. 22—Am bk J W Seaver, Reany, for S. Fr'isco.
23—Schr Mary Ellen, for Maui.
Shcr Active, for Hawaii.
24—Schr Odd Fellow, for Hawaii.
Schr Kona Packet, for Hawaii.
Schr Rob Roy, for Koolau.
Schr Kinau, for Maui.
Am wh bk James Allen, Willis, to cruise.
Am wh bk Lydia, Hathaway, for home.
Haw wh bk Eagle, Loveland, to cruise.
25—Schr Warwick, for Molokai.
26—Am wh bk Nile, Allen, to cruise
Str Idaho, Floyd, for San Francisco.
Br bg Robt Cowan, Gardner, for Victoria
Am wh bk Concordia, Jones, to cruise.
Am wh sh C Howland, Homan, to cruise.
Schr Kate Lee, for Maui.
Schr Kamoi, for Maui.
Schr Annie, for Hawaii.
Schr Fairy Queen, for Hawaii.
28—Schr Hokulele, for Maui
Schr Lilia, for Koolau
Schr Owana, for Molokai.
Am wh bk Peru, Boos, fo New London.

EXPORTS.

For Bremen, per A. J. Pope, December 16.—

Coffee, bgs	1	Tallow, lbs	11249
Coconut oil, galls	1354	Tea, cs	1
Fur Seal skins, pcs	40153	Walrus ivory, lbs	37413
Furs, cs	1	Whalebone, lbs	85875
Sperm oil, galls	8319	Unspec'd mdse, pkgs	5
Whale oil,	8742	and stores.	

Value Domestic Produce.....$30,580 96
Value Foreign Produce.....124,466 44

IMPORTS.

From Ounalaska, per CONSTANTINE, December 16.—

Sea Otter skins,	236	Walrus teeth,	678

From Papeete, per IONIA, December 17.—

Arrow root, bags	30	Lime juice, bbls	17
Coal, tons	60	Specie, cs	3
Firewood,	—		

From Micronesia, per MORNING STAR, December 17

Cocoanut oil, pkgs	45	Shark liver oil, bbls	1
Curios, shell, etc, pkgs	16	Sponge, bxs	1
Metal, old, pkgs	4	Firewood, cords	8
Shark fins, bx'	1		

From Baker's Island, per Kamehameha V., Dec. 17.

Barrels, empty	200	Guano, tons	5

LOCAL NEWS.

Phases of the Moon for December.

PREPARED BY CAPT. DANIEL SMITH.

	H M	
6th, Last Quarter	11 02	A M
13th, New Moon	3 02	P M
21st, First Quarter	5 56	P M
29th, Full Moon	3 16	A M

HONOLULU MEAN TIME.

1st, Sun Rises	6 27	A M	Sun Sets	5 11	P M
8th, Sun Rises	6 30	"	Sun Sets	5 14	"
15th, Sun Rises	6 34	"	Sun Sets	5 18	"
22d, Sun Rises	6 37	"	Sun Sets	5 21	"
29th, Sun Rises	6 40	"	Sun Sets	5 24	"

FORT STREET CHURCH.—See advertisement of the renting of Slips and Sittings in the above on Monday evening next.

THE Bark *Mauna Loa* had arrived at Esquimalt on the 20th of November, laden with lumber for our Islands whither she will proceed without delay.

SALE OF AWA LICENSES.—Yesterday at auction by Bartow, were sold three Awa licenses for the ensuing year: one for Koolaupoko brought $365, one for Waialua, $195, and one for Ewa and Waianae, $465.

JURORS.—We are requested by the Marshal to inform the gentlemen drawn on the foreign jury for the January term of the court, that their services will not be required until Tuesday, the 5th of January next, at 9 A. M.

VACCINATION.—The Board of Health, through their Secretary, Mr. Fenard, notify all persons arriving in Honolulu who have not been vaccinated, to call on Mr. Doiron, the vaccinating agent of the Board of Health, every Monday, between the hours of 12 M. and 3 P. M., at the Roman Catholic Church premises in this city.

NEW STORE.—The appearance of Fort street, corner of Hotel, has been greatly improved by the erection of A. S. Cleghorn's fine modern built dry-goods store. We are informed that it will be opened for business to-day, with a fine stock of goods. Lady customers can be suited there in a more satisfactory style of goods than has ever before been seen in this city.

