

The Weekly Colonist.

Tuesday, March 1, 1864.

FROM THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

We have received Honorary Exchanges to the 16th ult, from which we collate the following:

CHAMBERLAIN'S NOTICE. Iolani Palace, Jan 16, 1863.—The Funeral of his late Majesty Kamehameha IV, will take place on Wednesday, the 27th day of January instant.

A full programme of the arrangements and of the order of procession will be issued. Jno. O. DOMINIS, Acting Chamberlain.

The election had taken place in Honolulu. There were 35 candidates for parliamentary honours out of whom but four could be elected.

The following gentlemen were the successful candidates—G. Rhodes, 1,504; W. Webster, 1,386; W. P. Ragdale, 1,091; S. M. Kamakau, 616.

The Polynesian says:—They are all well known to the country, and if the other districts have returned as competent representatives to provide for the welfare of the people, the next session will be short and decisive.

From the other districts on this island we have the following account. In Ewa and Waianua Mr. Kaha was the successful competitor among eight candidates.

At Puna Mr. Peneha Wood was elected with a large majority. In Koolanua Mr. Makalea, and in Waialua Mr. Kaka, were the lucky men.

From the other islands but few election returns have yet arrived. At Lahaina, Maui, Moorea, Kauai, and Hanalei were elected.

From Customs House statistics for 1863, it appears that the value of goods paying duty imported from Vancouver Island during the year amounted to \$32,210.52; do bonded, \$2,277.94.

The domestic exports to all parts during the same year, were valued at \$744,413.54.

The bark Glenape, bound to Sydney, arrived January 24, 24 days from Victoria, and sailed again same day.

Items by the Sound Mail. TELEGRAPH GARRISON.—The Telegraph line is now completed from Portland to Eugene City, and was worked directly through yesterday.

The following congratulations were exchanged:—EUGENE CITY, Feb. 14, 1864. To Joseph A. Gray, President of Council.

DAVID LOGAN, Mayor of the City of Portland: Portland and Eugene City are all connected by telegraph.

JOSEPH A. GRAY, President of the Council. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of the 10th inst.

REPLY. PORTLAND, Feb. 14, 1864. To Joseph A. Gray, President of Council. Portland rejoices in the completion of this new link of connection between them.

JOSEPH A. GRAY, Mayor of Eugene City. With the exception of one hundred and fifteen miles, from Eugene City to Lewiston, we now have direct telegraphic communication with Sacramento, and the East.

DEPARTURE.—We learn that Hon. G. C. Hewitt takes his leave to-day for Washington City, D. C.—Overland Press.

SHOCKING REVELATION.—An intelligent half-breed girl has revealed the circumstances under which a man named Wm. P. Edwards was murdered some months ago.

From the statement of the girl it would appear that a negro named Fritch had been making his home at the house of Mr. Edwards, for some time, and that he was not welcome to Mr. E., but for fear of driving his wife he had permitted Fritch to remain.

On Monday afternoon, (Dec. 7,) a public meeting was held in the Eves, Mason's Hall, George street, for the purpose of hearing an address from the Bishop of British Columbia, the Rev. Geo. Selkirk, being given by the Rev. Geo. Selkirk, Dean Ramsey.

After a few sentences, the Bishop says:—'They say that by American enterprise had been built up the city (San Francisco) which in fifteen years had increased its population to 100,000, and he expected that in other ten years, or a little more, they would see similar Victoria, and New Westminster on the mainland of Columbia, both admirably situated, with good harbors, and accessible to the Pacific Ocean—with a population of from 50,000 to 100,000, as the emporium of British trade and commerce in the Pacific.'

Leaving the last extract to throw a light on the first, I would merely remark on the importance of stops and punctuation in all written reports or extracts.—Yours.

MATTER OF FACT.—The paragraph we published from the Northern Daily Express was a verbatim copy, notwithstanding the impudent attempt of the Evening paper (which never has anything original, but can only carp at others) to throw doubt upon it, because somebody said that somebody else had read a report in some other paper which bore its distinct construction. Our remarks accompanying the extract quoted, plainly showed that we knew the Bishop's words had been inaccurately given.—Ed. Col.

On Saturday evening last, Commodore Vanderbilt and his wife celebrated their golden wedding, at their residence, Washington Place, New York. They were married in 1813, when the gentleman was only nineteen, and the lady a year younger.

A family of thirteen children have blessed their union, twelve of whom survive. 'Three sons and nine daughters, eight sons-in-law and two daughters-in-law, thirty-two grandchildren and two great grandchildren were almost all present at this golden wedding.

Besides these, Jacob H. Vanderbilt, Esq., a brother of the Commodore, was present, and three younger sisters, with a whole battery of nieces and nephews on both sides, which nearly filled the spacious homestead with a splendid company, each of whom was akin to the others. Beyond these, very few invited guests were present.

ENGLISH SUMMARY.

Our English exchanges bring us down one week later than the last mail, that is to say, over Christmas day; as usual, at that season, news is not very stirring.

The Queen had left Windsor for Osborne, and the marine portion of the journey was marked by very tempestuous weather.

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