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GAMBLING.

THE INDEPENDENT is decidedly opposed to gambling in all forms, and will always support the authorities when arrests are made of gamblers in a sensible and reasonable manner. To-day twenty young Hawaiians, all well-dressed and decent looking and most of them enjoying steady employment in respectable positions, were arraigned before the District Magistrate on a charge of having played poker in a private house on Saturday last. The young fellows plead guilty and were fined \$5 each.

It was wrong of course of these young men to spend their leisure hours in flirting with the painted Committee of "52." They ought to have sought recreation in visiting the beautiful public grounds (which we haven't yet) or improved their minds by calling at the great historical museum (which is closed on Saturdays and Sundays) or gone to the theatres, the music halls or to the opera house—which are at present unknown quantities in Honolulu. Such recreations being out of question they could have elevated their souls by reading The Friend or the Police Gazette, or by discussing the war or the latest local scandal. Not feeling inclined to read The Friend, and having wearied of war talk and scandals, the boys indulged in a game of poker (5 cents ante, 10 cents limit), and the police swooped down on them and made them appear in open court this morning for punishment.

At the same hour on the same Saturday there were quite a number of poker games going on around this town. Dices were shaken and betting on coming horse races were lively. The police never heard about those iniquities, or, if they did, they kept clear of the places where these evil things occurred. At least no arrests were made, and gambling flourished as usual, while the stern hand of the law muled the young fellows who simply followed the example of those who ought to know better, and who are considered shining lights in this virtuous community.

In addressing the court Marshal Brown said, that the court interfered with these boys because some of their wives had complained about their husbands gambling away their wages on Saturday instead of supplying their households with the necessities of life. We have no doubt that the statement is correct, but is it not a fact, that in other places more than a week's wages were gambled away last Saturday, that "other men's" money was risked, and that the police figuratively speaking stood silently by, holding the stakes as it were.

We repeat that we are dead against gambling, but we don't believe in a principle, which makes it

a crime for the poor and is winked at among the rich, and tolerated among the well dressed paupers. It is outrageous to our idea to see a dozen ignorant Chinese pulled up, because they, after a long day's hard toil, find their recreation in a game of dominos, and it is unjust to punish a number of decent young Hawaiians for spending their time in a cheap game of poker, while betting, dices, raffles, and gambling in every form are publicly carried on under the nose of our virtuous authorities.

Let the people who prate so much about their interest in the future of the Hawaiians devise means to give them pure, healthy and cheap recreations and the gambling hells and drinking dens will soon be things of the past. Our moralists who study social questions in their richly furnished libraries during the evenings or visit each other listening to beautiful music, admiring lovely girls, or driving in luxurious carriages incidentally flirting with each other wives should place themselves in the position of the single men, the young men and the poor men of this town and see what they would do if under the same circumstances. It is easy enough to say that it is very wrong for people who can't afford it to play poker. But it should not be forgotten that it is not everybody who has a chance to play progressive euchre for golden souvenirs and kisses.

To-morrow's Ball.

To-morrow being the 79th anniversary of Queen Victoria's birthday, a ball will be given at Independence Park for the benefit of the funds of that excellent institution, the British Benevolent Society.

The sale of tickets has been very gratifying, but there is still quite a large number left in the hands of the committee for disposal to those who are desirous of aiding the funds of the society.

Among those who have promised to be present with their ladies are the President and his Cabinet, the high Judiciary, the Diplomatic and Consular Corps, ex-Governor Cleg-horn, the Princess Kaiulani and friends, Capt. Nicholls and officers of the U. S. S. Bennington, and the high officials of our National Army.

The decorating committee under the leadership of Geo. L. Dall will make the hall a blaze of light and beauty; Robert Catton, chairman of the refreshment committee, has selected Mr. and Mrs. T. Krouse, of the Arlington, as caterers for the refreshments, and John S. Walker of the floor committee has arranged for the best music obtainable.

Mr. Pain will make all necessary arrangements for the convenience of the guests who ride in the trams-cars.

Guests are expected to arrive at 8 o'clock and the grand march will take place as soon thereafter as practicable.

Laid at Rest.

The funeral of Mrs. C. B. Wilson took place yesterday afternoon from Kawaiahao Church, and was attended by a very large number of friends of the family.

Beautiful floral offerings were placed in the church and at the grave. The Rev. H. H. Parker officiated, assisted by the Rev. J. Kasia, and a choir from the Kawaiahao Seminary sang two hymns with sweet voices. The pall-bearers were J. O. Carter, H. E. McIntyre, John Lucas, H. M. Whitney, Jr., J. F. Colburn, Wm. Auld, C. P. Iaukea, and A. Rosa. The interment took place in the churchyard. Undertaker E. A. Williams had charge of the funeral.

Cars for the Ball.

The usual extra cars, for the convenience of people attending the Queen Victoria anniversary ball, will run to-morrow evening. Commencing at 7:50 from town, cars will run to Independence Park every fifteen minutes until 9:5. After this they will run to town every half-hour until the close of the ball, when special cars will be in waiting.

EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA

WHY WAS

The Spanish Fleet Swamped In Boca Bay?

Extraordinary and Exclusive Manila Special Dispatch.

May 21.—After an elaborate investigation it has been ascertained without a doubt that the cause of the destruction of the Spanish Armada in Subig bay, Manila, was the Dewey storm of shot and shell from (the) Olympia aided by hot beans from (the) Boston.

N. B.—This despatch must not be published, with or without, credit for twenty-four hours.

The Waverley Club.

At Saturday evening's meeting of the Waverley Club it was decided to apply the constitutional provision to strengthen the executive committee by appointments in the place of constitutional absentees, who are prevented from attending meetings by circumstances not within their convenient control. It is felt desirable that as nearly as possible a full committee should be present now that the Club is assuming such an important position.

Messrs. J. A. Mehrtens and W. Horace Wright were appointed a special committee to ascertain the feasibility of purchasing the library of the late Major Chas. T. Gulick, which it is felt would be a desirable acquisition if satisfactory arrangements can be made.

The schooner Carrier Dove sailed at 11 o'clock Saturday for San Francisco with a full load of sugar.

The Cheek Case.

The famous Cheek case has at length come to a close, Sir Nicholas Hannen, British Judge at Shanghai, who was selected as arbitrator, having decided in favor of the Cheek estate, which has to receive from the Siamese Government Ticals 700,000. The late Dr. Marion A. Cheek, an American citizen, under agreements, received advances from the Siamese Government to enable him to work important teak concessions in Northern Siam. In 1892, says a contemporary, the Siamese Government seized Dr. Cheek's property in satisfaction of their claims against him, alleging that he had broken his agreement, in particular by failing to pay the stipulated interest on the money advanced. This Dr. Cheek contended was a violation of his treaty rights, and the dispute then commenced that was terminated only last year with the arrangement come to between the American and Siamese Governments to refer the matter to the arbitration of Sir Nicholas Hannen, one of the highest authorities on questions of extra-territoriality.—Japan Weekly.

Twenty-fourth of May A BALL

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Honolulu, May 21, 1898

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