

FROM THE ORIENT.

LATE NEWS BY O. & O. S. S. BELGIC.

Smallpox is Prevalent at Shanghai.

The following items are taken from the Hongkong Weekly Press of January 11th and 19th:

Smallpox is prevalent amongst the Chinese at Shanghai, especially amongst children, and the mortality is reported to be heavy.

At the Hongkong Criminal Sessions on the 18th inst. the Chief Justice was presented with a pair of white gloves, there being no cases for trial.

A petition against the proposed gaol extension has been presented by the Chinese community of Hongkong to the Government, through the Registrar-General.

The Emperor of Japan has contributed 100 guineas to the funds of the Japan Society in London.

Lieut. Otto Ehlers, the German traveler, was accorded an audience by the Emperor of Japan on the 27th ult.

By the explosion of a boiler in a silk factory at Suwa, Japan, four of the workpeople were killed and forty-five injured.

Last month's crushing at the Punjom mine gave 243 ounces of gold from 260 tons, the mill running only sixteen days.

It is reported that a new line of steamers between Liverpool, Barcelona and Manila is to be established by a Barcelona firm, who are said to have purchased five large steamers in England for the purpose.

Owing to the recent death from hydrophobia at Hongkong, the police are now seizing all stray dogs.

Excitement continues to run high in Japan in reference to the collision between the Ravenna and the Chishima Kan.

The Ichang Taotai has issued a proclamation warning the people not to molest the foreign officers of the Customs.

The Court Circular in the Peking Gazette of the 13th ult. says: "Today His Majesty ascended the Throne in the Cheng Kuang Tien and received in audience the British Minister, O'Connor."

It is reported that the Provincial Authorities at Foochow, owing to the difficulty of getting a sufficiency of coin from the Canton Mint, which cannot keep pace with the demand, are thinking of establishing a mint of their own.

We understand that the British North Borneo Company have agreed to grant the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company special privileges in connection with the landing of a cable at Labuan, and that they have offered to give the company a large grant of land, and office and staff accommodation.

Charles Edward Miller, who was formerly in the employ of the China and Japan Trading Company (limited), at Kobe, has been sentenced to four years' imprisonment for embezzling the company's funds. His total defalcations amounted to about \$75,000, but having pleaded guilty to a charge in which the amount was \$8000, the other charges against him were not proceeded with.

A Macao contemporary reports that a gang of pirates a short time ago formed a scheme to pirate the Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company's steamer Heungshan on her voyage from Hongkong to Macao, but that the scheme miscarried owing to some of the pirates missing their passage.

The following telegram, dated Tokyo, 1st instant, appears in an Osaka paper: "The Committee of the Naval Department has decided that the Chishima disaster was caused through the neglect of her crew. On the 14th instant, or thereabout, the Naval Minister will announce the sentence against the Chishima survivors. The penalty is believed not to be heavy."

The Belmont silver mine, which is owned by a company at Shanghai, will it is stated, probably be leased on terms which will relieve the company of its present embarrassment.

The Japanese pilot who was in charge of the Ravens at the time of the collision with the Chishima Kan has been committed for trial by the native authorities on a charge of homicide.

Although the tea trade at Foochow last year again showed a contraction, it is stated to have been on the whole profitable to those engaged in it, owing to the cheaper cost and lower exchange.

Victor Valazie, a parachutist, was killed at Saigon on the 8th inst. whilst giving a performance. He lost his hold of the trapeze and fell from a height variously stated at from 600 to over 1000 feet and crashed through the roof of a brewery.

The Bangkok Times says Mr. Sharp, of H. S. M. S. Rajakumar, met with a very serious accident whilst handling some dynamite and gun-cotton cartridges at Koh-sieang on Christmas Day, when in some unaccountable manner an explosion took place shattering his left hand and injuring his left eye.

A birth of quadruplets is reported from near Shanghai. The Chinese Consulate at Jinsen

is reported to have been attacked by a mob of Koreans owing to a Korean coolie having been killed by a Chinese merchant. The attack does not appear to have resulted in very serious damage.

The Mandarin at Makung, in recognition of the kindness and hospitality extended by him to the survivors of the wreck of the Bokhara, is to be presented with a watch and chain and a gift of champagne by the P. & O. Company. The services of Captain Burr, of H. M. S. Porpoise, and of Captain Hodgins, of the steamer Thales, are also to be recognized by the company.