CONCERT AT KAUMAKAPILI.—We learn that the choir of the Rev. Mr. Forbes' Church will give a Concert on Saturday evening, January 2d, the proceeds to be devoted to the purposes of the Church. Tickets, one dollar, and fifty cents, can be had at the store of Castle & Cooke. To those who have heard the singing of this well-trained choir, it is scarcely necessary to say that a musical treat may be expected.

NEW YEAR'S FEAST.—We learn that the good people of Kamoiliili (Waikiki) are to celebrate New Year's by a feast and merry-making in their church building. As is very properly observed by one of the native journals published in town, it is not far from sacrilege to use the building dedicated to Divine worship for the purpose of holding a feast. The house of prayer is liable to be transformed into a den of—gormandizers.

LEFT IN THE LURCH.—A private letter from Yokohama, written by a former resident of this city, informs us that 2 Englishmen, one Dutchman and a native of Guam are, by some mishap, left on Wake's Island and are most anxious to pitch their tent elsewhere if they could but get a chance to do so. They have some 30 or 40 flasks of quicksilver which they would gladly give for a passage, to whatever quarter of the world, in a whaler or in any vessel that might happen to touch there.

LITERARY TASTES OF HONOLULUANS.—The writer of "Society in the tropics," says that we of this island city are not literary in our tastes, and instanced as an illustration, that he had seen a bottle of pickles sold here for 75cts, and a volume of the Encyclopedia Brittanica for one real. A set of the work in question, within a short time brought $6,50 per volume at auction, 22 volumes, amounting to $143. Standard works of the best modern writers always bring high prices here, more especially at auction, while trashy, yellow covered novels are often sold for a song. Our people are a reading people.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Ours are due, and should have been rendered last week but for our oversight, to Bennett, of the Fort Street News Depot, for files of the latest papers received by the steamer. Bennett is always prompt and liberal in rendering these favors, so acceptable to an editor—especially to one who has the delightful task (?) in this city, where communication with the outside world is so seldom, of providing each week, say nineteen columns of reading matter. Like the Israelites of old, he is sometimes compelled to try and make bricks without straw.

EVENING SALE.—The evening sale to-morrow evening at Adams & Wilder's, is the last of the season, and promises to be the choicest. Besides a very fine lot of new silver-plated ware, vases, Parian ware, etc., we notice a small collection of those Japanese Chrystals in necklaces and ear-rings, so much sought after at present by the fashionable world.

THE COAT OF MAIL OF A SAVAGE.—The *Morning Star* brought from Micronesia the dress worn in war by a chief of Apaiang, one of the islands of that group. It is made of the fibre of the cocoanut, very ingeniously and strongly woven. It did not however, in the case of its wearer, suffice to protect him, for he came to his death from a spear, which, pierced through the armor.

MASONIC INSTALLATION.—On Monday evening, the 28th inst., the Officers elect and appointed by Hawaiian Lodge No. 21, F. & A. M., for the ensuing masonic year were duly installed as follows, (P. M. W. F. Allen conducting the ceremony of installation): J. A. Hassinger, W. M.; A. F. Judd, S. W.; Thos. Hughes, J. W.; E. A. Schaefer, Treasurer; C. T. Gulick, Sec'y; John Neill, S. D.; E. Wood, J. D.; T. Tannatt, S. S.; J. A. Harrison, J. D.; W. Duncan, Marshal; R. Ballistier, Tyler.

SERVED HIM RIGHT.—Such was the general verdict of the bystanders yesterday morning, at the conclusion of a set-to on Queen street, between the keeper of a dry goods shop and a shipping office runner. The former made use of the most opprobrious and indecent language to the latter, and seemed to be very anxious to buy a fight. In this he succeeded at length, the runner's patience becoming exhausted, when he pitched in. Two rounds sufficed to send the dry goods man home with a broken nose and the loss of some teeth, while the consolatory words echoed in his ears—"served him right."

A CHRISTMAS TREE.—The practice, so general in European countries, of providing a Christmas Tree, laden with presents for the young, has, we are pleased to observe, become quite common in Honolulu. On last Monday evening, quite a large company of ladies and gentlemen, with numerous children, assembled at St. Alban's College, where was provided a splendid tree, which was fairly loaded down with articles provided to delight the eyes of the little ones, and equally so those of the children of larger growth. Her Majesty Queen Emma was present, and looked on the pleasant scene with evident interest and gratification. Some of the presents were quite valuable and costly.

