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DEATH OF A VERY REMARKABLE MAN.

Our Honolulu expatriate announces in brief the death of Mr. Wm. P. Ragsdale, Governor of the leper settlement on the Island of Molokai, Sandwick Islands. The decease of an noted and remarkable man, in the prime of life, deserves a more extended obituary.

The deceased resided for a number of years on the island of Hawaii, and had an office at Hilo, the capital of the island. One night he was studying up a law case in which he was deeply interested, when the chimney from the lamp fell on the table.

Up to this time no person on the island ever advanced that Bill Ragsdale had the leprosy, and some doubted even after the examination if he were so afflicted. Bill, however, was personally convinced that he was so afflicted. The police did not arrest him, however, owing to his exalted position as was common with those suspected of being lepers, so he voluntarily delivered himself up as a victim of this terrible disease.

During his administration of affairs he was as successful as he was popular. There were and are about 800 lepers on the settlement but by his tact and kindheartedness Ragsdale made the most extraordinary and saddest community on the face of the earth as cheerful and happy as the unfortunate could be.

It may be here remarked that there are some seventy-five individuals on the leper settlement who are not afflicted with leprosy. These have voluntarily exiled themselves on account of the deep love and affection they have for their friends who are lepers. They mingle freely among the sorrow-stricken, eating out of the same calabash of poi, and drinking from the same cup, chatting and talking together on the same mat, and even sleeping together.

The Hawaiian authorities have many faults and shortcomings, but the humanity they exhibit toward the lepers, in providing and caring for them, is greatly to their credit. This settlement is under the talons of a no human being is permitted to enter the dreadful locality without a special permit from the Board of Health at Honolulu.

THE RELIGIOUS CARD-PLAYER.

A private soldier, by the name of Richard Lee, was taken before the magistrates of Glasgow, Scotland, for playing cards during divine services. The account of it is thus given from English Journal: A sergeant commanded the soldiers at the church, and when the parson had read the prayers he took the text. Those who had Bibles took them out; but this soldier had neither Bible nor Common Prayer-book, and pulling out a pack of cards, he spread them before him.

'Richard, put up the cards; this is no place for them.' 'Never mind that,' said Richard. 'When the services were over, the constable took Richard prisoner, and brought him before the Mayor.' 'Well, said the Mayor, 'what have you brought the soldier here for?'

'I have been,' said the soldier, 'about six months on the march. I have neither Bible nor Common Prayer-book. I have nothing but a pack of cards, and I hope to satisfy your worship of the purity of my intention.' Then spreading the cards before the Mayor, he began with the ace: 'When I see the ace, it reminds me that there is but one God.'

'When I see the ten, it reminds me of the ten commandments which God handed down to Moses on the tables of stone. When I see the king, it reminds me of the Great King of Heaven, which is God Almighty. When I see the queen, it reminds me of the Queen of Sheba, who visited Solomon, for she was as wise a woman as he was a man.'

'I will give your honor a description of that too, if you will not get angry.' 'I will not,' said the Mayor, 'if you do not turn me to be the knave.' 'The greatest knave that I know of is the constable that brought me here.'

A KENTUCKY POST thus rhymes of legislative night sessions: Under the gas, Are bills of greatest light, With proper fact, Drawn up your act, And worry through at night. Let others say: The light of day, For honest deeds is best; Who makes his mark Just after dark, Will stand the strongest test.

TOE NAILS AND LOVE.—Our Battlesburg correspondent authority for the statement that a Pike Township girl recently boiled the clippings from her toe nails in some coffee of which she gave a young man to drink in the hope of winning his affections.—Not a walk Reflector.

MARVELS OF MEMORY.

The following examples of the marvels of memory would seem entirely incredible, had they not been given to us upon the highest authority: Cyrus knew the name of each soldier in his army. It is also related of Theonistocles that he could name every citizen of Athens, although the number amounted to 20,000.

