

SALUTATORY.

This paper is named THE INDEPENDENT. Its policy is expressed in its name. It does not bid for government patronage, whereby other newspapers have fallen from the virtues of the "fourth estate," as the press has been called. It is to be a paper for the people. This country is said to be a republic, which means that the government should be of, by and for the people. The INDEPENDENT will have, for its chief mission in life, the function of making the government conform to the interests of the people as a whole. It represents no faction or party. The INDEPENDENT will advocate the rights of the people in self-government and everything else. It is not started to oppose the present government of the Republic of Hawaii, nor to harass those who are doing the best they can to give a decent administration under a system of government which is acknowledged to be sustained by a minority, whose right to rule is based on machine guns and meretricious sentiment that only a minority of a minority professes to entertain. There is no need for the INDEPENDENT to outline its policy. That has been done already by people who know its aims and opinions better than its owners and conductors. Let them cherish their fond conceits, and lie to their hearts' content. This paper is going to talk truth and sense to everybody, and its wisdom will be like the mercies of providence—new every morning. Anybody who does not like it with his breakfast may defer his perusal until he can borrow a copy from his neighbor down town, and, if his wife and children like to be left without the news and honest politics, that is a matter for domestic adjustment or the adjudication of the divorce courts. No apology is forthcoming for any deficiencies in this, the initial issue, because with all its faults it is the paper that will be in everybody's mouth today. There is no attempt at putting the "best foot forward." This is absolutely the worst number of the Independent that will ever be issued. If the editorial "we" can get any worse, the public will be apprised of it in advance—that is, before any subscriptions are paid. The Independent is going to give all the news, and say just what its conductors please. Its object is to make money out of people whom it satisfies—none other need order it left at their

doors. It will be a paper without vituperation, without vulgarity, without unreasoning partisanship, without any funny business—but a plain, common-place newspaper that will tell the truth and shame the adversary. Its politics will be partly shaped by events as they happen, because nobody knows in these times what a day may bring forth, but you may be sure that The Independent will strew thorns in the path of anybody who tries to advance his own selfish interest at the expense of the public. This paper is not anti-anything, as some kind friends have forecast, excepting force and fraud as factors in ruling the people of these beautiful islands. In short, this is The Independent, and what have you to say about it? Subscription only the same as that of inferior contemporaries, and, if you do not like it, there is no law of the land which compels you to endure its infliction.

Criminal Rumors.

It is lately not difficult to say from whom the rumors come that now disturb the peace of the community. The official morning organ indulges in them and there is always space in its columns to tell the little world that reads the fossilized sheet that "there are meetings on Kauai," that the 2½ citizens in Lahaina expect a massacre [of the 2½] and that Kohala is just ready to be swamped in British gore. The "Independent" has looked carefully into the matter. It was found that the man from Maui who saw revolutionary meetings in a canoe or on the top of the mountain, needed rifles and ammunitions, and he got them; and now he shoots the goats that formerly kicked their heels and smiled with a "horned" expression of the man who was so scared. From Kauai the rumors come that in the deep night the wicked conspirators meet and decide the fate of the country. People living on Kauai come to Honolulu and say that they never heard anything of the kind on the Garden Island. But the morning organ establishes the damaging report as a fact.

Let us be fair and open. Let us state right here that we believe that any person, or any paper, or any medium that spread rumors which tend to distress the community, and to continue the ill-feeling and mistrust now existing should be peremptorily stopped. The man on Maui wanted guns to shoot the goats belonging to his neighbor. The "reporter" from Kauai wants a government job. Both need a severe check and any paper that encourage their idiotic rumors need a law which makes it a penal offence to repeat, report

or print any loose or wanton rumor created in the brains or through the irresponsible mouth of fools. May the next Legislature act on this suggestion.

FROM THE ORIENT.