A SAILORS' SNUG HARBOR.—On Christmas afternoon, one of our townsfolk, who has a residence a short distance out of town and who has a penchant for raising fowls and perhaps a pardonable liking for egg-nog,—went to his hen house for some eggs, of which he had accumulated quite a store for the occasion. To his surprise, he found that his stock of bipeds had increased by a gratuitous addition of two fine roosters, in the shape of two sailors. On enquiring, they stated that they had been there since the day previous, and as they were provided with sustenance which was (or had been) contained in sundry black bottles, and as all the eggs had mysteriously disappeared, the proprietor of the establishment intimated to his *foul* visitors that their immediate absence was desirable, enforcing his remarks by a gentle hint in shape of a cowhide vigorously applied. The Jacks no doubt thought they had got into a very snug harbor.

DULL TIMES.—The shipping having almost entirely left the port, added to the fact that the present is holiday week, and that people feel generally disinclined to business—even if there was any to do—the town presents a very dull appearance. The poor itemizer—the "snapper up of unconsidered trifles"—wanders disconsolately about—a veritable Bohemian—looking for items but finding them not. Nobody breaks a leg or an arm to oblige him; we have no railroads to collide and smash up people; our only steamboat can't burst her boiler, seeing that she is laid up in ordinary—she lays like a warrior taking his rest, with a drapery of sails around her; even the weather, that last resort for a 'local,' is tantalizingly unchangeable. Shakspeare only remains—what our contemporary has left of him—and so we shall give him a lift against those who are trying to scribble away his fair fame, by reprinting some portions of a magazine article on the subject.

SINGULAR.—The captain of the *Mauna Loa* has informed the Editor of the *British Colonist* at Victoria that the Indian wife of Chas. Huston, the late Burrard Inlet pilot, on the 8th of November informed the people at the Inlet that she feared her husband was dead. When asked why? she replied that a strange looking bird with white back and wings and a black breast, appeared at the house in the morning and although frequently struck with sticks and stones, had hovered about the premises some hours, sometimes approaching so near as to be almost grasped in the hand. Late in the afternoon it disappeared. The woman appeared to be in a state of trepidation and alarm; but as Huston had left the Inlet a few days before in perfect health, nothing more was thought of the statement by the captain, until upon his arrival, when he was informed of Huston's death on the very day the strange bird had so alarmed the woman. The telegraph wire to New Westminster was down at the time, and the woman posessed no means of ascertaining what was transpiring at Victoria. Queer, is it not?

THE ONLY CROW LEFT.—Some time ago a good deal of talk was made about the so-called China crows that had been introduced here. They were accused of being of a piratical disposition, making havoc among chickens and pigeons. The consequence was, that a crusade was made against them by authority of the Board of Agriculture, and they disappeared. Lately it appears that one only of these crows escaped the general slaughter, and that he has made his home at Moanalua, in company with other imported birds called in India, *Minah*—a species of mocking-bird. It would appear that this lone crow has a talent for mimicking like the jackdaw, which bird he somewhat resembles in appearance. A gentleman of this city was surprised the other morning by finding this last of the crows perched on a tree in his garden, imitating with remarkable acuracy the crowing of a cock. It would appear then that these birds, possessing the gift of imitation might have been put to a better use than food for gunpowder. This being the last of his kind, we hope no one will interfere with his studies in acquiring foreign languages by ruthlessly shooting at him—in fact he is protected by the laws of the Kingdom. Let him alone, friends.

LABORERS FOR TAHITI.—We learn from a gentleman who was at Fanning's Island during the past year, that a ship called there for water, on her way from the Chain Island Group, bound for Tahiti, having on board some hundred and thirty of the natives of that group, emigrating to Tahiti, under contracts to labor on the cotton and sugar plantations. Though the Micronesian Islanders, it is asserted, are averse to leaving their coral islets, where they live on pandanus fruit, cocoanuts and fish, it would seem that the inhabitants of the groups to the southward, who are of a kindred race with the rest of the tribes scattered over the broad Pacific, have no such predjudices. The natives of the Chain Island Group, are said to be of a mild and tractable disposition, and readily mix and associate with the Tahitians. Could they not be introduced here advantageously?

