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The administration at Washington is patiently waiting to hear the click of the Sultan's cash register.

It looks as though cable connection with the mainland would be assured to Hawaii by the next Congress.

Labor Day will be properly observed in September in Hawaii. The hope of Hawaii is in the character of its labor.

All things can be overdone; there are some people in Hawaii, even, who, we fear, are in danger of paralyzing their political pull.

Let every Republican get ready for the demonstration incident to the welcoming home of the delegates to the Philadelphia convention.

The whole country will be glad to see Dewey once more settle down to the Admiral business. There he shines, while in politics he is an unpleasing spectacle.

Unless the Porte pungles up that hundred thousand dollars sooner, he will hear from Uncle Sam when this little trouble with the Chinese Boxers is settled.

Lookout for the Republican, or the pretended Republican, that will find an occasion for creating factional strife in welcoming home the delegates to the Republican National Convention.

There is one thing to be said for General William R. Shafter—he allows the other fellows to do all the talking. He, meantime, continues to saw wood and to draw down a major-general's salary.

Over in Pennsylvania the other day an elephant fell off a moving train and dislocated its hip. This cannot be construed into a bad omen politically; the G. O. P. will march on to victory just the same.

Judge Estee's court will probably be open next week, and he will have a great run of naturalization business. Quite certain the judge will not demand petitions nor will he recognize Hawaiian stamps.

Give property owners their house numbers and give local mechanics an opportunity to paint and put up the same on transoms, doors or posts. There is every reason why this work should not be done by the government.

While the missionaries have, of necessity, temporarily ceased to overturn the religious beliefs of the Chinese in their own country, they might find a promising field in the large cities of this country to work on domestic heathen.

Senator Hanna failed to vote to seat Senator Quay from Pennsylvania. That's why Teddy Roosevelt of New York, instead of Secretary of the Navy Long of Massachusetts is Mr. McKinley's running mate. Political debts are sometimes paid.

The Young Women's Christian Association's club rooms, recently opened in the Elite building, on Hotel street, will be a godsend to many young ladies who live in rooms or boarding houses. No test of membership is required; all women are welcome.

Harry Lee, who has held the decks with Leung Chi-Tso for a month past, has left for the mainland. To say that he "skipped" doesn't seem to be philologically correct; the gay and festive 'Arry was "pushed off." He never possessed sufficient energy to "skip."

Roumania, one of the old countries of the world, is apparently the most illiterate in Europe. The last census shows that in a population of nearly six millions, about four millions neither read nor write and only about a million of the inhabitants have any education at all.

Let the woodsman spare the ax in Honolulu and throughout Hawaii. The felling of a tree is the labor of an hour—often the result of a thoughtless whim; its development into all its beauty was the work of ages. Spare the tree; stand for the beautifying of the Island.

The eagle which originally decorated the stern of the famous schooner yacht America—which first won what is now known as the America Cup—is now the sign of the Royal Eagle Hotel, Isle of Wight, overlooking the scene of the vessel's triumph over her English competitors in 1851, a token of the amicable feeling that animates the rivalry between the two great marine nations of the world.

Some idea of the miseries of the poor creatures who have been shut up in Mafeking can be gleaned from the following extract from a letter received in London, and written by the mother of four little girls, and published in the Sydney (Australia) News: "When shall we be relieved? Surely England cannot have deserted us. Hettie and Nellie lie in the cemetery, baby lies in her cot a little skeleton, and as I write my tears fall on the pallid face of Winnie. She is dying." Nothing could be more pathetic.

With any number of competent painters in town, why should the authorities interest themselves in securing numbers for houses? It is the business of the survey department to give every property owner the number, or numbers, of his lot and house and to see that he displays the same, but the government has neither the right nor the power to make property owners accept lettering furnished by the department. That's running paternalism into the ground.

Dr. A. Mouritz is making a loud call on High Sheriff Brown. In a note to the Evening Bulletin of yesterday Dr. Mouritz uses the following stern language: "What has become of Sheriff Brown's investigation into my professional conduct? Is Brown afraid of me or that Molokai kahuna woman? Possibly Brown has got 'the staggers.' Such calamity was a certainty when he relied on information furnished by the 'Bethel Street Ananias.'" And then Dr. Mouritz adds: "I challenge Brown to verify his case." It seems to be up against the Hight Sheriff.

The Republican's special correspondence from Washington this morning is unusually interesting. It sheds a new light on the Chinese situation, demonstrating the wise and statesmanlike diplomacy of President McKinley and Secretary of State Hay. Our correspondent, who is an excellent authority, is inclined to regard Russia as the Mephistopheles of the plotting and counter-plotting in the Orient. If this viewshould be found to be the true one, then the troubles in China have but just begun, and the Anglo-Saxon alliance is destined to play an important part in it. Meantime, while the nations are sowing dragons' teeth in China, there is promise of a substantial harvest of desirable things for Hawaii. It brings the California-Hawaii cable within nearer reach and under the circumstances the fortifying of Honolulu and Hilo harbors and the enlargment of the naval station at Pearl Harbor become an absolute and immediate necessity.

