

Later from the Sandwich Islands. The arrival at San Francisco of H. B. M. frigate Amphitrite, has placed us in possession of files of Honolulu papers to Sept. 28, eight days later than any heretofore published.

The recent change of ministers seemed to have satisfied the popular demand for the present, and everything was proceeding undisturbed. The small pox had not ceased its ravages, although gradually diminishing throughout the group of Islands.

Articles in favor of annexation to the United States are admitted into the columns of the Argus. Several articles had been published, in one of which the author takes the ground that the native population is gradually diminishing; that an industrious population is necessary to recolonize the Islands, and that this kind of population can only be obtained from the United States.

Another writer says the people have recently achieved a great victory, and hints that it is only the precursor of those which are to follow in form of popular rights and annexation. Society Islands.—Through the same channel, later news is received from Tahiti. The people there were greatly alarmed for fear the small pox would be introduced.

A case had occurred on a schooner bound to that port from Honolulu, but such precautions were used as prevented the spread of the loathsome disease. The American brig Daniel had arrived in that port in a sinking condition. Civil war was prevailing among the natives in the Islands.

At Hushak also, things were in a belligerent condition. A steamer had sailed from Papeete to Tongataboo with a large number of men, but it was thought she would get the worst of it if blows were exchanged, as the Tongataboos are warlike, have forts and guns, know how to use them, and can muster 2,000 men.

Mr. MURDOCH.—It is with no ordinary satisfaction that we welcome this distinguished reformer to a second engagement in Sacramento. His first appearance upon the boards of the Sacramento gave a tone to dramatic exhibitions amongst us that had never been previously imparted.

Official Election Returns.—We give today, from the Benicia Vallette, the official returns of the late State election, as received at the office of the Secretary of State. The returns from Humboldt county came in only for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

RENTS.—Complaints are made in San Francisco of the high price charged for rent. In a general time of depression like the present, the tax falls with a crushing weight upon merchants and business men.

DOWNVILLE came near being destroyed by fire on Tuesday last. Langton's cook shop in the rear of his office caught fire, and from its situation and the wind blowing a gale, would, unless fortunately discovered in season, have caused a serious conflagration.

ARRESTED.—Robert Scott, who shot Andrew King at Auburn, on the 20th inst., was arrested on the Cosumnes River on the 23d inst. He was taken to Auburn, examined and committed for trial.

VALUABLE.—The proceeds of two days labor on the Union claim, on Feather River, has been exhibited to the editor of the California Express. It was a good sized pan full, weighing nearly one hundred pounds.

RACES.—Senator who purses of \$250 at the O-k Grove Race-course, Marysville, on Friday last, beating Evadne. On Saturday, Miogo won the Jockey Club purse of \$300, beating Wisconsin Chief.

THANKS to Wells, Fargo & Co. for the first delivery of the Miners' Advocate, the El Dorado Republican, the San Joaquin Republican, and the Shasta Courier. The Miners' Advocate contains an interesting description of the canal of Jones, Furman & Co., which we shall try to make room for.

STOCK.—Droves of cattle and sheep from Carson Valley, via Johnson's route, continue to arrive in Placerville. No snow has fallen on the Pass, as yet, and the grass is represented as abundant.

THE letters of our San Francisco correspondent "Fox" we are confident our readers will find instructing. They are written by a gentleman of education, intelligence, experience and talents, equalled by few men in the country.

ELECTION RETURNS FOR 1853.—From the Official Returns in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Table with columns: County, Electors, Governor, Lt. Governor, J. Sup. Court, Atty. Genl., State Comp., Sec. Treas., Sur. General, S. Pat. Inst. Lists counties including Alameda, Butte, Colusa, etc.

SETTLERS ON THE PULGAS RANCH AND THE DECISIONS OF THE LAND COMMISSIONERS.

The settlers on this large ranch had a meeting a few days since, and passed resolutions condemning the action of the Commissioners, and looking to an organization to protect their rights legally and otherwise, should it be hereafter rendered necessary.

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Arrivals at the Principal Hotels, Oct. 30.

Table listing arrivals at hotels: Orléans, Grand, Commodore, etc. with names of guests and their origins.

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