

Island Notes.

Our correspondent writes, under date of Dec. 16th, as follows:—

PUNA, HAWAII, Dec. 16.

At this date it is blowing a gale from the SW along the Puna Coast. At this place, Pohoiki, is located Mr. Ryeroff's steam saw mill, with a traction engine that brings timber from the forest. Some four miles from here is the only safe bay and landing to be found for many miles along this coast. This place is four miles from what must be called the "Spanish Ruins," as I have found enough to establish the fact beyond a doubt, and have hardly commenced yet. This is a most interesting place to study the volcanic forces that have for countless ages been at work to build up this land of lava. Here grow the finest sweet potatoes without a particle of soil, and trees flourish without any other nourishment than that afforded by the a-a which is something like the slag from a smith's forge. There are hills here, surrounded by fresh lava, that look as old as Punchbowl at Honolulu. They look like islands in a sea of desolation, and are very productive. The largest is owned by Capt. Eldart and may be some hundred acres in extent.

W.E.W.

HONOKAA, HAWAII, Dec. 19.

On Tuesday, the 16th inst., we experienced a very heavy gale of wind from the S.W.; it blew so hard that every store and house in town had to close up. No serious damage was done.

Yesterday the shaft of one of the lower rollers at the Honokaa mill broke; it will have to be sent to Honolulu for repairs. The cane which is cut will be ground with two rollers. This is the first breakdown that has occurred at this mill since it started.

Communicated.

[The following communications explain themselves.—Ed. P. C. A.]

EDITOR COM. ADVERTISER—Sir: It appears that there is some misunderstanding about a petition that was got up here and signed by several parties in Honokaa and Honolulu. The purport of said petition was asking the I. I. S. N. Co. to retain Captain Davis on this route after the steamer Bishop should be withdrawn. I am sorry it had not the desired effect, but rather as it appears tended to damage Capt. Davis in the opinion of his employers. Now I wish to state that I was the one who got up the petition and took it around, and then sent it to Honolulu, and I done so of my own accord, and not at the instigation of Capt. Davis or any other person (as people assert). My object in so doing was to keep a man who had given general satisfaction and who was thoroughly acquainted with this coast. Capt. Davis never hinted anything of the kind to me, nor did he know anything of such a document until after it had gone from here.

Yours, etc.,

J. R. MILLS.

As one of the signers of the petition in question, I wish to state that the same was prepared with the best intentions, both toward Capt. Davis and his employers, and was certainly complimentary to both parties, as it expressed our feelings of satisfaction (in substance) to the said I. I. S. N. Co., for the careful manner in which our freights had been handled, carried and delivered at, to and from this (Honokaa) landing by the company's representative, Capt. Davies, in command of the said company's S. S. C. R. Bishop.

But since the petition has been read by the said company on the Chinese style, i. e., commencing the wrong end on, and has been similarly construed, inasmuch as to discharge Captain Davis from its services in consequence, and by reason thereof:

Therefore, we, the petitioners, feeling and seeing that we (unintentionally) have been the cause of the Captain being discharged from his position, feel it our duty, as well as a pleasure, in recommending him to any and all ship owners as being a strictly temperate man, faithful, energetic and capable, just the man to handle a boat on the coasts of these islands; does not sleep on the coals.

W. H. RICHARD.

Police Court.

BEFORE POLICE JUSTICE BICKERTON.

TUESDAY, Dec. 16.

Jas. O'Connell, having been drunk on Monday, paid a fine of \$15 with \$1 costs.

Kahaani, albeit of the gentler sex, was sent to jail for ten days, for disorderly conduct on Monday last. She also paid \$1 costs.

Leong Ming, who must be a host in himself, was found to have assaulted Akin (a kin to him) Hong Sing and Ah Kiou. For so doing he has to work five days at hard

labor, and file a bond (with sureties) in the sum of \$75 to keep the peace towards all men for one year. The Court charged him \$6.40 for attending to his case, and he may be thankful it wasn't \$6.50.

James Welsh, charged with assault and battery on Phillip Braun, denied the soft impeachment, and will have to wait until to-morrow to hear the end of the case.

Kimo, who stole a hat, goes on the reef for a month, and then to the Reformatory School, besides paying \$1 costs.

Ah Chung, Ah Kan and Ah Wa, charged with having opium in their possession at Honolulu within the week last past. Mr. Bussell for defendants. Ah Chung pleaded guilty. Ah Kan and Ah Wah pleaded not guilty. Ah Chung turned King's evidence, and gave testimony against the two other defendants. Found guilty and fined \$50 each, and sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for one month each. Costs, \$1.10 each. Appeal noted in the cases of Ah Kan and Ah Wa.

Olailai and Inoa, charged with truancy within the last week; reprimanded and discharged.

WEDNESDAY, December 17, 1884.

James Welsh was found guilty of assault and battery on Phillip Braun, and fined \$6, and \$1.20 costs.

The Portuguese who were charged with beating a Portuguese girl were discharged yesterday, except one Antonio de Lima, in whose case judgment is suspended.

