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# Local Happenings of Half and Quarter Century Ago

## Glimpses of the Town and Townfolk From Advertiser Files of This Week in Years 1860 and 1885

### FIFTY YEARS AGO.

**Fort Street.**—This street appears to be attracting more of the business of the town. Mr. Howe has recently moved his lumber yard to the Esplanade, opposite that of the Messrs. Poor. Mr. P. C. Jones, jr., has opened a well-stocked store, known as the "Star Store," where everything from a jew-harp to an ox-cart can be found. C. H. Nicholson, adjoining Mr. Jones' store, has reopened his tailoring establishment and holds himself ready to suit the most fastidious. In the stand formerly occupied by Mr. N., above Dr. Smith's, we notice that Mr. Adderly has recently opened a harness shop.

One necessity gives rise to another, and we have now two stores ready to supply the wants of housekeepers. Mr. Lewers', in the old stand of Sam Sing, on Fort street, has been in operation some months. This week Mr. C. E. Williams has opened a furniture store, nearly opposite the above stand, where we notice a fine display of furniture, both home made and imported. Both these gentlemen manufacture to order, and being practical mechanics of acknowledged taste, can suit every customer.

**Capsized.**—A boat with six or eight natives was capsized last week in the passage between Maui and Molokai. It was supposed that they were all lost till, some days afterward, they were heard from as having reached Lanai, after swimming twenty-four hours. None but natives could perform such a feat.

**Harper's Weekly and Monthly.**—A correspondent, alluding to the club notice for these periodicals in another column, takes the occasion to give them a rap over our shoulders. He says:

"I have taken these periodicals almost ever since they were published and should like to continue, but I am querying in my own mind whether I can stand it any longer. The fact is, and I can't disguise it, that they are deteriorating! They are now so filled with serials that I almost dread to open one. An intolerably stupid jumble, called 'The Virginians,' has been drawing its weary length along through the last year in the monthly, the leaves of which I never cut."

There are very few if any magazines now published which do not issue serials in them. The Atlantic, one of the best conducted American journals, is noted for its serials—the Minister's Wooing and the Autocrat of the Breakfast-table. Notwithstanding its endless story of The Virginians, Harper's Magazine is unquestionably the most entertaining and instructive monthly ever issued from the American press.

**Strawberries.**—We have received from that prince of gardeners, Hoistein, a basket of splendid strawberries, as large and delicious as any that Cincinnati could ever boast. In a note he informs us that his price has fallen, "to suit the times," to 50 cents per basket. But such fruit will sell at any price.

**Advertisement.**—New and desirable goods just received per "Frances Palmer," and for sale by Castle & Cooke, at the Mission Store on School street, to the Stone Church, and at their store on King street, opposite the Bethel: Chinese matting, white and pearl; well buckets, red and shingles, assorted hoop skirts, ladies' and misses'; pant stuffs for boys, assorted wooden ware, sperm and oil, crockery, &c.

**Public Nuisances.**—Bullock carts are by no means a blessing, but bullock carts, when the drivers sit in them, are as generally allowed to pass through our streets, as a great nuisance. It is exceedingly dangerous to foot passengers, equestrians and carriages, for drivers to drive carelessly along without getting out of their carts. The case in point that set us off last week ought to lead to reform, but [illegible] before the Police Court.

**A Large Mail.**—[illegible] brought [illegible] of Palmer, on her last trip, consisted of 26 bags, or about [illegible] pounds. We understand that a large number of letters were addressed to Honolulu, but were [illegible] Yet the arrangements of our post-office are such that [illegible] and [illegible] of many hundreds [illegible] and reach their destination [illegible] and [illegible] hours sooner.

**Proline.**—[illegible] Mr. [illegible] Rees, [illegible] Hawaii, [illegible] of Rees Bros. [illegible] of [illegible] Hawaii [illegible] of the Sandwich Islands.

We are informed by Messrs. H. [illegible] & Co. [illegible] for [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Hall [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Honolulu.

The friends of Mr. [illegible] who was [illegible] the fall [illegible] Bridge, will be [illegible] to be informed that he is improving from the effects received.

