

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

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UNITED STATES.

George Parker, ex-Governor of Pennsylvania, is dead.

The gross debt of the city of Boston under Mayor O'Brien has increased \$743,727 81.

The fund as a testimonial to Edward Rogers, designer of the yacht Volunteer, has increased to more than \$9,000.

The brig Tropic Bird, abandoned at sea in a gale, was picked up by the steamer City of Topeka and taken to Pensacola.

Oklahoma boomers deny that they intend to invade the disputed territory, but will look to Congress for prompt action.

In Philadelphia the liquor license fee is \$500, and the tax is driving out of business a large number of those engaged in the traffic.

Hugh M. Brooks, alias Maxwell, under sentence of death for the murder of Preller, has embraced the Roman Catholic faith.

The University of Pennsylvania intends to send an exploring expedition to ancient Babylon under the direction of Dr. John P. Peters.

Heikes killed 76 out of 100 pigeons, defeating Bandle, who brought down 5, at a match at Dayton, Ohio, Capt. Bogardus being referee.

Disgruntled Republicans joined the Democrats in the Ohio Senate at organization, and defeated six of the Republican nominees for officers.

The quarantine provisions of New York harbor are described as disgracefully inefficient, although infected ships are not infrequent arrivals.

The body of John Galvagni of Cincinnati was cremated in that city lately. It was the tenth cremation which had occurred in Cincinnati.

The Port Townsend Board of Health has decided to institute a vigorous examination of vessels from Sound and Coast ports on account of small-pox.

A gang of Lane county kluks has been broken up in Kansas by the arrest of all but one member. They had been committing outrages, including arson.

The report of the Controller of Chicago for November shows that the receipts of the city during the month were \$1,140,361, and the expenditures \$1,052,733.

The O. & O. steamer Oceanic arrived in San Francisco from Hongkong and Yokohama on the 25th, with two cases of small-pox on board and was quarantined.

The international bridge at Sault Ste. Marie is opened, the first train having crossed on December 31st. This connects the Great West with the Atlantic seaboard.

A Chicago firm is about to apply to a wire fence around a vast Texas range an arrangement to pass a current of electricity through the wire to keep cattle away from it.

There is excitement among the negroes in Colbert county, Alabama, over the lynching of Oscar Coger, colored, caught in a second attempt to burn a widow's house.

The Anarchists have \$30,000 for their monument to the Haymarket murderers, while the fund for a monument to the brave policemen who were killed only amounts to \$4,000.

Colonel Jamieson, owner of the Irex, has communicated to the New York Yacht Club a challenge for the America Cup. The new yacht is to be a cutter, eighty-five or ninety feet long on the keel.

The Trustees of the East River (Brooklyn, N. Y.) Bridge have been offered \$25,000 a year by a business man for the privilege of making the bridge a bill board for his advertising placards.

Owing to the frequency of incendiary fires in Nashua, N. H., it is said the insurance companies are contemplating withdrawal of protection. There have been twenty such fires in four months.

There is a movement in North Carolina for the repeal of the present law pensioning Confederate soldiers, the pensions granted by which are too small to be of much service, and depleting the money so appropriated to the building of a Soldiers' Home.

Daniel Manning, ex-Secretary of the Treasury in Cleveland's Cabinet, died December 24th, aged 56. He was noted more for strong common sense than brilliancy, and he it was who brought Cleveland out to be Governor of New York and subsequently President.

General Washington Seawell was lying at the point of death in San Francisco at last advices. He was born in 1802, and is the second oldest General on the retired list of the United States army. He made a brilliant record in the border service long ago.

A Philadelphia capitalist, Hamilton Disston, has expended over \$1,000,000 in reclaiming swamp lands in Florida. A number of thriving towns have grown up in the reclaimed territory, and the work of dredging and cutting canals is being energetically prosecuted.

The Liberty League of Boston has decided to take up the case of Rev. Mr. Davis, who was sent to jail for speaking on the Boston Common without a permit from the city authorities. The league's members claim that this is a violation of the spirit and letter of the Constitution.

In order to decide as to the ownership of a hog that was claimed by two persons, a Kentucky Justice released the porker and let it have its own way. It made a break for the sty of one of the contestants, but the other has appealed from the judgment of both the court and the hog.