THE GREAT CHRISTIAN H. W. BEECHER.—In the last issue of our contemporary, in an article by "Timothy Titcomb, in regard to the English sensational preacher, Spurgeon, we find the following comparison between him and Beecher:

"Mr. Spurgeon's vocablary is not so large as Mr. Beecher's. He is not so completely *en rapport* with the world of nature, and his fancy and imagination are not so active: but he is dramatic, understands human nature, *believes in Christianity*—(A GOOD THING IN A PREACHER)—knows exactly what he wants to do, and drives straight forward to the end he seeks."

N. B.—We must not neglect the subsequent paragraph:

"I do not know that Mr. Spurgeon is Mr. Beecher's superior in anything except it may be as a business man."

That is to say, Mr. Spurgeon makes more money by his so-called belief in Christianity than does Mr. Beecher. *Pars nobile fratrum.*

CHRISTMAS DAY.—Friday last, being Christmas Day, was kept up generally in our city. On the Eve, there were many Christmas trees, loaded with toys and *bon bons*, at various private residences in town. At midnight, the guns were fired on Punchbowl Battery, ushering in the anniversary of the birth of the Saviour of the world; and at the same time the organ of the Roman Catholic Cathedral intoned the entry of his Lordship Bishop Maigret into the church. Taking his position at the foot of the altar, his Lordship celebrated a Pontifical High Mass, assisted by Rev. Lievin Van Heteren, of the Koolau College, as assistant officiating priest, Father Modeste, as Deacon, and Rev. Raymond Delalande, of Ewa, as Sub-Deacon. The choir sung, during the Mass, selections from Mozart's De Monti, and other Masses. The church was illuminated by 2,000 lights—more or less—150 of them serving to illuminate the steeple. At 10 A. M., another Mass was celebrated, the same as at midnight, and by the same parties. The singing of the *Adeste Fideles*, (Come all ye Faithful,) by the choir, was well done, as also were the other hymns appropriate to the occasion. During the day, a streamer waved from the steeple, bearing the words, *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*, (Glory to God in the highest.) At 3 P. M., a solemn Benediction was given by his Lordship, who also confirmed a number of converts.

There were also services at the Reformed Catholic Church at midnight, and during the day.

CHICAGO, December 5.—A fearful collision occurred on the Ohio river, at half-past eleven last evening, two miles above Warsaw, on the Indiana side. The steamer *America* was ascending the river and struck the steamer *United States*, which was descending, just forward of the steps, cutting into her side, and sinking the *United States* to the main deck in two minutes. The collision is said to have occurred from a mistake in the signals. The *United States* had a quantity of petroleum oil on board, which took fire, and in thirty seconds the boat was a mass of flames. It is supposed that 75 or 80 persons lost their lives. Both boats were the finest and largest afloat on the Ohio, and worth $300,000. The *America* was also entirely consumed, having taken fire while endeavoring to rescue the passengers from the *United States*. Those saved owe their lives to the courage and coolness of the officers and crew of the *America*, whose engines were kept moving until driven away by the flames. There were several bridal parties aboard the *America*, and she had 35 lady passengers in all.

PRIVATE SCHOOL.

MR. & MRS. HIGGINS

BEG TO INFORM THE INHABITANTS of Honolulu, that they have opened a Private School for Misses and Boys, at Hooper's Place, Hotel Street, and are ready to receive additional pupils.

English Branches with Vocal and Instrumental Music,

PIANO, SINGING, &c.

Mr. H. will give private or class lessons in vocal or instrumental music, at the residence of his pupils or at his school.

References given. 50-3t

Just Received

FROM BORDEAU—French Green Peas, in Butter, French Vanilla Chocolate, at
1t HENRY MAY'S.

ANNUAL RENTING of SLIPS and SITTINGS in Fort St. Church.—The Annual Renting of Slips and Sittings in Fort St. Church will take place on MONDAY EVENING, January 4, 1869, in the Church, at 7½ o'clock.

1t PER ORDER OF TRUSTEES.

English School in Pauoa Valley.

THE NEXT TERM OF THIS SCHOOL will begin ON MONDAY, Jan'y 4, 1869. Hours—9.30 A M, to 2.30 P M.

