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## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Hymeneal bonds for Captain Berger suggest a wedding present from the people, his admirers. Form a committee, Wray Taylor, and get to work.

The unsophisticated voter should be cautious when he is approached by political street walkers to join a political club. There will be time enough for party organization when it is known how the franchise is to be distributed. In the meantime withhold all pledges and think for yourselves, or you will fall into the pit.

An appropriation was passed by the last Legislature for the building of a vault in which to preserve the records and archives of the Courts. The moneys for the purpose are not available but there are moneys enough to build an addition to the police station for the benefit of "official" horses and "men." Of course in this funny "republic" horses and police men are of more account than records and valuable public documents.

It is a curious impression for the public to have that the near arrival of a steamer should have an effect in delaying an important decision of the Courts. We are most emphatically not of those who believe that the decisions of our local courts will henceforth be written by the Attorney-General of the United States, and consequently are sorry that a legal holiday intervenes before the arrival of the steamer from the coast.

If the law department of the National Government, as has been delicately intimated it will do by the Washington correspondents—(who are no more infallible in guess work than our local scribes)—decides in favor of the opinion of the Chief Justice in the matter of the Chinese habeas corpus cases, what a victory it will be for Dr. Judd prior to his retirement from the Bench after a quarter of a century's experience. It might even lead to his reappointment to the Judiciary. *Queen Sabe?*

Twenty persons designed by the Board of Health as lepers were sent to Molokai yesterday. The departure was sad in every instance but saddest of all was the departure of a mother of nine children who was not permitted even to take with her the baby at her breast. The infant during its young life had sucked the milk of the leper mother. Did our health authorities suddenly become afraid that the baby could now be infected, or is there a rule that even the babies must be torn away from their mother upon the dictum of the physicians endorsed by the Board of Health of Hawaii.

One of the very grave questions now agitating the brains of the pundits of the mainland press is whether Hobson, the hero of the Merri-mac episode, should not be honored

with the title of "Commodore of the Merri-macs." The mainland girls who enjoyed the osculatory gymnastics vote aye, the laggards in homage vote no, and Hobson himself goes quietly to work under Admiral Dewey, leaving a comet-like tail of pleasant reminiscences and speeches behind him which in the years to come will bear unpleasant political fruit; such is the bubble of popularity, punctured by satire almost before it is full blown.

It may almost be accepted as a very probable fact that as soon as Democracy again obtains control of the National Government Hawaii will be promoted to Statehood. We record this prophesy for the benefit of those who live by politics and are not sustained by the vitality of principles.

Owing to the very peculiar situation in which Speckels and De Young have placed the Republican party in California, the issue for the Senatorial toga of that State is very much in doubt. The one man most honorably entitled to it by his past record is undoubtedly General W. H. L. Barnes, the famous orator-lawyer, but the outlook is that Dan Burns, of unsavory reputation, will be the nominee of the politicians.

The Advertiser professes to be at a loss to understand why there was not more rioting in the inter-regnum between the 17th day of January, 1898, and the 12th day of August, 1898, during which the Provisional Government and the so-called Republic of Hawaii were under the protection of the United States ships-of-war Boston and Philadelphia. It was this shameful protection that Mr. Dole, Mr. Cooper and their colleagues took advantage of and overturned the monarchy, and the same protection intimidated the Hawaiians and saved the necks of as big a pack of scoundrels as ever trod the decks of Captain Kidd's ships. The United States seem to be in a fair way to reap the whirlwind where they have sown the wind; while Mr. Dole and his crew are awaiting the action of the mills of the gods.

The Beresford affair which we referred yesterday, was not stated quite correctly. Mr. MacBride was the U. S. Commissioner at the time, when the "middies" pulled down the American coat-of-arms from the building used by the U. S. Legation on the premises now occupied by Dr. Miner. The "racket" which created a big sensation here was caused by the Civil War, in which the British aristocracy took the side of the Southern States. A ball was in progress on the evening when the "outrage" was committed, at the Eden House, the residence of Dr. Guillon. The place was then a splendid residence, now it is the old adobe house back of the Ahlo premises on Nuuanu street and Chaplain Lane. Lord Charles Beresford got tired of dancing and joined a few very young "bloods" who were "outside" and had not yet been introduced to "society." He said, "Come on, boys, and let us make a hot time in the old town to-night," and the "boys" listened to the tempter and broke "Luce." The next day the reparation was made and "honors" were saved after a ridiculous tempest in the teapot.

### It's Bliss for Her.

Mrs. Wicklins—You and your husband and Mr. and Mrs. Caddley seem to be very good friends.

Mrs. Dimpleton—Yes. You see, Mr. Caddley and I used to be engaged.

Mrs. Wicklins—But I don't understand why that fact should make you enjoy each other's society now.

Mrs. Dimpleton—Well, of course, I can't speak for him, but he married a woman who is at least five years older than I am and not half a good looking, if I do say it myself. You don't know what a comfortable feeling takes possession of me when we are together and I see him glancing first in her direction and then in mine.—*Cleveland Leader.*

### "Old Sleuth" Dead.

The death of a remarkable man has recently occurred in New York. "Old Sleuth," the author of the most notorious set of dime novels, has passed away, leaving a fortune of \$500,000 and having fathered 600 "stories" of a most pernicious character. The name of "Old Sleuth" was Harlan T. Halsey, a blue blooded "knickerbocker," a financier of great standing, a highly educated man and appointed by Seth Low a member of the Board of Education of New York. The wife of the late author of the "dime novels" is the president of the Colonial Daughters of the 17th Century. His home was a bower of art and beauty, and his classical and lofty views were the admiration of men. And yet he wrote the wild stuff which is swallowed by bootblacks, kitchen maids and messenger boys, and which brought a fortune into his coffers and into those of the great Munroe publishing house. Harlan P. Halsey died after attaining his 65th year. He died surrounded by marble statues and exquisite pictures without ever having seen a detective, leaving alone speaking to one. And yet he was "Old Sleuth," the author who can boast of more readers than any living writer and whose works commanded higher pay than those of Walter Scott, Longfellow or Edgar Poe.—*N. Y. Herald.*

### Torture in Korea.

The foreign representatives appear to have taken a remarkably resolute stand in Seoul with reference to the alleged use of torture at the recent trial of the men charged with attempting to poison the emperor and the prince imperial. The Russian representative is said to have asked that a foreign physician be given access to the jail. The reply of the Korean government is reported to have been an emphatic denial. A whip had been used, as customary, but not torture. For the rest, the penal procedure of Korea did not permit that prisoners undergoing trial should be visited even

by a Korean physician, and of course their inspection by a foreign doctor would be still more illegal. The above action on the part of the foreign representatives marks a new and commendable departure. Why should the representatives of civilized states remain quietly indifferent in a foreign capital while revoltingly uncivilized acts are perpetrated by officials of the country? It is scarcely possible to doubt that torture was employed at the trial of Kim and his associates. The Korean government is not in the habit of asserting its independence *vis-a-vis* the foreign powers in combination merely in obedience to the dictates of dignity. Had there been nothing to hide from the physician he would have been admired. We may be permitted to hope that the protest would be resolutely pushed. If the possessors of civilization have any mission to propagate it, why should they not protest against doings of that kind?—*Japan Weekly Mail, Yokohama.*

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