Lord Granville could repeat, from beginning to end, the New Testament in the original Greek. Cook, the tragedian, is said to have committed to memory all the contents of a large daily newspaper. Racine could recite all the tragedies of Euripides. It is said that George III. never forgot a face he had once seen, nor a name he had ever heard.

It is said Bossuet could repeat not only the whole Bible, but all Homer, Virgil and Horace, besides many other works. Mozart had a wonderful memory of musical sounds. When only fourteen years of age he went to Rome to assist in the solemnities of Holy Week.

'When I was a boy' said an old man 'we had a schoolmaster who had an odd way of catching the idle boys. One day he called out to us: 'Boys I must have closer attention to your books. The first one that sees another idle I want him to inform me, and I will attend to the case.'

If we are sufficiently watchful over our own conduct, we will have no time to find fault with the conduct of others. A negro minister who married rather soon after the death of his wife than some of the sisters thought proper and becoming, excused himself as follows: 'My dear brethren and sisters, my grief was greater than I could bear. I turned every way for peace and comfort, but none came. I searched the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation, and found plenty promises to be widder, but nary one to be widderer.'

We are glad to learn that work on the railroad from Egypt to Greensboro is progressing finely. Thirty-six convicts have already been sent up and are at work. It is thought that the whole number (100) allowed by the Act of the Legislature will soon be furnished by the Penitentiary authorities and put at work. We trust the work will be pushed rapidly forward.

Children's parties have been found in England this winter to be a very effective method of spreading infectious diseases. Twelve children caught whooping cough at a single entertainment, and two died.

COMPROMISE OF S. C. REVENUE CASES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The Surry county North Carolina tobacco cases, which have been pending before the Department of Internal Revenue for some time, were to-day compromised upon terms agreed upon by Commissioner Ramm.

The Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney-General, on the part of the government, and Col. Jno. N. Staples, Hon. Thos. B. Knight, Hon. J. M. Leach, and J. F. Gray, Esq. on the part of the defendants. The counsel in these cases have been in Washington for the past month endeavoring to procure a satisfactory adjustment of them, and have been endorsed in their efforts by Judge Dick of the District Court in which these cases were tried, and many of the most prominent men of North Carolina. The entire North Carolina delegation in Congress headed by Senator Ransom have very strongly urged a compromise of these cases.

A CURIOUS FEAT OF A GREAT ACTRESS. As I said above, Mademoiselle Bernhardt—or Madame, as she may be called, for she is the mother of two children, one a boy of sixteen—poses for La Mort. She has been said to be dying of consumption for years, so she drinks brandy to heat her lungs, leads a life of feverish excitement, made up of keen artistic labor as an actress, a modeler, and a painter.

POSTAL RULING. A stamped envelope cut open and used as a wrapper for a newspaper loses its original value, and a package so enclosed cannot be so transmitted through the mail unless postage is prepaid thereon by a postage stamp of the proper denomination affixed. After a letter has passed through the mailing office the delivery of it cannot be delayed, but if the writer of the envelope returns of a letter placed in a post-office which has not been in the mail, the postmaster may deliver it, provided he is furnished with proper evidence that the party applying is the writer. In the case of a letter in transit between this and any foreign nation the aforesaid regulation would only govern until said letter was placed in the hands of the postal officials of the foreign nation, where it would be subject to postal regulations of such foreign nation.—Wilmington Review.

'In this place,' she asked, as she wandered down on the grassy sands, 'where a young lady—a beautiful young lady—fell into the water last season, and was rescued by a gallant young man, whom she afterward married?' He looked at her carefully, estimated her at a square forty-seven, with false teeth, and said, 'Yes, ma'am, but I don't know how to swim.'

'What has Christianity ever done for man?' demanded Bob Ingersoll, as he was riding some years ago on a railroad train. 'It has prevented Mr. Ingersoll from being Governor of Illinois,' responded a quiet lady in the neighborhood of that intensely bigoted infidel.

'A man who'd maliciously set fire to a barn,' said good old Elder Poyson, 'and burn up a stable full of horses and cows, ought to be kicked to death by a jackaw, and I would like to be the one to do it.'