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NOTES.

In a recent debate in the House of Commons some interesting facts were brought out touching the postal regulations of the United Kingdom. Attention was called to the discrimination against British subjects in the matter of charges for postage as compared with the citizens of other countries. It was admitted that the cost to England of sending letters, newspapers and merchandise samples to the colonial possessions of Great Britain was in many cases two or three times that charged for similar services from Germany and France. In many cases the mails from those countries were carried in British vessels. The reason for this discrimination given by the postal authorities was that in order to equalize expenses and to pay the expenses of sending letters to continental countries overland cheaply, it was necessary to charge the mails carried by water double what would be ordinarily charged. The fact that the mails carried by water nearly all went to British possessions, while those going overland went to foreign countries, was used as a proof of the lack of administrative ability in the British Post Office. The effect of the discriminations was, it was stated, to discourage British trade with its colonial possessions, and trade which would be otherwise with Great Britain was diverted to foreign countries. An interesting point brought out was that in the matter of merchandise samples the cost of sending them to the East from Great Britain was just three times what it would be from Germany or France. This, it was stated, is practically prohibitive. In connection with this matter it is interesting to recall the bill which was introduced into the United States Senate by a western senator proposing to raise the charge on this class of matter from 16 to 25c per pound, and thus practically prohibit the transaction of this kind of business through the mails. This bill, which as directly in the interest of express companies, though ostensibly in the interest of country storekeepers, would bring about practically the same condition of things complained of by the British mercantile public, namely, trade discrimination through the medium of governmental machinery.

Notwithstanding the disparaging remarks which have been made about the industrial and social condition of France, and her political instability, the credit of the French government is to be first-class, as is shown by the fact that a loan placed on the market on Monday, 10th inst., more than thirty times the amount called for was subscribed before two o'clock in the afternoon. People who buy bonds are usually pretty good judges of the condition of the country they are giving credit to. It may be taken for granted, therefore, that Monsieur Crapaud is in a pretty healthy condition, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

In 1887 South Australia will appropriately celebrate its fiftieth anniversary as a colony by holding an International Exhibition. The exhibition will be opened in the city of Adelaide on the 29th of June, 1877, and the participation of the commercial nations of the world is cordially invited.

Scientific Temperance Instruction.

An important Bill, so far as the cause of temperance is concerned, passed both Houses of Congress and was signed by President Cleveland on the 21st of May last. It was a bill "to provide for the study of the nature of alcoholic drinks and narcotics, and of their effect upon the human system, in connection with the several divisions of the project of physiology and hygiene, by the pupils in the public schools of the territories and districts of Columbia, and the Military and Naval Academies, and Indian and colored schools in the territories of the United States." The law requires that this subject shall be studied and taught as thoroughly and in the same manner as other like required branches are in the same schools—that it shall be the duty of the officers in control of any of those schools to enforce the provisions of the Act, and if he neglects or refuses he shall be removed, as shall also any school director, committee, superintendent or teacher who shall neglect or refuse to comply with the requirements of the Act. And the Bill further provides that after the first day of January, 1888, no certificate shall be granted to any person to teach in any of the specified schools, "unless he has passed a satisfactory examination in physiology and hygiene with special reference to the nature and the effects of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics upon the human system." Besides the territories there are four-tenths of the States of the Union in which this scientific instruction is compulsory.

With a different Legislature than the present one here, it would have been hoped that some law might have been passed providing for simple temperance instructions in our schools. The Legislature now in session has taken up the liquor law, and after an attempt to make liquor still more free, and to move the few restrictions which have existed during the past two years have in fact left the subject just where they found it. It may be hoped, however, that we shall soon have such instruction in the Hawaiian schools, for the Board of Education has already ordered two thousand copies of the "Child's Health Primer," with a view to its introduction into the public schools taught in the Hawaiian language. This little book is to be translated at the expense of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of these Islands, and will be published in San Francisco by the firm who publish the temperance text books for California, and will be furnished at the same price as the English book. The action of the Board of Education which was taken at the earnest solicitation of a committee appointed by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and on their hearty recommendation of the Primer, has been the subject of warm congratulations from those interested in securing laws in the different States of the Union, compelling temperance instruction in the schools.

Miss Francis Willard, President of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, has written an article for the *Union Signal*, making much of the fact that the Hawaiian is the first language into which the primer has been translated, and Mrs. Mary Hunt who is head of the Department for the Introduction of Scientific Temperance in Schools has written her congratulations to the Union here.

Attempted Murder and Suicide.

Last week a jealous Japanese at Spreckelsville attempted to kill his wife with a knife. Evidently there had been a struggle as the woman's hands were badly lacerated and she was stabbed several times in the head and the knife drawn across her throat. The murderer then cut his own throat and stabbed himself in the head but was arrested by a passer-by before he had completed his design. Dr. Bailey was summoned and sewed up the

wounds and at last reports both the murderer and his victim were in a fair way for recovery.

The defeat of Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill was a foregone conclusion. Any bill, framed on the basis which his was, will be defeated. Home Rule, as it is called, which after all, means State Rights, as known in the United States, Ireland undoubtedly will have. Gladstone's bill however, would have sunk Ireland into the position of a Territory rather than a State. What Ireland wants is to manage her own internal affairs her own way, and that she certainly ought to be able to do. But she cannot want to have no voice in the Imperial Government. It is just this point which has made a number of the most thoughtful Liberals vote as they have done. A more carefully drawn bill, freed from the crudities and party feeling which the lately defeated bill contains, will meet with support, not only from the Liberal party, but from many of the Conservatives.

The misfortune is that party spirit and religious rancor are so strongly called forth on both sides of the question, that a large bulk of the minds engaged, view the matter through colored spectacles. The news from the Court will be looked for with eager interest. Parliament was to have dissolved yesterday, decisive news will only reach us in three weeks.

O Luso Hawaiiano.

Continues to be as interesting as ever. The leading article is upon labor contracts, and some sound advice is given on the subject. The legislative session is treated in the usual systematic vein, both opposition and government alike getting little rapier thrusts. Considerable space is taken up with official information from the Portuguese consulate, letters from Madeira, the Azores and Portugal. In its enlarged form the *Luso* commands a greater success than formerly.

The Planters' Monthly.

Though the contents of this magazine is not as varied as usual, it contains many valuable articles. Notable among these is a strong appeal to our planters to keep reliable statistics. It is pointed out that statistics are essential to the economical management of a plantation. Mr. Lydgate supplies analytical reports of the Kaimalihi mill, which have been most carefully drawn up and which will be read with interest in every part of the Islands. The veteran pen of H. M. W. treats of the political value of the Hawaiian Reciprocity Treaty to the United States, and puts forcibly what has been insisted on again and again. The remarks on Rania are timely. We are glad to see that the Rania experiment will soon be practically tried.

Latest Foreign News!

Received per Australia, June 22nd

Mr. Gladstone's home rule bill was defeated on the 8th of June, by a vote of 341 to 311. Parliament will in consequence be dissolved, and the election will now rest with the people.

Riots have been of frequent occurrence in Ireland during the past month.

King Ludwig of Bavaria committed suicide on the 14th of June by drowning himself in Lake Starnberg.

Everything is quiet in Turkey and Greece.

Cholera is reported as having broken out in Osaka and Kobe, Japan.

The imperial princess of France have been expelled from France and by act of the national Legislature.

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