Kalu, who was charged with stealing a violin, was discharged on a nolle pros. being entered by the prosecution.

THURSDAY, Dec. 18.

One case—drunk. The *custos morum* ordered his forfeited bail of \$6 to be taken in charge of by David, and adjourned the Court.

FRIDAY, Dec. 19.

Naaloa was accused of quarrelling with Ah Ho about a matter of \$2 paid by Naaloa for the services of Ah Ho in a matter which was not performed. As Ah Ho would not return the money Naaloa, it was alleged, pounded him. Offense not proven. Naaloa discharged.

MONDAY, Dec. 22, 1884.

John Thomas was found guilty of violating No. 25 of the rules governing hack drivers. He also paid \$3 costs.

A boy named Kaholo was sent to the Reformatory School for a year for disobedience to his parents and truancy.

The girl Maria de Lima, who was the complainant in a case of assault and battery a few days ago, was given into the charge of the Portuguese Consul, it being shown that her mother is a woman of bad morals, and the Court did not deem best to send the girl back, she having left her home on account of ill-treatment.

"Just Give me a Local."

He ran across an ADVERTISER reporter yesterday and said, "Don't forget to give me a nice 'local' in the paper. Say something about the —, etc., etc, that I have for sale." The reporter came back to the office, and hunted through the paper for the "ad." of the party he had met. Couldn't find it anywhere, but, all the same, having promised he would give a "local," sent in the following:

"It is a real pretty sight to visit his place and see them running around. There must be a good many of them, together with others that are in just the right kind of order for Christmas. The prices, no doubt, are not more than they ought to be, and the quality good."

Answers to the "Bulletin's" Puzzles.

Diamond Puzzle—

C
S O D
S T R A W
Y A M
L

Square Word—

R E I N
E A S E
I S L E
N E E D

Word Puzzle—Choral, Coral, Oral, Floral. Charade—Kingsfisher. Numerical Enigma—Democrat Dinner.

All the steamers of the I. I. S. S. Co. are this port this morning.

A communication from Mr. Ahuna will appear in to-morrow's issue.

There will be an immense sale to-night, commencing at 7 o'clock, at the Hawaiian Bazaar, 109 Fort street, of toys and general fancy goods, by Messrs. Lyons & Levey, auctioneers.

Perpetual Motion Discovered.

Wise men have decided, long ago, that the problem of "perpetual motion" was one of those that are past solving. Learned societies throughout the world have refused to consider papers submitted to

them by people who claim to have found out how to make a machine that, once set in motion, will run forever by virtue of the force it generates by its movements. Patent Office examiners decline to report upon models and plans of such machines, and the man who spends his time and money in trying to make such self-propelling machines is set down as a fool, if not an idiot.

But it seems that the wise men, mathematicians, patent examiners, and savants, are all mistaken, for the great problem has been solved, and in one of the skating rinks of San Francisco can be seen—according to one of our islanders now there—"perpetual motion" practically applied and in operation every day.

The islander, a well-known business man here writing over the initials T. G. T., describes this skating rink, as follows:

"It is an irregular circle of but about five feet wide, elevated at one side some fifteen feet, from which the coaster rushes down the inclined race with sufficient gathered momentum by the time he gets at the lowest part that it will keep him on, and carry him back again to the top."

The italics are our own in the above quotation, the grammar "T. G. T.'s." But it is not with the construction of the sentence we would deal, but that of the wonderful skating-rink. San Franciscans may well be proud of this triumph of mind over matter, and it will be one of the proudest boasts of future old men that in their boyhood they bound on the festive roller-skates, started at the elevated part of that irregular circle, rushed down the inclined way gathering, as they rushed, sufficient momentum to carry them back to the top again, again to rush down, and again to be carried by the gathered momentum to the top again, and so on indefinitely. We await, breathlessly, the detailed statement as to how a skater once started on this irregular circle stops himself before the skates are worn out.

A Lady Mesmerist.

[Chronicle "Undertones."]

It has always surprised me to find that here few people have ever heard of mesmerism. Yet in the old country it is so common a thing that mesmerists have long been relegated to the country districts. I can remember as a boy the scholars having a half-holiday and being taken to a mesmerism exhibition. I think the woman's name was Mrs. Hamilton, and she used to seat a lot of boys in chairs, make each of them in turn fasten his eyes upon her while she made a few passes before them and then they did exactly what she told them to do. Some of them would abandon themselves to their natural impulses and fight, or talk, or give themselves and their companions away by telling things "they had no business to." It was fun for those who looked on. When they had gone far enough she reversed the passes and they woke up quite unconscious of what they had been doing. The fact is that scientists are so jealous of the general intelligence that they ridicule anything that has not been discovered by one of themselves and they never will permit anybody to believe in the genuineness of anything science can not account for. They have some scientific explanation of mesmerism, which, however, simply defines the process and the result.

The Severn Tunnel.

[London Cor. Philadelphia Telegraph.] English engineers are making a great deal of the new tunnel in course of construction under the river Severn, and which is designed to give the Great Western Railway company a direct route into South Wales. When completed the tunnel, which passes under what is really an arm of the sea extending from the Bristol channel, will be four and a half miles long, or twice the length of the famous Box tunnel, on the same line of railroad, which has hitherto been regarded as the acme of railroad tunneling in this country.

