

stock itself and the large differences between the price of the privileges and the stock.

At the office of Henry Villard, president of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, who claims to have obtained control of the stock, it was said that the issue would not interfere with his control of the road. It would find its way into the market.

NEW YORK, 22. — The Times Washington special says: A large number of letters have been received by the President from business men during the past three days advising against an extra session and many members of Congress have personally called at the White House for the purpose of protesting against the called session at this time. The current belief is, however, that the President deems an extra session necessary, and that it will be called to meet in the latter part of April. Nearly all the other New York journals believe an extra session has been decided upon.

The Tribune says: The experiment of the co-operative business associations in New York City will begin under very favorable conditions. The applications for stock, which closed yesterday, greatly exceeds the number of shares to be allotted, and other evidence of widespread interest in the project are given.

It seems that young Seymour, who perpetrated the murder and suicide at Lakeview last night, had been a suitor for the hand of Cram's young daughter. Seymour was 20, the daughter 16, and the father objected because of their extreme youth and Seymour's recklessness and disreputable manner of life. In fact Seymour drove from Chicago to Lakeview last night with a young cyprian, telling her he was going to get some money and would divide with her. This woman drove back when she heard the fatal shots fired, and told the story. Cram was a most worthy and respectable man, in comfortable circumstances. Seymour was also of good family.

Correspondence.

A Young Missionary's Experience.

LAIHE, Oahu, Sandwich Islands, February 9, 1881.

To the Members of the Mutual Improvement Association, Grantsville, Utah:

It is with pleasure that I take the present opportunity of giving you a little sketch of my journey to these tropical isles and what has transpired since my arrival. We started from Salt Lake City on the 11th of December and on the evening of the same day at 7 o'clock at Ogden we got aboard the train bound for the Golden State. I cannot say much for the country we passed through for I could only get a glimpse as we rushed by. We arrived at San Francisco on the 13th, about 11 o'clock, and in crossing over to San Francisco the train was run on to a grand ferryboat, said to be the largest in the world. It has five railroad tracks on its deck and certainly is a mammoth affair. I was told that it took 100,000 feet of lumber to build it. We remained in California eight days, and six out of the eight were spent in sight seeing in the city of San Francisco. I took a trip with my uncle, H. A. Woolley, up to Santa Rosa, a nice little city of 4,000 inhabitants. Among the many grand sights that I took in while in San Francisco was a visit to the Palace Hotel, which is undoubtedly the grandest in the West. It is seven stories high and has a carriage drive in the centre so that the boarders can ride right into the house; this drive is lit up by the electric light, so that it is as light as day. It has four steam elevators to carry the boarders to every floor of the immense structure which covers a whole block.

The streets of San Francisco are very narrow, and the sidewalks about half as wide as those in Salt Lake. The streets run in every direction, a person has to watch the numbers and streets or he is lost. I think I only saw the sun once while I was there, it rained nearly all the time.

On December 21st, at 2.40, we left the wharf and were soon out of the Golden Gate on the broad Pacific, plowing our way through the briny waters of the mighty deep. We had not been aboard long before many of the passengers began to get sick and had to retire to their bunks at an early hour. About 8 o'clock I went down to supper, but had to return in a hurry and took a lean on

the vessel, then I went to bed and was hardly able to sit up for three days and four nights. On Christmas day I took my first meal on ship board, the last day on the ship was pleasant. A number of persons on board who had crossed many times said that they had never seen the Pacific Ocean so rough. Some nights it would be so rough that we had to cling to our berths to keep from falling out. The night before Christmas she heaved sea and filled our state-rooms with about six inches of water, and our clothes were swimming from side to side of the room. The Chinamen soon bailed that out; then another came, but not quite so large. The first one washed away two sailors and one lifeboat, all of which were lost.

We arrived in Honolulu on the 30th, nearly two days behind time on account of the storm. Honolulu is a beautiful place; trees, grass and flowers are green all the year. It contains about 10,000 inhabitants—whites, natives and Chinamen; the latter outnumber the natives. We went from there to the Church plantation, where I remained seven days. Then I was sent by the president of the mission out among the natives to learn their language. This is the place to try a man's grit; for the natives are ignorant, dirty and ill-mannered. My diet is boiled fish and poi; the fish is boiled in an old pot, which I think was never washed since it was made. The fish are coarse and tough. The poi is a kind of paste, more like starch, and is made out of a root they cultivate, resembling the white beet some in shape and appearance. They dig a hole in the ground put rocks in it; then build a fire on them, and when heated, take the fire off and put the roots on and put some water on them, cover them over with some old dirty cloth or sack and the steam cooks it. Then it is placed in an old jar and smashed up fine, and set away, and when soured is ready for use. Their dishes consist of an old gourd for the poi and an old plate

for the fish, then all dip in the same dish with their fingers, and the largest finger gets the most; and dogs and cats on every side waiting for their share, and dirt and filth all around. Sometimes I think I would like a good square meal, among my friends, and a little glimpse of their faces. We have fish and poi through the week, and on Sundays poi and fish.

They travel altogether on horse-back here, which suits me very well. The climate is delightful, very much like April, May and June in Utah. The natives are very kind and do all they can for me. There is some of the loveliest scenery here that I ever beheld, which helps to cheer and comfort the stranger in the strange land, and then the comforting influence of the Spirit of God, which assures me that all is well, and that a great reward awaits those who are faithful to the trust.

I would advise all my young friends to prepare themselves for missions, for they will have to fill them, and perhaps some of you will have to take my place.

I am not making very rapid strides in acquiring the language, but with the help of the Lord I intend to master it and do all the good I can.

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