Surveys have been made for a railroad to connect the Rio Grande and Ash line with the Santa Fe. It will likely strike in at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Work will commence early in the spring and be pushed to completion. Some people at Albuquerque think that the disposition of Jay Gould to enter New Mexico with the Missouri Pacific and the Rock Island, now building in the northern counties, has caused this activity of the Santa

Fe officials to hold the fort in the territory and occupy all important points.

The New York Herald's Washington special represents Senator Hearst as favoring war on account of Samoa. He is quoted as saying: "If the Germans refuse to give us equal privileges with themselves in Samoa, we ought to fight, if necessary, to secure them. We made a mistake in permitting the Germans to secure a foothold there and we will make another mistake if we allow them to retain their present ascendancy to the exclusion of other nations, our own particularly."

An exhibition match of billiards was arranged in San Francisco lately between J. F. B. McCleery, billiard instructor, and Crown, a Canadian player. The latter failed to appear, to the disgust of several hundred lovers of the game. In order to prevent disappointment of the audience, an amateur named James Gilbert was induced to play McCleery, the latter heavily handicapped. McCleery was to play 200 points eight-inch balk line to Gilbert's 100 points straight rail. The amateur won by making his score in twenty innings, when McCleery had only reached 165. The latter made one run of 72.

The report of the Commissioner of Navigation, just issued at Washington, describes the advantages enjoyed by the marine of other nations and says that American vessels must be put on an equality or be gradually forced out of the contest with foreign ships. The coasting trade is improving. The total documented tonnage of the United States is 4,105,844, the Pacific Coast owning 356,445 tons. The Commissioner recommends that the shipping trade be relieved of the burden of pilotage fees, and speaks of the impolicy of local taxation of vessels. He says the expense of State quarantines should be paid by the parties interested, that is, by the general public, and that the fees for the support of the stations and salaries of officers should not be exacted from vessels.

EUROPE.

Higher prices are generally quoted in the British grain market.

The Alhambra theatre at Antwerp, an immense structure, was burned down New Year's night.

The Sobranje at a secret sitting unanimously voted 22,000,000 francs for fortifying Bulgarian ports.

Thousands of laborers are out of employment because of the great rise of the Guadalquivir river in Spain.

The Manchester Courier states that Lord Stanley of Preston has accepted the Governor Generalship of Canada.

Sara Palma, a San Francisco girl, scored a great success at Milan, in the part of Astoroth in the opera "Regina di Saba."

The German Ambassador at Constantinople has officially informed the President of the Council of Ministers that Germany will give Austria active military support if Russia should provoke war with Austria.

According to the St. James Gazette General Paine will sail the yacht Volunteer on the Clyde in a £1000 match. The Volunteer is also to try to return to America with the Cape Breton cup, won by the Genesta three seasons ago.

The German Crown Prince took part in the New Year's festivities at San Remo. His case is now more hopefully considered by the doctors, who say his malady has lost its cancerous symptoms. Dr. Mackenzie asserts he never had admitted it was cancer.

The Pope received 2,500 congratulatory telegrams on the occasion of his jubilee services on New Year's Day. He intends to send autograph letters to all the sovereigns who have written to him. It is said in Vatican circles that his letter to Queen Victoria will be of special importance.

Advices in London from Auckland, New Zealand, say that the French have annexed Raiatea. The native chiefs refusing to submit the gunboat Scorpion bombarded the villages, and a proclamation was issued stating that the natives would be punished and fined unless they submitted to French authority.

Lord Randolph Churchill has been well received in Russia, leading papers taking occasion to assure him that he will find no evidence of Russian designs upon India. He has been given an audience by the Czar. As a result of his visit, St. Petersburg papers are advocating an alliance of Russia with England.

A correspondent says that once more continental Europe seems to sleep over a volcano. Austria is determined not to be taken by surprise by Russia. War is regarded as inevitable, although not probable before spring. Bulgaria is the bone of contention, and Russia assumes the role of defender to the treaties.

