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## THAT SCHOOL BILL.

There appears a letter in the Advertiser this morning assent the dead school bill. It is signed, "One of the Board." The Board consists of W. R. Castle, W. D. Alexander, M. M. Scott, Judge Perry, Mrs. B. F. Dillingham and Mrs. F. S. Dodge. Which of them is responsible for this precious addition to our literature we don't know, but we advise the rest to promptly disclaim all knowledge of the elaborate concoction—that is if they wish to have any claim to being considered as having any education at all. Anyone who will claim—even with the most illegible of handwriting—that "extending" is a misprint for "enforcing," either makes a mock at the intelligence of newspaper readers, or desires to put the blame on the long-suffering shoulders of the unfortunate but patient printer for his own ignorance of the English language and its force.

The gentle author of this priceless epistolary communication states "One who reads the Act must know the school laws to understand it." Minister Damon was for years a member and vice-president of the Board of Education. He said, after reading it ten times he still could not comprehend it. "One of the Board" then states that Minister Damon does not know the school laws. Does "One-of-the-Board" understand or even know them? His letter gives no evidence of any but the slimmest acquaintance with them. The truth is, apparently, that "One-of-the-Board," reading casually over the school statutes, discovered the one permitting the establishment of independent schools at the request of parents. He thought that the power of the Board was not sufficiently autocratic and despotic. To his jaded mind parents shouldn't have any right to have schools their own way—whether in primary or in higher branches—unless the Board (above described) should be agreeable. By the way no parent should want to educate his child in any way different from what the above Board would like, and should never desire any teacher for it except such as the Board would consent to allow.

This sapient and dictatorial "One-of-the-Board" states also that "Wise publicists do not make laws when

they are not necessary." My dear boy, that is just what the Senate thought when they killed your school bill. They are the wise publicists who do not make laws when they are not necessary. He also states, "There are reasons, and they appear sufficient to the Board of Education as well as to a number of other educators in the country," for this proposed law. Well, we have before given the reasons, but no one but the Board of Education and the other educators who find their schools diminishing from lack of proper culture, both moral and mental, who are satisfied with those reasons. The actions of the Board have been so utterly autocratic and utterly indefensible on all but the ground of "we have the power, and we mean to use it whether it is good for the country or not" in the past, that no sane body of men would entrust them with still greater despotic power till they amend their past actions. Again, if the Board are so anxious to educate the Chinese in English as it appears they are, why is it that the mission and Sunday schools not bringing them into competition with the English-speaking residents fast enough? Or, is it the desire to save the pockets of the mission contributors, and saddle the country at large with expense, in defiance of the express provisions of the Constitution and the wishes of Constitutional Convention? There is a nigger in the fence—in this case a Chinaman also—and "One-of-the-Board" had better resign and apply for a place as prison luna, despotic monarch, or Minister to Washington or some other place where his autocratic disposition can find free play unchecked by legislatures, common sense, or the will of the people.

## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The Honorable William R. Castle, Minister Plenipotentiary to Washington, tried his best at getting even with teachers who would have nothing to do with him as President of the Board of Education, and was "hoist with his own petard." The School bill, intended to define by law what a school is, and the accompanying letter of explanation were read, re-read and read again, by such brainy men as Messrs. Damon and Wilcox of the Senate, and then given up as an unsolvable proposition. Imagine Mr. Castle composing a despatch to the scholarly and masterful Secretary of State at Washington. However, Frank Hastings is still Secretary of Legation and may be able to explain what his Minister means in case of need.

The Government Survey department is misnamed—it should be styled the Government History Factory, for the Surveyor General is employed in the manufacture of history to buttress Mr. Stevens' republic. Fortunately the historian has qualms of conscience at times and some truths may be told. We are credibly informed that Mr. Alexander, after reading over his testimony before Mr. Morgan's committee, said that he had made statements under excitement in the committee room which he should qualify if he had the opportunity.

We are requested to respectfully ask the Chief Justice when it will please him to publish the decision of his Court in the Wailuku Water case.

In our paper of the 11th, we published statements made by Mr.

O'Brien Moore, Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Republic, which intimates that President Cleveland's administration proposes to bring Great Britain to book for moving the land marks of Venezuela. The correspondent closes in the following paragraph. "I am sure that our government has prepared itself to contend and to insist on its contention that Great Britain has no right to a foot of territory claimed by Venezuela. As soon as the British Government serves notice that it will not submit the Venezuelan case to arbitration, then our Government will make known to Venezuela our understanding of the question, and Venezuela of course, will proceed to occupy the territory now occupied by Great Britain. This will bring the question to a head." This is a very clever plan, but we respectfully suggest to Mr. Cleveland's administration that it would add greatly to the moral weight of their contention with Great Britain on behalf of Venezuela, if the wrong done to the Queen and the people of Hawaii, by agents of the United States, was first righted. We know that the action of a jingo senator, from partisan motives, tied the hands of Mr. Cleveland's administration in the attempt to right the admitted wrong; but with men with fertility of resource a way may be found if there is the will to do so.