CHAS. WM. TURNER,
1t Master.

NOTICE.

Honolulu Water Works.

ALL PERSONS HAVING WATER PRIVileges are hereby notified that a half-year's rate, in advance, will be due and payable at my office on the first day of January, 1869, and if not paid within ten days from that date, they will be liable to have their water stopped without further notice.

THOS. LONG,
Sup't Water Works.

Office of Water Works at the foot of Nuuanu Street. 50-3t

FOR RENT.

A NEWLY FINISHED AND FURnished Cottage in the coolest and most pleasant part of town. It will accommodate a small family or two gentlemen. Attached, are a bath-house, kitchen and stable. Board furnished if desired. Inquire at this office.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Board of Trustees of the Queen's Hospital will be held at the Court House, on THURSDAY NEXT, the 31st inst., at 11 A M.

Per Order. F. A. SCHAEFER,
Secretary.

FOR SALE!

RUINART, pere & fils Champagne, Carte Blanche, in pints and quarts.

For Sale by
H. HACKFELD & CO.,
Agents for Messrs.
38-3m] Ruinart, pere & fils Rheims.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Shakspeare, Again.

Editor of the Gazette—Dear Sir: I trust that you will not allow yourself to be drawn into a discussion of the authorship of the Plays, Sonnets and other Poems recognized as Shakspeare's, by any remarks that may be made on that subject by the *learned* Editor of the *Advertiser*, or any of his equally learned contributors. The cool impertinence with which they pretend to criticise a subject of this kind, is really sublime. You, yourself, are mistaken in supposing that Delia Bacon and Nathaniel Holmes are the originators of the theory that the great Chancellor bacon and the renowned Sir Walter Raleigh wrote those immortal Plays. The theory advanced by those two would-be modern critics, is simply an attempt to resuscitate a notion long since propounded and exploded by the Shakspearian scholars of England. Like all small people, the two persons mentioned would like to bring themselves before the world in a second edition of other men's theories, and I beg that you, Mr. Editor, will not give the very small men of a kindred stamp, who reside here, an opportunity of leading others, more ignorant if possible than themselves, to think that they are literary stars of the first magnitude.

Yours, &c., Q.

Editor Hawaiian Gazette.

DEAR SIR.—I do not think it would be amiss to say that in the crowd that appeared at the midnight mass were a few persons who claim to be of the elite of the town that acted quite disgracefully in the church, smoking cigars, criticising etc., Would it not be better for their flash clothing and for their respectibilities to have stopped away from there altogether than to act the dog in the manger. Having no devotions themselves and disturbing others from their devotions. In other countries this would not be tolerated, and they would be ignominously thrust out of the doors in spite of their fine looking rags. It is an outrage on good breeding and ought to be stopped by some means. I am respectfully yours.—St.*

Editor Hawaiian Gazette.

DEAR SIR.—It is, perhaps, not understood in your Islands, that gentlemen, not residents of San Francisco, are entitled to free admission at the Merchant's Exchange in this city.

The exchange furnishes every facility for business, or to become acquainted with business men. It is the most central business point in the city, and contains more information in the way of news then can be found elsewere. The latest Telegraphic Dispatches, Papers, Magazines, Local and Ship news, together with a variety of valuable information, makes it the rendezvous of the multitude. Strangers will find the Exchange most interesting at one o'clock daily, the hours of Change, and by leaving their names and address on the register they can be found more readily and business expedited. Telegraph Office, Mail and Express boxes in the building. By publishing the above you will promote the public welfare.

Very respectfully Yours, &c.,
J. A. COOLIDGE,
Superintendant,
San Francisco, November 30th, 1868.

THE NEW YEAR.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS ON HAND

Half and qr boxes layer raisins,
Fine currants in jars and tins,
Orange, lemon and citron peel,
Burnett's assorted extracts,
Assorted spices,
Sparkling gelatine,
Carraway Seeds.
French prunes in jars,
Soft shelled almonds,
English jams and jellies,
Cutting's table fruit assorted,
English pie fruits,
English walnuts,
English pickles.

For sale by HENRY MAY.

Westphalia Hams.