New York, April 19.—A special dispatch to a morning paper from Washington gives an account of an interview with Shinichiro Kurino, the Japanese Minister. When asked that would be the effect of the treaty upon China, he said:

"Whether China will change her policy is doubtful. I doubt it very much myself. But it will probably teach her one good thing—to increase her army and navy strength. She has had a lesson that should not be wasted on her.

"I cannot see any danger of European opposition. A country will hardly interfere unless it is distinctly affected by our proposed changes. It has no right to otherwise.

"The interference of Russia is simply hypothetical. Russia only wants available ports. At present she only owns Vladivostok, which is ice bound four months every winter. It is only natural she should want some port useful for commerce all the year around. But she does not want them in Japan. She wants them in Corea or China.

Formosa is about all that we should get out of it. It is rich in camphor and coal. There is no monetary advantage to us in keeping it. We shall have to civilize it. It is only half inhabited, and the people are almost in a savage state.

"Our large trade with China stopped entirely during the war and external communication was cut off, then there was damage done to the country. Our island, Yezo, which exports to China generally very large quantities of coal and marine produce, had, so to speak, all her productions on her hands, for hostilities suspended all commerce between us."

New York, April 19.—A special dispatch to the World from Washington says:

Russia was fully aware of, and gives secret, but hearty, approval to the conditions of peace exacted by Japan. This is vouched for by the very best authority in this country. An agreement between Russia and Japan, said to have existed from the outbreak of the war, included a promise that Russia should have access to the sea for its great trans-Siberian railway.

Every step Japan has taken is said to have been with the knowledge and approval of the Czar, and notwithstanding misleading dispatches from St. Petersburg as to the possibility of that Government being displeased, it is maintained that if any other European Power undertakes to prevent the carrying out of Japan's programme, Russia will stand at Japan's back.

China, it is asserted, will under the conditions agreed upon, throw open to civilization over 160,000,000 square miles of the richest territory in the empire, having a population of over 200,000,000, now practically kept from the intercourse with the outside world. Six closed cities, the largest in the empire, are also thrown open and the three great rivers—the Yang tse Kiang, Canton and Shanghai—are to be free to the commerce of the globe. It is fur-

ther said that China has promised to consent to extensive river and harbor improvements, including dredging of these rivers for hundreds of miles, so that ships of the deepest draught can reach unknown inland cities and markets. The understanding here is that ships and citizens of all nations will have equal privileges and be treated with equal fairness. There is to be no restriction upon the importation of foreign machinery, but the whole world is to be invited to plant its industries in China and assist in developing her enormous resources.

After the ratification of the treaty Japanese war vessels will be stationed in several Chinese ports to see that the peace conditions are faithfully observed.

Yokohama, April 19. A dispatch from Seoul says that Li Yensun, Korean Minister to Japan, who resigned Wednesday has been arrested. The charge made against him is not stated.

We reprint in another column a very interesting article written by Alexander Neuman in the *Illustrated American*. The view he takes is in many points opposed to what elsewhere has been written about the great statesman, but it contains sentiments that are shared by numerous Germans, who, although they admire the sublime patriotism of the "Iron Chancellor," still cannot shut their eyes to that weakness which he calls his pride, his undying love for his absolute master.

Social Events.

The British Commissioner and Consul-general, Captain Hawes gave a dinner last evening in honor of His Serene Highness Prince Joseph of Battenberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich Renjes celebrated their "wooden" wedding last night by entertaining a number of friends at a dance given at their residence in Nuuanu Valley.

Mrs. Eva Fowler of London gave a very enjoyable bathing party to a number of young ladies last Monday at Sans Souci.

At noon to-day members of the Catholic Church will give an elegant farewell luncheon to the Bishop of Panopolis who will leave in the Australia for Rome and be absent about six months. A number of invitations have been issued.

The marriage Mr. D. W. Corbett and Miss May Waterhouse will take place to-night at the residence of the bride's father Mr. Henry Waterhouse. The wedding will be private owing to the recent bereavement in the bride's family. The young couple leave in the Miowera on Thursday.

