

In reading the report of the "Ecclesiastical Council," which we quote in another column from the Friend of Dec. 1, our first impulse was to laugh outright at the pompous attitude and high sounding name assumed by this, the latest Ecumenico-Ecclesiastical Council of which history makes mention. Involuntarily "The Kirk's Alarm," by Burns, arose from memory's depths, and we repeated:

"Calvin's sons, Calvin's sons, seize your spiritual guns, Ammunition you never can need, Your hearts are the stuff, will be powder enough, And your souls are storehouses of lead."

There is schism in the Fort Street Church, there is flutter in its pews, there is wrangling in the vestry, there is scandal about the town. The church (that is the noisy few) acting out the maxim,

"That grace is founded in dominion,"

had rebelled against its pastor, and this "Ecclesiastical Council" is called in to settle the matter, which they do by accepting the resignation of the Pastor and declaring the situation vacant. In other words, and to paraphrase their report, they say: Reverend Brother, you are an excellent man, an able and evangelical preacher, we know you to be such and your whole church and congregation "with two exceptions" endorse the same opinion of you, but—you see—in short—the "circumstances of a nature to call forth feelings of Christian sorrow," to which we allude in our report, is the simple fact, that your church, is affected by a chronic disease which from time to time impels it to tear its clothes and expose itself; a judgment upon it perhaps, but which no Taylor could prevent, and which you are not Strong enough to resist. We approve of your course in resigning your situation, rather than remaining a stumbling-block to the faith of those two or three who are now troubling Israel. Still we would not wish to be considered uncharitable, for it may be that your opponents have

"lights where better eyes are blind, As pigs are said to see the wind."

But to be brief; as your withdrawal seems to cause such a lively regret in a very great number of your church and congregation, it is a capital opportunity for them to practice that christian resignation and forbearance, of which we all stand so much in need, and we therefore improve it by declaring your pastoral relation dissolved.

While we observe that the Council recommends the abdicated pastor "to their Christian brethren," they have not a word of consolation or approval for the widowed and bereaved church. Surely this omission is a sharper censure than aught that we can pen.

Rumors upon the successor of Mr. Strong are vague and contradictory, and we will not hazard a conjecture.

**The Court.**

Saturday last, the 28th of November, being the anniversary of the date when the independent sovereignty of these islands was recognized by the governments of Great Britain and France, their Majesties the King and Queen entertained at dinner the Chancellor of the Kingdom and Mrs. Allen, the Minister of Foreign Relations, the Commissioner of France, the Commissioner of the United States and Mrs. Gregg, Miss Miller, the Honorable Miss Lydia Paki, Governor M. Kekuanooa, Captain Davis, U.S.N., Captain Meacham, R. N., Mr. and Mrs. Bates, the Consul of the United States and Mrs. Pratt, the Consul of Chile and Mrs. Everett, and his Majesty's Private Secretary.

**A very poor Compliment.**

The Advertiser thinks that if the Polynesian had been less intellectual it would have been more appreciated in this community, and implies that it, the Advertiser, has increased its circulation by decreasing its intellectuality. We do not deny the fact, but surely, O Advertiser! there are times when a suppressio veri would be more politic than the expression of that which cannot be stated, if true, without hurting the self-love of your readers, and which, if false, amounts to a gratuitous insult.

**Risley's Varieties.**

With a tact and savoir faire that marks the gentleman, and an indefatigability of energy that marks the business man, Mr. Risley gives a Select Performance this afternoon at 3 o'clock, in order to give ladies and children an opportunity to witness at ease the surpassing feats exhibited at the above place of amusement. We understand that the Court has been invited, and also the Captains and officers of the men-of-war in port.

**Ungrateful.**

Our neighbor complains over the "want of more wharves;" and though he knows full well that the new esplanade has been occupied through its entire length, so far as finished, to relieve this want of wharves, yet he cannot squeeze out a word of acknowledgment of the benefits it has conferred. "Give a beggar a horse," &c.

The Mail for the U. S. and Europe leaves next Tuesday Dec. 3, per bark Yankee.

[From the Friend.]

**Ecclesiastical Council.**

In accordance with letters-missive from the Fort Street Church, in Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, and their pastor, Rev. J. D. Strong, an Ecclesiastical Council was convened at their house of worship, Nov. 24th, 1857, for the purpose of considering the expediency of dissolving the pastoral relationship of Mr. Strong to said church.

The Council was composed of the following members, viz: From the First Native Church, Rev. E. W. Clark, pastor, and John II, delegate; from the Second Native Church, Rev. Lowell Smith, pastor; from the Bethel Union Church, Rev. Samuel C. Damon, pastor, and Geo. M. Robertson, delegate. Also, Rev. A. Bishop. Mr. Bishop was chosen Moderator and Mr. Damon Scribe.