The body [illegible] of Mr. [illegible] by Mr. Lorrin on Saturday [illegible] the Bethel [illegible] and were [illegible] in Honolulu.

A [illegible] of the [illegible] Hawaii [illegible] the [illegible] are reported [illegible].

We hear it [illegible] what has become of [illegible] and [illegible] That there is business enough for two port and [illegible] and that Mr. A. D. Cartwright is just the man for a capable partner.

The fire proof store on Fort street lately occupied by C. Brewer, Esq., as a retail dry goods store by Mr. [illegible] Spencer.

The Rev. S. C. Damon will lecture before the Honolulu Dashaway Association [illegible] days.

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

**A Scheme for South Sea Settlement.**

An important diplomatic move is to secure the neutrality of the Islands of the Pacific, so far as they are not now possessed by the Continental Powers, a step that which contemplates a disregard of Spain's claims of sovereignty over any islands upon which she has not established and maintained her colonies. The Hawaiian authorities have lately directed the Hawaiian minister to the United States to propose a plan to that country, England, France, Holland, Germany and Spain for the settlement of this question. It is that the Sandwich Islands, which possess great influence in the other islands, be allowed to send a commission to unite them into local representative governments, whose integrity shall be guaranteed by the Powers.

The contracting powers would then send consuls to the islands to protect their respective interests. In this way the Islands will be kept forever open to commerce, and neutral in any wars that may hereafter arise. Secretary Bayard indorses the plan, and with this indorsement Minister Carter will sail for Europe on his mission to the nations mentioned. He has laid the matter before the ministers at Washington of the countries named and in every case their answers have been favorable.

Last evening an entertainment was given at the Y. M. C. A. for the crew of H. B. M. S. Constance. The following program was rendered in an excellent manner: Address of welcome, Theo. H. Davies; duet, Mr. and Miss von Holt; reading, Rev. Geo. Wallace; song, Miss McBride; address, S. D. Fulton; duet, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Walker; reading, Mrs. E. P. Adams; piano and violin duet, Mrs. Hanford and Mr. Yardley; addres, Rev. A. D. Miller; address, F. W. Damon; song, Miss Bertha von Holt; song, Theo. C. Davies; chorus of ladies. Refreshments were served.

**Thanksgiving Day in Honolulu.**

The last Thursday in November of each year has been set apart as a national festival, or Thanksgiving Day, in the United States; and in order that American citizens in this kingdom might join in devout thanks to Divine Providence, in common with their kindred in America, his excellency the United States minister resident, Mr. Merrill, issued an invitation to all to participate in the religious ceremonies arranged for the day. The response was spontaneous, business being practically suspended. Indeed, yesterday was observed as a general holiday. Thanksgiving services were held at the Fort street church by Revs. S. E. Bishop and J. A. Cruzan, and at St. Andrew's Cathedral by Revs. George Wallace, W. H. Barnese and the Bishop of Honolulu.

The new building recently erected in the rear of the Chinese Church for the Chinese Y. M. C. A., will be dedicated next Thursday evening with appropriate exercises.

The following have been elected officers of the Paukaa Sugar Company for the ensuing year: President, Jona. Austin; vice president, W. L. Green; secretary and treasurer, P. C. Jones; auditor, J. O. Carter.

The next performance of the circus will take place on Thursday evening for the benefit of Jack Consens, who will make his reappearance in the ring. On this occasion Robert Love will sing an old favorite songs.

We have to thank Mr. John Cassidy, superintendent of the Bell Telephone Company, for until 8 o'clock in the fire in the residence of Mr. G. D. Peach at W. R. H. [illegible]. The horse Mr. Cassidy drives does not bite the grass [illegible] the fast.

On Monday evening Officer William Tel[illegible] [illegible] Kaa, [illegible] [illegible] near the [illegible] School. A quantity of [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible].

Sailed the [illegible] Portia [illegible] H. B. M. S. [illegible] [illegible] received [illegible] [illegible].

H. B. M. [illegible] Pheasant [illegible] will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Mr. W. [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]