

THE SAMOAN TROUBLE

America's Title to the Harbor of Pago Pago.

Official Correspondence on the Subject—The Deed of Transfer to the United States and Other Documents.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Senator Sherman laid before the Senate this afternoon from the Secretary of State a letter in relation to the title of the United States in the harbor of Pago Pago. It is as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, Feb. 7, 1899. Hon. John Sherman, United States Senator, from the rights of the United States at Pago Pago harbor, Samoa, to the United States.

Following in the copy of a deed of transfer of Pago Pago harbor to the United States, to which it may be referred.

To whom it may concern, Be it known that we the undersigned, being duly authorized and empowered by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, do hereby certify that on the 25th day of August, 1878, transfer to the government of the United States the privilege of using the port of Pago Pago and the shore thereof in accordance with the provisions of a treaty of friendship and commerce concluded at Washington in the United States of America between the United States and Samoa on the 17th day of January, 1878.

(TAINUMA MA FAITULAI, LAVAI, LAIATO, TAILALAI LAFO, Witness, GUSTAVUS GOVARD.)

In his letter to the Secretary, dated January 31, 1899, Mr. Goward writes that this instrument might be regarded as transferring to the United States the title to the land. At the time he was not authorized or prepared to accept an absolute title in fee simple, not knowing how far the United States Government claimed to extend its jurisdiction.

Mr. Goward also writes that the phraseology employed was that used in the treaty, leaving, thereby, the interpretation of it to the department. The appointment of the United States Government in its selection to any particular part of the shore as a cooling station during the period of ten years or more covered by the language of the treaty.

A message from the President transmitting correspondence on the Samoan question was received at the House this afternoon. It contains a letter from the Count Arovalley, the German Minister to the United States, under instructions from the German Chancellor, sent the following communication to Secretary Bayard:

When the state of war was declared against Matania the commander of the German squadron issued a proclamation by which foreigners in Samoa were subject to martial law. Interlocutory law to such an extent prevent such a measure, as Prince Bismarck is of opinion that our military operations in Samoa are to be applied to the islands of Samoa might be temporarily handed over to him, which demand not only the neutrality and independence, Mr. Knapp has been ordered by a telegram to withdraw his demand.

Secretary Bayard, in transmitting Count Arovalley's message, says to the President: "As the question of German action and American rights in Samoa is a subject of importance to Congress, I beg leave to transmit herewith, with a view of their being laid before Congress, copies of certain correspondence touching the Samoan question which I have received from the city, and the paraphrase of my telegraphic instruction of the same date to our member at Berlin, and also the Charge d'Affaires of the United States at London and my note of the same date to Count Arovalley."

Mr. Bayard also encloses the following: "I enclose herewith a copy of a telegram from the German Consul Blackstock to the German Consul at Pago Pago, in view of this, instructed Pendleton to say that the United States assumed that the German citizens and property, protect American citizens and property."

AMERICAN NEWS. A Worthy Pair. INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 7.—John E. Sullivan, county clerk of this city, who failed for \$75,000 last Tuesday, missing from the city, and it is supposed to be in Canada. His flight was occasioned by the discovery that he had issued fraudulent warehouse receipts for large consignments of produce, each of which he was supposed to produce, each of which he was supposed to produce, each of which he was supposed to produce.

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CABLE NEWS.

Germany Does Not Intend to Annex Samoa. Neither Shall the United States.

The French Government Will Complete Its Term of Office—No Elections Until October.

Rumors and Conjectures Concerning the Death of Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria.

The Vote of Confidence. PARIS, Feb. 7.—In political circles here it is said to-day that the Chamber of Deputies will probably complete its legal term of office, and that the general elections will not occur before October.

Princess of Wales. LONDON, Feb. 7.—The Princess of Wales is expected to arrive in London to-day, and she is reported to be in excellent health.

Reported Wreck. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—The bark of the name of the "Crown Prince" is reported to have been wrecked on a reef in the south.

CAPITAL NEWS.

First Day's Proceedings in the Dominion Parliament.

The Veterans Premier in Splendid Form. (Special to THE COLONIST.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—In the Commons this morning, Mr. Laurier, the Veterans Premier, moved the address in reply to the Governor-General's speech.

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All's Well that Ends Well—Plenipotentiaries Will Settle the Samoan Question.

Week of a British Bark on the Scottish Coast with a Loss of Seven Lives.

No Further Attempt Will Be Made to Compel O'Brien to Wear a Convict's Garb.

