

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The Constitutional Convention convenes tomorrow.

Kam-hameha day will be observed as a public holiday.

Company B is wanted at the Armory at 7:30 this evening.

The Iwalani may be in this evening from her trip to Necker Island.

Allan Herbert expects to leave on the Mariposa for an extended tour abroad.

The Paradise of the Pacific for May is out, and can be had at the newsdealers.

The latest rumor is that the Iwalani has been sunk by a shot from the Champion.

Commissioner of Agriculture Marsden intends trying to push the cultivation of the papaya.

There will be a meeting of all interested in woman suffrage at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the Y. M. C. A.

All the district clubs will meet this evening to discuss the matter of the vacancy in the Advisory Council.

The Hawaiian Hardware Company has knives that will cut anything, from the Gordian knot to your best friend.

The public is cordially invited to be present at the opening of the Constitutional Convention at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

A number of delegates from the outside districts are in town, and are ready for the opening of the Constitutional Convention.

A number of delegates to the trade convention to be held in British Columbia in the near future are expected on the Arawa.

All those wishing to enter the boarding department of Punahou school in September, should write Professor F. A. Hosmer at once.

During his leisure hours, D. M. Crowley works on a new native drama. It will have a production at the Opera House at an early date.

The "White Feather Brigade" has lodged another protest with Minister Willis. This time they object to the Constitutional Convention.

Chester A. Doyle will make a flying trip to Lahaina this week. He goes in search of a legacy. His friends will wear crapes on their hats until his return.

Chief Officer Lawless of the Australia had a handful of passport "stoppers" on Saturday. One bore the name of a Bulletin contributor who occasionally writes poetry.

Unless Francis Leo G. Harden, with the accent on the G, is sent out of the country in the meantime, he will appear in the District Court on Thursday morning to answer for the Punchbowl episode.

Two games of baseball will be played this week—one on Wednesday between the Crescents and Kamehamebas, and the regular game on Saturday, when the Hawaiis and Crescents will try conclusions.

There will be no especial ceremonies connected with the opening of the convention on Wednesday. An adjournment will be taken in the afternoon to allow the members to attend the exercises of Decoration Day.

Francis Leo G. Harden has been supposed to be a hard character for some time, but the depth of his depravity was not known until the Holomua undertook his defence. That alone is nearly enough to convict anyone.

Two babies were christened yesterday, and each was honored by having the name of Sanford given it, as a compliment to President Dole. One belongs to Captain Carl Klemme and the other to Mr. George Markham.

Wednesday of this week will be an eventful day. The Convention will meet; Decoration Day will be observed; the local athletic club will have a field day and there will be a baseball game between the Kamehamebas and Crescents.

One of the many rumors that were rife at the time the Iwalani sailed was that the ex-queen was on board, and was going to land at Nawiliwili and there declare the monarchy again. This was fully believed by a number of natives of the royalist persuasion.

The old legislative hall in the Judiciary building is being put in order for the Constitutional Convention. The floor was painted yesterday and a platform was erected for the presiding officer. Incandescent lamps will be distributed about the hall in case night sessions are found to be necessary.

PERSONALS.

C. J. Fishel is in town again after a lengthy stay on Maui.

Edward Damon will spend his summer vacation in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. S. Williams and Mrs. W. L. Green will leave on the Arawa en route to Scotland.

John Waterhouse, who has been at Princeton, will return home soon to assume a position in Waterhouse's.

Albert and James Judd, who are just finishing their Freshman year at Yale, will return here for the summer.

Charles Hyde, who has been ill for some time, will probably come to home this summer, if able. He is present at Williams College.

Mrs. J. D. Schieck, whose husband died here recently, left for her home on the Australia. The body of Mr. Schieck was shipped on the same vessel.

Professor F. A. Hosmer, the President of Oahu College, will leave for the Coast next month on a visit to his former home in Great Barrington, Mass.

Aleck Atherton and Montague Cooke will come home from their vacation but Harry and George Waterhouse will remain in the East, visiting friends.

C. A. Brown left on the Australia for Worcester, Mass., where his father was dangerously ill at last accounts. Mr. Brown could not state just when he would return.

Miss Helen T. Bacon, who has charge of two of Mrs. Cooper's free kindergartens in San Francisco, has come to spend her vacation at the islands, and is at present the guest of Mrs. H. W. Severance.

Mrs. Captain Luce has presented the Historical Society with two large quarto volumes of a work entitled "More's Voyages," published in England about a hundred years ago. In the work Captain Cook is referred to as having lately died in an island near Kamschatka.