The Council was opened with prayer by Rev. S. C. Damon.

Mr. Strong's letter to the church, of the 4th of July last, tendering his resignation, and a resolution passed at a meeting of the Church on the 19th of October, accepting said resignation, and requesting the Committee, appointed for that purpose, to unite with Mr. Strong in calling a Council to dissolve the pastoral relationship, were severally read and submitted. Mr. Strong, on his own behalf, and Judge Andrews, as Committee of the Church, also stated briefly and in general terms, the reasons which led the respective parties to desire a separation.

Whereupon, the Council unanimously resolved, that the documents and verbal statements laid before them were of such a character as to show satisfactorily to their minds that the further continuance of the relationship now subsisting between the parties could not be productive of good to either pastor or people, nor tend to the up-building of the cause and Kingdom of our Lord and Savior; and that therefore, the pastoral relation of Mr. Strong to the Fort Street Church is, in accordance with their mutual desire, declared to be dissolved.

In coming to this determination, the Council deeply sympathizing with both pastor and people, cannot forbear to express their heartfelt regret at being called upon to put an end to so important a connection, after the lapse of so brief a period from the time of its formation, and under circumstances of a nature to call forth feelings of Christian sorrow.

The Council takes pleasure in recommending Mr. Strong to their Christian brethren, wherever he may be led to sojourn, as an able and evangelical minister of the Gospel.

A. BISHOP, Moderator. S. C. DAMON, Scribe.

The following Resolution which we also copy from the Friend, was passed unanimously, "with two exceptions" by one of the largest meetings of the Fort Street Church and Congregation.

"Resolved, That we appreciate and greatly value the pulpit abilities of our Pastor, the Rev. J. D. Strong, that we have entire confidence in his character, both as a minister and a man, and deeply regret that any train of circumstances, over which we have no control, should lead to his separation from us."

**GENERAL ADVERTISEMENTS**

**RISLEY'S VARIETIES!**

THE GREATEST ATTRACTION EVER OFFERED IN HONOLULU!

**Arrival of the Risley Family!!**

The World-Renowned Risley Family and the Inimitable INDIA-RUBBER MAN, MONS. DEVANI!

THE COMBINATION OF VERSATILITIES AND INCREDIBLE Aerial and Classical Performances of these gentlemen have astonished and delighted three-fourths of the world.

**THIS EVENING**

Will be given for the first time, A GRAND BURLESQUE, ENTITLED,

**THE HIPPODROME AND CIRCUS!!**

in their TRICOLORED PAVILION, on the CORNER OF NUUANU AND BERETANIA STREETS.

The public are assured that the world-renowned feat of the PEDESTAL ACT, by Monsieur Devani, will be positively performed this evening.

The strictest decorum will be observed, and order enforced. Boxes, \$1 50; Parquet, \$1. Seats can be secured at the Box Office, opposite the Pavilion, from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M.

Doors open at 7 o'clock—Performances to commence at 8.

All business communications for the establishment must be addressed to CAPT. WILBER, at the "Hotel de France."

TRASURER, CAPTAIN WILBER. LEADER OF THE ORCHESTRA, MR. DICKERSON. 30

**GRAND DAY PERFORMANCE.**

In order to give Ladies and Children an opportunity of witnessing the Wonderful and Astounding performances of the above Troupe, the management has set apart for this purpose

**THIS AFTERNOON, DEC. 5.**

The Programme will be of the most recherche description. For particulars of which, see bills of the day. A new arrangement of the Seats, for the especial comfort and accommodation of Ladies, has been made.

**FOR CHARTER.**

THE A. NO. 1 CLIPPER BRIGANTINE



Elizabeth Barter registered 210 tons, WILLIAM PENTREATH Master.

Parties desirous of making shipments direct to Europe or to the United States will find this a good opportunity.

Application to be made to the Captain on board, or at the Hudson's Bay Company's Office. Honolulu, 26th Nov., 1857. 30-1f

U. S. SHIP ST. MARY'S, Honolulu, Oct. 13, 1857. } I HEREBY give notice that I shall not hold myself responsible for the payment of debts incurred by the crew of this ship without authority. CHARLES HENRY DAVIS, Commander. 24-1f

**AUCTION SALES.**

By A. P. EVERETT.

GENERAL SALE AT THE ROOM, TUESDAY, Dec. 5.

Rare chance for a Permanent Investment! LARGE SALE OF

**VALUABLE REAL ESTATE!**

ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1858, BY ORDER OF THE Attorney of the Heirs of the late JOHN ROBSON, will be sold all the valuable property belonging to the said Estate, consisting of

**The Stone Dwelling House**

Now occupied by L. H. Anthon, Esq., on the corner of Beretania and Garden streets, being 108 feet on Beretania street, 85 feet on the northerly side, 116 feet on land adjoining the Catholic Mission, and 85 feet on Garden street. Upon the premises is a large two-story stone house, containing eight rooms, with all the necessary outhouses. Cost, in March, 1854, \$7000; and subsequently, water laid on from the government pipes.