A number of Hunan disbanded soldiery have been sent from Foochow to their homes. There are said to be still ten thousand remaining in the city and roaming over the country and their presence causes considerable uneasiness.

The Crown Prince of Siam underwent the "Sokan," or hair-cutting ceremony, on the 28th ultimo.

Intelligence has reached Canton from Kni Hsien to the effect that on the 24th ultimo an extensive fire broke out, resulting in over sixty houses being reduced to ashes. While the flames were raging, some soldiers prowled about to snatch things from the people in the vicinity. This was discovered by the San Tszes, and on the 27th ultimo a meeting was held at which it was resolved to file a petition to the District Magistrate, praying for the punishment of the soldiers.

The steamer Smith took to Formosa from Ningpo over two hundred recruits from that city under the command of Yuan Tso-ting, lately connected with the "Green-turbaned" or Ward's old regiment of Ningpo. This is the first time since the Taiping rebellion, the Mercury says, that Ningpo has been made a recruiting ground for the Chinese army.

A telegram from Jinsen states, according to the Hyogo News, that several hundred Korean coolies made a raid on the Chinese Consulate at Jinsen with sticks and other weapons, destroying the fences and knocking down the inmates. They withdrew to Lonsantsin, after strenuous efforts to pacify them on the part of the native policemen and local officials. Another attack is feared, and the Consulate has applied to Tientsin for the immediate dispatch of a warship. The cause of the uprising is said to be due to the fact that a Chinese merchant had killed a Korean coolie.

A SENSIBLE NATIVE.

He Says That a Union With the United States is Best.

A native writes from Kauai stating that natives in his district are gradually being won by the new government. The writer says that if monarchy could not be restored he would prefer union with the United States of America, and that he would use every means in his power to enlighten his people on the subject. Some of his reasons for favoring union are these:

- 1. The sacredness of the tabu of aliis [royalty] ended with King Lunalilo.
2. America is the leading and invincible country in the universe.
3. The political rights of the aborigines will be the same as the whites.
4. The labor contract system will end.
5. The youths of Hawaii will be privileged to a more liberal system of higher education.
6. The people will be freed from the oppressions and aggressions of a privileged few.
7. Our products will be entered into any port of the United States of America free of duty.

A DELUDED PEOPLE.

A gentleman at Molokai writes that the Provisional Government is looked upon unfavorably by the natives there. Meetings are held in some of the churches praying for the restoration of ex-Queen Liliuokalani to her throne and the continuance of Hawaii's independence. The writer further stated that only a few government officials have signed the allegiance oath, while many have refused to do so, acting presumably from false information from friends in this city.

Coffee Cure for Horses.

The German naturalist, Martin, relates a case he recently met of a horse which owed its life to coffee. It was in such a bad way that it was considered incurable, and the owner sold the animal for \$15. The animal was then almost a skeleton, and so weak that it could hardly walk. The man who bought the horse immediately began to treat it with coffee, giving infusions of roasted coffee beans, and also coffee beans ground and mixed with honey. In a short time the horse began to improve, and after a few months its new owner was offered \$250 for it. He told Herr Martin he had brought round by the same treatment many horses which had been overworked or had lost their strength and appetite.—[Ex.]

John M. Vivas has been appointed a notary public for the First Judicial Circuit.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the statements made, or opinions expressed by our correspondents.

A Kick From Kona.

MR. EDITOR: With such able men at the head of the new Provisional Government, it was hoped that only competent and reliable men would be appointed to office, and that the days of appointing dummies and figure-heads to administer public justice was at an end; but the commissioning of Henry Haili, as District Judge for South Kona, has filled everyone in the district with surprise and disgust. How this man's name ever reached the Executive is a mystery, and it would seem those who made the appointment must have been misinformed or were entirely ignorant of his qualifications.

He is a man of very little education, who has neither position or property, not even a house of his own, and is entirely ignorant of law and Court proceedings, and only known here as an orange peddler about the wharves.

It would seem that the public had a right to demand that capable and reliable men should be appointed to judicial offices, and not men who have no knowledge of their own and will be obliged to hire others to do their work, and thus leave the public at the mercy of smart and designing rascals. More especially as these judges have the acquittal or committal in all criminal cases, thus putting property-owners in a very unsafe position.

