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Obituary.

-Chester H. Hull, one of the brightest, wittiest, most original gentlemen who ever held a pen, died suddenly in San Francisco on the 31st. Hull had a generous heart, was open - handed as the day, and had a horror of anything unprincipled or mean. As a concector of gigantic and plausible stories he had become days ago, and pronounced the ore very work evidently of a race superior to well known throughout the United States, and he never appeared happier or more pleased than when The cost of transporting machinery land. About one-third of the number thousands of readers were biting at some of his hoaxes. There were dark days in his life, however, and Hull's jokes have often set the state to laughing while he himself was in daily misery. Poor fellow! He was one who had not an enemy in the world, save only himself. The Sacramento Bee says: "As a general newspaper writer, Mr. men with packs on their backs en-Hull showed a fine sense of bumor, keen wit and superior brilliancy. He was a good and useful journalist, as well as a bright paragrapher. His scope of ability included editorials on subjects of pith and moment, treatises on general topics, and the ordinary routine of reporter's work. He had good conversational powers, and was a lively and genial associate."

-The absurd mania for walking matches which has raged throughout the country for some months past, culminated in New York last week in a great international United States and Hawaii in a nut- find that islands laid down on their match for the champion's belt. Four men entered, and the object was to see who could cover the tween the sugar producers on these greatest number of miles in six days. O'Leary, who had won the are in a fair way to be consolidated. champion's belt in England, broke groupe of islands whose importance down and was obliged to leave the track. Rowell, an Englishman, They are central, geographically, as to came out winner, walking 500 South America, Australasia, Japan miles in the six days, and so carries the belt back to England, will illustrate this proposition. Ennis, who was also walking on a wager that he would cover 475 miles, completed his task, and won his bet of \$1,500. Harriman, an American, came in last, but succeeded in walking 450 miles, and so saved his share of the gate dition. After the treaty was ratified, money. The total receipts, at a dollar a head part of the time, were \$54,000, and people complain trious, speculative community, bent on that these are hard times. We suppose this walking mania, like the measles and the spelling waii, with an area of 6,740 square miles matches, must have its run, but duces exports of about the value of \$2,when men walk until they go insane and fire pistols at their trainers who force them onto the track, and when women are dragged off their couches every ten minutes to walk their quarter-miles, and have to be supported around the ring, their faces deathly pale and eyes idiotic, it would seem to be time for the interference of the society for the prevention of cruelty to agunais.

-- It is said that the reason why bigamy is of so rare occurrence in Hungary is that, once on a time a man who was convicted of this crime, was sentenced by the court to live for two years with both wives. The punishment was consired effect.

-Fer or against the new constitution of California is the momentous question in that state just now. The record of the press stands as follows:

D ily newspapers.... Weekly

Gold Mines, 1879.

mining excitement in this part of no intelligent account has ever been the world for about ten years, but given to the public. In this wilderit has got to come about this year. Fiji, Friendly, Solomon islands, the We are told of the fabulous richness of Leadsville, the new strikes Then there is New Guinea, which, waters of the Skagit, a tributary to Puget-sound; but we need not number more than one hundred islands go farther than Cowlitz county to find all the gold you want. A correspondent writing from Kalama under date of March 20th says:

Cowlitz county is still ahead, I tunity for capitalists to invest, as the but a few days ago that there was another ledge discovered on the Cowefrom the Columbia ledge. There is a amount by a few thousand dollars. great deal of excitement over the newly-discovered ledges, and everyquiring for the mines, and already an onies in the island world. It is over things in their proper sphere.

The Island World of the Pacific.

S. F. Bulletin, March 27th.

Probably at no time have the islands of the Pacific attracted so much attenagricultural and mercantile enterprises. Sir Julius Vogel, of New Zealand, has a thoughtful article in the last number of the Princeton Remercial influence of the larger islands, such as the Hawaiian Groupe New mission free of sugar is equal to \$75 a twenty or thirty miles. a ton. That advantage is divided beislands and the sugar refiners in San Francisco. Indeed, the two interests awaii is recognized as a central is just beginning to be appreciated. and China. The following table of

San Francisco, miles	2,100
Astoria	2,300
Panama	2,620
Γahiti	2,380
Anekland	4.814
Sydney	4,485
longkong	4,890
Yokohama	3,340
Before the treaty took effect in	Ha-

waii, business was in a depressed cona new impulse was given to industry.

