COMMERCIAL.

HONOLULU, APRIL 20, 1886.

Business during the past week has been for from much—small trades complaining of the inactivity of money. The discovery fire which set in Sunday afternoon has unfortunately demoralized business for the present, and quite a large number of small dealers, mostly Chinese, are closed out for the present in consequence. Larger operations in money from the other islands.

The arrival Nuuanu from the Coast is fully due with dates to the 10th.

PORT OF HONOLULU.

Arrived.

Apr 15—Am bktne Rita, Rivers, from San Francisco
15—Br ss Nutana, Grahn, from Glasgow
15—Am bk Jas S Maria, Beckley, from Boston
16—Am ss Newsboy, Brown, for Newcastle, N S W
16—HBM Satellite, Islington, for Coquimbo, Chili
16—HBM Sparrow, Blackburn, for Coquimbo, Chili

Sailed.

Apr 15—Am bk Lady Lampson, Morrison, for San Fran
15—Am bktne Eureka, Lee, for San Francisco
15—Nor bk Cap, Christiansen, for Malden Island

Vessels in Port.

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IMPORTS.

From San Francisco, per Rita, April 15—Cargo of general merchandise, Brewer & Co.

From Glasgow, per Nutana, April 12—Portion cargo coal and 1000 tons to transit to San Francisco, consignees H Hackfeld & Co.

From Boston, per Jas S Maria, April 10—Cargo of general lumber, wooden ware, kerosene oil, etc, consigned to C Brewer & Co.

From Newcastle, N S W, per Newsboy, April 16—2520 tons coal, H Hackfeld & Co.

EXPORTS.

For San Francisco, per Lady Lampson, April 15—1200 bags sugar, value $28,198.36.

PASSENGERS.

From Boston, per James S Maria, Apr 15—C H Lent.

For Salvador, per Rita, Apr 15—F H Hayselden and family, Mr H Hackfeld.

From Kaanapali, per C S Hakiwa, Apr 15—Mr Mashie, J B Imaikalani, Geo Detlefs, Mr Nagasu, and 27 deck.

For Maui, per Liliuokalani, Apr 15—Gen Claus Spreckels and family, Miss G W Smith and wife, J McGregor, Mr Harmon, Mr Irwin, and 30 deck.

For Kauai, per Kinau, Apr 15—Rev S L Kauai, Rev J Kaapu, Rev Paul Kanoa, Dr H I Lightfoot, Jr, Mr Walters, Mrs Barnes, F L Clark, Mr Kendall and wife, Mr Lewis, S S Howell, Mr Akana and wife, 36 deck.

For Maui and Hawaii, per Kinau, Apr 15—Hon S C Wilcox, Hon J E Bush, Hon C R Bishop, W H Cummings, W S Ragan, Col S Nurua, R S Desmond, Miss R von Holt, Mr Dunn, E Muller, W J Hill and wife, S Kaulukou, Alfred Mrs Hitchcock, Mrs Lyons, Dr Wood, Mr Hayes, F Mac, F M Sligman, Mrs Mary and child, J H Gower, J N S Williams, Mr Deverill and wife, J L Boyd, Mrs Wright, Master B and M Wright, H Waterhouse, J Decker, J W Gay, and 120 deck.

For Kona and Kau, per Kinau, Apr 16—Mr Campbell, J Tavares, J S Hulihau, and 4 deck.

For San Francisco, per Eureka, Apr 16—Mrs Isaac Rowe, Mrs Richardson, Miss Rowe, Master E Rowe, 3 Chinese.

From Kona, per Iwalani, Apr 16—Hon R L Kauai, J Kaai, W E Rice, R Cleghorn, H Rodgers, Rev Father Lamoin, E O Carter, Miss M Dale, H P Lewis, Rev A Bickerton, Mr Greene and wife, C Walters, Miss E Lyman, Dr Grant Wilson, J Stewart and wife, T Lishman, and 40 deck.

From Hawaii and Maui, per Kinau, Apr 17—H R H Princess Poomaikelani, Miss Cecil Allen, F H Austin, Mrs Austin and child, H Richards, Mrs H Richards, J Wong Kim, H W Rice, Miss Bertha von Holt, W Lindsay, Gov Nowlein, H Vetlesen, H C Vida, F H Cox, H McKinnon, J Ingrham and family, and 111 deck.

DIED.

KAPUA—At Honolulu, April 18th, Emma A Kapua, beloved wife of J H Kapua, aged 30 years, 8 months and 7 days.

Holy Week.

In Church parlance this is the week known as Holy Week, being "the week immediately preceding Easter and specially consecrated to the Passion of the Redeemer. This institution is of very early origin and services are specially set for this season of chastisement and prayer. In the Roman and English Churches the ordinary musical music is suspended and the choirs are stripped of their orchestrals. In some Protestant communions there is no special solemnization of Holy Week with the exception of "Good Friday" which is observed in some of them."