The appointment of such a man as judge is a burlesque and disgrace to the office and an insult to the residents of South Kona, when we have able and good men to fill the position.

Hoping we are not going back to the days when public offices were given as rewards, without regard to character or qualification.

Yours truly, J. D. PARIS, Kona, Hawaii, February, 1893.

BURGLARS AGAIN.

Attempted Robbery at Kawaiahaeo Seminary.

Now that the revolution is over the restless burglar is beginning again to do his share towards interesting and diverting the community. No longer restrained by the terrors of martial law he feels free to make free with the unprotected houses of Honolulu. Sunday night, the very first after the suspension of martial law, one of these gentry attempted a raid on Kawaiahaeo Seminary. By his operations he seems to have been some one familiar with the premises, though not at all an expert at burglarizing. The intruder managed to cut a hole in a blind and open it but was stopped by the window. He then made his way to the rear of the building where he effected an entrance by a window which had been left unfastened. The burglar then proceeded to the office where was the desk of the principal, which was supposed to contain money. The desk was locked, and none of the keys from a bunch hanging near could be persuaded to fit. The burglar then hacked the desk pretty freely with a knife, but omitted to carve his name—a case where foresight proved stronger than old habit. The would-be thief got nothing for his pains, but he carried off a door key, so that he evidently plans another visit.

One of the teachers, sleeping upstairs heard the noise below, but false alarms of this kind had proved so common that no attention was paid to it.

Mr. Henry C. Lyon, the manager of the Raymond & Whitcomb excursions, writes to the Hawaiian Hotel Co. that the prospects are quite flattering for a large party for the islands in the March steamer, and that he will accompany the party as he did last year.

H. G. Treadway, formerly deputy Sheriff of Maui, sailed from Hongkong for Bremen, on the 3d inst., in the steamer Bayern.

Mr. Albert Favorite, of Arkansas City, Kan., wishes to give our readers the benefit of his experience with colds. He says: "I contracted a cold early last spring that settled on my lungs, and had hardly recovered from it when I caught another that hung on all summer and left me with a hacking cough which I thought I never would get rid of. I had used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy some fourteen years ago with much success, and concluded to try it again. When I had got through with one bottle my cough had left me, and I have not suffered with a cough or cold since. I have recommended it to others, and all speak well of it." 50 cent bottles for sale by all dealers. BENSON, SMITH & Co., Agents for the Hawaiian Islands.

THE YELLOW FLAG.

Arrival of the Belgic With Smallpox on Board.

The O. & O. S. S. Belgic, W. H. Walker, commander, was anchored off port Wednesday morning. She left Yokohama on the evening of January 28. The yellow flag was flying at the masthead when the port physician, Dr. Geo. Trousseau, boarded the vessel as she lay outside the harbor. One of the fifty-nine Japanese steerage passengers for this port was taken down on the way to Honolulu with smallpox. Dr. Trousseau placed the entire vessel, officers, men and passengers under strict quarantine. When the fact was communicated to the Board of Health, that body immediately called a meeting, at which it was decided that the Belgic should be quarantined for the regular period of eighteen days. At a later meeting of the Board in the afternoon, it was decided to allow the passengers to land at the Quarantine Station and to remain there for eighteen days. The ship's cargo for this port of 440 tons was also landed, and then fumigated before delivered to its respective owners.

The Belgic has also 117 Chinese steerage passengers for this port, who will enjoy the same period of quarantine as their near neighbors. Captain F. D. Walker, who took the Hawaiian schooner Kaalokai with a cargo of shark oil to the land of the Mikado some time ago, was the only cabin passenger for this port.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Mortality Report for the Month of January, 1893.

The total number of deaths reported for the month of January was 38, distributed as follows:

Table with columns for age groups (Under 1 year, 1 to 5, 5 to 10, 10 to 20, 20 to 30, 30 to 40, 40 to 50, 50 to 60, 60 to 70, Over 70) and sex (Males, Females). Total deaths: 38.

CAUSE OF DEATH.

Table listing causes of death: Alcoholism, Aortic Disease, Beriberi, Consumption, Carbuncle, Debility, Dysentery, Diarrhoea, Dropsy, Fever, Heart Disease, Hemorrhage, Hernia, Infantile, Old age, Pneumonia.

