

HAPPENINGS AT HONOLULU.

The Prospect for the Hawaiian Cable Is Bright.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—The steamer Alameda brought the following news from Honolulu under date of February 4th:

President Dole today had placed in his hands a letter from Alfred S. Hartwell, withdrawing his application for a cable contract from the Hawaiian government. At the same time, Hartwell made a request for a contract in favor of the Pacific Cable Company, of which he is the authorized agent.

The Pacific Cable Company, of which General James A. Strymer is president, and J. Pierpont Morgan, J. Kennedy Todd, Edmund L. Baylis, George S. Bowdoin are directors, asks for no exclusive franchise. It wants an annual subsidy of \$40,000, and will undertake to establish inter-island communication in addition to the Hawaiian-United States submarine cable within three years, should the contract be obtained and congress act favorably on the bill now pending before it. Security of \$25,000 will be deposited with the home government by the company for the carrying out of its contract.

The present prospects of a cable being laid to Hawaii are bright. The Spalding right with this government will expire with the next half year. From Washington comes the news that the company which is most likely to negotiate with the United States is the Pacific Cable Company.

A GREAT HUNTING OUTFIT.

The Extensive Returns of the Khan of Tartary.

The emperor hath two barons, who are own brothers, one called Bala, and the other Mingant; and these are styled Chinuchi (or Cumich), which is as much as to say: "The Keepers of the Mastiff Dogs." Each of these barons hath 10,000 men under his orders: each body of 10,000 being dressed alike, the one in red and the other in blue, and whenever they accompany the khan to the chase, they wear their livery, in order to be recognized. Out of each body of 10,000 there are 2,000 men who are each in charge of one or more great mastiffs, so that the whole number of these is very large. And when the prince goes a-hunting one of those barons, with his 10,000 men and something like 5,000 dogs, goes towards the right, whilst the other goes towards the left with his party in like manner. They move along, all abreast of one another, so that the whole line extends over a full day's journey, and no animal can escape them. Truly it is a glorious sight to see the working of the dogs and the huntsmen on such an occasion! And as the khan rides a-fowling across the plains you will see these big bounds coming tearing up, one pack after a bear, another pack after a stag, or some other beast, as it may hap, and running the game down, now on this side, now on that, so that it is really a most delightful sport and spectacle.

The two brothers I have mentioned, writes Noah Brooks in St. Nicholas, are bound by the tenure of their office to supply the khan court from October to the end of March with 1,000 head of game daily, whether of beasts or birds, and not counting quails; and also with fish to the best of their ability, allowing fish enough for three persons to reckon as equal to one head of game.

OUR ALMANACS.

The Tables in Them Are Made by a Blind Man.

"I had rather a novel experience last year in the matter of gathering tables showing the rise and setting of the sun, the changes of the moon, high and low tides, etc.," said a publisher to a Washington Star man. "But I am fixed for this year. In my experience as a publisher I had printed about everything that I thought could be printed. Finally, an advertising concern wanted me to get out an almanac for them. They furnished all the copy for the almanac except the almanac itself—that is, the tables. I supposed I would have no difficulty in getting them, but I soon found out that I was mistaken. My desire was to get the tables correct, and to have them prepared in an authoritative way. After interviewing some of the experts in Washington I found that they were all disinclined to take any outside work. Finally one of them consented to do it, and he did it, charging me \$200 for the calculations—\$25 for each month. I am about having a similar work done this year, and came here for that purpose, but I learned that all the calculations for the various patent medicine and many other almanacs are made by a blind man in Pittsburgh, Pa., an amateur mathematician and astronomer of considerable local reputation. I sent for the tables and have received them. He charged me exactly six dollars, or 50 cents for each month. I understand that the actual work is done by his children, who write from his dictation. He tells me that he has supplied the same tables for about 100 different almanacs for 1897."

AN INDIAN LEGEND.

How the Mojaves Explain the Division of the Races.

The mystery surrounding the origin of the Indian race is greatly enhanced by listening to some of the quaint legends, says the Los Angeles Herald. Here is one of them, related by the older men of the Mojave tribe:

"At the time of the Mojave, the white man, the negro, and all other people lived together with their god, Mulevelia, whose mother was the earth, and whose father the heaven.