The Passover, and Portion, like Holy Week, has other meanings besides. The children of Judah have remembered by solemn service the exodus from Egypt of the Israelites. All the old ceremonies, however, are no longer observed. Since the destruction of the temple, sacrifices are no longer made. The kid or lamb is no longer slaughtered or offered to God as an atonement. But though the ancient sacrificial ceremonies are no longer observed as originally, within the breast of every Jew the deliverance of his progenitors from the thraldom of Pharaoh is remembered and cherished with unfeigned gratitude. The ceremonies which are at present observed are sufficiently impressive to make them the commencement commemorative. The Passover begins on the 14th of the month of "Nissan," and is celebrated by "home worship," each family assembling while the head reads passages of the history referring to the event.

Solemn service in the synagogue and temple is limited and peculiar observances of another nature are strictly performed.

Palm Sunday, in commemoration of the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem, and also so called from the custom of bessing the branches of palm and other trees on the last Sunday of Lent, is the only celebration in the Church of the Anglican and Roman Catholic creeds on that Sunday, increased congregations being present. On Thursday next the service of commemoration of the "washing of feet" as indicated by the words of the service for Maundy-Thursday will be performed.

The 22nd inst. next Friday, will be commemorated as the anniversary of the Crucifixion of Christ and the day will be observed, throughout the entire world whenever Christianity has penetrated, as a day of prayer, fasting and humiliation. Good Friday is observed as a religious festival. This great festival of "Holy Week," as we heart from works of reference, was kept as a day of mourning and of special prayer from a very early period. In the Roman Catholic Church the service of the day is very peculiar as indicated by the ceremonies. The altar is bared and which the priests are robed in black and the altar stripped of its ornaments. In the Anglican Church Holy Week is celebrated with special solemnity and the following services commencing on the 18th inst., will take place at St. Andrews Cathedral: Holy night Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, half-past seven o'clock, 7.30 p. m. matins, 9 a. m.; evening and address, 7 p. m. On Wednesday afternoon there will be an additional service at 4.30 p. m. Good Friday, ante-communion office at 9.30 a. m., outline and sermon at 9.30 a. m. ante-communion on the seven words, 1.30 p. m., evening (the service of Easter), 7 p. m. Saturday, Easter Eve, matins and ante-communion office, 9.30 a. m.; evening (the service of Easter), 7 p. m.

On next Sunday, Easter Sunday will occur, falling upon the 25th inst., the latest date on which this great festival can occur. Easter having authoritatively been fixed in the Christian Church to be always the first Sunday after the full moon which occurs on or next after March 21st, and if the full moon happens on a Sunday, as in this season, (the moon having filled on the 18th inst.) Easter comes on the Sunday following. The feast of Easter is of Pagan origin, the day being thought to derive its name from that of the goddess "Ostara," the personification of the spring-tide year, or the beginning of life. The "Fathers of the Christian Church," as they are called, substituted the Christian festival. The most characteristic Easter rite is the use of eggs, which is indulged in alike by Jew and Gentile. From the Christian point of view the egg is considered emblematic of the Resurrection and a future life, and as Good Friday is symbolic of despair, doubting and darkness, this great festival of Easter, which ends the Lenten season, will be celebrated with unanimity of joyous commemoration in the various Christian churches of Honolulu, appropriate services of a choral nature being arranged for at both places of worship.

The Volcano.

By some misunderstanding the Gazette letters from the Volcano have not reached us. We therefore reproduce the following from the correspondence of the Bulletin. The letter is from the pen of Mr J. M. Lee, keeper of the Half Way House, Kau, and is dated April 9th.

"I suppose people in Honolulu are anxious to hear news about the Volcano, and as I just came down from there last night I am to give you the very latest information regarding that matter. I was there last Thursday, and from the bluffs I observed quite a heavy smoke pouring out from the crater of Halemaumau. This smoke had commenced four days previous and had been steadily increasing all the time, so the people up there expected some big eruption. Friday morning I was there again and was disappointed so far, but there is no doubt that in a few days the fire will be visible.

"I took another trip yesterday and went right down to the crater, hoping to see some sparks of fire on the bottom. * * * The smoke was much denser and heavier now than the previous time I was up; it rolled out like clouds from a big furnace door, and at intervals very heavy and only a faint blue smoke was to be seen, but that only lasted a few minutes, and then again with many distinct fires it was pulling away, filling up the whole crater, so we could hardly see anything around us but smoke. It must be very intense underneath, and you can plainly see that powerful forces are work and working to break through. Right on the edge of the hole where the smoke comes up it has formed a sulphur bed, which has been silver red only the last two days, and a little distance towards the west there is whole system of steam, forming a long line, fire is above the outer edge commencing at one end and ending at the other in spots, and all the power seems to be concentrated in the crater of Halemaumau."