COMPARATIVE MONTHLY MORTALITY.

Table comparing mortality for Jan 1889, Jan 1890, Jan 1891, Jan 1892, Jan 1893.

DEATHS BY WARDS.

Table showing deaths by ward numbers 1 through 5.

Annual death rate per 1000 per month.

Table showing death rates for Hawaiians, Asiatics, and All other nationalities.

G. W. C. JONES, Agent Board of Health.

Mr. C. W. Ashford, since his retirement from the editorial chair of the Liberal (English version) will contribute to the Holomua about two columns of matter, three times per week, under the heading of "Brieflets," and in his new journalistic relation, he will continue to give the Provisional Government an independent support.

The following certificate which was procured from the United States Brewers' Academy for the purpose of ascertaining the good quality of the "Budweiser Beer" brewed by the FRED. MILLER BREWING Co., Milwaukee, Wis., explains itself:

NEW YORK, April 9, 1892. FRED MILLER BREWING Co., MILWAUKEE, WIS.

GENTLEMEN: The sample of beer which we examined for you contains in 100 parts:

Table showing chemical composition of beer: Alcohol (3.41%), Extract (5.45%), Sugar (1.32%), Dextrin (2.68%), Albuminoids (0.36%), Lactic Acid (0.10%), Mineral Substances (0.14%), Hop Extract, etc. (0.81%).

According to this analysis, we beg to state that in our opinion, the Beer has been well brewed, well fermented and well stored. It has a good life and shows good keeping qualities. The Beer has a good and nice round taste, and we can safely recommend it as a wholesome beverage.

Yours respectfully, UNITED STATES BREWERS' ACADEMY, per M. Schwarz.

In addition to the fact that this Beer contains remarkably little alcohol, we beg to say that it is brewed of genuine hops and the very best Wisconsin barley, known as "Scotch Fife," and the water is taken from the celebrated Wawatosa mineral springs well known throughout the Northwest; in fact it is the only Milwaukee Beer brewed with mineral spring water. ED. HOFFSCHLAGER & Co., Sole Importers, Hawaiian Islands.

TWO DIALECT POETS.

THE LITERARY WORK OF J. W. RILEY AND S. W. FOSS.

Each Has Gained Fame and Both Are of National Reputation—Reasons Why the Humorist's Work is Not Sure of Permanent Place in Literature.

Of all forms of literature the humorous is notably evanescent. And it makes the admirers of James Whitcomb Riley and S. W. Foss—the men now delighting us—grieve to add that of humorous poetry the dialect kind is usually the most evanescent. It is impossible for the spirit of one age to be reproduced in the next, and he who is not in the spirit misses the subtlety of the humor. It is only the very finest that will even bear transplanting, for in another country the jokes must be explained, and humor that requires footnotes is dead already. Instance Hingston's English edition of Artemus Ward. To an American the explanations are almost as funny as the text.

Yet how rich in suggestion some of the lines of Riley are; how delicately suggestive are the sly allusions of Foss! But "Indian summer" is a season unknown in England, and so Britons can but wonder at American enthusiasm over those richly suggestive lines:

When the frost is on the pumpkin and the fudder's in the shock.

In England there is no "husky rattle of the tassels on the corn;" no "rasping of the tangled leaves, as golden as the morn;" no forest lines that "no painter



JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

has the color in mock," and while there's frost enough, alas! there is no "fudder in the shock." So, incredible as it may seem, this poem an Englishman can appreciate little more than the labored jokes in Punch amuse us. Mr. Riley is but thirty-nine years old, yet he has been a poet of local note for twenty years and of national fame nearly as long. He got his experience early, and got it fresh from man and nature. Born in Greenfield, Hancock county, Ind., and designed by his well-to-do father for a business or professional man, he good naturedly kicked over the traces while still in school and took up the trade of a traveling sign painter. In this line he acquired all the phrases of the streets, the woods and the fields. He started in literature the master of two languages—English and "Hoosier."

Perhaps the most elaborate joke he ever perpetrated was a poem in imitation of Edgar A. Poe, which went the rounds as a newly discovered production of that poet, and deceived as cute a critic as William Cullen Bryant. It was in 1875-6 that his pieces began to attract attention in the papers, and he has since 1880 been recognized as the leading dialect poet of the country.