The coming event of the season is the reception and dance to be given by the Healanui Boat Club as a "house-warming" to the new boat-house. Great preparations are being made and the names of the following gentlemen, managing the affair are a guarantee for a perfect success.

Arrangements—T. F. Lansin, A. V. Gear, F. W. McChesney, J. F. Clay, G. E. Boardman, G. F. Herrick, A. Lucas, H. F. Wichman, A. Brown, C. W. Macfarlane.

Invitations—A. L. C. Atkinson, C. H. Atherton, A. W. Keach, W. F. Dillingham.

Finance—T. F. Lansin, A. Brown.

Printing and Music—A. V. Gear, J. F. Clay.

Decorations—A. Lucas, C. F. Herrick, A. E. Murphy, Geo. Ordway, Fred. Hammer.

Refreshments—F. W. McChesney, F. L. Waldron, J. A. Kennedy.

Reception—C. W. Macfarlane, G. E. Boardman, E. R. Stackable, M. Phillips.

OBSERVATIONS.

Time—Mr. Stacker's new weekly illustrated paper—got the lead on The Independent, but the two do not conflict, and we would not mind adopting the pretty baby.

At 4 o'clock this morning the managing owner of this sheet struck for one day's more time. He was promptly discharged with a reprimand, as the editor, having been refreshed with cold boiled taro and beef trust gristle, was bound to get No. 1 out on Mayday if it took till the fourth of July.

Councillor Emmeluth has thrown up his gun because a Chinaman got a tinder's job on the police station. Independent people will recall the time, not very long ago, when Mr. Emmeluth would have voted to electrocute anybody who disputed the immaculate conception of the Dole regime.

CLOSE OF THE WAR

Great Britain Does Not Seek Particular Advantages.

At the Japanese Legation in London on the 22nd inst. It was stated that nothing was known there of the intended action, concerted or otherwise, on behalf of the Powers in the far East. It was declared that there was no foundation for the statement that Great Britain was trying diplomatically to secure advantages for herself in that quarter of the world.

The town of Duquesnoborough, Pennsylvania, has been burned with a loss of \$80,000 to \$100,000. Incendiarism is supposed to be the origin.

Hon. Nathaniel Curzon, member of the British Parliament, and Miss Mary Seiter were married in Washington on April 22, Mrs. Cleveland occupied a prominent seat. The scenes were brilliant, and the marriage partook almost of a public ceremony.

Sir Robert Hamilton, who was under Secretary for Ireland from 1883 to 1886, and Governor of Tasmania from 1886 to 1893, is dead at the age of 59. He is understood to have been mainly instrumental in framing the first Home Rule bill.

Oscar Wilde, the sunflower crank of twenty years ago, is committed for trial at the Old Bailey, London, for serious misdemeanor.

Cholera has broken out at Mecca.

There is a probability that the Washington and Columbia River Railway Company will build a new railway from Oregon to California.

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SMALL POINTERS.

For the Home Circle.

On an "at home" day for a season the best way to serve refreshments is to have a small tea table placed in the room in which the hostess receives; she can then make the tea and hand it to her callers herself, but a maid should be in readiness to remove the soiled cups and saucers. Have on the tea table the cups and saucers, a kettle with boiling water, a teapot or tea-table, sugar, cream, thin sliced lemon, small tea-cakes and salted almonds, or candies, and a small caddy with the tea. These are all the refreshments that are necessary for an "at home" day each week.

