COMMERCIAL.

HONOLULU, MAY 6, 1885.

Business is dull, unmistakably dull in all lines of trade and the general outlook for better times is not encouraging. The financial condition of the Government is a matter of much inquiry with but little satisfactory information obtainable and the present leasing of alien lands, forever restricting monopoly, has a most depressing influence on the life of general trade. The relief which some months ago was hardly hoped for by business men, has not appeared, the continued stagnation in trade circles shaping plainly that the times that were good are now of the dead past with no hope of anything like a speedy resurrection.

Sugar continues to arrive in large quantities and favorable reports are received from plantations having growing crops.

The U. S. S. Mariposa is due here from the Coast on the 8th inst., and the P. M. S. S. Zealandia on the 18th. The P. M. S. S. Australia leaves here for San Francisco on or about the 16th inst.

PORT OF HONOLULU.

Arrived.

Apr 30—Schr J D Spreckels, Fritz, from San Pras
—Bk R Lewers, Rigg, from Newcastle, N S W
—Brig Neptune, Cates, from Newcastle, N S W
29—Bark W H Meyer, Paul, from San Francisco
May 1—U S S Hartford, Upshur, from Valparaiso
1—Schr W H Dimond, Hoxfield, from S Pedro
1—Bk Forest Queen, Nielsen, from San Pras

Sailed.

May 1—Schr Cleon Spencer, Drew, for San Pras
1—SS Alameda, Morse, for San Francisco
2—Steam Schr Morning Star, Grey, for S S Is

Vessels in Port.

NAVAL.

U S S Hartford, Upshur

MERCHANTMEN.

Am Skr Eureka, Lee
Am schr Wm Nelson, Parker
Am Skr John Smith, Kasio
Am Skr Kate Finkinger, Tonne
Am schr J D Spreckels, Fritz
Br Bg Neptune, Cates
Am Skr Amelia, Newhall
Am bg W L Dimond, Hoxfield
Haw bk T R Foster, Rigg
Am schr W H Dimond, Hoxfield
Am bk Forest Queen, Nielsen

IMPORTS.

From Newcastle, N S W, per T R Foster, April 28—1,000 tons coal.

From Newcastle, N S W, per Neptune, April 29—400 tons coal.

From San Francisco, per J D Spreckels, April 29—Cargo of hay and feed, provisions, gasoline, bricks.

EXPORTS.

For San Francisco, per Cleon Spreckels, April 30—Cargo of sugar, rice, etc; domestic value, 19,802 25.

For San Francisco, per Alameda, May 1—Cargo of sugar, rice, hides, skins, bananas, bird feather, etc; domestic value, $[illegible].

PASSENGERS.

From Molokai, per Mokolii, April 29—Sam Dexter, S K Kapihea and wife.

From Kauai, per James Makee, April 29—Dr Cooke, H Auerbach.

From Lihue, per J D Spreckels, April 29—Miss L Salisbury and child, Sam K Pinto, W Porter, John Dowsett.

From Hawaii and Maui, per W G Hall, April 30—F C Ballard, Miss Ballard, Mrs H Parker and child, Miss Allana, Miss Kelly, C H Nakua, J W Kaulukou, Mrs D Conner, S Greene, Miss B Allen, Mrs Forrest, W D Mossman, H W Smith, J H Paty, A McKague, Jas W Lyons, wife and child, Mrs Dr Thompson, J H Rae, wife, wife and child, K Nakaulilia.

From San Francisco, per W G Hall, April 30—A Lambert, Wall C Bell.

From Maui and Molokai, per Likelike, May 2—W A Wood, N Parker and wife, W Heine, Father Gulstan, J Crowther, W Turner, Akanikilii and wife, E Kaga and wife, Mrs Pinkham, W D Cornwell.

From San Francisco, per Claus Spreckels, April 30—Mrs Taylor, Mrs Thos Spencer, Miss S Robinson.

For San Francisco, per Alameda, May 1—J Ashley, Lieut Commander, U S Navy, C Nordhoff, J B Y Davis, W A Stephens, Eugene Norman Beach, Colonel Jackson, R C Jackson, J W Dickey, Mrs Dr Green, wife and 2 children, Miss Hering, Miss Turner, Mrs W G Smith, Mrs E W Fuller and child, Mrs J W Gerrish and 2 children, Mrs Kate Gerrish, wife, 2 Cohn, J F Woolsey and wife, B B Sheldon and wife, M Ash, J W Gurtlip, wife and 2 children, Rev Dr Damon and wife, Mrs Dr Hoffman, Mrs Dr Jones, Mrs J Armstrong, Mrs A F Black and son, Mrs H F Lowry and child, Mrs Hamilton and son, T A Thrum, Mrs M D Morris, C H Smith and child, Mrs J Wyllie and child, Mrs J F Foster, Mrs A Foster, Mrs Dr Cummings and child, J Wilder, Miss Rowlandson, Mrs S W Lorenzo and 2 children, J A Hopper and daughter, Captain H P Wright, Mrs Dr Hoffman, Mrs Dr Wood, Mrs Dr Ashford, Mrs N Kidder, Mrs G Dollar and 2 children, J Shaver, F Dudley, J F Carpenter and wife, R Bell, Mrs J Judy and child, Mrs Dr Ingalls, Mrs Dr Ingalls and child, A Scudder, J Smith, W H Pedro, W Powell, G Green, A G Ferrier, R McDonald, R McDonald and wife, Rev Mason, Alex Pedro, T W Rawlinson, W Norton, Miss C Rhodes, Mrs Dr Ashford and child, Mrs J C Lewers, J C Lewers, J A McKenzie, J C Wentworth, W Green, H Dudley, C Dickinson, Knox, F Hoffman, C M King.