NUMBER the houses by all means, but let every property owner exercise his discretion as to the sort of numbering he will have. Do not let us have any "job" in house numbering.

THE Postmaster-General of New South Wales appears to be inclined to ignore the improved mail service offered the Colonies by the Oceanic Company. The authorities of New South Wales will probably discover that the people of the Colonies cannot well do without this mail service, and Mr. Crick's dictum may have to be recalled under the new order of conditions in Australasia. One thing is certain, the Oceanic Company will be able to do without the subsidy if Australasia can do without its mail.

HERE'S an agricultural lesson enforced by the experience of a man that tried it on a small holding on the Island of Hawaii: "Fred. H. Hayselden, the energetic manager of Maunal lei plantation on Lanai, has successfu raised and is now marketing in Honolulu 'garden stuff' which offers a good reason to induce others to follow. potatoes, white turnips, carrots, cauliflowers, peas, lime beans, okra, onions and summer squash are included in in his first consignment, and the sale has netted a satisfactory return. Local fruit and vegetable dealers call for 'more.'" That's the sort of farming that will help out Hawaii.

GOD BLESS the employes of the Honolulu Iron Works. They were fellow workmen of Emil Ulbrecht and they have raised $1,100 for his widow and his children, who were left penniless by the untimely taking off of the unfortunate man. The desire is to raise $1,500, and L. H. Dee leads a coterie of philanthropists who have the ambition to establish Mrs. Ulbrecht in a small down-town business, where she will be able to make a living for herself and babies. This is a proposition that should commend itself to all persons that are philanthropically inclined.

Japanese Laborer Killed.

A Japanese laborer was killed at Ewa mill on Friday. He was employed in the work of constructing the roof of the new mill, and was crushed by a heavy piece of timber falling on him.

The American Girl.

One of the deck hands on the Mauna Loa is called American Girl. He is a very good-natured Hawaiian youth, who has spent a good deal of his time on the Barbary Coast in San Francisco. He was dubbed "American Girl" because after a residence of several years on the Coast he returned to his native land chock full of stories of the life and ways of the big city, and to all inquiries as to where he got his information he would answer, "one American girl, she speake me about it."

The New Gathman Gun.

The U. S. Army 18-inch gun which the Bethlehem Steel Company of South Bethlehem, Pa., is manufacturing for the War Department to be used in firing the Gathman torpedo is nearing completion. It will weigh without its carriage 59.6 tons, and will be proved by firing ten rounds of solid shot, each weighing 2,000 pounds, and each requiring 450 pounds of powder to secure the necessary velocity. This test will be extremely interesting, and will take place some time in July at the Bethlehem Company's proving grounds, which are located at Reddington, Pa.—Army and Navy Register.

TO REORGANIZE THE ARMY.

Secretary Root Preparing a Bill to Present to Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 9.—Secretary Root is preparing a bill for the reorganization of the regular army even more radical in its nature than the one submitted in the last session. In order to obviate all antagonism from members of the staff of the regular service, the Secretary has sent a circular letter to all chiefs of bureaus, calling for their opinions relative to reorganization of the staff as applied to their individual departments.

The Secretary said to-day he had decided to have the new bill provide for the complete reorganization of the artillery along the same lines proposed in the old measure. It is also intended by the Secretary to ask for relief for the cavalry. It seems to be his opinion that the cavalry should be increased from ten to twelve regiments, in order not only to give a larger mounted force, but to make promotions faster among officers.

An official in close touch with the Secretary says it is the intention of the Department to ask Congress for a standing army of not less than 75,000 men. An army of this size, it is estimated, will be needed to successfully cope with the situation in the Philippines.

H. B. GEHR WILL SETTLE CONTRACTS IN THE EAST.

Herbert B. Gehr of the Kohala-Hilo Railroad came to town by the Kinau yesterday. He is on his way to the east to confer with the principal stockholders in the corporation and to make arrangements for letting contracts. Mr. Gehr brought with him a map of the survey, made under the direction of Chief Engineer Cargill, of the division of the road from Hilo to Laupahoehoe. It is claimed that these maps, which will be filed in the office of the Superintendent of Public Works, is the only set of railroad maps in the territory. Mr. Gehr leaves on the City of Peking on July 27th.

NEW SUGAR CONTRACTS AND DESTINATIONS.

The contracts between the sugar plantations and the refiners, which will expire on the 1st of October next, have been renewed for three years under the same terms as the expiring contracts. Under the arrangement the bulk of the crop of the Islands has been provided for. Fifteen thousand tons will go to the Coast, the balance will go to New York by way of the Horn, excepting 120,000 tons, which will be shipped overland to the East.

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