A Heavy Price

The Queensland Planters have had to return their bounty bill to labor by order of the Government. The claims of various plantations were refused, because the element of prospective profits came into the calculation, but even with the reduction the sugar of the colony had a good little bill to pay. There were 411 South Sea islanders returned and the colony paid in damages to the planters £32,295 or a little over £80 per head. The following is an analysis of what has been done:

The Colonial Sugar Company, claimed £1,376 for 19 Islanders returned from the Southern Plantation, the award was £687. They claimed £3,360 for 42 Islanders taken from the Victoria Plantation, the award was £1,680. Mr. Ballard claimed £3,752. Messrs. Young Bros. of Kalamia Plantation, on the Lower Burdekin, who claimed £7,000 for 21 Islanders were awarded £971. Messrs. Drysdale Bros., Pioneer Plantation, Lower Burdekin, claimed £1,776 for 18 Islanders and were awarded £745. The Kinchela and Macksy Sugar Company claimed £2,000 for 18 Islanders from the Palms Plantation and received an award of £1,066. The same company claimed £66,224 for 39 Islanders returned from the Lower Burdekin Plantation and were awarded £1,870. Mr. A. H. Lloyd, Dumbleton Plantation, claimed £1,328 for 8 Islanders, and was awarded £705. Messrs. Macfarlane of Seafarth Plantation, Lower Burdekin, who claimed £2,200 for 30 Islanders, an award was made of £1,020. The Rockhampton Sugar Company, claim £1,776 for 18 Islanders and were awarded £1,067. The Bundaberg Sugar Company, claimed £1,080 for 12 returned Islanders and were awarded £600. The Queensland Sugar Company, Johnstone River, claimed £80 for one boy, and were awarded £18.

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ISLAND LOCALS.

ABOUT TOWN.

The toll of the station house bell will be missed to-night.

The Zealandia took forward a mail to San Francisco on the 15th inst.

Where was the Elite during the fire. It was understood that she would do good?

The two men-of-war now in port were called on Saturday from Messrs. Hackfeld & Co.'s steam saw.

The Government proposes having the burned district surveyed with a view to opening out fresh streets.

The Hon. A. S. Cleghorn was confined to his bed for some days last week. On Saturday he was able to be about.

The R. M. S. Alameda took forward to San Francisco a cargo of domestic products valued at $90,071.30.

Officer Good rendered effective and intelligent service at the fire. Considerable property was taken care of by him.

The Privy Council met yesterday afternoon and voted $10,000 towards alleviating the disasters of those who have been burnt out.

Up to the hour of going to press there are no signs of the steamship Mariposa fully due from San Francisco en route to the Colonies.

The island of Hawaii on the starboard side is looking bright and green, the cane is doing well and there is every appearance of a large crop.

Punahou Preparatory and Oahu College reopened yesterday, after the Easter vacation. The children looked bright and happy after their brief recess.

A number of ladies contributed the materials for preparing a series of meals for those who had been burned out. The food was distributed at Fort Street Church.

The large valued unclaimed property, advertised to be sold yesterday at Messrs. E. P. Adams & Co.'s auctioneers, was, owing to the fire, postponed to Monday, May 3rd.

Messrs Theo. H. Davies and Godfrey Brown, assignees of the bankrupt estate of Mrs. W. H. Wilkinson, have just paid the first dividend, making in all a return of 32 per cent.

News has been received that Mr. John Brown of the Kilauea plantation, who was reported last week as being the victim of an epileptic fit, has recovered from the effects of his severe indisposition.

The Sunday School scholars of the Sacred English Speaking Congregation of St. Andrew's Cathedral will meet at the Agnesian next Sunday, Easter, at four o'clock. A special Sunday School celebration will be held.

The American bark Jesse S. Sims, Captain Barstow, arrived in port on the 12th inst., 126 days from Boston. The British bark Nutnana, Captain Grahn, also arrived on the same date after a 130 days passage from Glasgow.

The steamer Pleiades or what is left of her, is fast disappearing from the point at Nuhau where she was wrecked. Further salvage work has been stopped on her, the return likely to be obtained not being worth the labor expended.

The schooner Wanda, Captain Kibling, went ashore at Hanalei, Kauai, but was got off with but little damage resulting, the rudder and false keel being carried away. The vessel arrived in port here on the 16th inst. in tow of the steamer Kinau.

Among the losers by the fire of the 19th inst., is W. N. Neve a pensioner in this office. The poor fellow had only lately managed to save enough to obtain a little home for himself when the fire demon jumped his stake and left him homeless.

The funeral of the late Mr. John Russell took place last Tuesday, and was very largely attended by his numerous friends who wished to pay the last sad tribute of respect to one who during life was always a favorite and whose death is sincerely mourned.

On Friday last Mr. W. D. Raymond who has entered into her culinary as No. 13 Beretania street, over Smith's bridge, left at this office a very fine sample of honey in comb and extracted. The honey in the comb really looks as if it would be glad to supply the article in any and all who may wish it.