The Spanish Government has invited representatives of the United States and Spanish-American republics to co-operate in the Christopher Columbus celebration, and the proposal has been heartily adopted. All the governments of Europe and America and all geographical and other learned societies of the world are invited to send delegates to the celebration. The festivities will continue one week and the ceremonies will include the unveiling of a monument to Columbus at Huelva.

Advices received in London from Massowah say that great activity prevails among the Italian troops there. Every preparation is being made to meet the advancing Abyssinians. It is reported that Raso Aluta overrode the Italian movement to King John. One column of Abyssinian troops, commanded by a son of the King, has arrived at Adowa, and another column, under Rasnikael, has reached Adigrat. In Rome it is reported that in consequence of the news from Massowah the government has decided to dispatch 6000 re-enforcements early in January.

A Joker's Reputation.

President Lincoln said once that the best story he ever read in the papers of himself was this: Two Quakeresses were travelling on the railroad, and were heard discussing the probable termination of the war. "I think," said the first, "that Jefferson will succeed." "Why does thee think so?" asked the other. "Because Jefferson is a praying man." "And so is Abraham a praying man," objected the second. "Yes, but the Lord will think Abraham is joking," the first replied, conclusively.—[Omaha Bee.

OUR SAN FRANCISCO LETTER.

[Special Correspondence of the Gazette.]

The Committee on Ways and Means of the present Congress will be Mills (chairman), Cox of New York, McMillan of Tennessee, Breckenridge of Kentucky, Breckenridge of Arkansas, Turner of Georgia, Byrnes of Indiana, all Democrats, and Kelley of Pennsylvania, Brown of Indiana, Keed of Maine, Fuller of Iowa and McKinley of Ohio, all Republicans. There is not a protectionist among the majority and Speaker Carlisle has assigned one free trader to the minority. Mills of Texas, when interviewed, said that "the administration revenue bill proposed to cut off \$50,000,000 on customs duties by placing salt, coal, iron ore, wood and a few other articles on the free list, reducing the duties on sugar one-half, and cutting the duties on a few other articles."

The attention of Congress will be especially directed to the "Trusts" that have recently sprung into existence, and their effect upon the necessities of life, action being especially directed against the coal and sugar trusts, which, it is claimed, are the cause of the present high price of sugar, which is quoted to-day at 5 1/2-16 cents for Cuban 96". With the abolition of the duty on sugar will probably come a bounty to sugar producers in the United States, and this, says the News Letter, "means a bounty to every industry into which sugar enters."

The steamer City of Pueblo, that it was said would be placed in the Hawaiian trade, has been chartered by Goodall, Perkins & Co. for the Pacific Coast trade; and the steam-schooner Jesse H. Freeman, after making a few coasting trips, is being fitted out for whaling.

The San Francisco papers have been filled with most contradictory stories as to the position of affairs in Hawaii, owing to the King's veto of certain bills passed by the Legislature. Mr. Wilder has been extensively interviewed and places matters in a favorable light, with other information, purporting to have been derived from private advices, tells of a second revolution that was imminent. The Post has published a story to the effect that the United States can buy the islands for \$5,000,000, giving Kalakaua a good ranch with \$5,000,000 in California. It is also stated that ex-Premier Gibson will return to Honolulu, and again resume the helm of statesmanship, as soon as he is assured that his fair friend the book agent has settled for Yokohama or San Francisco. Gibson claims to be posted on the true inwardness of affairs, says that the present government is not acceptable to Hawaiians, and that a change would be gladly welcomed.

Messrs. Geo. W. Meade & Co. of San Francisco have failed. They are large dealers in California produce and have customers in Honolulu. Their liabilities amount to \$175,000, with assets estimated at \$350,000. Speculations in real estate and other heavy investments are claimed to be the reasons for their suspension.

The international conference on sugar bounties, held in London, has temporarily suspended proceedings and it has been considered a success. The delegates, who came from Austria, Hungary, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Russia, Spain and Sweden, signed a protocol for the entire abolition of sugar bounties, which will be submitted to their respective Governments for ratification. The results will be made public in March, when the delegates will meet again. In the meantime it is expected that the present high price of raw sugar will be maintained, and may very probably go still higher. This will indeed be good news to Hawaiian planters. On the other hand, the Louisiana sugar crop is unusually heavy, and a gain of ten per cent. is claimed through the use of the diffusion process over other methods.