At an afternoon tea given in two connecting parlors, the hostess and the friend for whom the tea is given should receive in one room and the refreshments should be served in the other. Some members of the families or intimate friends should preside at the tea, and chocolate tables, not the young ladies receiving. As you intend to have two refreshment tables, have each one decorated with a separate color—for instance, on the tea table have the flowers, the tea cloth, the cakes, candies, and candle and candle shades yellow; on the chocolate table carry out the same idea in pink or green. The ladies who officiate at the tables should have in their dress some suggestion of the color of the table at which they preside. For refreshments, on the tea table have tea, cream and sugar, sliced lemon, sandwiches made of a lettuce leaf with a little mayonnaise rolled in a slice of very thin bread and tied with a narrow yellow baby-ribbon, salted almonds, cakes and candies. Bouillon and cafe frappe, or ices, can also be served. It is perfectly proper to invite gentlemen to an afternoon tea; the invitations should be a card engraved with the name of the hostess, the date and hour in one corner and the address in the other; the card of the friend for whom the tea is given should be enclosed, or her name can be engraved on the same card with that of the hostess.

Bathing is not only a cleansing, but a strengthening and refreshing rite as well. Cold sponge baths taken in the morning tone the body up for its day's labors and render the system less susceptible to cold than it would otherwise be. Hot baths cleanse the pores of impurities, which, reabsorbed, would become poisonous, rest the body, relax tense muscles and soothe tired nerves. A delicious pudding's cream and orange pudding. To make it, stir one pint of thick, sweet cream with three yolks of eggs and three tablespoonsful of sugar. Put a layer of bread crumbs in the bottom of a pudding-dish, fill with the cream and cover with more bread crumbs. Bake half an hour; when done, spread the top with thinly-sliced oranges, cover with a meringue made from the whites of eggs. Brown lightly.

Although the legal form for a widow to use in her signature is her own first name, as, for instance, "Sarah T. Jones," it is more fashionable at present for her to keep her late husband's name or initials on her visiting-cards, as "Mrs. Edward A. Jones."

A lady has introduced sewing into boys' school. She knows what the man marries the modern girl ought to be proficient in!

STILL HOPE

HONOLULU MAY YET ENJOY AN OPERA.

It is not astonishing to learn by the last mail that the former proprietors of the Opera House in Honolulu hesitate in reconstructing the building now, destroyed by fire. They have certain made no money out of their enterprise although they have caused the public many sources of enjoyment. Honolulu must and ought to have a public hall for entertainments besides her churches and Y. M. C. A. Hall; and it is simply the duty of the community to go in with Messrs Spreckels and Irwin and show a willingness to preserve for Honolulu a house where a proper interesting and amusing evening can be spent by the numerous people, young and old, who now are at a loss to "kill time" in the evenings. Private advices show that if the least encouragement is given the Little Opera House of Hawaii's capital will go up again and once more mirth and song be possible to the patient Honolulu audience.

WILL LEAVE

Captain Julius Palmer, the correspondent to the *New York Post* and *Boston Transcript* will leave Honolulu in the Australia. Captain Palmer has received much unnecessary abuse from persons and papers here, simply because he could not altogether agree with the actions of the present government. It was rather a narrow minded proceeding of the official morning paper to lend its columns to a lampooning of the captain in a very gross manner by some biased or vexed individual. The insults had very little effect on the Post Correspondent and he now returns to his home after having received his recall in the most flattering terms and solely because "the East doesn't bother at present about Hawaii." Captain Palmer is wished a hearty *au revoir* by the many friends, that he has made here through his genial manner and courteous behavior to everybody. Come back, Captain!

UNITED STATES

HIS EVERLASTING SILVER QUESTION.

H. C. Payne, one of the receivers of the Northern Pacific, was interviewed lately in New York. He said the general sentiment in Wisconsin was antagonistic to the free coinage of silver. Further west among the silver mines, he said, you get into the hotbed of the agitation. The better papers and the better class of citizens in Wisconsin, he said, have taken a stand against the free coinage theory, but there was no use in denying that the theory was growing. It was found that the promises of better times from the repeal of the Sherman law had not been realized. Readjustment of the tariff had not brought the good times promised. When Democratic changes in the tariff were made and without relief, then the opportunity of the silver advocates came. Mr. Payne said that sober judgment and intelligent reasoning would show the fallacy of adopting a depreciated currency, and he believed that enough wise voters would be formed to counterbalance the other side when it came to a test.

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