Mr. S. W. Foss, The Yankee Blade man, as he is called, is admittedly the foremost rival of Mr. Riley in the line of dialect poetry. His biography is as yet brief. He was born in Candia, N. H., June 19, 1858, and was graduated from Brown university in 1882, standing, as he says, "very near the end of the class." He was also class poet. While editing the Lynn (Mass.) Union he was compelled to get up a humorous column in a great hurry one day, and to his astonishment, as much as any other man's, it "took." He became editor of The Yankee Blade in 1887.



S. W. FOSS.

His poetry is best described as serio-comic, but it goes. The reader must not consider his "Sebastian Mory's Poem" as in any sense his own experience. In it he says:

"The 'Lantle, an The Century, an Lippincott's an Harper's, Scribner, an all the rest of 'em, is all a set of shapers. When they din a son er genius in a reg'lar ten-stroke poet. An a colicann er the muses they don't know enough to know it. I writ a roarin poem an I sent it to the 'Lantle, An then, when it come back next mail, it near by driv me frantic. I sent it then to all the rest to see how they would find it. But they, with their durned printed slips, 'respectfully declined it.'"

There is a ring of Hosea Bigelow and Bird of Freedom Sawin in this, and in Mr. Foss's most humorous poetry there is a marked tendency to the use of long words terminating long lines, which combines the sublime and ridiculous in a style irresistibly funny. Riley and Foss—the dialect poets of the day—more than sustain our national reputation in that line.

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Do you want the wheels of your buggy, brake or dray to run smoothly this year? Of course you do, you ain't in love with a hot box and a wheel that won't go round. Just try a bottle of Climax Axle Oil and see how it works. It is far better than castor oil, which is generally used, and is sold for just half the price. This oil has been well tried here and no one once using it will go back to castor or axle grease. We can sell it to you by the bottle, gallon or 5-gallon tin. If you still prefer castor oil or axle grease we have them both in any quantity.

We have just added 51 doz. Paint Brushes to our stock, and can now furnish you any kind from a cheap white-wash to a fine all-bristle paint or varnish Brush.

We also have a new lot of Carriage Gloss Paint, and your buggy will need touching up when the weather gets settled. Galvanized Iron Padlocks are much better to use out of doors than the ordinary japd iron locks. Our new lot has just been opened.

Gentlemen who shave themselves know how important it is to have a good strop, and we are selling a new style Strop, which several of our customers say beats anything ever brought here. This strop is purchased by the Commissary-General, U. S. A. for use throughout the entire army of the United States, and is supplied to the entire corps of Cadets, at the Military Academy, West Point. Try one of these strops and you will never use any other.

The patent Clothes Rack we sell is just the thing to use this wet weather. You can set it up before the stove in a moment, dry out the clothes you got wet in that last shower, and in another moment you can fold up your rack and stand it up behind the door.

Garden Trowels we have been out of some weeks, but the last steamer brought us a new lot, also Pointing Trowels, Disston's Saws, Butchers' Spring Balances, assorted Tailors' Chalk, Brown & Sharp Horse Clippers.

We now have a new lot of steel and brass, long spout Locomotive Oilers, the last lot having all been sold the day they were received.

A new lot of Binoculars and Field Glasses, you will find well worth looking through. We have them all prices; also yacht and pocket Compasses, Maximum and Minimum Thermometers.

Brush Door Mats, just the thing for this season of the year.

We are almost out of those Linen Lariats, but have several dozen already invoiced which we expect on the next steamer.

We will have a Gil Net on the next steamer 1000 ft. long by 9 ft high. This one is sold to arrived but we can take your order for any size net. We lately sold a large net which paid for its entire cost in two hauls. Who says fishing don't pay? We have just received a new lot of fine Linen Gilling Cord for repairing nets.

Hall's Cane Knives, plain or hooked are useful at this time of year, as the cane must be cut. This brand of knives is made especially for this market, and lasts twice as long as many of the lighter made knives of poor metal.

Don't forget that our stock of Lubricating Oils is very large and varied. Anything from pure Strained Sperm to Carbox Oil in barrel, case, or gallon, or bottle lots. Our stock of SHIP CHANDLERY has been added to quite extensively of late and is now the largest and most complete in these Islands.