From Hawaii and Maui, per Kinau, May 2—Rev R Bond, Mrs Bond and child, Miss Bond, Miss Carter, S S Smith, Rev Father Gulstan, J J Limaloma, J P E Nahale, Mrs E B Smith, Mrs W L Kaae and child, Mrs C J Lyman, Mrs J Kaae, Mrs J Kaae, Mrs E Kaae, Mrs Young, wife and child, Mrs R Halstead, Miss L P Napoleon, Miss L Nakinaa, Mrs J Nakinaa, Mrs W C Achuna, Sam J Nowlein and wife.

From San Francisco, per W H Dimond, May 5—A P Spencer.

From Kauai, per Planter, May 5—Col T R Spaulding and 2 children, Miss Nott, Miss N Chamberlain, Miss Van Ness, Miss Ida Wilcox, J Keohi, Mrs Grunberg, T Kaiserson, J Kalama.

From San Francisco, per Forest Queen, May 6—J H Black, wife and child, M Cluff, M Lenfest.

For Maui and Hawaii, per W G Hall, May 6—Mrs E Cockett and child, Mrs Dr Smith, A C Smith, Mrs J Kaae, Mrs Kate Silva, W Wong.

For Honolulu, per Iwalani, May 6—J E Wakefield, A W Ellis.

For Maui and Hawaii, per Likelike, May 6—Rev A O Forbes, Rev Father Gulstan, N D Nemenzo, wife, 2 children and servants, Thos E Cook.

BORN.

In this city, April 27, to the wife of Capt. J. A. King, a son.

Departure of the "Morning Star."

On account of the severe rain storm, April 30, the sailing of the *Star* was postponed till Saturday afternoon. The two-in-1 cruise gave ample time to patronize the Sunset Cruise and complete the order. Departing on Saturday afternoon, a very large number of spectators gathered on the wharf at two o'clock, the hour appointed for the usual farewell exercises. These were brief, simple, appropriate. There was singing of Gospel Hymns was in English and in Hawaiian, led by the students of the North Pacific Missionary Institute, Rev. G. Lilue, a returned Hawaiian missionary from Apaiang, one of the Gilbert Islands, made a fervent prayer in Hawaiian; Andrew Adams, interpreter, for W. N. Leon, returning to his field of labor in Micronesia, another of the Gilbert Islands, made a stirring address in Hawaiian. Then followed some brief remarks in English from Rev. Dr. Hyde, a prayer by Rev. E. C. Oggel, the benediction by Rev. H. Parmelee, and the last final shakings and farewell words from acquaintances and friends. The auxiliary steam power was brought into use to back the vessel out from the wharf and take her out to sea. The whistle sounding the signal for departure, and as the vessel steamed down the channel, past the wharves thronged with interested spectators, the harbor tug boat *Pele* continued salutes with the *Star*.

This new steamer, as an auxiliary power, marks a new departure in the line of missionary enterprise. It marks the advance made in the commercial success that Honolulu not only furnishes occupation for her small scientific achievements of modern ship-building as are the steamers *Kinau* and *Mokolii*, but for such a fleet of inter-island steamers as now leave our wharves almost every day in the week. Yet the missionary vessel is without compare in the harbors of the great marts of the world. Not the World-wide rule of the Queen of Seas, not the Queen of Commerce, have made such lasting impression on the destinies of mankind, as the sailings of the Apostle Paul, a despised Jewish prisoner, of other religious apparently at the time to the midst of Roman civilization and greatness. The ministry to our islands may admire the enterprise that is setting afloat from the sugar lands of the Kingdom, the dispatch of this missionary vessel may be the rough draft in the divine plans for the progress of Christ's Kingdom, is of the greatest significance of all our commercial, political and educational enterprises, only subsidiary to the accomplishment of His eternal purposes.

The *Star* sails direct for Tapitenea, the south island of the Gilbert Islands, on which the Protestant missionaries are stationed. There will be quickly gathered up, and taken to Kusaie for the annual meeting of the Mission. The *Star* will touch at Ponape, and take on to Kusaie any letters or packages that may have been left there. While the Gilbert Islands are visited, the *Star* will go to Kusaie, the *Star* will take to Ponape, the mails for the American missionaries there, giving them also timely notice of her early arrival and future plans. Then returning to Kusaie, Rev. Mr. Walkup will take passage for Micronesia, and commence the tour of the missionary stations, and make the annual inspection of the condition and needs of that part of the field. After this work is accomplished, and Mr. Walkup has been returned to his home in Kusaie, the *Star* will proceed to Jaluit, and bring Rev. Mr. Logan to Ponape, in order to visit the Northern Mission in connection with Rev. E. T. Doane. Returning Mr. Logan to his home in Ruk, Rev. Mr. Doane will go on to Yap, taking the northern whaleboat he has prepared for that island. Returning the *Star* will leave Mr. Doane on Ponape. Going on to Kusaie, and taking on board Miss Calhoun, the Marshall Islands will be visited. This work done, and some Hawaiian missionaries the brethren whom he has prepared for that island. Returning,