

Lava Flow of 1887.

Viewed at the Source, the Center and the Sea.

Sublime Spectacles—Suspension of the Flow—Trip of the Steamer W. G. Hall.

(By the Herald Reporter and Others.)

As the readers of the HERALD already know a large excursion party left for the lava flow by the steamer W. G. Hall on Friday, the 29th of January, returning by the same vessel yesterday afternoon.

Shortly before 7 o'clock the anchor was weighed and the vessel headed for Malaea Bay. Arriving at the latter place several more passengers going to the scene of the eruption were taken aboard, and the steamer headed for Kailua, Hawaii.

At 4 o'clock that afternoon (Saturday) we arrived off the spot where the flow entered the sea, we being about a mile and a half off shore. The first indication of the flow seen from the decks was smoke arising from the sides of the slope.

Sitting on the deck of the steamer we saw fire shooting from the top or cone of the mountain high into the air, falling back into the pit or crevice from which it came, and on the sides of the mountain.

The Hall remained in the vicinity of the flow until early Sunday morning, when she was headed for Punaluu, arriving at the latter place at about 6 a. m.

After a hearty breakfast at the Punaluu Hotel, kept by Mr. P. Lee, it was decided to rest the balance of the day and start overland for the flow on the following morning.

After a pleasant ride we arrived at Waiohuhu at about noon, having ridden a distance of some 10 or 12 miles.

Mr. C. J. Fishel calls attention to his stock of mourning goods in an advertisement to-day.

arrived from Honoapou and Waiohuhu. Shortly after our arrival a heavy rain storm came on and we decided to postpone our visit to the flow until the following morning.

Crossing the flow of 1868 and following the Government road for some two miles, we arrived at the flow where it crossed the above road. The lava, or aa as is the native term for this particular kind of flow, was as near as could be judged, between three-quarters of a mile and a mile in width, and about eight feet higher than the road bed.

The flow as seen at the crossing of the Government road presented a wonderful and desolate appearance. Instead of looking like lava, it had the appearance of large lumps of dark, dry clay, and when stepped on it crumbled away under foot.

THE SOURCE OF THE FLOW, JAN. 23. The following description of the flow, by Mr. W. E. Rowell, will give our readers a good idea of its magnificence.

"A lava flow of such large volume as the present must change its features so rapidly that different observers recording the views at different times will seem to make statements which seriously conflict.

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After thanking Mr. and Mrs. G. W. C. Jones for their kindness and attention during our stay at Kahuku, we started for Punaluu at about 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, our party consisting of the following persons.

Parties arriving from Kahuku the following day (Wednesday) reported the steamer Kinahu having arrived off the flow Tuesday evening.

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judge looking from one side. They seemed to be marking the sides of a crevice or channel, down which the stream of lava was rapidly running from some place higher up the mountain; or else it was building up from below at various points all in this line.

"The lava spouted up, not as a liquid would be forced from a pipe by hydrostatic pressure, but as if a powerful jet of gas or steam coming through the mass threw up tons at a time from 50 to 100 feet high.

"This main fountain occupied a length of more than 100 feet in the channel, and every mass that boiled up fell away in a southerly direction, as if it had an acquired momentum down hill before being thrown up, or else was projected at an angle and not perpendicularly.

"Above the main fountain the walls averaged much lower than below, as if comparatively little lava had been spouted up above this point.

"Later observers report quite a different appearance at the source of this great flow, so I judge that the changes have been very rapid.

"An immense volume of lava has run down the side of the mountain, and this flow is certainly very much larger than that of 1868.

The party returning from the source on Tuesday evening reported having had a rough experience on the way up, having been caught in heavy rains, losing their way and other casualties, before they arrived at their destination.

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At 2 o'clock Thursday morning we were notified that the steamer would sail in an hour. Bidding Mr. Lee a hasty farewell, we were soon on board the Hall steaming along the coast.

Just before arriving at Honolulu, in appreciation of the kindness and attention shown to all on board by Captain Bates, his officers and assistants, the following testimonial was presented to the Captain:

STEAMER W. G. HALL, February 3, 1887. We, the undersigned passengers of the above vessel, desire to express our gratitude to Captain Walter F. Bates for the many courtesies shown us on our trip to view the recent lava flow.