A Series of Letters. DUBLIN, Feb. 7.—The Marquis of Dufferin, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, has received a series of letters from the plenipotentiaries of the Samoan Government.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

Col. Prior Attending to the Interests of His District.

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Table with financial data, including columns for 'New', 'Total', and 'Balance'. Includes entries like 'New 114.99', 'Total 1,182.02', and 'Balance 1,182.02'.

Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1889. FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, FEB. 8.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

General. The funeral of the late Mr. Hugh Cameron will take place at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon from the residence of his son, Mr. Alex. Cameron, Beacon Hill.

Board for Victoria. The steamer 'Umatilla' left San Francisco for Victoria yesterday with the following passengers: A. Hansen and wife, J. Davis, J. Smith, W. H. Castle, W. H. Stevens and wife and Mrs. C. Douglas.

Petition for a Recording Officer. A petition, praying to have Texada Island placed in the Nanaimo district for the purpose of recording mineral claims is being circulated and signed in Nanaimo and on the island. It will be forwarded to the members of the district for presentation in a few days.

New Mining Company. A joint stock mining company has been formed at Nanaimo embracing a number of gold mines in Texada, and is composed of Messrs. J. E. Jenkins, Richard Prowse, C. R. Miller, Alex. Eason, George Tippett and Wm. E. Mason, G. R. Miller, J. E. Jenkins, and Richard Prowse are the directors of the company.

Monthly Coal Shipments. The foreign coal shipments for the month of January from the different mines were as follows: Vancouver Coal Company 31,285 tons, Esquimalt 1,040 tons, East Wallington 2,180 tons, making a total foreign shipment for the month of 43,865 tons. Iron ore from Texada iron mines 1,000 tons.

Inland Revenue Collections. The following are the receipts at Inland Revenue Division No. 37, Victoria, for the month of January, 1889: Licenses \$10,200.00, Tobacco 38,000.00, Spirits 622,711.00, Malting 571.00, Total 718,702.00.

Inspecting the New Law Courts. The new law courts were illuminated throughout for the first time last evening with both gas and electric light, and many visitors, both ladies and gentlemen, availed themselves of the opportunity of inspecting the various court-rooms and court and departmental offices.

Beacon Hill Park. The sales yesterday by Messrs. Lowenberg, Harris & Co. of residential lots facing Beacon Hill Park, Victoria, B.C. (part of the well known Berkeley Farm), amounted to over eleven thousand dollars.

Another New Block. The work of tearing down the old Victoria House, corner of Pandora and Douglas Streets, owned by Mrs. Edward Wood, was completed yesterday, it being the intention of Messrs. Rowbotham & Co., who have leased the property, to proceed at once to the erection of a new block. The new building will be of brick and stone, with a frontage of 60 feet on Pandora Street, will be two stories in height, and will contain three stores; with warehouses, etc., on the second flat. The estimated cost is \$15,000.

A Pioneer's Funeral. The funeral of the late R. D. Thornhill took place yesterday afternoon at his late residence, Pandora street, to the Methodist church, where a service was held by Rev. J. E. Starr, and thence to Ross Bay Cemetery, where the interment took place. The funeral was very largely attended, almost all the members of the Pioneer Society being present. The following were the pallbearers: Robt. Bullen, Andrew Shanks, Jonathan Bullen, Morris Moss, E. C. Johnston and Isaac Walsh.

From Barkerville. The new smelting works at Barkerville are now completely finished, and says Mr. Martin, the government engineer, are now ready for the winter, and as soon as it is brought in, the works have been run for four or five hours, and everything found to be in perfect working order. Just at present there is very little work at all about Barkerville. Mining operations have been suspended for the winter, and will probably not be resumed for another two months, when the new smelter will be put to work. The prospects for the coming spring are very promising. The 'Black Jack' company have put up a mill of about 5 tons capacity, run by water-power, and secure the needed amount to carry the Association to the end of its year in September. From the report of the general secretary it was shown that the average attendance at the rooms had been 84 per day, and that the four Sunday afternoon services had had an average attendance of 91.

There were two names added to the rooms committee, the committee instructed to proceed at once in the matter of securing accommodations to meet the growing needs of the work. The association will also be incorporated as soon as possible.