News was received by the Australia that Charles K. Hyde was seriously ill with typhoid fever at Williamstown. By the Warrimoo, intelligence came that he was better. Mrs. Hyde will leave on the Australia, but if he is fully recovered she will return to Honolulu without going East.

W. G. SMITH TO LEAVE.

He Intends Going on the Mariposa Thursday.

Walter G. Smith, until recently editor of the Star, is booked to leave on the Mariposa. It has been rumored during the last few days that Mr. Smith, with Edward Towse and George Manson, intended to start another morning paper here, and that they had decided to purchase the plant of one of the evening papers. This, however, is not true.

Mr. Smith will be greatly missed from Honolulu by the many friends he has made during the past year. He has been a strong and fearless champion of the annexation cause ever since his arrival, and his departure will be regretted.

An Attractive Issue.

The Paradise of the Pacific for May has appeared, and this first number under the new management already marks a great improvement over previous issues. It contains a considerable quantity of original matter, all of which is of much interest, while the selections are judiciously made. The illustrated supplement, which appears as a frontispiece, is a charming group of half-tones, and is the prettiest piece of work ever done in Honolulu. A good feature of this issue is the prominence it gives to the attractions of the islands as a place for investment, valuable information being given on coffee, hemp and other actual or possible objects of production.

Decoration Day.

The programme of the exercises to be held in honor of Decoration Day has not yet been completed. Judge Hartwell is to be the speaker of the day. The procession will form at 2:30 at Harmony hall, and, attended by several military companies and the band, will march to the Nuuanu Cemetery, where the exercises will be held.

The Glorious Fourth.

The old Fourth of July committee met yesterday and appointed J. B. Atherton a committee of one to see Minister Willis and ask him to issue a proclamation for the observance of the day. In case this is done, committees will be at once appointed and a grand celebration will be had.

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COURT NOTES.

In the matter of the contested will of Charlotte Adams, the jury has rendered a verdict in favor of the proponents of the will. It was half-past 10 o'clock on Thursday night when the jury agreed upon their verdict, after being out about an hour. C. Brown and W. A. Kinney for the will; C. W. Ashford and A. Rosa for the contestants.

The only case heard before Judge Cooper and a jury yesterday was Mrs. J. K. Iaukea and husband vs. W. H. Cummings, the road supervisor, being a suit for \$5000 damages for an assault committed on Mrs. Iaukea. Dr. Cooper, who dressed the wounds upon the woman, was a witness in the case. The jury rendered a verdict for plaintiff of \$500 damages. J. L. Kalulouku for plaintiffs; W. C. Achi for defendant.

Before Judge Whiting, in the matter of the guardianship of the John D. Brewer minors, the Court has approved the account of Mrs. Nannie R. Rice, their guardian and mother. The account covers the period of six years, and is accompanied by a request that the guardian be discharged as to Charles Brewer who has attained his legal majority. This request has been granted. Total amount received and expended during said period of six years, \$35,764.00, the source of income being dividends in stock of the Hawaiian Agricultural Company, the Wailuku Sugar Company, the Wilder Steamship Company, and C. Brewer & Company. F. M. Hatch for the guardian.

In the matter of the guardianship of the Chas. A. Long minors, Judge Whiting has approved the annual account of F. A. Schaefer, the guardian, and also authorized the settlement of a share upon Carlo A. Long, now of age. His distributive share is the sum of \$6236.81. Guardian in person.

Trial of the mixed jury case entitled Talula L. Hayselden vs. Wahineaea, ejection, occupied the attention of Court and jury all day yesterday. To be resumed today. This is an old case, instituted in 1891; in 1892 the first jury disagreed; in the same year the jury rendered a verdict in favor of defendant, and in 1893 the Supreme Court ordered a new trial. C. W. Ashford and C. Brown for plaintiff; J. Nawahi for defendant.

In Harry Klemme vs. the Inspectors of Election, Judge Whiting has heard the plea to the jurisdiction made by the respondents, and the matter was taken under advisement. C. W. Ashford for plaintiff; A. S. Hartwell for the inspectors.

The hearing of the petition of one Wong Kwork Hang, for a discharge from bankruptcy, has been postponed by Judge Whiting until Friday next to allow written objections of certain creditors to be made, and also to cite the assignees. J. A. Magoon for the bankrupt.

In the equity accounting case between Charles Kaiakiki, plaintiff, vs. J. W. Kaliikoa and others, defendants have filed a bond to indemnify the plaintiff for his traveling expenses in case defendants fail to substantiate their defense. C. Brown for plaintiff; W. C. Achi for defendants.