BOSTON SUGAR-CURED HAMS,
English dairy cheese,
Pacific codfish,
Smoked salmon,
Streaky Bacon,
Hatch's cream cheese,
Silver skin onions,
Smoked Beef.
Water, wafer and wine crackers,
Soda and picnic crackers,
Jenny Lind cakes,
Saloon bread in boxes,
Eastern dried apples,
White macaroni,
White vermicilli.

For sale by HENRY MAY.

Golden Gate Baker's Extra Flour.

GOLDEN GATE FAMILY FLOUR,
California oats fine quality,
California bran,
California wheat,
California Chicken Feed,
Humbolt Potatoes,
Victoria do.
Kawaihae do.
Kona do.

For sale by HENRY MAY.

French Truffles.

FRENCH PATE DE FOI GRAS.
Champignons,
Petit pois,
Sardines in hf & qr bxs
East India Chutney,
Lea & Perrin's sauce,
East India Chutney sauce,
Durham mustard,
Cases Cal's mustard,
Cases Cal's ground pepper,
Fresh quohaugs, 2 lb tins,
McMurray's oysters in 1 & 2 lb tins,
McMurray's spiced oysters do.
Columbia River salmon, in 1 lb tins,
Fresh lobsters, 1 and 2 lb tins,
Mince meat in 2 lb tins,
Fresh salad oil in decanters,
Fresh salad oil in bottles,
Cream tartar in glass,
Carbonate soda in glass,
Saleratus in glass,
New white beans,
Preston & Merrill's yeast powder,
Oswego corn starch,
Family pork at retail.

For sale by HENRY MAY.

Old Kona Coffee.

ROASTED AND GROUND DAILY, For sale by
HENRY MAY.

N. B.—The quality of the above goods guaranteed.

HENRY MAY,
1t Fort Street.

AUCTION SALES.

By ADAMS & WILDER.

THIS-DAY,
Wednesday, Dec'r 30,
At 10 A. M. at Salesroom,
WILL BE SOLD,
A Desirable Ass't of Merchandise
CONSISTING IN PART OF
Brown and White Cottons, Prints, Alpacas,
Cobourgs, Shirts, Pants, Coats,
Pickles, Pie Fruits, Sardines,
Hams, Oysters, Mustard,
Kerosene Oil, Matches
Tumblers,
Nappies,
Saucepans,
ALSO—A LOT OF TINWARE,
20 Sacks choice Humboldt Potatoes,
20 Boxes Fresh Apples,

NEW YEAR'S SALE!
NEW YEARS' EVE.
On Thursday Evening,
December 31st,
At 7 P. M. at Salesroom,
WE WILL SELL
A Choice Assortment of Wares
Suitable for New Years' Presents,
Amongst which will be found a full line of
West Meriden Manufacturing Co's
SILVER PLATED WARE,
(Every Piece Guaranteed) such as
Knives, Forks, Table Spoons,
Tea Spoons, Dessert Spoons, and
Castors in great variety.
—ALSO—
Japanese Writing Desks,
Genuine Brown Windsor Soap,
Fine Sandal Wood Fans,
Fine Perfumery, and
An Assortment of Cut Glass,
Flint Glass, Frosted Glass,
And Parian Ware.
—ALSO—
A Small & Very Choice Collection of Japanese Crystals,
IN NECKLACES,
EARRINGS,
AND UNSET,
Just Received per Steamer Idaho.

☞ This is our last Evening Sale of the Season, and we can promise great inducements to those in want of Fine Table Wares for the New Year.

Goods delivered at sale if required.

Wares ready for inspection on Thursday, Dec. 31, at 10 A. M.

ADAMS & WILDER, Auct'rs.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION!
ON MONDAY, JAN. 4, 1869,
AT 11:30 A. M., ON THE PREMISES,
By order of the Assignees of the Estate of C. H. Lewers, Esq., we will sell
A Lot of Land with Cottage on the same,
Situated on Kukui Lane, and at present occupied by Robert Lewers.
Title Good—Terms at Sale.
ADAMS & WILDER, Auct'r.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION!
ON MONDAY, JAN. 4, 1869,
AT 12:30, ON THE PREMISES,
By order of the Assignees of the Estate of C. H, Lewers, Esq., we will sell
All that Desirable Property
Situated between King and Fort Streets, and known as the Lumber Yard of Lewers and Dickson. The Lot has 183 feet frontage on King Street, including the Paint Shop, Hopper's Shop, and the Engine House, with 66 feet front on Merchant Street.
—ALSO—
A BOILER, STEAM ENGINE, PLANING MACHINE, ETC.,
Of which further particulars will be given at sale. Title Good—Terms at Sale.
ADAMS & WILDER, Auct'rs.