"They were all supplied with food, clothing, and many luxuries. Besides these they had tools and all kinds of implements and machinery to work with. "Everything was manufactured, and especially matches.

"One day Mulevelia died, and all the people, excepting the Mojaves, fled, after looting the camps of everything they could lay their hands on, not even leaving a match.

"Here was a pretty state of affairs, and the dead god awaiting cremation!

"There seemed to be no other alternative than to dispatch a messenger for a spark from one of the brilliant luminaries of the upper region, and a coyote was sent to a star for some fire.

"After a long time he returned without success, and so hungry that he tried to eat up the dead god.

"Mastanbo, the man, sat by rubbing willow sticks together, and produced fire, which they used in burning up Mulevelia.

"After the cremation, which took place somewhere near Fort Mojave, the mountains at the foot of the canyon parted and the Colorado flowed through and swept the ashes away.

"Mastanbo now became chief and divided the Indians into tribes and gave them their allotments of land."

FACTORY WAGES IN RUSSIA.

Barely Sufficient to Keep Soul and Body Together.

As for the distribution of wages, the pay of a woman amounts to three-quarters of that of a man, that of a boy or girl of 12 to 17 years to one-half, that of a child under 12 years, to one-third of a grown man's wages, says the Catholic World. The advantage arising from the factories from women's and children's wages is such that no humanitarian attempts have been as yet able to solve that harassing problem in any civilized country. But as the wages of working men in Russia are absolutely reduced to a minimum and scarcely sufficient to keep soul and body together for more than 13 hours' toil it is a cruel and gross injustice to cut working women's wages by a third, since the first necessities of life are alike in men and women regardless of sex. The monthly wages of an adult laborer, man or woman, in England are 2 1/2 (124.05 per cent), in America 4 4/5 (375.14 per cent.), times greater than the wages of a like laborer in the Moscow factories. Since, however, the duration of working time in the three countries is different, Mr. Dementieff has reduced the comparison of wages per hour and come to the conclusion that wages in England are by 284.5 per cent., in Massachusetts by 423 per cent. higher than those in the Moscow factories. If we make a good allowance for the higher cost of living in America—which, however, is to be understood cum grano salis, only the necessities of life being desired here, not the luxuries, like meat, flour, bread, still no comparison can be drawn between the mode of living of an American and a Russian laborer.

MUSTACHES IN FAVOR.

But a Few Decades Ago They Were Unpopular.

"In the 60 years I have lived in New York," said an octogenarian to a reporter of the New York Mail and Express, "I have never seen such variation in the styles of wearing the mustache. Why, it seems that everybody trains and crops them as an advertisement for their various professions. The broker, the banker, the sport, the business man, etc., seem to adopt styles of their own.

"Talking of mustaches reminds of the time when Consul Glidon came to New York from Egypt in 1837 wearing a big black, drooping mustache. He was looked upon as a curiosity, and it was some years later before the mustache was generally adopted. When I was a boy the mustache was looked upon as vulgar and monstrous and unbecoming a gentleman.

"I have often heard my father talk about the introduction of the first mustache in New York. A gentleman returned from Europe, so the story goes, in 1816. A scrubby-looking mustache adorned his upper lip. The citizens were stricken dumb. He was ridiculed, criticised and spurned, and was finally compelled to shave it off in despair."

Well Means.

American wheelmen traveling alone in Europe have many queer experiences. A young man who was bicycling in southern France was pushing his wheel up a steep hill when he overtook a peasant with a donkey cart who was rapidly becoming stalled, though the little donkey was doing his best. The benevolent wheelman, putting his left hand against the back of the cart and guiding his wheel with the other, pushed so hard that the donkey taking fresh courage, pulled his load up to the top successfully. The summit reached, the peasant burst into thanks to his benefactor. "It was very good of you, monsieur," he said; "I should never in the world have got up the hill with only one donkey!"

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The north 50 feet off from lots 5 and 6 jointly in block 18.
North 30 feet off from lots 1 and 2 jointly in block 18.
North 50 feet off from lots 3 and 4 jointly in block 18, and lot 1 in block 19.
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Lot 1 in block 10, \$200.
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The said sale will begin on the 13th day of March at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, and will continue from time to time until all of said lots shall be sold.

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