A Enigma Entertainment. This season an entertainment will be given in the Y. M. C. A. hall by the pupils of the British Columbia school for the deaf and dumb, of which Mr. John Ashcroft is principal. The following is the programme, and it is certainly not to be of interest to all who attend: Opening remarks by the chairman, Mayor Grant; 'First Steps,' illustrated by a first year pupil; 'My God with Me,' sign language, by Miss Edith Jones; articulation and speech reading; 'The Arrow and the Song,' and 'The Child's Prayer,' sign reading; 'The Queen's Prayer,' and 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow,' sign recitations; Frank Wiggett; 'God, sign the Queen,' sign reading; 'The Queen's Prayer,' sign recitations; the graceful, silent and touching natural language of the deaf and dumb. The 'First

A MADMAN'S ARTS.

The Strange Story of the Madman who was confined in the Asylum at the Alameda. John Cross, the sexton of the Reformed Episcopal Church, met with a decided surprise last evening when he went to the church to make the usual preparations for the choir practice and to see that the door of the church he found badly shattered, with two of the panels crushed in. On entering, another surprise awaited him. A supply of papers had mysteriously disappeared. Having at last managed to get a light, his eyes fell upon the third and last of the series of surprises. A black slouch hat lay upon the commode, which had been stripped of its covering. As he put out his hand to remove the objectionable headgear, he heard a hoarse voice behind him, and turning, saw the owner of a thick mustache man, who informed him that he had laid his hand on that hat, "would pay for the action with his life." Saying that he had a madman to deal with, Cross, who had been called out from carrying out his original intention, did not leave the hat alone. His strange visitor then informed him that in the night and day he had been in bed, his bed being formed of sea cushions and clerical robes piled upon the communion table. Realizing how matters stood, Mr. Cross wisely withdrew, leaving the madman in possession, and sent immediately for the police. An officer soon arrived, but on entering the church, found the madman had disappeared, leaving only a black cloth of very rich and expensive material.

More Than Its Weight in Gold. Edgar Martin, Jr., brought back with him from San Francisco yesterday a Japanese pug dog, recently presented to him by a friend. The little animal is of the hairless variety, and weighing exactly 100 pounds, it is worth, from its rarity, three cents per pound, but in this case it comes high, as the diminutive creature is valued at \$300. Gold, it is known, is priced at \$19 per ounce, so Mr. Martin's dog is worth, at least, a dog worth more than its weight in gold.

The Home for Madmen. The ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, who have in hand the establishment of a home for fallen women, will be thankful to receive any donations, and any money had developed by the sale of which may be sent to Mrs. Criddle, Mrs. David Spencer, Mrs. James Flett, or Mrs. M. T. Hugg. A home has been purchased on Cornhill street, and will very shortly be opened under the management of a suitable matron, to receive such of the unfortunate as desire shelter. A committee of ladies, chief justice, who are the donors of the building, will be in charge of the management of the Home and they will be assisted by an advisory board of gentlemen composed of the clergy and laymen. An annual report containing a full and accurate account of the success of the Home, financial and otherwise, will be furnished by the officers of this committee and published.

The objects of the Home are charitable in the true sense of the term, and it is to be hoped that the ladies of the W. C. T. U. will receive every encouragement in their noble work.

CITY POLICE COURT.

Bertha Baker appeared before his honor yesterday on remand charged with being the keeper of a house of ill fame. A plea of 'guilty' was entered, and Alex. Lowenberg, Esq., the accused, five days being allowed to pay it in.

Mary, an Indian woman, whom the superintendent pronounced an habitual drunkard, was brought before the magistrate, who pleaded guilty and retired to jail for one month.

On being pleaded guilty to an infraction of city by-laws and promised not to offend again. Sentence was deferred until to-day.

Moo Wah, and other Chinese washmen, were again ordered on remand with the old offence of not paying the license. His honor briefly reviewed the much-remanded case; quoted the opinion given by the learned magistrate, and was of the opinion that the tax was far too high to be in reason, and dismissed the case.

Mr. Theo. Davis appeared in answer to a summons to appear, but drove over James Bay bridge at a pace faster than that prescribed by law.

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No one for a moment supposed that the Leader of the Opposition's denunciation of caucuses meant anything. He very well knows that the caucus has become part of the American political system both in Canada and the United States, and that to condemn it serves no practical purpose.

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David Attacking Gollish.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Bismarck's article published in the Contemporary Review has reached its sixth edition, and the denunciations against Mr. Stued as the author of the article are multiplying rapidly. The St. James Gazette leads the cry against him, and is fast making converts to its own side.