—ALSO—

That valuable property now occupied by Mr. P. C. Ducorron, on the corner of Beretania street and street running up towards Punch Bowl, containing 556 fathoms 29 feet, more or less, upon which is a large

**One-story Wooden House.**

Containing five rooms; also, a COTTAGE, containing two rooms and outhouses. The buildings are nearly new, and all in good order, with a supply of good water upon the premises, and cost in April, 1853, \$2200, since which extensive outlays have been made.

—ALSO—

That property situated on the corner of Hotel and Alaken streets, opposite the Government Offices, and now occupied by Mrs. William Paty, upon which is a

**One-story Wooden House.**

Containing eight rooms and the necessary outhouses. Cost in December, 1853, \$5400; and subsequently supplied with water from the government pipes.

—ALSO—

That valuable property situated on the Nuuanu Road, opposite the residence of E. O. Hall, Esq., and containing 1 1/2-100 acres, and now occupied by Joseph Jackson, Esq., being the most delightful location in the valley, with a convenient

**One-story House.**

Containing six rooms and all the requisite outbuildings. The buildings are all nearly new and in good order, and cost in 1854, \$7500.

SALE POSITIVE, and will commence with the property now occupied by Mr. Ducorron, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Titles free simple and unincumbered.

For further particulars apply to the Auctioneer, at his office, and for inspection, to the occupants of the several premises. Honolulu, November 23, 1857. 30-1f

JOHN F. COLBURN, Auctioneer.

**ANOTHER EVENING SALE!!**

THIS EVENING, Dec. 5, at 7 1/2 o'clock, at Sales Room, will be sold FURNITURE, BOOKS, PICTURES, & FANCY GOODS.

**EX "ANTILLA," FROM BREMEN.**

WESTPHALIA HAMS, Bologna Sausages, Swiss Cheese, French Plums, French Green Peas, French Fruits, in syrup, Loaf Sugar, in cases, Crushed Loaf Sugar, in half-barrels, Black Pepper, in bags, White Pepper, in bags, And a variety of European produce, for sale by SAVIDGE & MAY. 29-1f

**Administrator's Notice.**

ALL PERSONS indebted to the Estate of the late JOHN C. CLARK, of Wailuku, Maui, are hereby requested to settle their accounts immediately; and all persons having claims against the estate, are requested to present them for payment immediately. JOHN D. HAYEKOST, Administrator. Wailuku, Oct. 23, 1857. 26-1f

**Just Received!**

AND FOR SALE LOW, by the undersigned—Rolls Gold and White French Paper, Velvet Border, Kegs French Zinc Paint, Baskets Champagne, Linen Summer Hats (new style), Tierces California Salmon, Hff bbis Herring, Bbbs. Hams (Westphalia). J. C. SPALDING, Honolulu, Oct. 24, 1857. 25-1f

**Cargo for the Spring Season?**

THE A 1 BRITISH BRIG "ANTILLA," 283 tons register, was to leave LIVERPOOL not later than October 1st, with a full and complete cargo expressly selected for this market. Amongst the goods are—100 Tons Liverpool Salt, 15 " Pig Iron, No. 1, LONDON PORTER.

—ALSO—

An assortment of English Prints, Clothes, Clothing, Shirts, and Dry Goods generally. Samples expected by an early mail. For particulars, apply to ROBERT C. JANION. 29-1f

**NOTICE**

THE undersigned having been appointed by the Court of Probate, Administrator to carry out the provisions of the will of the late Mrs. E. M. Rogers, and administrator upon the estate, gives notice hereby to all persons having claims against said Estate, to forward the same to him on or before the 1st December next; and all persons indebted to said Estate are hereby called on to make immediate payment to the undersigned. G. P. JUDD, Administrator. Oct. 22, 1857. 25-2m

**Notice.**

KNOW ALL MEN THAT I HAVE APPOINTED MY partner, Mr. Ernst Krull my true and lawful attorney during my absence from this Kingdom. EDWARD MOLL. Honolulu, Nov. 29th, 1857.—30-4f

**Notice.**

ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY CAUTIONED AGAINST trusting LOUIS LEPART on account of the undersigned, the said Louis Lepart being no longer employed at the French Hotel. (Signed.) V. CHANCEREL. 30-3f

**H. WENZEL,**

Chronometer, Watchmaker and Jeweler, LAHAINA, MAUI, S. I.