The "Ladies Lunch" at the Bethel premises during the last week was brought to a successful issue, both gastronomically and financially, not the smallest share of the credit belonging to the caterer, obtaining of funds for the purchase of a piano for the Bethel Union being fully accomplished.

The present condition of Waikiki bridge is not by any means dangerous although the repairs or patches lately placed over breaks in the surface are not put on in a workmanlike manner and do not display the necessary strength to warrant the non-occurrence of accident. The bridge is safe enough for ordinary travel.

The bridge at Kaiwiahiahi, Hawaii, is in a dangerous condition and has been so for a couple of years. It is all on one side and some fine day will go completely over, killing the man in charge to be sure if at the time. The matter has been repeatedly brought before the government, but there the thing remains standing or rather a tottering menace of life.

The Honolulu Steam Laundry is now working fairly well although the proprietors are not yet satisfied with the rapidity with which the work is being performed. In another week's time the different departments will be more systematized in the work done, and as the operators become more familiar with the business to hand, greater rapidity in delivery can be obtained.

All the necessities made on Hawaii are doing good work, and the various managers are proportionately happy, while the stockholders are happier still. A fourteen young thread of the Gazette states that at least 250 per cent. of the juice is obtained by the new process. What the stockholders want is 250 per cent. on the paid up capital.

The Myrtle Boat Club intend to give a ball on May 9th, at the Central Park Skating Rink in aid of the funds of the club. A special train will be arranged and will be a regular New England supper. The entertainment should be well patronized as the organization is a "live" one and is mainly composed of young men who take a real interest in boating.

Mr. Jaeger's garden has produced a fine specimen of the illiberia aconiperifolia which produces a beautiful flower. Instead of the board petals of the common kinds, this flower has its petals curtouly. It will be an ornament to the garden and will also look well in a bouquet. Mr. Jaeger deserves great credit for the pains he takes to introduce new plants into the Kingdom.

Messrs. F. A. Schaefer & Co. have imported a new wine styled the Saint Raphael wine. It has some what the flavor of port without being so heady. It is highly recommended by physicians for convalescents recovering from long diseases. It is an invaluable tonic and restorative, owing chiefly to the amount of tannin it contains from prolonged fermentation.

Some 12 or 13 years ago lovers of Music in Honolulu were much delighted with a visit from the Carandini Troupe. Shortly after leaving here the Carandini retired from the stage. In the New Zealand Times there is a notice of the return of Miss Rosina Carandini to the stage. She sang at the Theatre Royal Wellington to a crowded house and met with a most enthusiastic reception.

The Committee of the Y. M. C. A. met on Monday morning and passed a unanimous resolution, offering the use of their Hall to the congregation of the Bethel Church. Messrs. Waterhouse have also offered the use of the extensive premises. It has not transpired which offer will be accepted, but the services will not be suspended. There is no doubt that another building will be erected. One gentleman offered to give $500 as soon as a subscription list is started.

Chan Yum a Chinaman who has obtained the reputation of being an established and persistent swindler itself was brought before Judge Dickerson on the morning of the 15th inst. charged with robbing a brother celestial at Waikiki of a sum of money $15.50, and being found guilty was sentenced to pay a fine of $25 and imprisonment, at hard labor for 3 months. Unfortunately for Chan Yum the evidence against Chan Yum with four other larrenies of money, one of the robberies having been committed upon his cellmate during the first evening of detention.

Arrival of the Satellite.

H. B. M. S. Satellite, Captain Arthur B. Illington, arrived in port here on the 15th inst., 30 days from Coquimbo, Chile. The vessel will remain in port here until the arrival of the Triumph, when she will sail for Hongkong. Following is a list of the officers of the vessel:

Captain—Arthur B. Illington.
Senior Lieutenant—Francis G. Jones.
Lieutenants—Francis C. N. Nary, Henry Settle, William L. V. Hudson.
Chaplain and Naval Instructor—Rev. Jas. E. S. Mason, B. A.
Chief Engineer—John Bennett.
Staff Surgeon—John Lyon, M. D.
Paymaster—Arthur Bowden.
Assistant Paymaster—William Bowler.
Act. Sub-Lieutenants—Charles M. Barnett, Fredk. S. Hopin Brown, Seymour N. Chambers.
Master—Thomas Hall.
Boatswain—Richard Cooper.
Carpenter—Jas. R. S. Brown.
Midshipmen, after passage—H. N. S. Triangle, George A. Kirk and Jesse E. B. Hand.

H. B. M. S. Heroine

H. B. M. S. Heroine' returned in port on Friday morning at 10 a. m. She left Coquimbo March 16th, making the passage in 17 days. The Heroine is a composite screw corvette of 1626 tons burden, and has a steaming capacity of nearly 13 knots per hour. Her armament consists of eight 6-inch new breech-loading guns, and two Scorpion and two Gardner machine guns. She carries a complement of 180 men.