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LONDON, Feb. 6.—The large number of meetings being held throughout England to protest against O'Brien's treatment in Clonmel jail, has induced the conservatives to organize a meeting in London to discuss the drift of public opinion, opposing the Irish policy of Mr. Balfour.

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VIENNA, Feb. 6.—Throughout the funeral services yesterday the Emperor's last eyes steadily fixed on the coffin. He was not pale but flushed. It is rumored that the Emperor will soon publish an address to the people, in which he will refer to the contents of Rudolph's last letters. In the letter to his father he asked forgiveness for an act which, he says, appears to be inevitable. In the letter to his mother he gives a detailed and clear account of his motives for suicide, taken from a letter he sends his "last greeting" to his child. Some Austrian and Hungarian prelates in accordance with the dictates of the church refused to hold services on the ground that Rudolph committed suicide with the simple tastes of the deceased, there was an absence of anything approaching display in the funeral arrangements. The remains were stowed in a plain suit of black and enclosed in an unpretentious casket covered with black cloth. On the lid were two silver plates, one bearing the words "Rex"; the other the name of the deceased, "Rudolph, King of Austria." The coffin was placed in a hearse, and the body of the deceased man was taken to the cemetery of St. Roch.

MAGNIFICENT COSTUMES.

Worn at a Fancy Dress Ball in New York. Dresses which were of Blouse, Diamonds, Pearls, Sapphires, Turquoise and Gold Buttons. (Special to the Colonist.)

New York, Feb. 6.—The fancy dress ball at the Casino de la Ville, which was given under the auspices of the Democratic Art Society, was a brilliant affair. Some of the costumes displayed were of startling variety, and were of the most elaborate and costly.

Contributions to Provincial Museum for January.

Victoria, O. C. F. Finlayson, A. H. Maynard, H. O. Halpin, Harry Saunders, and others, announced for giving over the first case called in the police court yesterday morning.

The Sealed Satchel.

The sealing schooner Rich and Pathfinders, seized at Drake's Bay on Saturday last by the United States revenue cutter, was under care of customs officers. It was believed by the United States officials that there might be opium concealed on board.

CAPITAL NOTES.

No Increase in Parliamentary Representatives Until After the Next Census.

Sir John says a High Tribute to Hon. Mr. Dewdney's Ministry. The Postmaster-General relative to Victoria Matters—The Change in the Opposition Policy.

Obituary.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Garland, residing on Quadra street, corner of Graham, are mourning the death of their son Willie in the public hospital yesterday morning. The child had been ill for some weeks, and was convalescing when he sustained relapse, and death resulted yesterday.

Left the City.

Robert Cash, the hackman who figured in a fight with another hackman on Government street not long since, is the same individual who was interested in the recent robbery of the Victoria Hotel. Finding that he was wanted by the police, Cash left the city yesterday, and is now, presumably, in American territory.

We Must Have a Reformatory.

The crying need of a juvenile reformatory in the province was aptly illustrated in the public hospital yesterday morning. Two intelligent looking little boys were convicted of a criminal offense, and were allowed to go, their parents agreeing to send them to Victoria, where they are becoming notorious little criminals. The parents can do nothing with these boys, who, if sent to a reformatory, would doubtless be a great benefit to the community.

Knocked Down by a Team of Horses.

A little China boy, named Ah Sam, while crossing Courtenay street, nearly opposite the Quong Ah Ohung Co.'s business premises, yesterday morning, was knocked down by a team of horses attached to a heavy moving truck. The wide wheels of the vehicle passed within two inches of his head, and he received a severe injury to his leg, which he is unable to walk on.

INFORMATION WANTED.

With Regard to the Seal Fisheries in Behring's Sea.

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The funeral of Sir William Buel Richards, late Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and was largely attended by members of the long robe and citizens generally. The remains of the lamented statesman and jurist were placed in his hearse, and were viewed by those of his former brother judges present, and other friends, with a melancholy interest. Burial was in the cemetery of the well-known, close-cut features of the departed judge. "A good man gone—none better," the expression of the learned Justice Richards, voiced the general opinion of the people, and was expressed with the simple tastes of the deceased, there was an absence of anything approaching display in the funeral arrangements. The remains were stowed in a plain suit of black and enclosed in an unpretentious casket covered with black cloth. On the lid were two silver plates, one bearing the words "Rex"; the other the name of the deceased, "Rudolph, King of Austria." The coffin was placed in a hearse, and the body of the deceased man was taken to the cemetery of St. Roch.

WESTMINSTER NEWS.

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From Westminster Correspondent.

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