- Mrs. C. W. Macfarlane, Mrs. Z. K. Myers, Mrs. C. Furneaux, Mrs. Dr. Brodie, Mrs. J. E. Warner, Mrs. T. G. Thrum, Miss Emma A. Wall, Miss Maggie T. Morgan, Miss L. W. Shattuck, Miss Fannie Swanzy, Miss Julia Judd, Miss Mabel Rhodes, Miss Ada Jones, Miss Anna Kinney, Miss Ruth Benson, Miss Nellie Waterhouse, Miss May Waterhouse, Miss Sarah N. Carter, Miss Julia A. E. Gulick, J. O. Carter, E. C. Macfarlane, George E. Thrum, M. Blum, J. G. Clever, W. W. Smith, E. C. Hasty, Chas. Furneaux, Godfrey Brown, S. Savidge, sr., J. A. Gonsalves, W. A. McKay, A. Barnes, M. Green, H. M. Benson, J. F. Hackfeld, Robert Gray, G. F. Fanning, H. Koch, S. Savidge, jr., J. Hopp, J. T. Waterhouse, jr., W. Wale, Ernest C. Waterhouse, Fred C. Clarke, C. W. Macfarlane.

Too much cannot be said in regard to the kindness and attention given to all concerned by Captain Bates and his subordinates while under their care.

Mr. P. Lee, proprietor of the Punaluu Hotel, is also to be thanked for the attention shown his guests. Everything in the power of Mr. and Mrs. Lee was done for the comfort and pleasure of the party while stopping at the hotel.

Mr. J. A. Gonsalves, the photographer, took some excellent views of the flow and the surrounding scenery; also, of many interesting spots visited by him during his stay on the island, which may be seen at his gallery, Fort street.

Smoke the "Wedge," to be found at C. J. McCarthy's.

THE DAILY HERALD, 50 cents per month delivered.

Mr. Thrum is to the fore with comic and sentimental valentines for the 14th.

A HERALD scout for news and specie saw some very pretty kukui jewelry in Mr. T. Lindsay's show case the other day—handsome mementoes for visitors to Honolulu.

For sale—two parrots, one speaking English, Spanish and Hawaiian perfectly; the other, same breed but younger, a very good English talker.

Mr. Henry Billings, Washington, D. C., writes: "I have used your Duffy's Pure Malt Whisky for medicinal purposes."

Produce Receipts. Per steamer Mikahala from Kauai—3,182 bags sugar, 18 green hides, 225 sheep, 4 horses, 1 cow and 95 goat skins.

The Hawaiian bark Lady Lamson, Captain Marston, arrived from Newcastle, N. S. W., yesterday morning with a cargo of coal consigned to C. Brewer & Co.

Mr. Osman Day lectures at the Club House dining room at 8 o'clock this evening, his subject being "The French Revolution from the Fall of the Bastille to the Rise of Napoleon Bonaparte."

The Hawaiian steamship Australia will be due from San Francisco on Wednesday next, with foreign news to one and inst. On Friday the steamship Zealandia will be due from the Colonies, en route for San Francisco.

Business Items. No annual-book excels the Hawaiian Almanac and Annual for reliable statistical and general information relating to these Islands.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE. ARRIVALS. SATURDAY, FEB. 5.

DEPARTURES. SATURDAY, FEB. 5. Steamer Kinahu for Maui and Hawaii.

VESSELS LEAVING TO-DAY. Steamer Kinahu for Maui and Hawaii.

Vessels in Port from Foreign Ports. Am bk Saratoga—New York.

Vessels Expected from Foreign Ports. Br bk Martha Fisher, to have sailed from Liverpool August 25.

PASSENGERS. From Maui, per steamer Likiepke, Saturday, Feb. 5.

SPECIAL NOTICE. WE HEREBY REQUEST ALL PERSONS having claims against the firm of S. COHN & CO., 63 and 65 Fort Street, to present the same at once for payment.

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