From a listless, desponding people, the inhabitants became an eager, industwo objects-to increase production by cultivation, to increase population by immigration. It is hard to set a limit to the results that may be obtained. Haand a population of 60,000 people, prosquare miles and a population of about 300,000, produces exports to the value of about \$15,000,000. Surely there is plenty of room for Hawaii advancing to a prosperity many time greater than it at pres

There can be no doubt that the reciprocity treaty made the Hawaiian Islands tributary in a new sense to San Francisco. The advantages at present, however, are confined to a small number here. There is exemption from duties on a line of goods exported to Honolulu, but the advantage is limited, because the sixty thousand people, the large part of whom are natives, with few wants, are not large consumers. The ability to buy largely is in the hands of the foreign population. On the other hand, the one city of San Francisco can take at all times more sugar than the entire kingdom can produce.

There is the Samoan Group, which is beginning to attract attention. It exports annually something like half a the premises five days before the sale. million in produce. Cobra is the leadsidered cruel, but it had the de- ing product, which includes the dried contents of the cocoa-nut. The trade of Samoa is largely in the hands of Germans. The native authorities of this group have for some time been seeking an alliance with the United States. It is hardly more than eight days sail from the Hawaiian group to the Samoan group. Arriving at the latter one is very nearly in the center of the island world, sometimes denominated Polynesia, and described in a general way

full of islands. Hundreds, if not thou-We have not had a real gold men, or if explored in some instances, ness of islands the best known are the New Hebrides group, New Caledonia, in Montana, the recent discoveries next to Australia, is the largest island on Snake river, and at the head in the world. A part of this island is nominally held by the Dutch. A single group like that of the Friendly Isles

great and small.

Old navigators among the Pacific islands give many interesting accounts of adventures. They have sailed past hundreds of nameless islands, stopping here and there to gather cocoanut oil or to barter for some other commodity. have recently visited Dray's mine, now | There are fragmentary accounts here known as Columbia. The ore is still and there of prehistoric masonry, cut improving in richness very fast. There stone walls, the origin of which the were two mining experts here a few natives know nothing about-the rich. This seems to be a fine oppor- that which now inhabits the islands. islets and rocks, 1,900 northwest of ledge is so convenient to navigation. Sydney and 1,200 miles south of Auckwill be but a mere trifle, and every- is said to be inhabited. Colonel thing indicates lively times in Cowlitz Smythe in 1860 estimated the populacounty. This portion of Washington tion at 200,000. This number is now territory may yet prove to be very reduced to about 120,000." These rich in the precious metals. It was islands became a British colony in 1874. The total value of exports in 1876 was about half a million of dolman river, about eight miles north-east lars, and the imports exceeded that

Then comes the New Zealand group, which consists of three islands, body is rushing pell mell for the new with a total area of about 199,000 Eldorada. Nothing uncommon to see square miles, and constituting one of the brightest and most prosperous colble limb of the law has gone to keep 2,000 miles thence to Australia, the newest settled country. Since 1870 over 2,000 miles of railway have been constructed in New Zealand. At the end of the year 1877, the gold yield, dating from 1861, had been of the value of £33,503,000. An extended tion as now. Communication between colonies. But these are now considthe larger islands and the main land ered as having a continental relation, is quicker and cheaper. New markets at least Australia is now set down as a are searched out, and new fields for continent by geographers. Sir James Vogel has long been known in a ministerial capacity, in connection with New Zealand, and better known in this country, perhaps, as a writer on topics view, referring principally to the com- connected with the industrial interests of his adopted country. The great island world of the Pacific is hardly Zealand and Australia. He puts the half explored. Its smaller islands are salient part of the treaty between the not named, and navigators frequently shell, when he points out that the ad- charts are erroneously located, by

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