The Heroine is a sister ship to the Satellite. Both vessels will await the Admiral here and then proceed to Hongkong to be paid off. The officers and crew will be returned to England in a transport, while the Captains will return by mail steamer. The following is a list of her officers:

Captain—Francis E. Rochfort.
Lieutenants—Robert C. Allen, Charles S. Scanlan, Digwell Davis, J. F. Lee, Jennings.
Chaplain and Naval Instructor—Rev. G. H. Harwood.
Staff Surgeon—Jas. A. Robertson.
Paymaster—Edward S. Newcombe.
Assistant Paymaster—Chas. C. Webb.
Chief Engineer—Thomas W. Gibbs.
Gunner—Wm. H. Burgess.
Boatswain—Wm. J. Clements.
Carpenter—Jas. Wright.
Midshipmen—W. F. Tupper, E. M. Agnew, H. A. Chief, W. B. Rentoul and W. H. C. Carrick.

Central Mills.

An exchange paper writing about the central system in Manila says: "The position of Halo affords a striking instance of the advantages following upon the starting central sugar-mills. When the port was thrown open to commercial enterprise thirty years ago, and a custom-house was established, the sugar growers set to work seriously to make some serviceable and useful machinery for turning the cane to account. From the very first there was genuine cooperation between the merchants advancing the capital, the mill-owners investing it, and the growers supplying the raw material. The result may be summed up as follows: Twenty-five years ago, and ever since the first successful application of centrifugal sugar-mill machinery was installed, in 1861, and it was then expected that the yield would be 6,000 quintals of sugar. The exports from the last crop are estimated at 4,000,000 quintals, equal to 400,000 tons.

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One-third of the Inhabitants Homeless!

Chinatown Wiped Out by Fire!

NO LIVES REPORTED LOST.

FULL PARTICULARS OF THE SAD EVENT.

The usual quiet of a Honolulu Sunday afternoon was abruptly and rudely disturbed on the 19th inst. by the startling notes of an alarm of fire from the police station bell, followed by a lighter peal from the bell tower, indicating the presence of the dread fire fiend in ward 3d, the Chinese quarter; additional information being received by bell Telephone subscribers that the location of the fire was near the north-east corner of Smith and Hotel sts. Soon swift feet were hurrying from all directions thither, a light skyward in the quarter indicated revealing heavy volumes of smoke mounting upward and plainly showing, by the occasional flash of flames and myriads of sparks, that no incipient conflagration would command the attention of spectators to the first alarm of fire given during the space of four months.

WHERE THE FIRE BEGAN.

As usual a Gazette representative was quickly on the spot, within five minutes after the first alarm was struck, and in that quick arrival it was plainly apparent that the fire had obtained great headway before the alarm was given, the entire of the upper story of the wooden building situated on the northeast corner of Smith and Maunakea streets occupied by Chinese being a mass of flames. A rapid inquiry and answer from the police officer who gave the first alarm revealed that the fire had started on the upper story over a portion of the premises used by boilers of the delectable soup furnished by Chinese to their patrons, and, although he had endeavored to get the occupants of the upper floor to give the alarm, he was entirely unsuccessful by reason of their taking flight in terror at the close proximity of their dreaded enemy. Meanwhile other assistance arriving an attempt was made to stay the further progress of the dangerous element, but the inflammable nature of the buildings assisted by the prevalence of a breeze from the southwest made futile the efforts of the gallant party. How the fire caught has not been and probably will not be ever truthfully ascertained.

THE FIRE LADDER'S FIGHT.

Quickly the steam fire engines Nos. 2 and 5 were upon the ground, and after obtaining as was supposed, vantage points the brave firemen turned to the work in hand with spirit and alacrity. Engine No. 4 had also arrived and preparations were soon by her pipemen to lay low, in short order, the now rapidly developing and menacing conflagration. But the usual fate which has before met them so often was predestined as usual to again face them and an insufficient supply of water left the pipemen of Nos 4 and 5 powerless to successfully resist the onward march of the now roaring and blistering flames, which seemed to hold high revel at the discomfiture of their would-be conquerors. This first quarter of an hour of the duration of the fire would have very short shrift, though, from which the firemen had been enabled to obtain, seen the hour stand; but, as it was the fierce flames obtained the mastery and making rapidly upon the unprotected wooden buildings on mile, to front and rear, on Smith's Lane, Hotel and Beck streets, quickly obtained a spread that drove the firemen away to other and less available locations from which the fire fiend could be fought.

A SEA OF FIRE.