The Advertiser states in its columns this morning that the late Dan Lyons brought the first white compositors to these islands. This is another display of the ignorance in regard to Hawaiian affairs which the imported editors (save the mark) persistently present to a long-suffering public. Dan Lyons arrived here in 1882. How does the editor of Advertiser think his paper, the Polyesian, the Friend, and other ancient publications were set in the dark ages? Does he expect that Captain Cook or the first missionaries found a well regulated printing office with accomplished native compositors? Or does he refuse to call E. O. Hall, H. M. Whitney, B. Grieve, J. H. Black, the Blasters and the Brans, etc., "white" compositors? Why can't these newcomers confine themselves to writing what they know about—that might not fill the paper though—instead of making idiotic, absurd and misleading statements. Let them understand that they know nothing of Hawaii and evidently lack sufficient brains to learn.

The Advertiser states a controversy is going on between English and American missionaries as to the respective value of their work on a dollar and cents basis. Perhaps it is. It says such a controversy is unique. Also perhaps. But what made American claims to these islands, but the dollar and cent basis of its missionaries' expenditure? And how often has that been cast up here in the last few years?

It may not be generally known that Dan Lyons has left behind him a valuable collection of scrapbooks containing information gleaned from the local press of every event of interest in the political, social, economic and commercial life of our Hawaiian burgh. Not only this but he devoted some years of arduous labor and not a few dollars in compiling from the Hawaiian and English newspapers from the earliest dates to recent times, from official docu-

ments and especially from those in the possession of the Roman Catholic church, material for a complete history of the Hawaiian Islands which he had fondly hoped to see in print before his death as a perpetual monument to his industry. It is understood that the M. S. is in the hands of Mr. F. H. Hayselden or Mr. J. S. Walker.

In his younger days Dan Lyons was one of the most successful and prominent dancing and deportment teachers in New York and a most capable musician. When times were very gloomy with him here he, for a short time, returned to his old profession.

Dan Lyons was a grateful and faithful follower and admirer of the late Walter Murray Gibson. It was he who, in the darkest hours of the revolution of 1887, when Mr. Gibson's life appeared to be wavering in the balance held, by would-be cowardly lyceum, sword watch and ward over him and frustrated the attempts of a few irresponsibles. He had determined to protect the life of his friend and chief with his own and was fully prepared for every emergency. His precautions were so well taken that for some hours none knew except himself and a small special body guard where Mr. Gibson really was. Sufficient to say that Mr. Gibson was not in his own home when the searchers felt assured that he was fast asleep in his own bed.

Prof. Yandley has written an anthem words and music. The latter is a cross between "High in the Belfry" and "Way down upon the Swallow Ribber." The former is a cross between anything. It is pure bred rot.

A fresh report of the Labor Commission has been handed in, signed by Emmeluth, Vivas and Severance. It states 4884 contracts are to expire by Mar. 31 1896; of whom 4068 are Japs; and 31 out of 56 plantations want 3890 new laborers between now and then, distributed as follows: Hawaiians 6, Portuguese 440, Chinese 1368, Japanese 1843, others 33. These are the figures from their own returns. What more can you ask?

There are three kinds of leases under the Land Bill, so Senator Schmidt says. The bill is therefore unconstitutional.

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## Partnership Change.

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Dated June 20, 1894. 11-3w

## Timely Topics.



Honolulu, July 9, 1895.

Lord Rosebury is out and Lord Salisbury is in. The change is of course of the greatest importance and it is proper to look into the causes which led to the speedy downfall of the Liberal party. The majority of the Liberals will say that the retirement of Gladstone from the premiership made his party weak, and that Rosebury could not hold the different factions together. Others will claim that the vacillating foreign policy pursued by the Liberal government made the party which it represented and for which it gained its power unpopular. The English people are always preaching peace themselves, but they do not allow their government to do it and they are jealous of any real or imaginary attempt to infringe on their dignity as a nation by any "blasted turner." The vexed question of Home Rule has also been blamed for the downfall of the Liberals, and there is no doubt that the failure to solve that question has something to do with Rosebury's defeat. It is finally said that the ex-premier's inclination for race horses made him unpopular among the very Christian middle classes who consider betting on the track and all the other paraphernalia of a horse race as works of His Saranic Majesty. And that is the real mistake made by Lord Rosebury. If he had possessed sufficient wisdom he would have dropped horse racing and horses and he would have purchased a Monarch Bicycle and gone out wheeling. We are now expecting a fresh invoice. It took only one month to sell the first lot imported by us. We have only two wheels left and they are both intended for ladies. The wheel is becoming so popular and so fashionable in Honolulu that very shortly everybody that knows enough to be in the move will own a Monarch and spin along streets and roads. As long as you sit on them you can't fall off. The Monarch is as intelligent as a horse and carries you perfectly safe, and it never shies. We suggest to all persons who now ride or who intend to do so to leave their orders for a Monarch now. Our invoice will be here in the "Australia" and it may be too late to secure a wheel after the steamer arrives. Orders are now pouring in. Remember that we are the Sole Agents of the Monarch in the Hawaiian Islands, and that the wheel can not be purchased elsewhere in Honolulu.

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