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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE hauling down of the American flag at Hawaii, by order of United States Commissioner Blunt, whom President Cleveland sent to the Hawaiian Islands with representative powers, has caused a good deal of comment over the line. With feelings of indignation the "Standard Union" of Brooklyn says: "He has struck a blow at the dignity of the nation and thrown away the opportunity of the generation." What a terrible calamity, forsooth! It seems to us that poor little Hawaii is literally "between the devil and the deep sea," and that she is of some consequence after all. The only mistake President Cleveland made was in not sending McKinley out to size up the situation. By the time the republicans get back into office, he will doubtless have a retaliatory bill made to bring the Island to submission *a la Canada*.

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The closing of the gates at the World's Fair on Sunday is universally approved of by all right thinking people. The Lord never intended the Sabbath to be turned into the rest of the week or that it should be merely a day of rest in name. The

old commandment, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," is as much in force as when it was thundered down the sides of Mount Sinai, and our American cousins are to be commended in observing it.

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THE position of the Provincial Board of Health recently formed has not been by any means a sinecure. Between small pox and the Smead-Dowd system investigation they are kept pretty busy, and it looks as if they were starting off with a good deal of business for young beginners. If they keep right along they will have plenty of experience in a few years, and perhaps will be able to teach the other Provincial Boards a thing or two. The members are all well known and their appointment does credit to the Government.

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A GOOD deal of interest has been manifested lately as to the Smead-Dowd system of ventilation and heating in the public schools. A good deal of correspondence and evidence has been published for and against, and what the result of the investigation at present being held in regard to it will be we do not know. But we believe that any system which undertakes to cremate or bake by a slow process that