All who have knowledge of the crowded conditions of the Chinese quarter, and not alone Honolulu residents but visitors from the other islands and abroad, who have visited the portion of the city, can easily imagine the power and rapidity with a fire, almost wholly unchecked and with a brisk wind blowing, would obtain among the closely packed wooden buildings. Such was the case of fire that the outside spectating guard at work, in an hour after the first alarm, billows to north in front of him, billows to the right and billows to the left, an occasional mountain appearing as the larger buildings along King, Nuuanu and Hotel streets sentinelled their tribute to the chief of fire, and, when, at an estimate of 4 o'clock, the hours of 3 and 7 o'clock, seemed to be beyond the slightest control of the willing workers of the Fire Department assisted by Chief Nott and his Assistants Monsarrat and Ach, ex-chiefs Lucas and Carter-right, ex-assistant Wilson, ex-Marshal Parke, C. C. F. Afong, Harry Herbert and others ably assisted by volunteers from H. B. M. S. Heroine and Satellite, at present in the harbor.

THE COURSE OF THE CONFLAGRATION.

Commencing on the north-east corner of Smith street, a by-street running from Hotel to Beretania streets, the flames first attacked the large wooden building there situated. From thence the devouring element worked in different directions, all nearly equi-distant from the starting point, but making the course of its travel, on the west side where the most valuable property was situated. From the starting point the conflagration spread along Hotel street toward Fort street, until the force was stayed between the Empire Saloon and the Bay House premises. Towards the sea the City Soda emptied itself, leaving all that portion of the city from Hotel street to the sea, Maunakea to Nuuanu streets, Rose lane and the river, menacing in its destructive course the old Bethel (which has withstood fire, storm and flood for so many years), the police station and cells (causing Deputy Marshal Dayton and his satellites to seek cover elsewhere) the magnificent premises of the Y. M. C. A. Young Men's Christian Society, the brick and stone buildings occupied by Messrs. Wing Wo Tai & Co., Wing Wo Chan & Co., Quon On Chong & Co., Ah Sewn, the Pilo Block, the Wilcoxson Block (occupying Nuuanu and Nuuanu lane), the Armory Saloon, the Hotel Saloon, the Cosmopolitan Saloon, House of Engine Co. No. 3, Chinese News office, Wolfe & Hirsonde' grocery, the Empire Saloon, and about 30 other buildings occupied for various manufacturing and trade purposes, and as dwellings by natives and Chinese. From Hotel street the conflagration had its course but a short distance, when it was checked by the brick block on Fort street owned by Mr. Pilo, and although the contents of both stores were completely consumed. No. 7's brave laddies, pipemen Harrison, McLean, Jack, and a few volunteers kept the fire there confined and saved the buildings on the opposite side of the street. Again the course was stayed midway between Smith and Maunakea streets and the river's side.

STAYING THE FIRE.

This disastrous fire which began at close to 4 o'clock was not well under control until past 11, at which hour the final stream was thrown upon the second building this side of the King street bridge through the efforts of Engine No. 2. The firemen had bravely worked their way along through the rubbish, heat, and stifling smoke to be entombed on the devastated thoroughfare of King st. In this region, where the fire finally ended, the houses were occupied mostly by their owners, natives of a humble class, and many of whom, with a praiseworthy desire for the public good, had some hours previously attempted to stay the onward march of the destroying demon by razing their little dwellings, for fuel wood-lopper fashion. So, there being now but a few houses remaining on the near bank of the river, between Beretania and King streets.

At the Bethel street point of the conflagration the fires raged with strong vigor in the stores formerly occupied by Wing Wo Chan & Co and Wing Wo Tai & Co and at 5 o'clock the Sailor's Home on the corner, as well as the Post Office, New Police Station and other buildings in the immediate vicinity were ablaze. The Bethel Church, King street opposite the place where the Bethel church had lately stood, lurid flames rolled heavenward lighting up the scenery as bright as day. At numerous points along King and Hotel streets especially at the locations formerly occupied by Chinese dealers in Chinese goods, the hasty detonations of Chinese bombs with the more dangerous explosions of hundreds of tins kerosene oil was a constant source of danger to the intrepid workers who were striving now successfully to defeat the further progress or longer existence of the reign of destruction and disaster.

HELPING HANDS.

The presence in port of the British men-of-war Satellite and Heroine have been conducive to passing aid from hand to hand made of the brave hearts and willing hands that came ashore as volunteers to aid in the stay of destruction which was so suddenly precipitated upon the city of Honolulu; but once extended notice is demanded by the active and effective service rendered by Capt. Illington, officers and men of the Satellite, and Capt. Hustlebrene, officers and men of the Heroine. Ashore at the commencement of the conflagration the men were deployed into relief parties under junior officers, and around the entire circuit of the fire the brave English lads could be seen hauling a hand to run a line of hose here and there, performing pioneer work where pioneers of no less duty fell to their lot, or Captains and all heeding to it with a will when the merry "yo heave" told that the doughty and incompetent Minister had, after a sidewalk cabinet consultation, decided that some bellhing tying in the pathway of the flames should be razed to endeavor to stay the progress of the all conquering foeman.