The Havemeyer Sugar Refining Company of New York retires from business this year, and Mr. W. T. Havemeyer goes to St. Louis to manage the St. Louis Sugar Refining Company. This is the outcome of the Eastern "trust," which controls the output of refined sugars and thus maintains values.

Imports of Hawaiian sugars at San Francisco amounted last year to 26,781,347 pounds, of the value of \$8,496,967. The imports of rice from the same source were 12,517,900 pounds, of the value of \$504,890. The Louisiana rice crop is twenty-five per cent. less than last year, but prices have advanced fifty per cent., while a further speculative movement is probable.

Among the passengers leaving by the steamship Australia are Wm. Benny Watson, of the Glasgow firm of Mirrieles & Watson, who have supplied so much of the sugar machinery for the islands; Mrs. Wm. Benny Watson, Miss Mirrieles, E. R. Hitchcock and wife, Miss A. Horner, C. H. Atherton and wife. For the Mariposa, sailing on January 12th, there are booked W. H. Bailey and wife, Mrs. H. M. Whitney and Mrs. S. T. Alexander.

L. Montgomery Mather, traveling agent for the islands, has been to Monterey. Thence he returned to San Francisco and has since gone south to Los Angeles and San Diego.

Small-pox has been increasing to such an extent in San Francisco, four and five cases occurring daily, that the city has been proclaimed epidemic. Several hundred people are being vaccinated daily and every precaution is taken to prevent the spread of the disease. It is satisfactory to note that the percentage of deaths has been very small, the bulk of the patients progressing very favorably.

The following is the latest shipping news: SAN FRANCISCO—Arrivals: December 24th, S. S. Mariposa, 7 days; December 27th, S. S. Australia, 7 days; December 28th, S. S. Oceanic, 7 1/2 days; December 29th, Hawaiian bark Lady Lamson, 15 1/2 days, all from Honolulu; schooner Anna, 15 days from Kahalaui.

Departures: December 31st, brig W. G. Irwin, for Honolulu.

The schooner Anna arrived off San Francisco on December 29th, but owing to the very rough weather prevailing and condition of the bar, she was unable to enter and proceeded to sea again.

Loading for Honolulu: Lady Lamson, Planter, S. N. Castle, all to sail within a few days. For Hilo, Dora Blohm.

Boxing: December 20th, bark Edward May from Honolulu.

MANILA, January 1st, Hawaiian bark Kalakaua arrived in distress, bound from Hongkong to San Francisco.

PORT BLAKELEY, December 21st, barkentine Amelia for Honolulu.

Portuguese Hence in California.

San Francisco papers remark on the arrivals of Portuguese from these islands. The Bulletin says: Nearly forty Portuguese arrived on the steamer Australia yesterday from the Hawaiian Islands where they had been working under contract on the plantations. After landing at the Oceanic mail dock the small and picturesque colony started up through the city, looking as odd as a band of gypsies. Half of them were barefooted and wore all kinds of fantastic and var-colored garments. Nearly every ship brings a band of these people, who are seeking homes in California. Their places on the islands are being taken by Japanese.

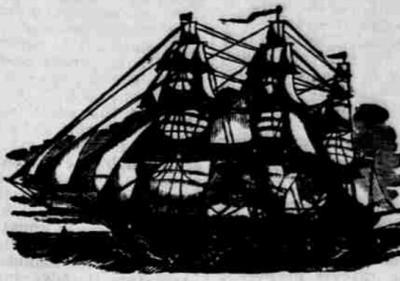
Captain Miller Dead.

The San Francisco Examiner of the 8d has a news item from Santa Cruz announcing the death, at that place, on the previous day, of Captain T. F. Miller. Deceased was well known in Honolulu. Some eight years ago he brought the schooner Bonanza here from the Coast, and made several trips in her thereafter. He had an interest in the bark Kalakaua, in which he made a number of trips as master. He latterly retired to Santa Cruz, where he engaged in the bath-house business and also owned a ranch at that place. Captain Miller at the date of his death would be about 70 years of age. He leaves a widow and family of four sons and one daughter at Santa Cruz.

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