A petition has been filed by the widow of the late Joseph N. C. Gilman, praying for letters of administration upon the estate of her late husband, and June 29th next has been appointed for hearing of the application. The estate is worth over \$3000 in lands and Government bonds. The widow nominates D. Dayton as administrator. Petitioner in person.

Messrs McCheesney & Son have filed a petition to put Tai Wo Chan & Co., a firm doing business in Honolulu, into bankruptcy. Warrant issued, and the Marshal has been put into custody of the property and assets of the alleged bankrupt firm. W. A. Kinney for the petitioning creditors.

James F. Morgan, as garnishee in the assumptit case of Campbell, Marshall & Co. vs. Beattie & Harvey, of San Francisco, Cal., has applied to give his testimony in the case, as required by statute in such case made and provided.

If King Solomon was alive he would now say: "Go to the traveling man, learn his ways, and be wise." Mr. C. W. Battell, a Cincinnati traveling man representing the Queen City Printing Ink Co., after suffering intensely for two or three days with lameness of the shoulder, resulting from rheumatism, completely cured it with two applications of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. This remedy is gaining a wide reputation for its prompt cures of rheumatism, lame back, sprains, swellings, and lameness. 50 cent bottles are for sale by all Medicine Dealers. BENSON, SMITH & Co., Agents for H. I.

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JOHNSON ISLAND.

It Appears to be an American Possession.

The reported departure of the British cruiser Champion from Honolulu to take possession of Johnson Island, one of the Ladrone group, in the name of the English Government, has aroused considerable interest relative to the ownership of the island, said the San Francisco Chronicle in August, 1892. The records of the Attorney-General's office at Washington would seem to prove conclusively that the island is an American possession, and was made such by Captain W. H. Parker in 1852. During a trade expedition in the South Pacific at that time Parker is said to have discovered Johnson Island, roughly surveyed it, and, upon finding it to contain rich deposits of guano, he took possession of it in the name of the United States. In 1857 this claim, with the details of the discovery, was filed with Secretary of State Cass.

Parker subsequently organized the Pacific Guano Company, and in 1858 another expedition was fitted out at this port and once more the island was taken possession of by American navigators and in the name of their nation. Parker died in 1859, but prior to his demise he is said to have transferred the greater portion of his claim to Captain Martin Roberts and Theodore C. Mayes, both of this city, receiving in return \$6,000. In view of these facts and apart from the cloud over the title caused by the several claimants in this country, there would appear to be no question regarding the fact of American possession.

Captain Roberts declares the island to be excellently situated for a war station and provided with a suitable harbor. The disputed possession lies immediately south of the direct route to China and on the proposed route of the English cable from New Zealand to Honolulu. In troublesome times its claimant believes it would be worth at least \$500,000 to the United States.

SPEED THE PARTING GUEST.

Chester A. Doyle Goes on a Very Important Mission.

For some days, or since the arrival of Lieutenant Boeter, the friends of Chester A. Doyle have noticed what is colloquially termed a far-away look in his eyes, and they are at a loss for the cause. Whether or not he has decided to follow in the footsteps of the German officer, no one knows, but his conduct for a day or so would lead people to suppose he had. It was announced in yesterday's ADVERTISER that he was going to make a flying trip to Maui in search of a legacy but one of his countrymen—Mr. Yamichiro Maru by name—said that instead of going after a legacy he will journey to interview Fred Hayselden, with the intention of purchasing the island of Lanai to found a "fruit-eating and no-clothes colony." According to Mr. Maru's statement, he will not go alone to the island mentioned, but will be accompanied by the members of "The Ancient Order of Never-Sleeps," who have been going around with a seal-brown taste in their mouths ever since the last seance.

It is not known just why Mr. Doyle and his friends are going to leave this sunny isle, and the supposition is that they have decided to boycott the tailors, as it was only the other day that the high court interpreter was heard to remark that all tailors ought to be banished to Hilo for the rest of their natural lives. It seems that he went into a shop and wanted to know if he could get a forty-dollar suit for \$10, but he was disappointed in the reply, which was: "We are out of the kind asked for, but we have some nice ten-dollar suits for \$40." This broke Mr. Doyle's heart, and now he is going to Lanai to live on fruit, with an occasional steak thrown in. He leaves this morning on the W. G. Hall.

Ready Today.

The Planters' Monthly for the current month is out and contains an unusually large number of articles possessing interest to people engaged in agriculture and farming. Among them are some on Portuguese immigration, preservation of forests, accidents in sugar mills, making sugar out of nothing, the beet sugar industry, orange culture, droughts, how to construct cool buildings, a ten-million sugar factory, mistakes of new comers, prices of sugar in America and Europe and a dozen other topics. This publication should be in the hands of every fruit-grower, planter or coffee-grower, wherever they may be located.