In the meantime, in Nuuanu street, in the turmoil of panic that for a time prevailed in Hotel and Hotel streets, when the gallant few ladies were fighting fire on three sides at once, with but two streams of water, in the "heated term" which fitted the additional danger added of self explosions on King street, in the cellar and dangerous bombs with the fire fiend, which was fondly fed by No. 7's pipemen on Nuuanu and Hotel streets, and which stayed the progress of the fire at the Pilo Block and Empire saloon, saving the opposite block, there Jack's cheery voice and helping hand were present. The assistance rendered was invaluable, and but for it, there would be far greater loss to record. For the ready manner in which the men assisted, the two ship's crews receive all thanks, for their orderly behavior they deserve all praise.

HIS MAJESTY.

The King, true to his instincts of an old fireman, was promptly on hand and personally directed the work on Maunakea street. Here he did excellent work urging on the willing men and exerting himself to the utmost to stay the progress of the raging element. Again and again did the men under his command strive to stay the flames, and again and again were they driven back. Had the King's Ministers possessed half the energy of the King the fire might have been stayed before so much have had been wrought.

A BURST OF SUNSHINE.

From 6 until 8 o'clock, with unwearied vigor, Chief Nott and his assistants, ex-Chief Lucas, ex-Chief Carter-right, Deputy Marshal Parke, Harry Herbert and others, assisted by volunteers from H. B. M. S. Heroine and Satellite, at present in the harbor.

THE COURSE OF THE CONFLAGRATION.

Commencing on the north-east corner of Smith street, a by-street running from Hotel to Beretania streets, the flames first attacked the large wooden building there situated. From thence the devouring element worked in different directions, all nearly equi-distant from the starting point, but making the course of its travel on the west side where the most valuable property was situated. From the starting point the conflagration spread along Hotel street toward Fort street, until the force was stayed between the Empire Saloon and the Bay House premises. Towards the sea the City Soda emptied itself, leaving all that portion of the city from Hotel street to the sea, Maunakea to Nuuanu streets, Rose lane and the river, menacing in its destructive course the old Bethel (which has withstood fire, storm and flood for so many years), the police station and cells (causing Deputy Marshal Dayton and his satellites to seek cover elsewhere) the magnificent premises of the Y. M. C. A. Young Men's Christian Society, the brick and stone buildings occupied by Messrs. Wing Wo Tai & Co., Wing Wo Chan & Co., Quon On Chong & Co., Ah Sewn, the Pilo Block, the Wilcoxson Block (occupying Nuuanu and Nuuanu lane), the Armory Saloon, the Hotel Saloon, the Cosmopolitan Saloon, House of Engine Co. No. 3, Chinese News office, Wolfe & Hirsonde' grocery, the Empire Saloon, and about 30 other buildings occupied for various manufacturing and trade purposes, and as dwellings by natives and Chinese. From Hotel street the conflagration had its course but a short distance, when it was checked by the brick block on Fort street owned by Mr. Pilo, and although the contents of both stores were completely consumed. No. 7's brave laddies, pipemen Harrison, McLean, Jack, and a few volunteers kept the fire there confined and saved the buildings on the opposite side of the street. Again the course was stayed midway between Smith and Maunakea streets and the river's side.

LOSSES.

The loss in property is enormous and is difficult to estimate. The assessment of the burned property last November was as follows:

Block 19	$230,000
Block 17	90,000
Block 14	80,000
Block 13	180,000
Block 10	450,000
Block 7	120,000
Block 5	120,000
Block 4	150,000
Total assessment	$1,500,000

But much of this was probably not assessed at its full value. Of course not all the assessed property, between Hotel and Beretania streets, will not be very far wide of the mark.

The Insurance Companies have suffered in the following amounts:

South British	$ 9,625
National	8,625
Queen	2,750
Commercial	2,750
Sun	7,000
Hamburg & Magdeburg	32,000
Germania	16,250
North German	22,750
Union of New Zealand	12,000
Royal	25,000
Phoenix	9,500
Northern Assurance	7,500
Sun	7,500
London, Liverpool & Globe	2,000
Queen's Fire	2,000
Prussian National Co.	2,500
Hamburg & Bremen	7,000
Yang Tagan	2,000
Orient	2,500
Total	$228,500

The following is a list of the loss in goods alone, not counting household property, which has been kindly furnished us by one of the principal firms doing business in the burned district:

Y Ahin	$ 60,000
Wing Wo Chan	32,000
Wing Wo Tai	20,000
Ong Sing	12,000
Kong Lung Kee & Co.	30,000
Quong Sam Kee & Co.	50,000
Ah Ho & Co.	20,000
Quong Lee Ong & Co.	25,000
Ah Sewn	20,000
Lee Sing Long	15,000
Tong Ki Co.	7,000
Tun Yuen & Co.	8,000
Lum Kee & Co.	15,000
Kong Cheong & Co.	5,000
Chong Ah	10,000
Lemon Lopez	2,000
	$378,000

INCIDENTS.