FURNITURE SALE!
On Thursday, January 14, 1869,
AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.,
At the Residence of Mr. William Crockett, on Kukui Street, will be sold, the
Entire Furniture of the House
—Consisting in Part of—
Mahogany Hair Cloth Parlor Chairs,
One Fine Hair Cloth Lounge,
Mahogany Hair Cloth Rocker,
Koa Centre Table, Mahogany Bureau,
Koa and Pine Bedsteads, Koa Washstand
Child's Koa Crib, Large Looking Glass,
Plated Candlesticks, Oak Dining Chairs,
Dining Tables, Sideboards, Crockeryware
Kitchen Stove, etc., etc.
ONE WHEELER & WILSON'S SEWING MACHINE, ALSO, ONE S. H. & D. W. SMITH'S EXTRA SIZE HARMONIUM,
A fine Instrument, of great power, suitable for a Church or School.
—ALSO—
One good, family Carriage Horse,
And three sets of Single Harness.
ADAMS & WILDER, Auct'rs.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION!
ON THURSDAY, JAN. 14, 1869
AT 12 O'CLOCK, M.,
(If not previously disposed of at Private Sale)
WILL BE OFFERED,
That Very Desirable Residence,
On Kukui Street,
At present owned and occupied by Mr. Wm. Crockett. The Houses are in fine order, having been recently thoroughly repaired at an expense of nearly one thousand dollars.
The Lot has 66 feet front and 140 feet depth.
ADAMS & WILDER, Auct'rs.

House for Sale, on Kukui St.

THAT DESIRABLE RESIDENCE ON Kukui Street at present owned and occupied by Mr. William Crockett

The house is in fine order, having just been thoroughly repaired at an expense of nearly one thousand dollars. Apply to
48-1m ADAMS & WILDER.

Fire Extinguishers!

ORDERS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE undersigned for
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS,
to be forwarded via Panama, or by the Packets via Cape Horn.
42-3m C. BREWER & CO.

AUCTION SALES.

By C. S. BARTOW.

REGULAR ROOM SALE.
On Thursday, Dec. 31,
At 10 A. M., at Salesroom,
WILL BE SOLD
A Collection of Historical and Entertaining Books,
A Variety of Dry Goods,
One Superior Carpet,
AND A LOT OF CLOTHING.
AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON,
Casks of Sherry Wine, and Casks of Ale,
One Horse broke to saddle and Harness.
THE CARGO SALE
ADVERTISED BY
C. S. BARTOW,
For the 23d Instant,
WILL BE HELD ON
Wednesday Next,
January 6th, 1869.

STEERING OARS, 22 feet in length. For sale by
45-3m BOLLES & CO.

CALIFORNIA TABLE FRUITS, Assorted—in cases and 2½ ℔ cans. For sale by (45-3m) BOLLES & CO.

HUBBUCK'S PATENT ZINC PAINT The best article of the kind imported. For sale by (45-3m) BOLLES & CO.

BEST ENGLISH Boiled Paint Oil. For sale by
45-3m BOLLES & CO.

SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE. For sale by
45-3m BOLLES & CO.

BEST FAMILY PORK, per IOLANI, in ½ and ¼ barrels. For sale by (45-3m) BOLLES & CO.

BOXES EASTERN CODFISH, per IOLANI. For sale by
45-3m BOLLES & CO.

HUNT'S HANDLED AXES. Best quality. For sale by the case or retail by (45-3m) BOLLES & CO.

ROSENDALE CEMENT, the genuine article, per IOLANI. For sale by (45-3m BOLLES & CO.

PUNALUU RICE.
NO. 1 and COOLIE RICE always on hand and for sale by
38-3m WALKER & ALLEN, Agents.

LINEN DRILLINGS.
A FULL ASSORTMENT---WHITE and BROWN. For sale by
38-3m A. S. CLEGHORN.

MUSLINS.
BISHOP'S LAWNS, Queen's Lawns, VICTORIA LA