HARDEN IS GREATLY WRONGED.

That Is His Opinion of His Present Incarceration.

MERELY A GOOD COMMISSION AGENT.

He Says a Chinese Friend Who Deals in Opium Was His Informant as to the Whereabouts of the Goods—He Will go to Mexico This Summer.

Francis Leo G. Harden still rests in duress vile. He seems to be perfectly contented, however, with his lot, and says that he will be content to stay there awhile, if he has as easy a time as he has had during the last few days.

Speaking of an ADVERTISER man yesterday, Harden said:

"I am a much wronged individual. I had nothing to do with the robbery at all, and in the matter of returning the goods to Dailey I simply acted as a commission agent or collector would do. A Chinese friend of mine, who deals in opium, telephoned me on Friday that he wanted to see me, and we drove up Punchbowl together. Here the Chinaman showed me a hole in which he had buried a couple of pistols, and told me that his partner, the man who had done the burglarizing, would be there at a certain time. I went back to town and saw Dailey. He hummed and hawed and haggled, and at last I agreed to accept \$25, as the best I could do for my client. Of the amount obtained, I was to receive 20 per cent.

"When we had settled our little business, Dailey asked me to have a drink. We went in to the hotel bar, and Dailey took brandy while I stuck to lemonade, so you see I am a very moral young man.

"When we got to the top of Punchbowl I called out and a man put his head over the wall and pointed a gun at us. I don't know who this man was; or if I do I am not going to tell. The stolen goods were then handed over, and I got \$25 from Dailey, and gave the man with the mask \$20, keeping my commission. We made no attempt whatever to take anything else from Dailey, but we could have done it easily enough, as he showed considerable gold in his purse. I consider that I conducted the business as any other respectable business agent would have done.

"After Dailey had all his things, we drove around the old battery, and stopped to look at the scenery. I showed him the various points of in-

terest and we were having a very pleasant conversation, when I heard a voice behind us say 'git' and when I saw it was the man with the mask, we got.

"While we were driving down the hill, we were as jolly as sandboys. I showed him the beautiful cactus brought here by the wretched missionary and the lantern imported by the same villain. Then we caught up with the two girls, Miss Gassman and Miss Nannary, and I drove past them. I was not afraid, but I thought they might meet an officer and tell a story that would compromise me. I knew I was innocent, but I hate to be compromised. As we drove past, I waved my hat at the fair skirt dancer, and blew her a dainty kiss. She did not respond to my salutation, however.

"When we reached the Mormon church, I told Dailey that we would have to part. He gave me a ticket for that evening's performance, and I jumped out of the buggy and went into the church. I stayed there for some time praying for the missionaries. When I had finished my devotions, I went out to Palama where I employed my time so well that when I got back I had only a nickel and a wash ticket.

"I am not to be deported. I go of my own free will, if I do go. I will go to San Francisco first, but will be in the City of Mexico before July, as I have a friend in the British legation there. Mr. Wodehouse has not guaranteed my departure at all.

"I want to deny emphatically that I have implicated Fitzgerald in the slightest degree. The police authorities got the boy in a room and tried to pump him by telling him that I had said he was the burglar, but Fitz was very diplomatic, being one of my pupils, and did not rise to the bait.

"My quarters are fair, although not luxurious. I have been given a servant to attend to my wants, I have a mosquito net and a good bed, and Attorney-General Smith has given orders that I am to have what I want. Could I ask for more?

"You really must excuse me now, old man. I must go and take my bath, don't you know," and the coming exile tripped merrily away, looking as light hearted as ever.

Harden has made a number of friends during his stay in the station. His unflinching good nature makes it almost impossible for one to become angry with him, and he is generally looked upon as a harmless kind of crank. He does not see the slightest thing out of the way in his latest escapade, but takes the whole matter as a huge joke. He says that he will not be allowed to land in Victoria unless he has at least \$50 with him, and remarked yesterday that the "dear government would have to dig up that amount for him if it wanted to get rid of him."

The trip to Vancouver is regarded as a kind of outing by the irrepressible young Englishman, and he looks upon the matter as another chapter in his most eventful life.

The advocates of woman suffrage will probably send a petition to the Convention soon after it meets.



NOVELIST JOHN JACOB ASTOR.
John Jacob Astor, the third to bear that name, has written and published a novel which is somewhat after the style of Jules Verne's romances. The book will sell because he wrote it, but if it does not he will probably manage to get along on his income of \$8,000,000 a year.

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