The Severn tunnel will be 140 feet below high-water mark, and about 100 feet below the bed of the Severn. Three thousand men are employed upon the work. Nearly all these men reside in a little town they have built themselves on the Welsh side, which contains a church, schools and all the accessories of civilized navy life. In carrying out the works the engineers have encountered innumerable difficulties, land springs being among the most serious. One of these springs when first tapped poured 6,000 gallons of water per minute into the tunnel. This and other springs are held in check by pumping machinery which pumps up 50,000 gallons per minute, or 3,000,000 gallons per hour. The boring is twenty-six feet in diameter. The only thing not quite clear yet about this big work is the manner in which efficient ventilation is to be obtained in a tunnel four and a half miles long.

He Understood It.

"See here," he said to his clerk, "I don't mind letting you off for a day or two now and then, to attend your grandfather's funeral; but I think you ought to have the courtesy to send a few of the fish around to my house."

The Swiftest River.

The Sutlej, a large river in British India, with a descent of 12,000 feet in 180 miles, or about sixty-seven feet per mile is the fastest flowing river in the world.

Modern Definitions.

[Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.] \$1: "Thief!" \$50,000: "Defaulter!" \$100,000: "Shortage!" \$500,000: "Canadian tourist!" \$1,000,000: "Brilliant financier!"

NOTHING LOST BUT A HEART.

Drifting away from each other,
Steadily drifting apart;
Nothing between but the world's cold screen,
Nothing to lose but a heart.

Only two lives, dividing
More and more every day;
Only one soul from another soul
Steadily drifting away.

Only a man's heart striving
Bitterly hard with its doom;
Only a hand tender and bland
Shipping away in the gloom.

Nothing of doubt or wrong,
Nothing that either can cure;
Nothing to shame, nothing to blame,
Nothing to do but endure.

The world cannot stand still,
Tides ebb, and women change—
Nothing here that is worth a tear,
One love less—nothing strange.

Drifting away from each other,
Steadily drifting apart,
No wrong to each that the world can reach;
Nothing lost—but a heart.

A Marked Copy.

[Burlington Free Press.] "Well, I declare," exclaimed an editor, as he inspected the baby of an old newspaper friend—"if he isn't a marked copy of the old gentleman!"

Mixing the H's.

The Boston Courier tells the story that the servant employed to announce the guests at Delmonico's on ball nights is a cockney and as erratic in the use of the letter "h" as the worst of his race. For instance, Mr. Hadden would give his name to him, which he would call out in a loud tone of voice as Mr. "Adden, and Mr. Appleton would hear himself frequently announced as Mr. Happleton. A number of gentlemen whose names begin with the letter A and H, towards the latter part of the winter, became quite disgusted and at last hit upon the ingenious plan of giving their names wrong in order to have them announced correctly. Mr. Appleton gave his name as Mr. Happleton, and, as he expected, heard the servant announce him correctly; and Mr. Hadden, calling himself Mr. Adden, had the extreme pleasure of hearing his name called Mr. Hadden.

New York Graphic: W. R. Travers, it is said, recently attended a party in Newport and was asked by a lady when it would be 7 o'clock. He replied: "It-it-n-not-s-seven-o'clock-yet-but-it-will-be-b-b-by-the-t-t-time-I-can-s-say-it."

How Slang is Used in Boston.

[Somerville Journal.] "Dear, dear, where have you been, girls?" said a Boston mother to her daughters who returned late from an entertainment. "We've been carming the municipality," giggled the eldest. "And observing the pachyderm," laughed the second. "And vociferating the female to an extraordinary elevation," chimed in the third. "Dear, dear, dear!" exclaimed the mother in expostulatory tones. "There's no harm done, mamma," pouted the fourth, "everything is amiable, and the fowl, whose cackling was the salvation of Rome is suspended at an altitude hitherto unknown in our experience."s

Explanatory chart—"Painting the town red. #See ing the elephant. #Whoopax her up. #Everything is lovely and the goose hangs high.—[Somerville Journal.]

Misplaced Confidence and Whisky.

[Detroit Free Press.] They gave a Tennessee darkey three pints of whisky to cure a snake bite, and then found out that he had been stung by a hornet. Then the man who furnished the whisky had to get his pay by booting the darkey and paying a fine of \$5.

Cinc. Sat. Night: "Ever had a cyclone here?" asked a Kansas man who was visiting a country aunt in the east. "A cyclone! Oh, yes," said the aunt. "Deacon Brown's son brought one from Boston a spell ago, but, law! he couldn't ride it. Tumbled off every time he tried it."

Norristown Herald: Locomotives that cost \$15,000 apiece a year ago, can now be bought for \$8,000 each. Despite the great fall in price we advise our readers to defer purchasing for a few weeks their winter stock of locomotives. They may be much cheaper in the fall.

Texas Siftings: "It's the early candidate that catches the most mud."

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