HAVING NOW PERMANENTLY LOCATED MYSELF in my new building at Lahaina, I would respectfully inform masters of ships that I am fully prepared to repair and rate chronometers by a first-rate transit instrument; also particular attention will be given to the repairing of Watches, Clocks and Nautical Instruments. Having been engaged for many years in the first establishments of Europe and America, I trust to give satisfaction. All work warranted. 30-5f

**For Lease!**

THAT VALUABLE TRACT OF LAND SITUATED in Manoa Valley, belonging to the estate of E. M. Rogers, deceased, upon which is a Wooden House of respectable dimensions. Persons desirous of leasing the above will negotiate with the undersigned. G. P. JUDD, Administrator of the estate of E. M. Rogers, deceased. Oct. 23, 1857. 25-1f

**By Authority.**

TO BE SOLD, by public auction, on the New Esplanade, on the 13th of May, 1858, the leases of ground lots for One Hundred Years, (the rate to be adjusted equitably by appraisers mutually chosen at the end of every twenty-five years,) of six lots, built upon of incombustible materials, according to a plan to be seen at the office of Mr. R. A. S. Wood, Superintendent of Public Works.

The six lots extend in line from the premises of Messrs. James Robinson & Co., to an esplanade in front of 143 feet wide, the margin of which goods can be landed embarked.

Purchasers of the ground lots will have to pay only the rent of each lot, quarterly, semi-annually or annually, as may be arranged on the day of sale; and in the matter and style of their buildings to conform to a general plan laid down by the Government, which has for its object uniformity in appearance, the convenience of the public, and safety from fire.

The six lots are of the following dimensions, viz: 4 lots, each 60 feet frontage and 145 feet deep; 2 lots, each 58 feet frontage by 145 feet deep.

TO BE SOLD ALSO, on the same day, the leases of nine ground lots for the same period, in rear of the marine lots, and between the premises of James Robinson & Co. and Fort Street, the plans and drawings of which can be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Public Works, and at the offices of Messrs. A. P. Everett and J. F. Colburn, Auctioneers.

L. KAMEHAMEHA, Minister of the Interior.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS**

**Licenses expiring in December, 1857.**

Retail Store.—1st F. Steel, 2nd C. P. Samsing & Co., 3rd Chun, 15th Geewoo & Co., 11th Melchers & Co., 12th H. G. H. McIntyre 10th H. Clark, Hawaii. Victualling.—3rd M. Humphreys. Hawking.—18th M. Kekuanooa, 30th Mungtai, 15th K. K. K. 24th Nihoa, do., 30th Kealikui, Hawaii. Hotel.—13th G. W. Houghtaling, 15th J. Booth. Retail Spirit.—21st F. Steel. Billiard Saloon.—3rd H. Turton, Lahaina. Boat.—Nos. 94 & 95. Horse.—Nos. 157 to 160 included.

**For Sale!**

ONE EXPRESS AND LUMBER WAGON; One Carriage, Harness and Pole; One Double Harness; One Break Gig and Harness; Three Carriage Horses; Three Dray do. Two Hand Carts; One splendid Chronometer at D. N. Filtner's; Two Yawl Boats; One Whale Boat, &c. &c. apply to J. I. DOWNEY, Honolulu, Dec. 3, 1857.

**SAVAGE & MAY,**

HAVE RECEIVED FROM LONDON EX. "ELIZABETH TER." Prime Wiltshire Bacon, Prime Cheshire Cheese, Prime Wiltshire Cheese, English Jellies, English Jams, Candied Orange Peel, Candied Citron Peel, Mulligatawny Paste, Chetna Sauce, Worcester Sauce, Currie Powder, White Wine Vinegar, Robinson's Patent Barley, Robinson's Patent Groats, Scotch Oatmeal, Valencia Almonds, Tapioca in 1 lb. Bottles, Cloves in 1 lb. do. King Street, Dec. 4th, 1857.

**Notice.**

THE ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUPERVISORS of Roads will take place on the first Monday in the next. It being the duty of the undersigned by law, to appoint the places in the several election districts on the Island of Oahu, I hereby appoint the following for the ensuing election: For the 1st Election District, at the new Court House, Honolulu. For the 2nd Election District, the School House, Honolulu. For the 3rd Election District, the School House near the Protestant meeting house in Wai'alua. For the 4th Election District, the School House in Hahaione. For the 5th Election District, the School House near the Protestant meeting house. H. S. SWINTON, Honolulu, Dec. 2, 1857.

**New Goods Ex. "Elizabeth Barter"**

NOW LANDING, DIRECT FROM LONDON: SELECTED order, and for sale at the old stand of the undersigned, among which will be found an assortment of FANCY GOODS chosen expressly for Foreign Ladies. As regards prices please call and see. FRANCIS SPENCER, Honolulu, Dec. 2, 1857. 30-1f