During the hottest part of the destructive fire of Sunday last, Mr John Cassidy the energetic superintendent of the Bell Telephone Co was engaged in endeavors to save property. An all night job was entailed on him by replacing the burnt posts by new ones.

The McLean building on Nuuanu street, at one time was in imminent danger of being destroyed by the fire, but fortunately by the superhuman efforts on the part of the firemen and friends the danger was averted. This is the second time this building has narrowly escaped the ravages of the devouring element.

The old stated house bell was rung for the last time on the afternoon of the 18th. The fire soon after burnt the framework supporting it and it fell to the ground and was broken to pieces.

Engine Superintendent White, deserves credit for the beautiful work performed by the steam engine put in play to break down being reported.

It is reported but not yet authenticated that several bodies were discovered in and about the ruins.

The Fire Department as a whole cannot receive too much praise for the brave and trying services rendered.

Hose pipes attached to Mechanic Engine Co., No. 2, did good service especially about midnight in the lower part of the city, where under the direction of ex-police McGiffen, they formed broken pumps and passed water.

Frank May, a volunteer fireman did excellent work, but he had resulted rather unfortunately for him, a sprained ankle being the result, although quickly rescued, he received very severe burns. His family are in rather poor circumstances.

In Memoriam—L. L. Rice.

Mr. L. L. Rice, father of Mrs. J. M. Whitney, died suddenly on the morning of the 14. The deceased gentleman has resided with his daughter since 1876, and his venerable figure was well known about the streets.

Mr. Rice was born in Orange Co., N. Y., in 1801. When a young man he became a printer and after following the business some time in New York City, he removed to Ohio in 1830, and remained there for nearly 50 years. While in Ohio he was a prominent figure in the politics of the state, occupying the position of editor and also that of state printer. He was an ardent advocate of total abstinence, which cause he championed with his pen and tongue. He was also, before the war, strongly opposed to slavery and published an anti-slavery paper. Sympathy is felt for Dr. and Mrs. Whitney in their bereavement.

The Post Office.

On Thursday last, the 15th, the post-office was transferred by the late P. M. G. to the new incumbent, when an official count was made of the cash in the safes of the money-order and general post office departments, and also of the stock of postage stamps, stamped envelopes and postals kept on hand. These latter embraced a list of over twenty different kinds of stamps, from one cent to one dollar each, and probably 200,000 or more in all. The cash in the safes at the time of the count was found that the cash and stamps on hand were very one cent from what the books called for—which, to say the least, was creditable to the retiring Postmaster General and his staff of assistants.

The Late Hawaiians.

Mr. Marques continues to show the same energy in getting out this paper as ever. The leading article treats of the Portuguese sending away their savings, rather than keeping them here. Of course this class of people feel that the time of the Government is toward Asiatics, and that the white man is not cared about. The Leas also publishes correspondence from Hawaii which shows how easy it would be for some Portuguese to settle on that island if the Government were only willing. There is of course the usual amount of news interesting to the Portuguese, and some newsy local items. There is also a list of Portuguese passengers by various vessels. A bright little story completes the number.

Death of Mrs. J. M. Kapena.

Mrs. Kapena, wife of the Minister of Finance, died on Sunday evening at the residence of Mr. Albert Kaunamano, Kapolana. Her death resulted from heart disease and was of course instantaneous. Mrs. Kapena, who was the daughter of David Malo, the Hawaiian Historian, was born at Lahainaluna in August 1846. Soon after death the body was removed to the residence of the Minister on Nuuanu Avenue. A large number of natives gathered round the house on Monday morning and the community "wake" was kept up all day and night.

The Campobello Concerts.

The Campobello troupe are expected by the Mariposa. There will be a concert on the day's issue. The San Francisco papers have spoken highly of all the ladies and gentlemen who are engaged to sing. The Honolulu public will no doubt have a great treat when this company opens its season. It is rumored that the first concert will be given for the benefit of the sufferers by the late fire. If so there should be a large house indeed. Mr. Wiseman, the business agent in Honolulu, will certainly make the effort to have this idea carried out.

Y. M. C. A.

The annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association was held last Thursday evening at their Hall, on Hotel street. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, W. A. Bower; Vice President, T. May; Recording Secretary, R. W. Poduson; Treasurer, T. S. Southwick; Directors, P. C. Jones, Jr., and W. W. Hall. The usual monthly and director's reports were read and accepted. After the singing of a hymn the meeting adjourned until next Thursday evening, when the officers will be installed and the standing committees will be appointed.

New Advertisements.

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NOTICE!
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OOKALA SUGAR PLANTATION COMPANY was held at the office of Dr. R. McKibbin, in this city, on Saturday, April